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OUR MISSION IS TO BROADEN RUGBY'S AUDIENCE, AND CELEBRATE HOW UNIQUE AND SPECIAL RUGBY IS

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The Guinness Men's Six Nations is upon us.

There are few competitions that grab our nations' excitement for seven weeks, year after year, primed with storylines, plot twists, action, and drama waiting to unfold and captivate the attention of more and more fans.

And at the heart of it all are the players; their passion, commitment, and skill, focussed on making their claim for one of rugby's biggest prizes.

So many fans have already marked their diaries and made their fantasy team selections, ready to play their part, whilst witnessing the rivalries unfold and the unpredictable entertainment that comes with it.

For Six Nations Rugby and its unions, part of our mission is to broaden rugby's audience, and celebrate how unique and special rugby is. We are already up and running on this front, with the recent launch of "Six Nations: Full Contact" on Netflix, a revamped fantasy rugby game and an increased focus on innovation on and off the pitch with our partners, to give fans the best possible experience.

All that is left for me to do is wish the players and teams the best of luck and say thank you to all those who help us to bring the competition to life.

To our incredible host broadcasters, France TV, BBC, ITV, RTE, Virgin Media and Sky Italia, your coverage is vital in bringing every moment of action to fans across the globe. To each of the Six Nations Rugby partners; Guinness, Sage, Breitling and IHG Hotels and Resorts, your tireless support and enthusiasm is so appreciated. To the media covering this year's Championships, thank you for your commitment to telling the stories that keep us all captivated. Good luck to each of you over the coming weeks.

Finally, to every fan who has been looking forward to the Guinness Men's Six Nations since last year, I have no doubt this year's Championship will reward the wait.

Thank you,

Tom Harrison, CEO of Six Nations Rugby

GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

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ROUND	DATE	TIME	FRANCE	IRELAND	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	WALLES	ITALY
ROUND 1	FRI 2 FEB	20:00	FRA	IRE	ENG	SCO	WAL	ITA
	SAT 3 FEB	14:15	ITA	ENG	SCO	WAL	FRA	IRE
	SAT 3 FEB	16:45	WAL	SCO	ENG	FRA	IRE	ITA
ROUND 2	SAT 10 FEB	14:15	SCO	FRA	WAL	ITA	ENG	IRE
	SAT 10 FEB	16:45	ENG	WAL	ITA	FRA	SCO	IRE
	SUN 11 FEB	15:00	IRE	ITA	FRA	SCO	ENG	WAL
ROUND 3	SAT 24 FEB	14:15	IRE	WAL	ENG	ITA	FRA	SCO
	SAT 24 FEB	16:45	SCO	ENG	ITA	FRA	WAL	IRE
	SUN 25 FEB	15:00	FRA	ITA	WAL	IRE	ENG	SCO
ROUND 4	SAT 9 MAR	14:15	ITA	SCO	IRE	FRA	WAL	ENG
	SAT 9 MAR	16:45	ENG	IRE	FRA	WAL	SCO	ITA
	SUN 10 MAR	15:00	WAL	FRA	SCO	ITA	ENG	IRE
ROUND 5	SAT 16 MAR	14:15	WAL	ITA	SCO	ENG	IRE	FRA
	SAT 16 MAR	16:45	IRE	SCO	ENG	FRA	WAL	ITA
	SAT 16 MAR	20:00	FRA	ENG	WAL	ITA	SCO	IRE



Welcome from Guinness

This year is particularly momentous for Guinness Rugby. We announced two landmark long-term title partnerships with Six Nations Rugby that will create a level playing field for the men's and women's game, in the form of the **Guinness Women's Six Nations** and **Guinness Men's Six Nations**.

This is a significant, sustained, and meaningful commitment that will both transform the profile of women's rugby as well as power Six Nations Rugby to transform the Championship in line with the explosion in consumer passion for the sport. We are delighted to see our partnership with Six Nations go from strength-to-strength since we first kicked off our relationship in 2010.

We are so excited for the 2024 Guinness Six Nations Championships. There are few events that drive the same level of anticipation as these Championships, with fans emerging from the January blues to gather with friends, plan weekends away to follow their team and, of course, reignite friendly rivalries. We have loved shining a light on fans come from all over to share rivalry, camaraderie and a cheers over a pint of Guinness.

In 2023, we saw Ireland crowned the Guinness Men's Six Nations Grand Slam Champions, but it was the French scrum-half, Antoine Dupont, who came away with the Guinness Men's Six Nations Player of the Championship, bringing his award tally to three. Dupont is the second player in the award's history to claim the title three times, putting him alongside Ireland's Brian O'Driscoll. I would like to congratulate Antoine on his

performance during last year's Championship, and bonne chance to all those competing to be this year's Guinness Men's Player of the Championship.

We are delighted that **Guinness 0.0** will be more widely available this year for fans to enjoy the great taste of Guinness with none of the alcohol, as we continue our support as the Official Responsible Drinking Partner of the championships, promoting drinking in moderation to adults around the world who enjoy the **Guinness Six Nations**. We would like to give a special mention to all the players here today who will no doubt give their all in search of Guinness Men's Six Nations glory.

To the other players, and support teams, we would like to wish you the very best of luck over the coming weeks as you represent your rugby communities and nations. To the fans and the media who support and cover the **Guinness Six Nations** so passionately, we hope that you enjoy the 2024 Championships. Whatever the outcome may be on the field, we know that fans from all sides will continue the great rugby tradition of toasting the winning team over a post-game pint of the black stuff. Here's to 13 weeks of fantastic rugby across the Guinness Men's & Women's Six Nations Championships.

Thanks so much, sláinte, and we hope you have a great day at the Home of Guinness.

Stephen O'Kelly

2023 Player Rankings

TOP M6N POINTS SCORERS 2023

Name	Team	Points
Thomas Ramos	France	84
Johnny Sexton	Ireland	35
Tommaso Allan	Italy	34
Finn Russell	Scotland	32
Owen Farrell	England	28
Blair Kinghorn	Scotland	26
Damian Penaud	France	25
Huw Jones	Scotland	20
Ross Byrne	Ireland	16
Thibaud Flament	France	15
James Lowe	Ireland	15
Mack Hansen	Ireland	15
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	15

TOP M6N TRY-SCORERS 2023

Name	Team	Tries
Damian Penaud	France	5
Blair Kinghorn	Scotland	4
Huw Jones	Scotland	4
Thomas Ramos	France	3
Thibaud Flament	France	3
James Lowe	Ireland	3
Mack Hansen	Ireland	3
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	3
Jamie George	England	2
Max Malins	England	2
Charles Ollivon	France	2
Ethan Dumortier	France	2
Gael Fickou	France	2
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	2
Hugo Keenan	Ireland	2
James Ryan	Ireland	2
Kyle Steyn	Scotland	2
Liam Williams	Wales	2
Rio Dyer	Wales	2

TOP M6N POINTS SCORERS 2023

Name	Team	Goals Kicked
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	5
Johnny Sexton	Ireland	15
Dan Biggar	Wales	6
Thomas Ramos	France	28
Blair Kinghorn	Scotland	3
Finn Russell	Scotland	12
Tommaso Allan	Italy	11
Ross Byrne	Ireland	7
Owen Williams	Wales	3
Owen Farrell	England	11

TOP M6N CARRIES 2023

Name	Team	Carries
Freddie Steward	England	62
Taulupe Faletau	Wales	60
Pierre Schoeman	Scotland	60
Sebastian Negri	Italy	58
Juan Ignacio Brex	Italy	56
Hugo Keenan	Ireland	54
Caelan Doris	Ireland	54
Finn Russell	Scotland	52
Antoine Dupont	France	51
Thomas Ramos	France	50
Mack Hansen	Ireland	50

TOP M6N CARRY METRES 2023

Name	Team	Carry Metres
Hugo Keenan	Ireland	563
James Lowe	Ireland	536
Thomas Ramos	France	505
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	484
Freddie Steward	England	455
Huw Jones	Scotland	441
Damian Penaud	France	399
Juan Ignacio Brex	Italy	358
Pierre Bruno	Italy	342
Finn Russell	Scotland	340

TOP M6N LINE BREAKS 2023

Name	Team	Line Breaks
James Lowe	France	5
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	4
Damian Penaud	Scotland	4
Mack Hansen	France	3
Rio Dyer	France	3
Ethan Dumortier	Ireland	3
Thomas Ramos	Ireland	3
Kyle Steyn	Scotland	3

