

Six Nations Championship team guide 2016

Ireland begin their campaign for a third successive Six Nations title against Wales in Dublin – no team has retained the trophy more than twice since France claimed four titles in a row from 1986-89

WALES
IRB rank 4


Coach
Warren Gatland NZL

Captain
Sam Warburton

2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 26 Slams: 11
W242-L189-D25

2015: 3rd 2014: 3rd 2013: 1st



IRELAND
IRB rank 6


Coach
Joe Schmidt NZL

Captain
Rory Best

2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 13 Slams: 2
W195-L238-D25

2015: 1st 2014: 1st 2013: 5th



FRANCE
IRB rank 7


Coach:
Guy Novès

Captain
Guilhem Guirado

2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 17 Slams: 9
W185-L155-D19

2015: 4th 2014: 4th 2013: 6th



ENGLAND
IRB rank 8

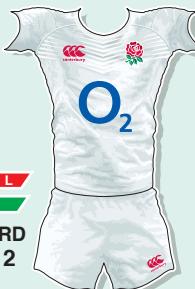
Coach
Eddie Jones AUS

Captain
Dylan Hartley

2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 26 Slams: 12
W247-L172-D39

2015: 2nd 2014: 2nd 2013: 2nd



SCOTLAND
IRB rank 9


Coach
Vern Cotter NZL

Captain
Greig Laidlaw

2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 14 Slams: 3
W188-L248-D23

2015: 6th 2014: 5th 2013: 3rd



ITALY
IRB rank 12


Coach
Jacques Brunel FRA

Captain
Sergio Parisse

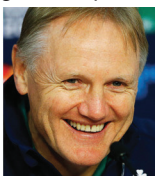
2015 results **W L**

SIX NATIONS RECORD
Titles: 0 Slams: 0
W12-L67-D1

2015: 5th 2014: 6th 2013: 4th



COACHES: New coaches **Guy Novès** and **Eddie Jones** take charge of first matches for France and England respectively after both teams suffered early Rugby World Cup exits



Gatland

Schmidt

Novès

Jones

Cotter

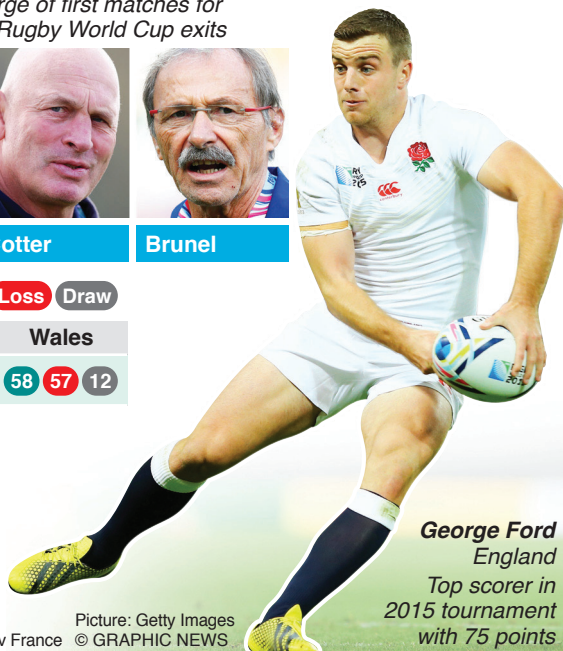
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RIVAL NATIONS: All-time head-to-head records*

Win Loss Draw

	France	Ireland	Italy	Scotland	Wales
England	55 39 7	75 47 8	21 0 0	73 42 18	58 57 12
Wales	47 43 3	67 50 6	20 2 1	69 48 3	
Scotland	34 52 3	66 60 5	17 8 0		
Italy	3 34 0	4 21 0			
Ireland	32 56 7				

Ireland retained title on points difference last year, after tying with England and Wales on 8 points



George Ford
England
Top scorer in 2015 tournament with 75 points

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Sources: IRB, Scrum.com *Win/loss/draw reads horizontally, e.g. England have 55 wins v France