



GAME NOTES



FRANCE VS SCOTLAND



HEAD TO HEAD

- Scotland have won two of their last three Six Nations meetings with France, only losing at the Stade de France in 2017. They had won just one of their first 16 Six Nations matches against France, winning 20-16 at home in 2006 (15L).
- France have never lost a home match against Scotland in the Six Nations.
- Scotland scored more than 20 points in two of their last three matches against France in the Six Nations, winning 29-18 in 2016 and 32-26 last year. They had scored more than 20 points just once in the first 16 meetings between the sides when France won 34-21 in 2011.
- Scotland won the last Six Nations meeting between the sides in 2018, despite France leading 26-20 with 20 minutes remaining. Greig Laidlaw scored 12 unanswered points to allowed Scotland to claim a 26-32 victory.

COMMON STATISTICS

- France have scored only three points in the second half so far in the 2019 Championship - all other nations have scored at least 20 points.

Team	0'-20'	20'-40'	40'-60'	60'-80'
France	8	16	0	3
Scotland	8	14	14	10

- Both France and Scotland have scored two tries originating from a lineout so far in the 2019 Championship, as Scotland have also scored twice from a turnover.

France	Try Origins	Scotland
2	Lineout	2
1	Turnover	2
0	Scrum	1
0	Counter Attack	1

- Four of the nine tries conceded by France so far in the 2019 Championship have been from counter attacks.

France	Opponent Try Origins	Scotland
4	Counter Attack	0
2	Lineout	2
1	Turnover	2
2	Other	2

- France have made just 37.5% of their kicks at goal (excluding drop goals), the lowest percentage in the 2019 Championship, while no nation has been successful with a higher percentage of their kicks than Scotland (87.5%).

France	Goal Kicking (excluding drop goals)	Scotland
0	Conversions Made	5
3	Conversions Missed	1
3	Penalty Shots Made	2
2	Penalty Shots Missed	0
37.5%	Success %	87.5%

- Scotland have kicked with just 7% of their possessions in the 2019 Championship, the lowest percentage in the tournament, as no nation has attempted passes with their possessions more than Scotland.

France	Types of Play	Scotland
9.4%	Kick	7.0%
42.5%	Carry	38.4%
48.1%	Pass	54.6%

France have carried the ball with 42.5% of their possessions, the highest percentage in the 2019 Championship.

- France have carried the ball with 48.6% with their possession in their own 22, only Wales (51.1%) have a higher percentage in the 2019 Championship.

France	Types of Play - Own 22	Scotland
26.4%	Kick	29.4%
48.6%	Carry	44.1%
25.0%	Pass	26.5%

- France have been the slowest team at the breakdown with an average ruck speed of 4.10 seconds, while only Ireland (3.57) have a quicker average speed than Scotland (3.59).

France	Rucks	Scotland
219	Total Rucks	195
97.7%	% Rucks Won	97.4%
4.10	Average Ruck Speed	3.59

- 43 of France's 219 rucks were cleared in more than 6 seconds, the highest total in the 2019 Championship.
- France have attempted 295 tackles, the lowest total in the 2019 Championship, while only Italy have made fewer dominant tackles (21). In comparison, only England have made more tackles and dominant tackles than Scotland.

France	Tackles	Scotland
295	Total Tackles	461
90.5%	% Successful Tackles	89.6%
21	Dominant Tackles	52

11.3% of Scotland's tackles have been dominant tackles, only England (14.8%) have a higher percentage in the competition.

- Five players with a minimum of 10 carries have averaged above 10.0 metres per carry, including France's Yoann Huget and Damian Penaud and Scotland's Stuart Hogg (who will be absent against France) and Blair Kinghorn.

Player	Ball Carries	Average Distance per Carry
Stuart Hogg (Scotland)	14	14.2m
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	18	11.2m
Blair Kinghorn (Scotland)	25	11.1m
Yoann Huget (France)	12	10.9m
Damian Penaud (France)	13	10.3m

FRANCE

- France have lost their last three matches in the Six Nations, their longest losing streak since a run of four games in between the 2016 and 2017 Championships. That run ended with a 22-16 victory against Scotland.
- France have lost their first two games in the 2019 Championship. They last lost their first three games of a Six Nations tournament in 2013.
- France lost their first home game of the 2019 Championship, a 24-19 defeat against Wales. They last lost back-to-back Six Nations matches at home between the 2012 (against England) and 2013 (against Wales) tournaments.
- France have only ever lost two home Six Nations matches in a single year once, when they lost against England and Ireland at the Stade de France in 2000.
- France have already conceded more tries after two matches (9) than they did over the course of the 2018 Six Nations (6).

	2018	2019
Tries Conceded	6	9
Minutes per Try Conceded	66.7	17.8

- France have conceded just 12 penalties over their first two games; however, five of those penalties have been at scrums.

France	Scrums	Scotland
36	Total Scrums	32
5	Penalties Conceded	3
3	Penalties Won	2

- Antoine Dupont and Yoann Huget are two of just four players with three linebreaks in the 2019 Championship, the highest total in the competition.

SCOTLAND

- Scotland lost their last Six Nations match against Ireland. They haven't lost back-to-back games in the Six Nations since a nine-match losing streak between 2014 and 2016.
- Scotland have won one of their first two games in the 2019 Championship. They won at least two of their first three matches in both the 2017 and 2018 Six Nations.
- Scotland have failed to win an away game in the Six Nations against a country other than Italy since 2010 when they won 23-20 in Ireland.
- Scotland won their last away game of the 2018 Six Nations, a 29-27 victory against Italy. They have never won back-to-back away matches in Six Nations history.
- Five of Scotland's six tries have been scored in the first three phases of play so far in the 2019 Championship.
- James Ritchie is the only player with three breakdown steals so far in the 2019 Six Nations, as only two other players have more than one.

Player	Breakdown Steals
James Ritchie (Scotland)	3
Thomas Curry (England)	2
Wenceslas Lauret (France)	2
18 other players	1

- Three players have had more than 20 defensive ruck arrivals in the 2019 Championship, including James Ritchie and Simon Berghan for Scotland.

Player	Defensive Ruck Arrivals
James Ritchie (Scotland)	31
Simon Berghan (Scotland)	29
Thomas Curry (England)	29
Simone Ferrari (Italy)	18

- Only two players have had more dominant tackles than Scotland's James Ritchie and Josh Strauss in the 2019 Championship.

Player	Dominant Tackles
Mako Vunipola (England)	11
Thomas Curry (England)	11
James Ritchie (Scotland)	9
Josh Strauss (Scotland)	9
Mark Wilson (England)	9