

Six Nations Championship 2021

FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 20

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 56 titles between them. In 2020 England secured their seventh title of Six Nations era, on points difference

Outright titles	Grand Slams: Winning all matches in tournament		
England	Matches: 483	Match wins: 265	29 13 Last title: 2020
Wales	481	256	27 12 2019
Ireland	483	211	14 3 2018
Scotland	484	200	15 3 1999
France	384	198	17 9 2010
Italy	105	12	0 0 -



Powerful England centre **Paolo Odogwu** (right) set to make debut during 2021 Championship after superb start to season with Wasps



GUINNESS
SIX NATIONS



BACK ON FORM: Thriving at club level, **George North** (right) could reignite international career after recall to Wales – winger has three Six Nations titles including two Grand Slams

Players with most tries in Six Nations

Brian O'Driscoll	IRE	26
Ian Smith	SCO	24
Shane Williams	WAL	22
George North	WAL	20
Gareth Edwards	WAL	18
Rory Underwood	ENG	18
Cyril Lowe	ENG	18

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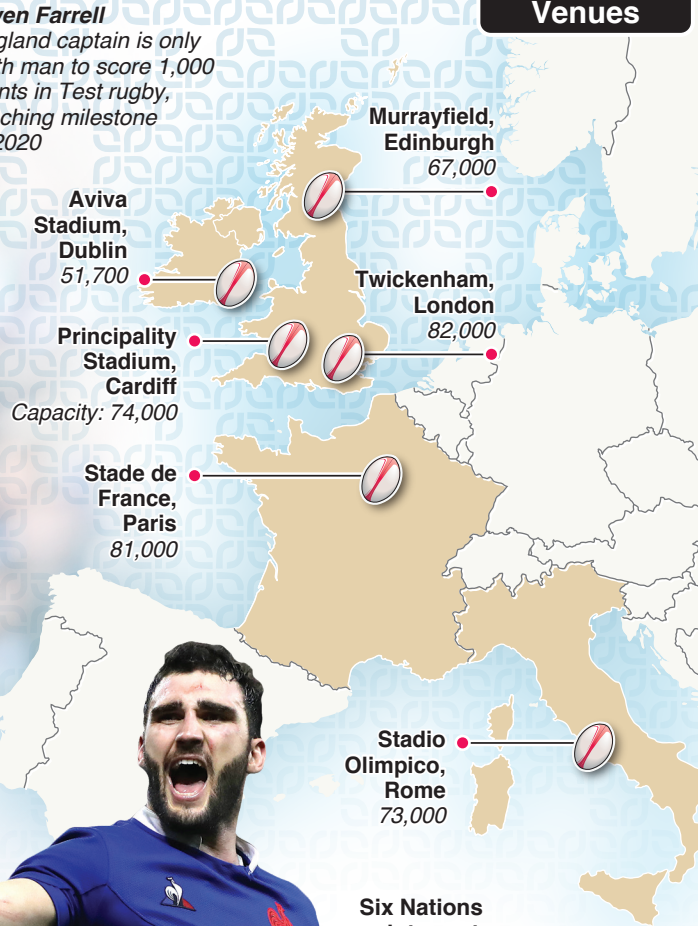


Source: Six Nations

Owen Farrell
England captain is only sixth man to score 1,000 points in Test rugby, reaching milestone in 2020



Charles Ollivon
France captain was top try scorer in 2020 Six Nations, with four tries



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	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5
1	Feb 6 Italy vs France Stadio Olimpico Head-to-head*: Won 3 Drawn 0 Won 41	Feb 6 England vs Scotland Twickenham Stadium Head-to-head: Won 76 Drawn 19 Won 43	Feb 7 Wales vs Ireland Principality Stadium Head-to-head: Won 69 Drawn 7 Won 55		
2	Feb 13 England vs Italy Twickenham Stadium Head-to-head: Won 27 Drawn 0 Won 0	Feb 13 Scotland vs Wales Murrayfield Head-to-head: Won 50 Drawn 3 Won 73	Feb 14 Ireland vs France Aviva Stadium Head-to-head: Won 35 Drawn 7 Won 58		
3	Feb 27 Italy vs Ireland Stadio Olimpico Head-to-head: Won 4 Drawn 0 Won 28	Feb 27 Wales vs England Principality Stadium Head-to-head: Won 59 Drawn 12 Won 65	Feb 28 France vs Scotland Stade de France Head-to-head: Won 56 Drawn 3 Won 38		
4	Mar 13 Italy vs Wales Stadio Olimpico Head-to-head: Won 2 Drawn 1 Won 26	Mar 13 England vs France Twickenham Stadium Head-to-head: Won 59 Drawn 7 Won 41	Mar 14 Scotland vs Ireland Murrayfield Head-to-head: Won 67 Drawn 5 Won 66		
5	Mar 20 Scotland vs Italy Murrayfield Head-to-head: Won 24 Drawn 0 Won 8	Mar 20 Ireland vs England Aviva Stadium Head-to-head: Won 49 Drawn 8 Won 80	Mar 20 France vs Wales Stade de France Head-to-head: Won 45 Drawn 3 Won 51		

FINAL STANDINGS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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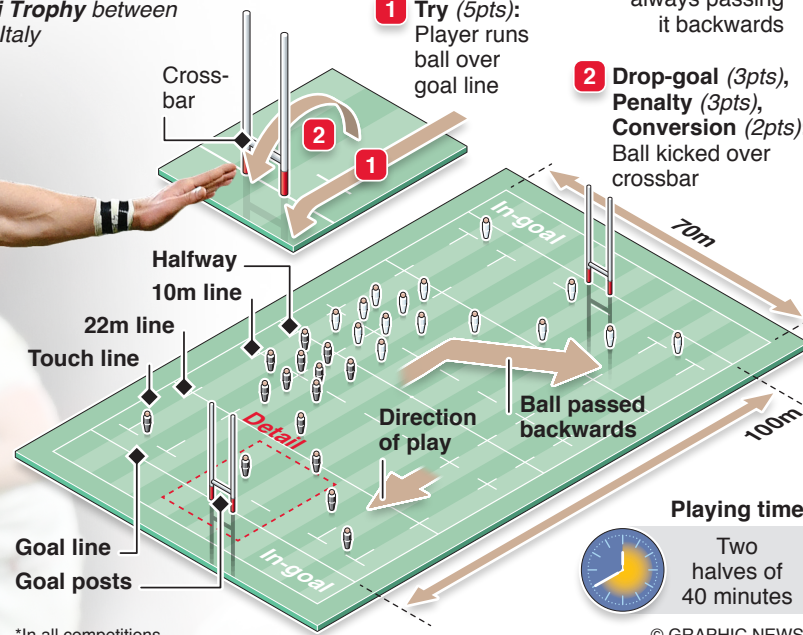
TROPHY HAUL: Champions claim **Six Nations** trophy (left). **Triple Crown** awarded to "Home nation" (ENG, SCO, WAL, IRE) that beats all three others. Rivalry trophies include **Calcutta Cup** between England and Scotland, or **Garibaldi Trophy** between France and Italy

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

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



Playing time
Two halves of 40 minutes

*In all competitions

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