



GAME NOTES



WALES VS IRELAND



HEAD TO HEAD

- Ireland have had the overall advantage meetings between the sides in Six Nations, winning 11 of the 19 clashes. Wales have won seven times, with the sole draw coming three years ago.
- Each of the last three Six Nations meetings between Wales and Ireland have been split - a win apiece and a draw in 2016.
- Ireland's 37-point haul against Wales last year was their second-highest points total against them in the Six Nations. They previously scored 54 points back in 2002.
- Wales' 27 points against Ireland last year were the most they scored against the Irish in the Championship since their 32-20 victory in 2005.
- Wales' 49 points amassed over the last two meetings with Ireland are the most they've scored in consecutive games against the Irish in Six Nations history.
- Wales were the last side to hold Ireland to a single-digit score in the Six Nations - a 22-9 win in Cardiff in 2017.

COMMON STATISTICS

- Wales have conceded just 58 points in the 2019 Championship, the lowest total in the competition. They have conceded 48.3% of those points in the 20 minutes before half-time, the highest percentage for any 20-minute period for any team in the 2019 Six Nations.

Wales	Points Conceded	Ireland
11	0'-20'	13
28	20'-HT	30
8	HT-60'	0
11	60'-FT	32

- Wales have scored 66.3% of their 89 points in the second half of games in the 2019 Championship, while they have conceded 67.3% of their points in the first half.

Wales	Points	Ireland
33.7%	% Points Scored in the First Half	56.4%
66.3%	% Points Scored in the Second Half	43.6%
67.2%	% Points Conceded in the First Half	57.3%
32.8%	% Points Conceded in the Second Half	42.7%

- Ireland have outscored opponents in the opening 20 minutes of each half and have been outscored in the final 20 minutes of each half.

Wales	Points Difference	Ireland
+5	0'-20'	+16
-14	20'-HT	-6
+19	HT-60'	+24
+21	60'-FT	-15

- Eight of Ireland's 13 tries have originated from lineouts, the highest total in the 2019 Championship.

Wales	Try Origins	Ireland
3	Counter Attacks	1
2	Lineouts	8
3	Scrum	1
1	Others	3

- Three of the six tries conceded by Wales have originated from lineouts in the 2019 Championship.

Wales	Opponent Try Origins	Ireland
1	Counter Attacks	0
3	Lineouts	3
1	Scrum	1
1	Turnovers	5

- Ireland have conceded five tries originating from turnovers, more than any other nation in the 2019 Six Nations.
- Only France (46.9%) have attempted passes with a lower percentage of their possessions than Wales (47.2%)

Wales	Types of Play	Ireland
9.5%	Kicks	6.0%
43.2%	Carries	40.4%
47.2%	Passes	53.6%

- Ireland have kicked with just 20.6% of their possessions in their own 22, the lowest percentage in the 2019 Championship. Conversely, Wales have kicked with 38.4% of their possessions in their own 22, the highest percentage in the 2019 Six Nations. However, both nations kick more often in their own 22 when leading a game compared to when trailing - with Wales kicking out of their own 22 with 44.2% of their possessions when leading.

Wales	Types of Play - Own 22 - Kicks	Ireland
44.2%	Leading	25.0%
37.5%	Tied	23.8%
31.4%	Trailing	14.5%

- Wales have not only won the lowest percentage of their own lineouts in the 2019 Championship (74.4%), they have also stolen just one lineout - the joint-lowest total in the competition (alongside Scotland). In comparison, no nation has stolen more lineouts than Ireland (9 - alongside Italy).

Wales	Opponent Lineouts	Ireland
1	Lineouts Stolen	9
2.8%	% Lineouts Stolen	23.7%

- Ireland have been the quickest nation at the breakdown so far in the 2019 Championship with an average ruck speed of 3.21 seconds. In comparison, only France (4.09 seconds) have been slower at the breakdown than Wales (4.00 seconds).