TOP M6N DEFENDERS BEATEN 2023

Name	Team	Defenders Beaten
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	35
Damian Penaud	France	25
Ethan Dumortier	France	21
Ange Capuozzo	Italy	20
Gael Fickou	France	18
Antoine Dupont	France	16
Huw Jones	Scotland	15
Mack Hansen	Ireland	14
Thomas Ramos	France	13
Anthony Watson	England	13

2023 Player Rankings

TOP M6N OFFLOADS 2023

Name	Team	Offloads
Nick Tompkins	Wales	9
Pierre Bruno	Italy	8
Taulupe Faletau	Wales	8
Finn Russell	Scotland	7
Antoine Dupont	France	6
Mack Hansen	Ireland	6
Charles Ollivon	France	5
Ange Capuozzo	Italy	4
Gael Fickou	France	4
Huw Jones	Scotland	4
Liam Williams	Wales	4
Tommaso Allan	Italy	4
Federico Ruzza	Italy	4
Jack van Poortvliet	England	4
Owen Farrell	England	4
Jack Conan	Ireland	4
Jamie Ritchie	Scotland	4
Michele Lamaro	Italy	4

TOP M6N PASSES 2023

Name	Team	Passes
Ben White	Scotland	282
Antoine Dupont	France	280
Jack van Poortvliet	England	265
Stephen Varney	Italy	260
Tomos Williams	Wales	228
Conor Murray	Ireland	193
Finn Russell	Scotland	137
Craig Casey	Ireland	129
Rhys Webb	Wales	124
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	119

TOP M6N TRY ASSISTS 2023

Name	Team	Try Assists
Finn Russell	Scotland	4
Romain Ntamack	France	4
Antoine Dupont	France	4
Sione Tuipulotu	Scotland	3
Rhys Webb	Wales	3
Bundee Aki	Ireland	2
Ben White	Scotland	2
Alex Mitchell	England	2
Thomas Ramos	France	2
James Lowe	Ireland	2
Duhan van der Merwe	Scotland	2
Conor Murray	Ireland	2
Finlay Bealham	Ireland	2

TOP M6N KICKS IN PLAY 2023

Name	Team	Kicks in Play
Finn Russell	Scotland	57
Antoine Dupont	France	52
Jack van Poortvliet	England	51
Owen Farrell	England	43
Thomas Ramos	France	40
Romain Ntamack	France	38
Tomos Williams	Wales	38
Ben White	Scotland	32
James Lowe	Ireland	32
Tommaso Allan	Italy	27

TOP M6N KICK METRES 2023

Name	Team	Kick Metres
Finn Russell	Scotland	1667
Antoine Dupont	France	1588
Romain Ntamack	France	1507
Jack van Poortvliet	England	1396
Thomas Ramos	France	1354
Owen Farrell	England	1289
James Lowe	Ireland	1134
Ben White	Scotland	1012
Freddie Steward	England	989
Tomos Williams	Wales	985

TOP M6N TACKLES MADE 2023

Name	Team	Tackles Made
Matt Fagerson	Scotland	83
Thibaud Flament	France	81
Gael Fickou	France	67
Josh van der Flier	Ireland	67
Lewis Ludlam	England	67
James Ryan	Ireland	66
Maro Itoje	England	65
Charles Ollivon	France	65
Jamie Ritchie	Scotland	64
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	62

TOP M6N BREAKDOWN STEALS 2023

Name	Team	Breakdown Steals
Jamie Ritchie	Scotland	4
Caelan Doris	Ireland	4
Romain Taoffifenua	France	4
Manuel Zuliani	Italy	4
Maro Itoje	England	3
Jack Willis	England	3
Jac Morgan	Wales	3
Mack Hansen	Ireland	3
Alex Dombardt	England	3
Julien Marchand	France	3

2023 Team Rankings

KICKS IN PLAY		
Rank	Team	22 Entries/Match
1	Ireland	10.6
2	France	10.2
3	Wales	10.0
4	England	9.0
5	Italy	8.4
6	Scotland	8.2

DEFENDERS BEATEN		
Rank	Team	Defenders Beaten
1	France	144
2	Scotland	141
3	Italy	130
4	Ireland	119
5	England	94
6	Wales	79

TACKLE SUCCESS %		
Rank	Team	Tackle Success %
1	Scotland	91.7%
2	France	89.0%
3	Ireland	85.3%
4	Italy	84.8%
5	Wales	84.0%
6	England	83.0%

KICKS IN PLAY		
Rank	Team	Points/22 Entry
1	France	3.0
2	Scotland	2.8
3	Ireland	2.7
4	England	2.0
5	Italy	1.7
6	Wales	1.6

LINE BREAKS		
Rank	Team	Line Breaks
1	Ireland	39
2	France	34
3	Italy	29
4	Scotland	26
5	Wales	19
6	England	16

DOMINANT TACKLES		
Rank	Team	Dominant Tackles
1	Italy	55
2	Wales	55
3	England	51
4	Ireland	48
5	Scotland	42
6	France	41

GOAL-KICKING %		
Rank	Team	Goal-kicking %
1	France	84.8%
2	Ireland	81.5%
3	Italy	80.0%
4	Wales	80.0%
5	Scotland	75.0%
6	England	61.9%

OFFLOADS		
Rank	Team	Offloads
1	Wales	46
2	France	45
3	Scotland	40
4	Italy	36
5	Ireland	30
6	England	21

LINEOUT WIN %		
Rank	Team	Lineout Win %
1	England	92.4%
2	Italy	88.8%
3	France	87.5%
4	Ireland	85.7%
5	Scotland	85.3%
6	Wales	85.1%

CARRIES		
Rank	Team	Carries
1	Ireland	696
2	Italy	649
3	Scotland	620
4	England	614
5	Wales	592
6	France	556

KICKS		
Rank	Team	Kicks
1	England	170
2	France	156
3	Ireland	153
4	Wales	146
5	Scotland	129
6	Italy	107

SORUM WIN %		
Rank	Team	Sorum Win %
1	England	96.3%
2	Ireland	91.3%
3	France	90.0%
4	Scotland	89.3%
5	Italy	85.7%
6	Wales	80.8%

CARRY METRES		
Rank	Team	22 Entries/Match
1	Ireland	4286
2	Scotland	3983
3	Italy	3912
4	France	3573
5	England	3514
6	Wales	3235

TACKLES		
Rank	Team	Tackles
1	Scotland	831
2	France	820
3	Wales	742
4	England	706
5	Ireland	704
6	Italy	690

AVERAGE RUCK SPEED		
Rank	Team	Kicks
1	Italy	3.0
2	Ireland	3.2
3	Scotland	3.5
4	France	3.6
5	Wales	3.6
6	England	3.8

All-Time Team Stats

Team	P	W	D	L	Win %	For	Against	Tries F	Tries A	Titles	Grand Slams	Triple Crowns
Ireland	120	81	3	36	68%	3054	2120	332	190	5	3	7
England	120	79	2	39	66%	3216	2030	346	177	7	2	5
France	120	77	2	41	64%	2985	2244	301	205	6	4	-
Wales	120	64	3	53	53%	2762	2497	266	231	6	4	5
Scotland	120	39	3	78	33%	2131	2855	194	296	0	0	0
Italy	120	13	1	106	11%	1708	4110	159	496	0	0	-

All-time rankings

Team	Carries
Ireland	13655
England	13582
Wales	13272
Scotland	13217
France	13072
Italy	12057

Team	Defenders Beaten
France	2185
Ireland	2029
England	2011
Scotland	1944
Wales	1784
Italy	1467

Team	Tackle Success %
France	89.1%
Ireland	88.7%
Wales	88.6%
Scotland	88.5%
England	88.2%
Italy	85.8%

Team	Metres Gained%
France	54409
England	54345
Ireland	48321
Wales	47648
Scotland	46159
Italy	39584

Team	Turnovers Won
Ireland	774
England	733
Scotland	712
France	699
Wales	699
Italy	629

Rankings by Year

Team	Year	Carries
Ireland	2017	844
Ireland	2018	830
England	2018	747
Ireland	2019	740
Ireland	2015	704

