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ENGLAND VS SCOTLAND



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- England and Scotland have played each other on 19 occasions in the Six Nations, with England winning 14 games and, Scotland winning four times, as they also drew 15-15 in 2010.
- Prior to Scotland's 25-13 win in last year's Championship, England had won seven straight games between the sides in this competition. Their last victory prior to their 2018 success was a 15-9 win at Murrayfield in 2008.
- Scotland's 25-13 win against England last year saw them score their highest total number of points against England in the Six Nations. Prior to last year's victory, they had never scored more than 22 points against England - and that was in a 43-22 defeat in 2005.
- England have won all nine games against Scotland at Twickenham in the Six Nations, scoring 340 points across the nine matches, and conceding just 134 points.
- The only time there was less than a converted try separating the sides at Twickenham in the Six Nations at full-time was in England's 22-16 win over Scotland in 2011.

COMMON STATISTICS

- England have scored more than 50 points more than any other team in the 2019 Championship (146 points). They have scored 88 points in the first half, more than Scotland have scored in total.

England	Points Scored	Scotland
35	0'-20'	11
53	20'-HT	20
19	HT-60'	19
39	60'-FT	17

- Scotland have been outscored in the opening and final 20 minutes of games so far in the 2019 Championship, while they have outscored opponents in the 20-minute intervals either side of half-time.

England	Points Difference	Scotland
+22	0'-20'	-21
+38	20'-HT	+12
+3	HT-60'	+7
+20	60'-FT	-18

- England have scored six of the 11 tries originating from counter attacks in the 2019 Six Nations, as Scotland are one of just three other nations to score a try originating from this source.

England	Try Origins	Scotland
6	Counter Attacks	1
6	Lineouts	3
4	Turnovers	3
3	Others	1

- While three of Scotland's eight tries have originated from lineouts, four of the seven tries conceded by England have originated from this source.

England	Opponent Try Origins	Scotland
4	Lineouts	3
1	Scrum	3
1	Turnovers	4
1	Others	2

- England and Scotland have had contrasting styles in the 2019 Championship. No nation has kicked with a higher percentage of their possessions than England (12.3%) while no nation has attempted kicks with a lower percentage of their possessions than Scotland (5.7%).

England	Types of Play	Scotland
12.3%	Kicks	5.7%
39.8%	Carries	40.2%
47.9%	Passes	54.1%

- Scotland have attempted passes with 54.1% of their possessions, the highest percentage in the 2019 Six Nations.
- No nation has attempted carries with a higher percentage of their possessions in their own 22 than Scotland (49.0%) in the 2019 Championship.

England	Types of Play - Own 22	Scotland
34.6%	Kicks	21.0%
42.0%	Carries	49.0%
23.4%	Passes	30.0%

- Only Scotland (94.4%) have won a higher percentage of their scrums than England (93.8%) in the 2019 Championship. Both nations have also won the highest percentages of their opponent's scrums in the competition.

England	% Scrums Won	Scotland
93.8%	Own Scrums	94.4%
16.0%	Opponent Scrums	12.5%

- England have lost just three of their 341 rucks so far in the 2019 Championship, the lowest total in the competition. They have also won 13 of their opponent's rucks, the highest total in the 2019 Six Nations.

England	Breakdown	Scotland
99.1%	% Own Rucks Won	97.0%
3	Own Rucks Lost	14
13	Opponent Rucks Won	12

- Only England (127) have made more dominant tackles than Scotland (78) in the 2019 Championship. England have already made more dominant tackles than the highest total in the 2018 Six Nations (Ireland - 107).

England	Tackles	Scotland
1,009	Total Tackles	866
127	Dominant Tackles	78
12.6%	% Dominant Tackles	9.0%

- The top 10 players for dominant tackles in the 2019 Championship are either English or Scottish, led by England's Thomas Curry (16).

