

Six Nations Championship 2020

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 14

The northern hemisphere's premier rugby union tournament kicks off, with England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy set for six weeks of fierce rivalries, tough tackles and thrilling sporting theatre

Proud heritage

- 1871: England and Scotland contest first-ever rugby union international
- 1883: Inaugural Home International Championship includes Ireland and Wales
- 1910: Tournament expands to include France
- 2000: Addition of Italy establishes current format



England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales
Home Nations Championship

France
Five Nations

Italy
Six Nations

GLORY DAYS: England and Wales top record tables, sharing 55 titles between them. In 2019 Wales secured their fourth Grand Slam in Six Nations era

Outright titles

Team	Matches: 478	Tournament wins: 261	28	13	Last title: 2017
England	476	255	27	12	2019
Wales	478	208	14	3	2018
Ireland	479	197	15	3	1999
Scotland	479	194	17	9	2010
France	379	194	0	0	-
Italy	100	12			



French scrum half **Antoine Dupont** (right) touted as rising star – partnership with Romain Ntamack could prove crucial for tilt at first title since 2010



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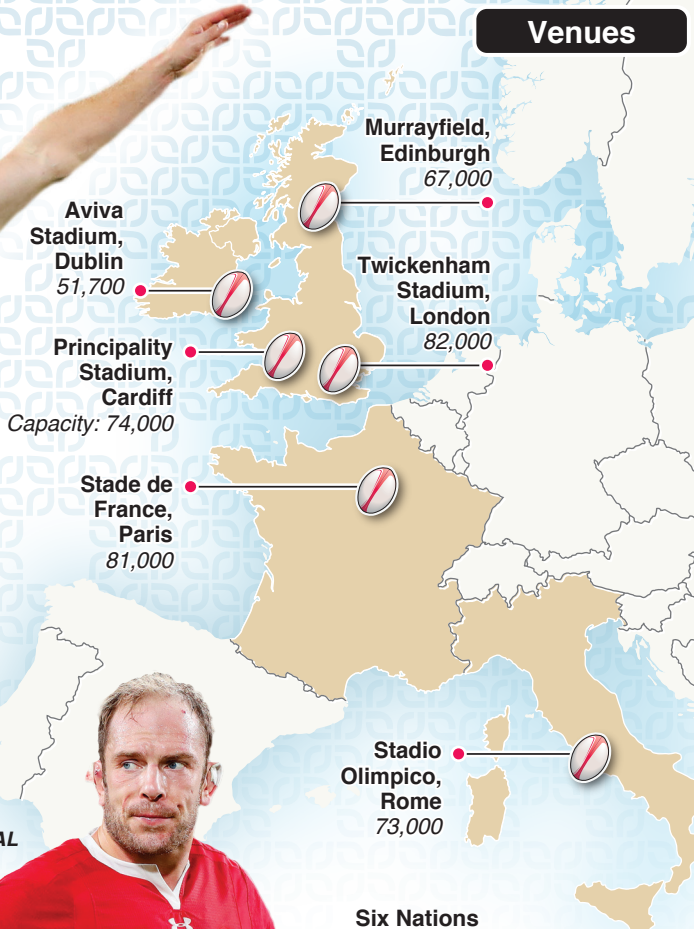
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Owen Farrell
England captain was top scorer in 2019 Six Nations with 59 points



Alun Wyn Jones, WAL
Captained Wales to Grand Slam glory in 2019

0 World Rugby rank (Jan 2020)



Six Nations points system:

4pts	Match win
3pts	Grand Slam (5 wins)
2pts	Draw
1pt	Score four or more tries
1pt	Lose by fewer than 7pts