Team	Year	Defenders Beaten
France	2000	152
England	2002	151
England	2001	149
Scotland	2019	145
Scotland	2021	145

Team	Year	Tackle Success %
Ireland	2011	96.1%
Ireland	2010	94.8%
France	2008	94.1%
England	2008	93.8%
Scotland	2010	93.4%

Team	Year	Metres Gained%
England	2001	3197
France	2000	3193
England	2002	2991
England	2000	2861
France	2004	2804

Team	Year	Turnovers Won
Ireland	2011	55
Ireland	2014	54
Ireland	2009	49
England	2000	49
England	2016	49
Ireland	2002	49
Scotland	2003	49

Rankings by Match

Team	Year	Carries
Ireland	v Wal, 2014	204
Ireland	v Fra, 2018	193
Ireland	v Wal, 2021	189
Ireland	v Wal, 2015	188
Ireland	v Sco, 2017	186

Team	Year	Defenders Beaten
France	v Ita, 2017	55
France	v Ita, 2000	54
Scotland	v Ita, 2021	48
England	v Sco, 2019	45
England	v Sco, 2001	41
Italy	v Eng, 2023	41

Team	Year	Tackle Success %
Scotland	v Eng, 2012	100.0%
Scotland	v Eng, 2008	99.1%
Ireland	v Eng, 2010	99.1%
Ireland	v Ita, 2005	98.4%
Ireland	v Ita, 2011	98.2%

Team	Year	Metres Gained%
Ireland	v Fra, 2006	946
France	v Ita, 2004	936
England	v Ire, 2002	912
England	v Ita, 2011	910
France	v Ita, 2017	856

Team	Year	Turnovers Won
Ireland	v Sco, 2009	19
Scotland	v Fra, 2003	18
England	v Ita, 2016	17
Ireland	v Wal, 2011	16
France	v Scot, 2003	16

All-Time Player Rankings

Name	Team	Caps
Sergio Parisse	Italy	69
Alun Wyn Jones	Wales	67
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	65
Rory Best	Ireland	64
Ronan O'Gara	Ireland	63

Name	Team	Tries
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	26
George North	Wales	23
Shane Williams	Wales	22
Stuart Hogg	Scotland	16
Ben Cohen	England	16

Name	Team	Try Assists
Conor Murray	Ireland	28
Dan Biggar	Wales	18
Antoine Dupont	France	17
Finn Russell	Scotland	17
Jonny Wilkinson	England	17
Ronan O'Gara	Ireland	17

Name	Team	Metres Gained
Stuart Hogg	Scotland	3923
Sergio Parisse	Italy	3088
Rob Kearney	Ireland	2904
George North	Wales	2638
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	2546

Name	Team	Defenders Beaten
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	163
Stuart Hogg	Scotland	162
George North	Wales	133
Rob Kearney	Ireland	104
Sean Lamont	Scotland	85
Jason Robinson	England	85
Gael Fickou	France	85

Name	Team	Tackle Success %*
Hamish Watson	Scotland	98.0% (393/401)
Jonny Gray	Scotland	97.7% (564/577)
Justin Tipuric	Wales	97.4% (491/504)
Fulgence Ouedraogo	France	97.2% (138/142)
Nick Easter	England	97.0% (195/201)

*min. 100 attempts

Name	Team	Lineouts Won
Scott Murray	Scotland	223
Marco Bortolami	Italy	217
Alun Wyn Jones	Wales	193
Paul O'Connell	Ireland	185
Sergio Parisse	Italy	175

Name	Team	Points
Johnny Sexton	Ireland	566
Ronan O'Gara	Ireland	557
Owen Farrell	England	528
Jonny Wilkinson	England	486
Stephen Jones	Wales	467

Name	Team	Goal-kicking %*
Maxime Machenaud	France	92.9% (39/42)
Dan Biggar	Wales	85.4% (88/103)
Leigh Halfpenny	Wales	84.3% (140/166)
Chris Paterson	Scotland	84.2% (133/158)
Gareth Anscombe	Wales	84.0% (21/25)

*min. 10 attempts

Name	Team	Carries
Sergio Parisse	Italy	785
Stuart Hogg	Scotland	541
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	498
Taulupe Faletau	Wales	492
CJ Stander	Ireland	477

Name	Team	Average Gain (m)*
James Lowe	Ireland	9.3
Ben Foden	England	8.8
Damian Penaud	France	8.5
Jason Robinson	England	8.5
Jacob Stockdale	Ireland	8.4

*min. 10 attempts

Name	Team	Tackles
Alun Wyn Jones	Wales	752
Jonny Gray	Scotland	564
Taulupe Faletau	Wales	553
Sergio Parisse	Italy	540
Justin Tipuric	Wales	491

Name	Team	Turnovers Won
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	53
Maro Itoje	England	42
John Barclay	Scotland	37
Sergio Parisse	Italy	36
Alun Wyn Jones	Wales	35

Name	Team	Lineout Steals
Scott Murray	Scotland	54
Paul O'Connell	Ireland	33
Malcolm O'Kelly	Ireland	33
Marco Bortolami	Italy	23
Alun Wyn Jones	Wales	23
Sergio Parisse	Italy	23
Ben Kay	England	23

Player Rankings by Year

Player	Team	Year	Points
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2001	89
Thomas Ramos	France	2023	84
Ronan O'Gara	Ireland	2007	82
Gerald Merceron	France	2002	80
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2000	78

Player	Team	Year	Try Assists
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2001	8
George Ford	England	2015	7
Frédéric Michalak	France	2006	7
Conor Murray	Ireland	2020	6
Austin Healey	England	2001	5
Antoine Dupont	France	2021	5

Player	Team	Year	Metres Gained
Mike Brown	England	2014	543
Iain Balshaw	England	2001	540
Sergio Parisse	Italy	2009	513
Ben Foden	England	2011	503
Emile Ntamack	France	2000	486

Player	Team	Year	Tackles
Jonny Gray	Scotland	2018	100
Tom Curry	England	2019	86
Joe Launchbury	England	2017	85
Jonny Gray	Scotland	2015	84
Justin Tipuric	Wales	2017	84
Michele Lamaro	Italy	2022	84

Player	Team	Year	Lineouts Won
Scott Murray	Scotland	2004	41
Robert Sidoli	Wales	2003	41
Federico Ruzza	Italy	2023	39
Paul O'Connell	Ireland	2009	36
Scott Murray	Scotland	2001	36
Andrea Gritti	Italy	2000	36

Player	Team	Year	Tries
Jacob Stockdale	Ireland	2018	7
Shane Williams	Wales	2008	6
Will Greenwood	England	2001	6
Jonny May	England	2019	6
Chris Ashton	England	2011	6

Player	Team	Year	Carries
CJ Stander	Ireland	2017	104
CJ Stander	Ireland	2018	96
Billy Vunipola	England	2016	93
CJ Stander	Ireland	2016	87
Scott Quinnell	Wales	2001	83

Player	Team	Year	Defenders Beaten
D. Van Der Merwe	Scotland	2023	35
D. Van Der Merwe	Scotland	2021	31
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	2000	30
Emile Ntamack	France	2000	26
George North	Wales	2016	26

Player	Team	Year	Turnovers Won
John Barclay	Scotland	2011	11
Ross Rennie	Scotland	2012	10
Jake Polledri	Italy	2020	10
Colin Charvis	Wales	2000	10
Malcolm O'Kelly	Ireland	2002	10
Marcus Horan	Ireland	2009	10

Player	Team	Year	Lineouts Won
Scott Murray	Scotland	2002	13
Scott Murray	Scotland	2000	13
Scott Murray	Scotland	2001	11
Malcolm O'Kelly	Ireland	2003	10
Marco Bortolami	Italy	2004	7
Julien Bonnaire	France	2005	7
Ben Kay	England	2004	7
Ben Kay	England	2003	7
Richie Gray	Scotland	2011	7

Player Rankings by Match

Player	Team	Year	Points
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2001	89
Thomas Ramos	France	2023	84
Ronan O'Gara	Ireland	2007	82
Gerald Merceron	France	2002	80
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2000	78

Player	Team	Year	Try Assists
Jonny Wilkinson	England	2001	8
George Ford	England	2015	7
Frédéric Michalak	France	2006	7
Conor Murray	Ireland	2020	6
Austin Healey	England	2001	5
Antoine Dupont	France	2021	5

