



# GAME NOTES



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# ENGLAND VS FRANCE



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## HEAD TO HEAD

- France beat England 22-16 at the Stade de France in the 2018 Six Nations, ending a three-game losing streak in these contests. There has never been a draw between the two teams, with England victorious in 12 of the 19 matches and France winning seven games.
- The away side has won just five of the 19 fixtures between England and France in the Six Nations, as France have won at Twickenham just once in the competition. That lone victory was an 18-17 win back in 2005 thanks to a 75th-minute penalty goal from Dimitri Yachvili, sealing a come-from-behind victory after trailing 17-6 at half-time.
- Eight of the last nine meetings between England and France have been decided by 10 or fewer points in the Six Nations, with England's 55-35 victory in 2015 the exception.
- Both England and France have scored at least 16 points in each of the last five meetings between the nations since a 23-13 win for England in 2013. The English last failed to reach 16 points against France in a 12-10 defeat in 2010.

## COMMON STATISTICS

- Only England (17) scored more points than France (16) in the first half of round one in the 2019 Championship. While both nations failed to score in the 20 minutes following half time, England scored 15 points in the final 20 minutes against Ireland while France managed just three points against Wales.

Team	0-20	20-40	40-60	60-80
England Points Scored	7	10	0	15
France Points Scored	5	11	0	3

- Both England (2) and France (1) scored tries originating from a turnover in round one, as turnovers were the source of six (31.6%) of the 19 tries in the first round of fixtures in the 2019 Six Nations.

England	Try Origins - 2019	France
2	Turnovers	1
1	Lineouts	1
1	Scrum	0

Both England and France had two tries originating from a turnover in the 2018 Championship.

- England kicked with 13.0% of their possessions against Ireland, the highest percentage in the first round of fixtures.

England	Types of Play	France
13.0%	Kick	8.9%
38.1%	Carry	38.7%
48.9%	Pass	54.4%

- England won 98.8% of their 86 rucks against Ireland, as France (98.1%) were the only other nation to win above 98% of their rucks during the opening weekend of the 2019 Championship.

England	Breakdown	France
98.8%	Rucks Won %	98.1%
4.12	Average Speed (Secs)	4.17

The average ruck speeds for both England (4.12 seconds) and France (4.17 seconds) were above four seconds, as only Wales (4.49 seconds) had a slower average.

- France had 20 '6+ second' Rucks against Wales, more than any other team in round one.

England	Ruck Speeds	France
18	6+ Second Rucks	20
22.2%	% Total Rucks	20.2%

- Both England and France won all five of their own scrums in their opening games, as they both went on to win two penalties from those possessions.

England	Scrum Launch Outcomes	France
5	Scrums Won	5
2	Penalties Won	2
1	Kicks	2

## ENGLAND

- The last time England failed to win both of their first two Six Nations games was in 2014 when they lost their opening game against France.
- England last failed to win in round two of the Six Nations in 2009 when they lost 23-15 against Wales.
- England lost their last home game in the Six Nations, their heaviest home defeat in Six Nations history (24-15 against Ireland), ending a run of 15 consecutive victories at Twickenham in the competition. They have never lost two consecutive home games in tournament history.
- No player made more dominant tackles than Mako Vunipola (9) in round one, as Mark Wilson also made seven dominant tackles.

Player	Total
Mako Vunipola (England)	9
Mark Wilson (England)	7
Jonny May (England)	4
Josh Navidi (Wales)	4

- England made 46 dominant tackles, 43.0% of the total number of dominant tackles in the Six Nations in round one (107).
- Mark Wilson was successful with 27 tackles against Ireland, including seven dominant tackles, only trailing Mako Vunipola in both categories. He also had 14 assisted tackles, five more than any other player in round one.

Player	Total
Mark Wilson (England)	14
Josh Strauss (Scotland)	9
Mako Vunipola (England)	9
Thomas Curry (England)	8
Jamie George	7

- Ben Youngs (19) attempted more kicks than any other player in round one, as he was the only player to kick for more than 400 metres.

Player	Total
Ben Youngs (England)	532.1m
Conor Murray (Ireland)	398.9m
Finn Russell (Scotland)	262.9m
Owen Farrell (England)	244.8m

- Tom Curry had 16 defensive ruck arrivals against Ireland, the highest total during round one of the 2019 Championship.

Player	Defensive Ruck Arrivals
Thomas Curry (England)	16
James Ritchie (Scotland)	13
Simone Ferrari (Italy)	11
Ben Toolis (Scotland)	9

## FRANCE

- France lost their first two games of the 2018 Six Nations. It was just the second time in Six Nations history that France had lost their first two games of the Championship, also losing against Italy and Wales in rounds one and two in 2013.
- France have lost seven of their last eight away games in the Six Nations, with a 40-18 win in Italy in 2017 the exception. The first defeat in this run was against England, a 55-35 defeat in 2015.
- France missed four kicks at goal against Wales in round one of the 2019 Six Nations, they missed four in total during the 2018 Championship (excluding drop goals).
- Both Camille Lopez (4 attempts) and Morgan Parra (2 attempts) missed two kicks at goal against Wales. In comparison, Maxime Machenaud missed just two of his 20 attempts during the 2018 Six Nations.

- No player had more carries than Louis Picamoles (16) in round one (alongside Ryan Wilson), as Maxime Medard also had 15 carries. No other France player reached double figures.

Player	Total
Louis Picamoles (France)	16
Ryan Wilson (Scotland)	16
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	15
Maxime Medard (France)	15

- Only Stuart Hogg (14.8) averaged more metres per carry than Yoann Huget (11.8) in round one of the 2019 Championship among players with at least five carries.

Player	Distance per Carry
Stuart Hogg (Scotland)	14.8
Yoann Huget (France)	11.8
Josh Adams (Wales)	11.1
Michele Campagnaro (Italy)	10.5

- Wenceslas Lauret made 24 ruck cleanouts in round one, four more than any other player in the tournament. Lauret also had two breakdown steals, as no other player had more than one.

Player	Total
Wenceslas Lauret (France)	24
Dave Sisi (Italy)	20
WP Nel (Scotland)	20
James Ryan (Ireland)	17

- France stole two lineouts against Wales (by Wenceslas Lauret and Julien Marchand), more than any other nation in round one - as only four lineouts were stolen in total over the first weekend of the 2019 Championship.
- Yoann Huget (2) was one of two players who made more than one linebreak in the opening round of fixtures in the 2019 Six Nations (alongside Wales' Liam Williams - 2).