



GAME NOTES



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SCOTLAND VS IRELAND



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- Scotland won just one of their first 10 Six Nations meetings between these teams, but have won two of the last six matches, including the last meeting between the side in Murrayfield (27-22 in 2017).
- Ireland have only failed to score 20 points in four of their 19 Six Nations meetings against Scotland. In the other 15 games, they have averaged 32 points per match.
- Ireland have averaged 29.7 points in their six Six Nations victories at Murrayfield. Scotland have only ever scored more than that sum on one occasion against Ireland in the tournament (32-10, 2001).
- Home sides have won six of the last seven meetings between these nations in the tournament, but they had won just three of the nine games prior to this run.
- The 22 points Ireland scored in their last visit to Murrayfield were the highest they had ever scored against Scotland in the Six Nations without winning the tie. They averaged 12.7 points in their other three losses to Scotland in the tournament.

COMMON STATISTICS

- The 2017 Six Nations campaign was the only year prior to 2019 in which Scotland were victorious in the first round with Ireland failing to win. The opening match was between the two nations, which Scotland won 27-22 in 2017.
- Despite contrasting results, Scotland (11) conceded over twice the number of penalties in the opening week of the Six Nations than Ireland (4). Five of Scotland's penalties conceded originated from tackles, while Ireland were penalised most for being offside (2).

| Infringement | Tackle | Ruck | Scrum | Offside | Maul | Foul Play |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|-------|---------|------|-----------|
| Scotland Penalties Conceded | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Ireland Penalties Conceded | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Scotland also conceded two free kicks, both originating from scrums.

- Both sides retained 97% of their respective breakdowns, but Scotland tallied four breakdown steals compared to Ireland's one.

- Ireland had possession in England's territory for just 36.4% on opening weekend - the lowest in the tournament. Scotland's 62.0% was only surpassed by Ireland's opponents, England.

| Team | Territory % |
|----------|-------------|
| England | 63.6% |
| Scotland | 62.0% |
| France | 57.8% |
| Wales | 42.2% |
| Italy | 37.9% |
| Ireland | 36.4% |

- Ireland and Scotland were the only two teams to score in each quarter of play during round one of the 2019 Six Nations. Every other nation went at least 20 minutes without a score.

| Team | 0-20 | 20-40 | 40-60 | 60-80 |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ireland Points Scored | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Scotland Points Scored | 5 | 7 | 14 | 7 |

- Ireland and Scotland conceded a collective 32 points in the final 20 minutes of their opening Six Nations games last weekend. Neither side conceded any points in the previous 20 minutes of the second half.
- Ireland and Scotland were the only two sides to score more than a single try originating from a lineout on the opening weekend. Both of Ireland's scores came from the set piece, while two of Scotland's five tries came from the same source.

| Team | Tries Originating from Lineouts |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| Scotland | 2 |
| Ireland | 2 |
| England | 1 |
| France | 1 |
| Italy | 1 |
| Wales | 0 |

The only other try origin with multiple scores on the opening weekend of the Six Nations was via turnover - two of England's tries against Ireland.

- Four of Scotland's five tries from their opening round win over Italy came within the first three phases of play. Neither of Ireland's tries came within the first three phases.
- Ireland and Scotland boasted the two fastest attacking ruck speeds in the opening weekend of the 2019 Six Nations.

| Team | Average Ruck Speed |
|----------|--------------------|
| Ireland | 3.54 |
| Scotland | 3.59 |
| Italy | 3.66 |
| England | 4.12 |
| France | 4.17 |
| Wales | 4.49 |

- Scotland attempted passes with 56.2% of their possessions against Italy, the highest percentage during round one of the 2019 Championship.

| Scotland | Types of Play | Ireland |
|----------|---------------|---------|
| 8.0% | Kick | 8.0% |
| 35.8% | Carry | 37.8% |
| 56.2% | Pass | 54.2% |

SCOTLAND

- Stuart Hogg (14.8) had the highest average distance per carry in round one of the 2019 Championship among players with at least five carries.

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

- Scotland led all sides in terms of running metres (819) and linebreaks (5) on the opening week of the 2019 Six Nations.

| Team | Running Metres |
|----------|----------------|
| Scotland | 819m |
| France | 804m |
| Italy | 798m |
| Ireland | 791m |
| Wales | 583m |
| England | 554m |

- Despite leading all nations in terms of running metres, Scotland (120) had the third-fewest carries of any team on the opening weekend of the Six Nations.
- Scotland (2) were the only side to concede penalties from a maul during the opening weekend. They were also responsible for 35.7% of all penalties conceded from tackles.

| Team | Penalties Conceded from Tackles |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| Scotland | 5 |
| Italy | 3 |
| Wales | 3 |
| England | 2 |
| Ireland | 1 |
| France | 0 |

Scotland (1) were one of two sides (alongside England - 3) penalised for foul play in their opening game of the 2019 Six Nations.

- Blair Kinghorn drops to the bench after becoming the first Scottish player to score a hat-trick in the Six Nations last weekend. His three tries against Italy meant that six of the last seven hat-tricks scored in the competition have come against the Azzurri.

IRELAND

- Six of the top 12 ball carriers from the opening week were Irish: Jacob Stockdale (15); James Ryan (15); Garry Ringrose (14); Robbie Henshaw (12); Bundee Aki (11); and CJ Stander (11).

| Player | Carries |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Louis Picamoles (France) | 16 |
| Ryan Wilson (Scotland) | 16 |
| Jacob Stockdale (Ireland) | 15 |
| James Ryan (Ireland) | 15 |
| Maxime Medard (France) | 15 |
| Sergio Parisse (Italy) | 15 |

- Joseph Stockdale led all Six Nations players in running metres (137) after the opening week. Stuart Hogg, Blair Kinghorn (both Scotland - 133m and 127m respectively) and Michele Campagnaro (116m) were the only other players to break 100m on the ground.
- Three of the four players with most attacking ruck arrivals during the opening week were Irish: James Ryan (44), Josh van der Flier (42) and Rory Best (32).

| Player | Attacking Ruck Arrivals |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| James Ryan (Ireland) | 44 |
| Wenceslas Lauret (France) | 43 |
| Josh van der Flier (Ireland) | 42 |
| Rory Best (Ireland) | 32 |
| Sebastien Vahaamahina (France) | 32 |

- Seven of Ireland's starting eight forwards had at least 22 attacking ruck arrivals - the most of any nation.