Player	Team	Year	Metres Gained
Mike Brown	England	2014	543
Iain Balshaw	England	2001	540
Sergio Parisse	Italy	2009	513
Ben Foden	England	2011	503
Emile N'tamack	France	2000	486

Player	Team	Year	Tackles
Jonny Gray	Scotland	2018	100
Tom Curry	England	2019	86
Joe Launchbury	England	2017	85
Jonny Gray	Scotland	2015	84
Justin Tipuric	Wales	2017	84
Michele Lamaro	Italy	2022	84

Player	Team	Year	Lineouts Won
Scott Murray	Scotland	2004	41
Robert Sidoli	Wales	2003	41
Federico Ruzza	Italy	2023	39
Paul O'Connell	Ireland	2009	36
Scott Murray	Scotland	2001	36
Andrea Gritti	Italy	2000	36

Player	Team	Year	Tries
Jacob Stockdale	Ireland	2018	7
Shane Williams	Wales	2008	6
Will Greenwood	England	2001	6
Jonny May	England	2019	6
Chris Ashton	England	2011	6

Player	Team	Year	Carries
CJ Stander	Ireland	2017	104
CJ Stander	Ireland	2018	96
Billy Vunipola	England	2016	93
CJ Stander	Ireland	2016	87
Scott Quinnell	Wales	2001	83

Player	Team	Year	Defenders Beaten
D. Van Der Merwe	Scotland	2023	35
D. Van Der Merwe	Scotland	2021	31
Brian O'Driscoll	Ireland	2000	30
Emile N'tamack	France	2000	26
George North	Wales	2016	26

Player	Team	Year	Turnovers Won
John Barclay	Scotland	2011	11
Ross Rennie	Scotland	2012	10
Jake Polledri	Italy	2020	10
Colin Charvis	Wales	2000	10
Malcolm O'Kelly	Ireland	2002	10
Marcus Horan	Ireland	2009	10

Player	Team	Year	Lineouts Won
Scott Murray	Scotland	2002	13
Scott Murray	Scotland	2000	13
Scott Murray	Scotland	2001	11
Malcolm O'Kelly	Ireland	2003	10
Marco Bortolami	Italy	2004	7
Julien Bonnaire	France	2005	7
Ben Kay	England	2004	7
Ben Kay	England	2003	7
Richie Gray	Scotland	2011	7

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Squad Data: England



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Ollie Chessum	06/09/2000	23	201	118	18	10	2	6	5	1
Dan Cole	09/05/1987	36	190	124	107	20	4	50	15	3
Alex Coles	21/09/1999	24	195	80	3	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Cowan-Dickie	20/06/1993	30	183	111	41	35	7	18	5	1
Ben Curry	15/06/1998	25	185	106	5	0	0	4	0	0
Chandler Cunningham-South	18/03/2003	20	193	120	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theo Dan	26/12/2000	23	180	100	7	15	3	0	0	0
Alex Dombrandt	29/04/1997	26	191	118	15	5	1	10	5	1
Ben Earl	07/01/1998	26	184	107	25	5	1	11	0	0
Ellis Genge	16/02/1995	28	187	116	58	30	6	24	10	2
Jamie George	20/10/1990	33	183	107	85	65	13	38	30	6
Joe Heyes	13/04/1999	24	189	126	7	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Isiekwe	20/04/1998	25	200	120	11	0	0	7	0	0
Maro Itoje	28/10/1994	29	195	118	76	25	5	35	5	1
Joe Marler	07/07/1990	33	183	120	88	0	0	35	0	0
Beno Obano	25/10/1994	29	183	120	3	0	0	1	0	0
Tom Pearson	26/10/1999	24	190	114	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ethan Roots	10/11/1999	24	189	113	0	0	0	0	0	0
Will Stuart	12/07/1996	27	189	127	33	10	2	13	0	0
Sam Underhill	22/07/1996	27	186	103	30	5	1	8	0	0
Oscar Beard	20/11/2001	22	180	95	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danny Care	02/01/1987	37	175	85	96	84	15	37	54	9
Elliot Daly	08/10/1992	31	185	98	64	116	18	28	53	9
Fraser Dingwall	07/04/1999	24	188	86	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immanuel Feyi-Waboso	20/12/2002	21	183	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Ford	16/03/1993	30	178	84	91	366	10	39	109	6
Tommy Freeman	05/03/2001	22	188	92	3	0	0	0	0	0
George Furbank	17/10/1996	27	182	87	6	0	0	4	0	0
Ollie Lawrence	18/09/1999	24	182	99	21	10	2	8	5	1
Alex Mitchell	25/05/1997	26	180	81	11	5	1	4	0	0
Tom Roebeck	07/01/2001	23	188	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henry Slade	19/03/1993	30	191	96	57	44	8	22	20	4
Fin Smith	11/05/2002	21	178	87	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marcus Smith	14/02/1999	24	176	82	30	185	10	9	76	2
Ben Spencer	31/07/1992	31	178	86	4	0	0	1	0	0
Freddie Steward	05/12/2000	23	196	104	31	40	8	10	10	2

Squad Data: France



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Esteban Abadie	01/12/1997	26	188	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorian Aldegheri	04/08/1993	30	180	119	16	0	0	7	0	0
Gregory Alldritt	23/03/1997	26	191	113	45	20	4	25	15	3
Uini Atonio	26/03/1990	33	196	145	57	10	2	26	5	1
Cyril Baille	15/09/1993	30	182	118	47	25	5	24	5	1
Gaetan Barlot	13/04/1997	26	184	107	7	0	0	3	0	0
Paul Boudehent	21/11/1999	24	192	107	6	0	0	0	0	0
Francois Cros	25/03/1994	29	190	111	27	5	1	14	5	1
Paul Gabrillagues	03/06/1993	30	197	106	16	5	1	6	5	1
Matthias Halagahu	15/08/2001	22	194	113	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Jelonch	28/07/1996	27	193	108	29	15	3	12	10	2
Thomas Laclayat	02/10/1997	26	176	125	1	0	0	0	0	0
Julien Marchand	10/05/1995	28	181	110	32	5	1	21	0	0
Peato Mauvaka	10/01/1997	27	184	112	29	45	9	10	0	0
Emmanuel Meafou	12/07/1998	25	203	145	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Ollivon	11/05/1993	30	199	114	39	75	15	16	40	8
Romain Taofifenua	14/09/1990	33	203	138	49	10	2	26	10	2
Sebastien Taofifenua	21/03/1992	31	178	129	3	0	0	0	0	0
Reda Wardi	02/08/1995	28	185	110	14	0	0	5	0	0
Cameron Woki	07/11/1998	25	197	109	27	10	2	8	0	0
Louis Bielle-Biarrey	19/06/2003	20	184	79	7	25	5	0	0	0
Jonathan Danty	07/10/1992	31	181	110	26	30	6	9	10	2
Nicolas Depoortere	13/01/2003	21	193	87	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gael Fickou	26/03/1994	29	190	99	85	70	14	44	50	10
Emilien Gailleton	13/07/2003	20	185	89	1	0	0	0	0	0
Antoine Gibert	31/12/1997	26	177	76	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthieu Jalibert	06/11/1998	25	184	84	30	89	3	12	48	1
Melvyn Jaminet	30/06/1999	24	180	85	19	211	2	6	54	0
Nolann Le Garrec	14/05/2002	21	175	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthis Lebel	25/03/1999	24	184	90	5	10	2	1	0	0
Maxime Lucu	12/01/1993	31	177	83	18	5	0	7	0	0
Yoram Moefana	18/07/2000	23	182	97	23	20	4	9	5	1
Damian Penaud	25/09/1996	27	192	95	48	175	35	20	70	14
Thomas Ramos	23/07/1995	28	178	87	31	274	5	15	89	3