Wales	Ruck Speed	Ireland
420	Total Rucks	530
4.00	Average Ruck Speed	3.21
16.2%	% Rucks 6+ Seconds	9.4%

- Wales have made the fewest tackle breaks (16) and linebreaks (11) in the 2019 Championship. In comparison, Ireland have made more tackle breaks (36) than any other nation and only France (18) have made more linebreaks (17).
- Jacob Stockdale leads the 2019 Six Nations with six tackle breaks.
- Only Italy (40) have made fewer dominant tackles than Ireland (47) and Wales (48) in the 2019 Six Nations, as both nations have averaged fewer dominant tackles per match than they did in the 2018 Championship.

Wales	Dominant Tackles / Match	Ireland
16	2018	21
12	2019	12

- Ireland led the 2018 Six Nations with 107 dominant tackles.

WALES

- Wales have won their last six matches in the Six Nations - their longest winning streak since they won eight straight games between 2007 and 2009.

- Wales haven't conceded 20 points or more in any of their last six matches in the Six Nations - their longest run since going eight consecutive games without conceding 20 points in a match between 2007 and 2009.
- Wales have lost just one of their last seven round five matches in the Six Nations - a 20-18 defeat to France in 2017. They haven't conceded more than 20 points in their final Six Nations game since France won 28-9 against Wales in 2011.
- Wales have won each of their last six home games in round five of the Six Nations. The last team to beat them in Cardiff on the final day were Ireland back in 2009 - when they won the Grand Slam.
- Only England (twice) have beaten Wales in Cardiff in the Six Nations over their last 15 home matches. Ireland are the only side to win in Cardiff when Wales have scored more than 20 points since France's 29-22 victory in 2004 when the Irish won 30-22 in 2013.
- Wales have won all four games of the 2019 Championship despite conceding the opening score of the game on three occasions. Only Ireland and Scotland have also won after conceding the opening score in 2019, as both sides have come from behind to win just once (after trailing 3-0).
- Josh Adams has scored tries in Wales' last three games in the 2019 Championship. He's aiming to become the first Welshman to score tries in four consecutive Six Nations matches since Liam Williams between the 2016 and 2017 Championship.
- Wales have had just 11 linebreaks in the 2019 Championship; however, five of those have been in the first phase.

IRELAND

- Ireland have won nine of their last 10 Six Nations matches, only failing to win in their 2019 round one defeat to England during this period.
- Ireland have scored 20 points or more in their last eight Six Nations games - their longest run in the history of the Six Nations.
- Ireland have won each of their last five round five games in the Six Nations, conceding more than 20 points on just one occasion (a 35-25 win over Scotland in 2016).
- The last time Ireland lost away from home in the Six Nations was back in 2017 - a 22-9 defeat to Wales, as they have won their last four away games in the Championship.
- Ireland haven't conceded more than 16 points in any of their last four away games in the Six Nations - their longest such run in their tournament history.
- Ireland have made just 15 offloads, the lowest total in the 2019 Championship. No Irish player has made more than two offloads, as 17 players have had more in the 2019 Six Nations.

- Jason Stockdale (406m) is one of just two players with more than 350 metres carried so far in the 2019 Championship, as only Yoann Huget and Blair Kinghorn has averaged more metres per carry than Stockdale (minimum 15 carries).

Player	Average distance per carry
Yoann Huget (France)	12.2
Blair Kinghorn (Scotland)	11.7
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	11.3
Damian Penaud (France)	10.4

- Only France's Wenceslas Lauret (6) has won more turnovers than Ireland's Peter O'Mahony (5) in the 2019 Championship.

Player	Turnover Won
Wenceslas Lauret (France)	6
Peter O'Mahony (Ireland)	5
Jamie Ritchie (Scotland)	4
Owen Farrell (England)	4
Thomas Curry (England)	4

- Ireland have had four breakdown steals in the 2019 Championship, as all four have been by Peter O'Mahony.