Player	Dominant Tackles
Thomas Curry (England)	16
Mark Wilson (England)	13
James Ritchie (Scotland)	12
Courtney Lawes (England)	11
Mako Vunipola (England)	11

- England's Ben Youngs (1,367m) and Owen Farrell (1,153m) are the only players who have kicked for over 850 metres in the 2019 Championship; however, Scotland's Finn Russell has the highest average distance per kick in the competition (minimum 20 kicks).

Player	Average distance per kick
Finn Russell (Scotland)	29.7
Antoine Dupont (France)	29.0
Owen Farrell (England)	28.8
Dan Biggar (Wales)	27.4
Morgan Parra (France)	26.0

ENGLAND

- The last time England had a victory bookended by two defeats in the Six Nations was in 2007 - losing to Ireland, before beating France and falling to Wales in round five.
- England haven't won exactly three games in a Six Nations campaign since 2009 when their defeats were at the hands of Wales and Ireland. They beat Scotland at home in the final round.
- England have four defeats in their last seven Six Nations games - as many as they had in the 29 games prior to this run in the Championship.
- At Twickenham, England have lost just one of their last 18 games in the Six Nations. They haven't lost to anyone other than Wales or Ireland at home in the competition since 2005 - an 18-17 defeat against France.

- Ireland are the only side in Six Nations history to have won at Twickenham by more than a converted try - they did so in the final round of the 2018 Six Nations - en route to a Grand Slam success.
- The top two points scorers in the 2019 Championship are English - Owen Farrell (48) and Jonny May (25 - alongside Tommaso Allan). They are two of just six players who have scored more than 20 points.
- Jonny May is the only player who has scored more than three tries in the 2019 Championship. Teammate Henry Slade is among a group of six players with three tries - two behind May (5).
- Billy Vunipola has carried the ball out of his own 22 on seven occasions during the 2019 Championship, more than any other player.

Player	Carries out of own 22
Billy Vunipola (England)	7
Henry Slade (England)	5
Josh Adams (Wales)	5
Abraham Jurgen Steyn (Italy)	4
Antoine Dupont	4

- Vunipola had four carries out of his own 22 in round four of the 2019 Championship, no other player had more than one.
- Only France's Yoann Huget (6) has had more linebreaks than England's Joe Cokanasiga (4), who led round four of the 2019 Championship with four linebreaks.

SCOTLAND

- Scotland have lost their last three games in the Six Nations. They hadn't lost consecutive Six Nations clashes since a run of nine defeats between 2014 and their opening two games of the 2016 Championship.
- Scotland have failed to score more than 13 points in any of their last three games in the Championship - the first time they've gone on such a run in a single campaign in the Six Nations. They did fail to score more than 13 points between their last two games of the 2015 Championship and the first game of the 2016 Six Nations, which included two defeats against England (25-13 in 2015 and 15-9 in 2016).
- Scotland have won each of their last two round five fixtures, scoring 29 points in each game - both against Italy.

- Scotland have played away from home 13 times in round five of the Six Nations -- winning just four games. However, their 29-point haul against Italy on last year's final day was their highest final round total either at home or away since scoring 33 points at home against Italy in 2003.
- James Ritchie has made 53 defensive ruck arrivals, nine more than any other player. He's one of just four players who has had more than 23 defensive ruck arrivals.

Player	Defensive Ruck Arrivals
James Ritchie (Scotland)	53
Thomas Curry (England)	44
Arthur Iturria (France)	35
Simon Berghan (Scotland)	31

- Allan Dell is the only player with more than 60 cleanouts (66) in the 2019 Championship, as the top three players in the competition are Scottish.

Player	Cleanouts
Allan Dell (Scotland)	66
Stuart McInally (Scotland)	59
Grant Gilchrist (Scotland)	58
Mark Wilson (England)	51
Tadhg Furlong (Ireland)	51

- Only France's Yoann Huget has averaged more metres per carry than Blair Kinghorn in the 2019 Championship (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
Manu Tuilagi (England)	10.2