Squad Data: Ireland



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Ryan Baird	26/07/1999	24	198	104	15	5	1	8	5	1
Finlay Bealham	09/10/1991	32	188	119	36	15	3	11	5	1
Tadhg Beirne	08/01/1992	32	198	113	46	45	9	15	10	2
Jack Conan	29/07/1992	31	193	108	41	45	9	18	20	4
Caelan Doris	02/04/1998	25	193	106	36	30	6	14	5	1
Tadhg Furlong	14/11/1992	31	183	119	72	25	5	31	5	1
Cian Healy	07/10/1987	36	185	110	125	60	12	60	30	6
Iain Henderson	21/02/1992	31	198	118	79	30	6	36	10	2
Ronan Kelleher	24/01/1998	26	185	108	26	30	6	13	5	1
Jeremy Loughman	22/07/1995	28	185	118	4	0	0	0	0	0
Joe McCarthy	26/03/2001	22	198	112	5	5	1	0	0	0
Peter O'Mahony	17/09/1989	34	191	106	101	25	5	48	5	1
Tom O'Toole	23/09/1998	25	183	122	12	0	0	5	0	0
Andrew Porter	16/01/1996	28	183	125	59	25	5	25	10	2
James Ryan	24/07/1996	27	201	107	59	25	5	24	10	2
Dan Sheehan	17/09/1998	25	191	110	21	25	5	9	15	3
Tom Stewart	11/01/2001	23	183	102	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Timoney	01/08/1995	28	188	109	3	15	3	0	0	0
Josh van der Flier	25/04/1993	30	183	105	57	50	10	25	20	4
Bundee Aki	07/04/1990	33	178	102	52	80	16	25	25	5
Harry Byrne	22/04/1999	24	188	90	2	6	0	0	0	0
Craig Casey	19/04/1999	24	165	75	13	0	0	5	0	0
Jack Crowley	13/01/2000	24	185	89	9	30	0	1	0	0
Ciaran Frawley	04/12/1997	26	188	92	1	2	0	0	0	0
Jamison Gibson-Park	23/02/1992	31	175	83	30	25	5	13	10	2
Robbie Henshaw	12/06/1993	30	192	100	67	50	10	34	35	7
Hugo Keenan	18/06/1996	27	185	92	36	60	12	16	30	6
Jordan Larmour	10/06/1997	26	178	90	30	35	7	15	10	2
James Lowe	08/07/1992	31	188	106	26	60	12	12	30	6
Stuart McCloskey	06/08/1992	31	193	110	15	20	4	4	0	0
Conor Murray	20/04/1989	34	189	93	112	105	16	53	62	10
Calvin Nash	08/08/1997	26	178	90	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garry Ringrose	26/01/1995	29	189	96	57	77	15	24	25	5
Jacob Stockdale	03/04/1996	27	191	102	37	95	19	16	50	10

Squad Data: Italy



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Pietro Ceccarelli	16/02/1992	31	184	115	31	0	0	11	0	0
Danilo Fischetti	26/01/1998	26	181	113	36	0	0	19	0	0
Matteo Nocera	16/01/1999	25	194	128	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luca Rizzoli	03/05/2002	21	178	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mirco Spagnolo	02/01/2001	23	186	110	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giosue Zilocchi	15/01/1997	27	186	115	16	0	0	11	0	0
Gianmarco Lucchesi	10/09/2000	23	184	110	17	5	1	9	0	0
Marco Manfredi	18/09/1997	26	183	110	3	0	0	1	0	0
Giacomo Nicotera	15/07/1996	27	183	102	18	10	2	7	0	0
Niccolo Cannone	17/05/1998	25	197	120	36	5	1	20	0	0
Edoardo Iachizzi	26/05/1998	25	196	112	6	0	0	5	0	0
Federico Ruzza	04/08/1994	29	198	108	49	0	0	23	0	0
Andrea Zambonin	03/09/2000	23	202	105	3	0	0	1	0	0
Lorenzo Cannone	28/01/2001	23	190	102	16	20	4	5	0	0
Riccardo Favretto	18/10/2001	22	200	105	1	0	0	1	0	0
Alessandro Izeckor	05/03/2000	23	196	110	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michele Lamaro	03/06/1998	25	188	103	33	5	1	15	0	0
Sebastian Negri	30/06/1994	29	195	110	52	10	2	26	5	1
Ross Vintcent	05/06/2002	21	187	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manuel Zuliani	26/04/2000	23	189	108	17	10	2	6	0	0
Alessandro Garbisi	11/04/2002	21	174	84	7	10	2	1	0	0
Martin Page-Relo	06/01/1999	25	173	77	4	5	1	0	0	0
Stephen Varney	16/05/2001	22	178	80	24	15	3	11	5	1
Tommaso Allan	26/04/1993	30	183	90	79	489	14	32	153	7
Paolo Garbisi	26/04/2000	23	182	94	31	150	2	15	74	1
Juan Ignacio Brex	26/05/1992	31	189	99	30	20	4	15	5	1
Tommaso Menoncello	20/08/2002	21	187	90	12	25	5	5	5	1
Federico Mori	13/10/2000	23	188	108	13	0	0	7	0	0
Marco Zanon	03/10/1997	26	188	97	16	10	2	9	0	0
Pierre Bruno	28/06/1996	27	178	92	15	25	5	7	5	1
Ange Capuozzo	30/04/1999	24	177	79	16	50	10	5	15	3
Monty Ioane	30/10/1994	29	180	91	25	55	11	10	10	2
Simone Gesi	23/05/2001	22	183	80	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lorenzo Pani	04/07/2002	21	193	96	5	10	2	0	0	0

Squad Data: Scotland



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Ewan Ashman	03/04/2000	23	188	111	12	20	4	1	0	0
Josh Bayliss	18/09/1997	26	190	106	5	5	1	1	0	0
Jamie Bhatti	08/09/1993	30	185	125	34	0	0	13	0	0
Andy Christie	27/03/1999	24	189	102	4	0	0	1	0	0
Luke Crosbie	22/04/1997	26	196	111	7	0	0	2	0	0
Scott Cummings	03/12/1996	27	199	117	33	10	2	10	0	0
Jack Dempsey	12/04/1994	29	191	113	15	5	1	5	0	0
Rory Darge	23/02/2000	23	185	102	15	25	5	4	5	1
Grant Gilchrist	09/08/1990	33	198	120	68	5	1	24	0	0
Richie Gray	24/08/1989	34	206	124	78	15	3	38	10	2
Matt Fagerson	16/07/1998	25	186	110	40	15	3	14	5	1
Zander Fagerson	19/01/1996	28	188	125	62	10	2	26	0	0
Alec Hepburn	30/03/1993	30	185	114	6	0	0	2	0	0
Will Hurd	29/06/1999	24	186	121	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnny Matthews	05/07/1993	30	177	110	1	5	1	0	0	0
WP Nel	30/04/1986	37	180	115	61	15	3	26	0	0
Jamie Ritchie	16/08/1996	27	190	110	46	5	1	19	0	0
Pierre Schoeman	07/05/1994	29	184	118	26	15	3	10	5	1
Sam Skinner	31/01/1995	29	196	111	30	0	0	12	0	0
George Turner	08/10/1992	31	180	106	40	50	10	15	5	1
Glen Young	04/11/1994	29	200	112	3	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Hastings	05/10/1996	27	185	87	27	107	5	11	45	1
Ben Healy	29/06/1999	24	191	99	4	41	1	1	0	0
George Horne	12/05/1995	28	174	81	26	39	7	5	0	0
Darcy Graham	21/06/1997	26	177	85	39	120	24	13	35	7
Rory Hutchinson	29/01/1996	28	181	95	7	15	3	2	0	0
Huw Jones	17/12/1993	30	186	102	43	80	16	24	55	11
Blair Kinghorn	18/01/1997	27	190	101	50	128	14	19	46	8
Stafford McDowall	24/02/1998	25	193	103	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harry Paterson	28/06/2001	22	187	93	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ali Price	12/05/1993	30	178	85	66	30	6	32	5	1
Cameron Redpath	23/12/1999	24	188	96	9	5	1	3	0	0
Arron Reed	10/07/1999	24	177	84	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Rowe	08/02/1998	25	181	88	1	0	0	0	0	0
Finn Russell	23/09/1992	31	182	92	75	327	8	36	174	5
Kyle Steyn	29/01/1994	30	188	102	15	50	10	8	10	2
Sione Tuipulotu	12/02/1997	26	178	104	22	10	2	9	0	0
Duhan van der Merwe	04/06/1995	28	193	106	34	105	21	14	45	9
Ben White	27/05/1998	25	180	88	18	15	3	9	10	2