Competition schedule

Six teams contest total of 15 matches, over five matchdays

All kick-off times GMT

Week	Team 1	Date	Time	Venue	Team 2	Head-to-head*
1	Wales	Feb 1	14:15	Principality Stadium	Italy	Won 24 Drawn 1 Won 2
1	Ireland	Feb 1	16:45	Aviva Stadium	Scotland	Won 64 Drawn 5 Won 67
1	France	Feb 2	15:00	Stade de France	England	Won 40 Drawn 7 Won 58
2	Ireland	Feb 8	14:15	Aviva Stadium	Wales	Won 53 Drawn 7 Won 69
2	Scotland	Feb 8	16:45	Murrayfield	England	Won 43 Drawn 19 Won 75
2	France	Feb 9	15:00	Stade de France	Italy	Won 39 Drawn 0 Won 3
3	Italy	Feb 22	14:15	Stadio Olimpico	Scotland	Won 8 Drawn 0 Won 22
3	Wales	Feb 22	16:45	Principality Stadium	France	Won 51 Drawn 3 Won 44
3	England	Feb 23	15:00	Twickenham Stadium	Ireland	Won 78 Drawn 8 Won 49
4	Ireland	Mar 7	14:15	Aviva Stadium	Italy	Won 27 Drawn 0 Won 4
4	England	Mar 7	16:45	Twickenham Stadium	Wales	Won 63 Drawn 12 Won 59
4	Scotland	Mar 8	15:00	Murrayfield	France	Won 37 Drawn 3 Won 55
5	Wales	Mar 14	14:15	Principality Stadium	Scotland	Won 73 Drawn 3 Won 49
5	Italy	Mar 14	16:45	Stadio Olimpico	England	Won 0 Drawn 0 Won 26
5	France	Mar 14	20:00	Stade de France	Ireland	Won 57 Drawn 7 Won 35

FINAL STANDINGS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

LAST FAREWELL: Former captain **Sergio Parisse** (right) could make record-extending 70th appearance for Italy in his last Six Nations before retirement from international rugby

Players with most appearances in Six Nations

Sergio Parisse	ITA	69
Brian O'Driscoll	IRE	65
Rory Best	IRE	64
Ronan O'Gara	IRE	63
M. Castrogiovanni	ITA	60
Mike Gibson	IRE	56

*In all competitions

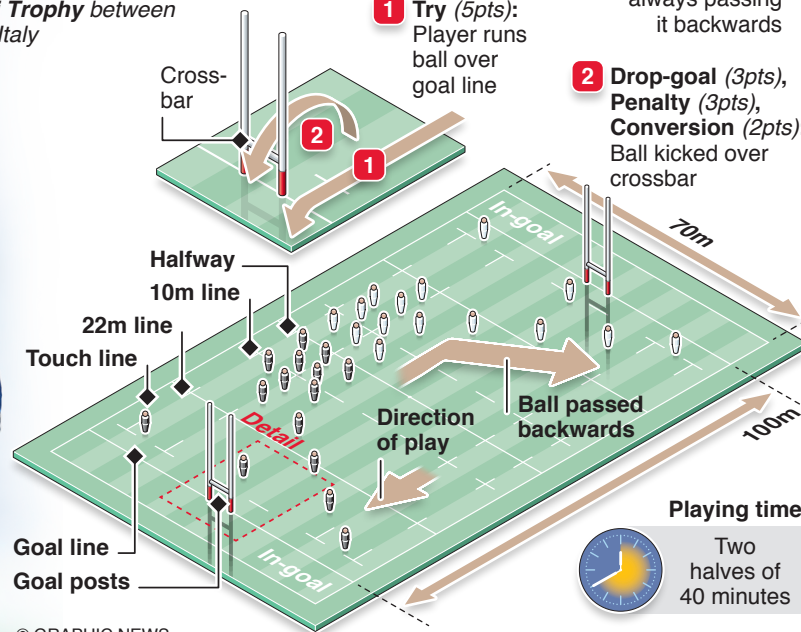
TROPHY HAUL: Apart from Six Nations Championship trophy (left), other prizes include **Triple Crown** – awarded to home nation that beats all other three – and rivalry trophies such as **Calcutta Cup** between England and Scotland, or **Garibaldi Trophy** between France and Italy

Beginners' guide to rugby union

Objective: Two teams of 15 players attempt to score tries or win penalties, moving ball from player to player by hand – always passing it backwards

Scoring

- 1 **Try (5pts):** Player runs ball over goal line
- 2 **Drop-goal (3pts), Penalty (3pts), Conversion (2pts):** Ball kicked over crossbar



Playing time
Two halves of 40 minutes

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