Squad Data: Wales



Player	DOB	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries	6N Caps	6N Pts	6N Tries
Corey Domachowski	19/09/1996	27	183	122	6	0	0	0	0	0
Kemsley Mathias	29/07/1999	24	185	118	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gareth Thomas	02/08/1993	30	188	118	26	0	0	9	0	0
Elliot Dee	07/03/1994	29	183	104	46	10	2	14	0	0
Ryan Elias	07/01/1995	29	188	110	38	20	4	10	0	0
Evan Lloyd	28/12/2001	22	185	111	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keiron Assiratti	30/06/1997	26	183	118	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leon Brown	26/10/1996	27	190	126	23	0	0	12	0	0
Archie Griffin	24/07/2001	22	188	117	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Beard	07/01/1996	28	203	116	51	0	0	20	0	0
Dafydd Jenkins	05/12/2002	21	201	120	12	0	0	5	0	0
Will Rowlands	19/09/1991	32	203	125	29	10	2	9	0	0
Teddy Williams	18/10/2000	23	198	118	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taine Basham	02/11/1999	24	183	95	16	15	3	3	5	1
James Botham	22/02/1998	25	191	104	9	5	1	3	0	0
Alex Mann	06/01/2002	22	191	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mackenzie Martin	26/10/2003	20	196	115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tommy Reffell	27/04/1999	24	183	100	13	5	1	5	0	0
Aaron Wainwright	25/09/1997	26	191	101	43	5	1	14	0	0
Gareth Davies	18/08/1990	33	178	85	74	85	17	29	20	4
Kieran Hardy	30/11/1995	28	183	86	18	20	4	6	10	2
Tomos Williams	01/01/1995	29	180	84	53	65	13	16	15	3
Sam Costelow	10/01/2001	23	173	81	8	24	0	0	0	0
Cai Evans	23/06/1999	24	185	84	1	2	0	0	0	0
Ioan Lloyd	05/04/2001	22	173	80	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mason Grady	29/03/2002	21	196	105	6	0	0	2	0	0
George North	13/04/1992	31	193	109	118	235	47	49	115	23
Joe Roberts	10/05/2000	23	183	98	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Tompkins	16/02/1995	28	180	95	32	20	4	13	10	2
Owen Watkin	12/10/1996	27	188	100	36	10	2	14	10	2
Josh Adams	21/04/1995	28	183	95	54	105	21	23	55	11
Rio Dyer	21/12/1999	24	185	85	14	20	4	4	10	2
Tom Rogers	17/12/1998	25	185	90	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Winnett	07/01/2003	21	180	85	0	0	0	0	0	0



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ABOVE: A fan shares his winning team with Melvyn Jaminet



Fantasy Rugby Geek's guide to the game

With the 2024 Guinness Six Nations about to kick off, it is time to dust off the stats and study the player prices.

Whether you are new to Fantasy Rugby or an old hand, a Six Nations novice or a battle-hardened veteran, there are some important changes to flag, so even if you know the game, make sure you read on to get up to speed with all of the changes!

In this guide, we will be giving you all the details to help you get your head around the 2024 game. Whether you are new to Fantasy Rugby or an old hand, a Six Nations novice or a battle-hardened veteran, there are some important changes to flag, so even if you know the game, make sure you read on to get up to speed with all of the changes!

A quick overview of the core rules of the game: You have a budget of 240 stars to build a squad of 15 starters and 1 player on your bench. You

can select any player named in the Guinness Six Nations squads; however, each player has a different price (based on the player's reputation and likely performance in the game), so you need to manage your budget wisely and work to identify value players.

In addition, for each round, you will have two bonus chips you can assign to your selection. These are the Captain and the Supersub. These will be familiar to those who have played the game before, but for the uninitiated, the player you select as Captain will have their points doubled, while the player you select as Supersub will have their points TREBLED. There is a wrinkle with the Supersub rules, however: you must select a player who is beginning the match on the bench. If you select a starter in the Supersub position, you will only get half their points. There are strategies to the

Supersub selection, but more on that later... Some great prizes are on offer for the best players in each round and in the overall ranking by the end of the tournament, so it's crucial that you make a good start. So with this in mind, here are five initial tips to help build your team to give you the best shot from the start:

Firstly, above all, it's key that you hold off finalising your team until all the starting line-ups are announced. It's definitely a good thing to build some drafts before the tournament to familiarize yourself with the player pool and the prices, but don't finalize your team until you know everyone playing.

Next up, don't feel bound to make a limited number of transfers. Unlike other games, Guinness Six Nations Fantasy Rugby 2024 allows you to completely tear up your team for no points penalty in between rounds.

Guinness Six Nations Fantasy Rugby 2024 is a salary cap game, so how you allocate your budget is key. One key point to note is that players' values go up and down throughout the tournament based on their



popularity, so you can build your team's maximum value throughout the tournament.

Another top tip is around kickers. Very often in fantasy rugby games, you are obliged to select one kicker to gain points from conversions, penalties, drop goals, etc. Not here, so if you can find kickers who play outside of the fly-half position (for example, Thomas Ramos), then they are well worth picking up, as they are guaranteed kicking points.

Finally, have a strategy for your Supersub, which when played well, can be an absolute game-changer. With triple points on offer, a successful Supersub pick can propel you to the very top!

In the lead-up and throughout the tournament, the Fantasy Rugby Geek will be providing tips and insights to help you grow your fantasy scores, so keep an eye on the Guinness Six Nations website for more news!

LEFT: Will Caelan Doris be your star forward in 2024?



Through The Lens: Netflix's Full Contact

In the fast-paced world of sports documentary filmmaking, nobody has carved out a niche as distinct as James Gay-Rees, the producer behind the acclaimed Netflix series *Formula One: Drive to Survive*.

In 2023, Gay-Rees set his sights on that year's unforgettable Guinness Men's Six Nations Championship, bringing his unique Box to Box Films treatment to the world of rugby union in the much-anticipated *Full Contact*, which will be released this month on Netflix.

A former player for London Welsh during his youth, the dream of capturing the essence of the historic Championship had lingered for years, eventually materialising as Box to Box's latest venture for the streaming giant.

The Guinness Six Nations, with its intense team dynamics and diverse national identities, presented a distinctive challenge for Gay-Rees and his team, reminiscent of their work on the *Tour de France (Unchained)* in terms of both events' compressed timeframes. While F1, tennis (*Break Point*) and golf (*Full Swing*) feature individual athletes, rugby's team-orientated structure demanded a nuanced approach to spotlighting players in a squad, balancing the limelight between

charismatic leaders and those of a quieter disposition.

"The more outgoing, bigger characters naturally gravitate towards the process," Gay-Rees reflects, acknowledging the delicate navigation required to capture the essence of a sport where teamwork often overshadows individual stardom. "You can't follow every single player in a squad, so you've got to work out who and how and why."

Gaining unparalleled access to the competition and its teams, Gay-Rees observed the often stark contrasts between each team's approach to the annual tournament. Those differences form part of the show's storytelling, ensuring a narrative richness across the episodes.

"All of the teams are at different stages of their cycle, and they all have different management and coaching styles," says Gay-Rees of the classes of 2023. "You've got to respect that no two set-ups are the same within the Six Nations, so a one size-fits-all approach won't work. You have to slightly adapt and shapeshift

IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY THING TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE BECAUSE IT'S SO INTENSE

to accommodate their needs.

"What's great about the competition and therefore the show is that the DNA of the French team is incredibly different to the DNA of the Scottish team, for example. So from my point of view, that made it fascinating to understand and convey these wildly different countries to an audience. Then you make a virtue of that by contrasting all these different hues, literally down to the way they play rugby. It's a real gift."

As a veteran producer of a panoply of critically and commercially successful films and TV series, Gay-Rees recognises the significance of *Drive to Survive* as a calling card – a series which itself wouldn't have been made without *Senna*, his documentary about the tragic fate of the titular Brazilian Formula One driver. Each of Box to Box's eclectic projects – from *Amy* to *Diego Maradona*, to the megahit sports series we binge on today – have built upon the success of the last, and the red thread connecting them all is personality. *Drive to Survive*, rooted in access and a fly-on-the-wall perspective, has become a beacon for the media industry, paving the way for *Full Contact*.

And yet the landscape of sports documentaries remains challenging terrain. Gaining access to athletes in the midst of relentless schedules is a perpetual struggle, especially with the condensed nature of a competition like the Guinness Six Nations. Gay-Rees's team has learned to adapt, balancing the need for compelling footage with respecting the sanctity of the team environment.

"The Guinness Six Nations is a very short competition in comparison to Formula One, which is ten months or so long," explains Gay-Rees. "Trying to get access to players during a tournament that runs for only five or six weeks is very difficult: the players are either in camp or they're spending time with their families."

"You're also trying to respect the coaches' wishes that you don't upset the status quo of the team room. The team we have working for us by and large know when to put the camera down, when to make themselves disappear, but at the same time we want to keep pushing for that access."

With *Drive to Survive*, Gay-Rees and his company reshaped the narrative around Formula One, offering viewers a glimpse behind the curtain of a sport often shrouded in glamour. Rugby too is a sport that sometimes suffers from misconceptions. *Full Contact* aims to demystify stereotypes, portraying rugby players as, in the words of Gay-Rees, "people who play rugby": individuals with the same hopes, dreams, and daily anxieties as anyone else.

As for Gay-Rees himself, he likens his role to that of a team principal in Formula One – a position that requires a blend of creativity, problem-solving, and a dash of legal acumen. His passion for rugby shines through as he proudly declares his Welsh heritage, a sentiment that further fuels his desire to present the human side of these superhuman athletes to a global audience.

In exploring the Guinness Six Nations, with all its intrigue and clashes of national passion, *Full Contact* invites audiences, rugby fans or not, to witness the lives of those who play the extraordinary game, laying bare the untold stories of what it takes to give your everything on the field.

"To see what these guys go through to build themselves up for a match, to what they then do on the pitch, and the aftermath, is remarkable and underappreciated," Gay-Rees says. "It's not something we've seen before and it's a bit overdue actually."

"It's an extraordinary thing to do with your life because it's so intense."

BELOW: Gay-Rees at the world premiere of *Six Nations: Full Contact*





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“YOU ALWAYS WANT TO RELATE TO SPORTSPEOPLE, AND THIS IS A GREAT SERIES TO DO THAT”

“It was good to get know a couple of the Netflix crew,” said the 29-year-old back rower. “It was pretty surreal, to be honest. You’re not used to having that many cameras around and following your every move, but I met many good friends and people that I still chat to today. It’s going to be incredible for the game of rugby.”

“When people watch you on TV they immediately get an idea of who they think you are, so the series will give insight into what I’m like off the field, and hopefully they can get to know my character a bit better. You always want to relate to sportsmen and women, and this is a great series to do that.”

For his national teammate Stephen Varney, it was a case of shedding perceptions in a different way. The Gloucester scrum-half, who is originally from rural Wales, qualifies for Italy through a grandparent.

“I had the film crew down in West Wales, where my family are, and seeing the Italian side of my family will be good for Italian fans,” believes Varney. “They might currently see me as a foreigner, but in reality I’ve actually grown up in an Italian culture and family, so hopefully the fans will react well to that.”

England and Harlequins fly-half Marcus Smith hailed his inclusion in the series as “a massive privilege”, and said he feels lucky to be part of it. “The interviews were quite deep,” reveals the 24-year-old. “There were some intriguing and thought-provoking questions asked of me. As rugby players we don’t get the opportunity to speak that way all the time. I enjoyed the experience and hopefully it comes across well.”

Prop Ellis Genge, of Bristol and England, has a fascinating story to tell in the series; one which couldn’t be further removed from the glamour of the premiere that took place in Marble Arch. “The red carpet is new for me, but I can imagine some of the fly-halves have been on a few of them!” he laughed. “I’m excited for the series. I hope this grows the game for years to come and skyrockets it into a new world.”

Could Six Nations: Full Contact even inspire the next Ellis Genge? “Probably. I hope he’s behaving now, wherever he is!”

Six Nations: Full Contact is available to stream worldwide on Netflix from Wednesday 24th January.

BELOW:
The stars in conversation at the world premiere

The Stars of Full Contact

The cast of Six Nations: Full Contact have been reacting to the Netflix series’ release with much excitement.

The show will allow viewers to see the stars of the game in a way they’ve never been portrayed before. For Finn Russell, it was a case of allowing the camera crews into his Parisian apartment, where he and his partner were living as new parents.

“My daughter was eight weeks old at that point, so maybe it’s something that in 15 years’ time she’ll be boasting about, having been on Netflix,” jokes Russell. “It was good fun. I’m pretty chilled with it all, so I wasn’t stressed with them filming me or following me and my family – we’re all pretty relaxed.”

“The more players allow them access, the better show that will make, and that’s what we all want. We want more eyes on rugby

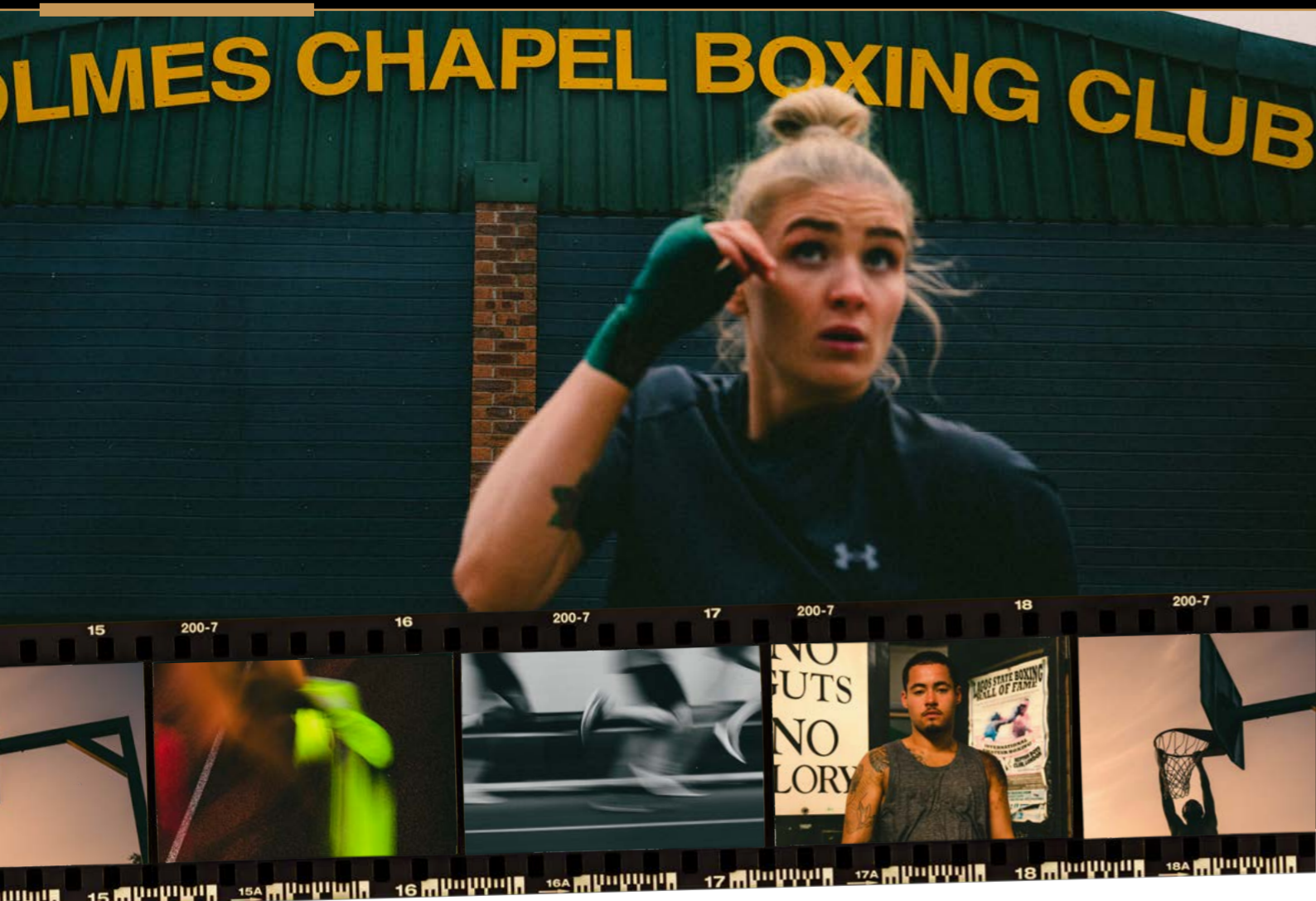
to grow the sport, and the more access they can have, the better it will be.”

Viewers of the show will begin to learn how Finn Russell the rugby player is an extension of Finn Russell the man: witty, laidback, fun-loving and highly watchable.

“It’s good to see the other side of players, not just what you see in the game,” says the Bath superstar. “It’s going to be good for rugby.”

Italy forward Sebastian Negri, whose storyline in the 2023 Championship – on which the series is focused – details his return from a serious injury, described the filming experience as “awesome”.





Reframing the Game: Theo McInnes

The Guinness Men's Six Nations is like no other event in the sporting calendar.

More than just the 80 minutes of rugby, the iconic rugby Championship keeps fans all over the world on the edge of their seats. For many, the start of the Six Nations signals the true start of the year, and has taken on a cultural significance.

Each weekend of the Six Nations, whole countries and cities get caught up in the carnival atmosphere, with families, friends, and fellow fans coming together. Friendly rivalries are reignited for the five rounds of elite sporting theatre.

The Six Nations goes beyond just sport, it is an experience unlike any other. Rugby fans know this, but there is an audience of new fans waiting to be inducted into the unique and compelling world of the Guinness Men's Six Nations.

There is an opportunity to take rugby to a truly global audience, but it will take making the sport relevant to these potential new fans; showcasing the moments that add up to make the Six Nations experience so unique.

To help bring these moments to life, for the 2024

Championship, Six Nations Rugby will work renowned photographer Theo McInnes, whose mission is to reframe rugby, for a new audience.

"Rugby is raw, exciting, colourful and unpredictable. There is the anticipation ahead of a game, which makes way for a full range of emotions, on and off the pitch. You get a sense that players and fans are totally connected on that rollercoaster of emotions as the game goes on. To capture those moments has the potential to tap into the heartbeat of a Six Nations game.

It goes beyond the actual game though, if I can show what the experience is like for fans the day before a game, experience the pre match rituals between friends as they get ready for the match, and distil the energy that is hanging in the air, I truly believe people who have never even heard of rugby will think – "I want some of that"

The famous war photographer Robert Capta said "If your photographs aren't good enough, you're not close enough" – that is the approach I am going to take to this campaign, and can't wait to showcase the best of the Six Nations and the unique experiences each nation's fans create."

Craig: Creating A Legacy

In September 2022, a cherished member of the Six Nations family, Chief Commercial Officer Craig Maxwell, was diagnosed with incurable and inoperable EGFR lung and bone cancer aged just 40.

Those who know Craig – who played a pivotal role at the Welsh Rugby Union prior to joining Six Nations Rugby, and has taken a step back from day-to-day duties to focus on his health, family and astonishing fundraising events – know that he is a man who makes things happen. In the face of the cruel adversity of his diagnosis, he and his family and friends have been determined to channel all their energies into making a difference.

In the spirit of turning adversity into advocacy, the Maxwell Family Genomics Fund was founded. Their mission is to enhance, improve and develop the cancer pathway in Wales to make a lasting difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families in the nation.

Craig's story has touched the hearts of many, rallying support that surpassed all expectations. From the initial goal of £300,000, the generosity and compassion of people from all walks of life have propelled the fundraising to an astounding £1 million.

The latest in Craig's many fundraising endeavours is a 26-day challenge along the stunning Wales Coast Path. 26 days

has been chosen to mirror the QuicDNA project's goal of reducing diagnosis time. 780 miles will be walked representing the 78 days it took Craig to receive his diagnosis from the point of finding his tumour. The rest will be cycled.

A match ball will be carried the entire distance of the challenge, symbolising the collective fight against cancer.

The challenge will culminate on March 10th at the Principality Stadium for the Guinness Men's Six Nations match between Wales and France, where Craig, accompanied by his children Isla and Zach, will carry the match ball onto the pitch.

Visit maxwell.foundation to find out more, including how to get involved with the fundraising efforts.



#1 RANKED STATS AT THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS



ALL-TIME GUINNESS SIX NATIONS RECORDS



KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

MARO ITOJE

- England boasted the best set piece in the 2023 Guinness Six Nations, recording both the highest lineout (92%) and scrum (96%) success rates.
- Maro Itoje was a driving force behind England's incredible lineout – his 16 lineout takes were the most of any English player (6th most overall)
- Itoje's work off the ball was even more impressive, his 150 attacking rucks were the most of any player in the Championship, while only four players hit more defensive rucks (39).



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KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

THOMAS RAMOS

- France scored the most points (174) and tries (21) in the Guinness Six Nations in 2023 – both tallies were Les Bleus' highest ever in a Six Nations campaign.
- Thomas Ramos scored 84 points, the highest ever tally by a French player in the Championship's history and the 2nd most overall (Jonny Wilkinson, 89 in 2001).
- Ramos slotted 85% of his place kicks (28/33) in last year's Six Nations, despite having an expected success rate of 78% based on the difficulty of kicks he faced in the Championship in 2023.



ENGLAND: KICKING KINGS

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

With an average of 40 open play kicks per match, England kicked the ball the most and averaged the most kick metres per game with 1,048.

AVERAGE KICK DISTANCE PER MATCH

1 ENGLAND	1048 m	4 IRELAND	891 m
2 FRANCE	962 m	5 SCOTLAND	882 m
3 WALES	929 m	6 ITALY	764 m

THE TOURNAMENT'S LONGEST OPEN-PLAY KICK WAS:

FREDDIE STEWARD
63.1 m
Longest Open-Play Kick

FRANCE: DISCIPLINE IS KEY

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

TERRITORY CONCEDED FROM PENALTY KICKS TO TOUCH (AVERAGE / MATCH)

1 FRANCE	98 m	4 ITALY	174 m
2 IRELAND	127 m	5 WALES	179 m
3 SCOTLAND	142 m	6 ENGLAND	195 m

THOMAS RAMOS PUNISHED OPPOSITION ILL-DISCIPLINE

84
Points Scored

48.4 m
Longest Goal Kick



#1 RANKED STATS AT THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

696

CARRIES

1,177

METRES IN CONTACT

53

22 ENTRIES

22

BREAKDOWN STEALS

ALL-TIME GUINNESS SIX NATIONS RECORDS

7

TRIPLE CROWNS

13,655

CARRIES

774

TURNOVERS WON

189

LINEOUT STEALS

KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

JOSH VAN DER FLIER

- Ireland made the most carries of any team in the 2023 Guinness Six Nations (696), winning the most attacking rucks (533) and recording the best ruck success rate in the process (97%).
- Josh van der Flier was central to Ireland's work at the breakdown, hitting the most rucks of any Irish player (181), while he also made more tackles than any of his teammates (67).
- Overall, the Ireland flanker made 37 carries, 67 tackles and hit 181 rucks in the Championship in 2023 – his combined total of 285 carries, tackles and rucks was the most of any player from any nation.



#1 RANKED STATS AT THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

3.0s

AVERAGE RUCK SPEED

981

PASSES

33%

DOMINANT CARRY

35%

% PLAY BEYOND 1ST RECEIVER

ALL-TIME GUINNESS SIX NATIONS RECORDS

23

DROP GOALS

69

BERGIO PARISSE
MOST CAPPED PLAYER

3 (JOINT)

DROP GOALS IN A MATCH

100%

123/123 VS. WALES, 2011
RUCK SUCCESS IN A MATCH

KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

DANILO FISCHETTI

- Italy made 55 dominant tackles in the Guinness Six Nations in 2023, no side made more, with 8% of their overall tackles being dominant in – also a Championship-high last year.
- Danilo Fischetti made 10 dominant tackles in the Championship in 2023, the most of any player. His 56 tackles overall were the most of any prop in last year's Six Nations.
- Fischetti made three dominant tackles against both England and Ireland last year, only Ben Curry (4 v Scotland) made more in a match in the Guinness Six Nations in 2023.



IRELAND'S GAMEPLAN

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

HIGH VOLUME AND SHORT PASSES

149.8

Highest Average Number of Passes per Match

6.3m

Lowest Average Pass Distance

AVERAGE PASS DISTANCE

1 SCOTLAND	7.5m	4 FRANCE	6.9m
2 ENGLAND	7.2m	5 WALES	6.8m
3 ITALY	6.9m	6 IRELAND	6.3m

ITALY: THE PASS MASTERS

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

PASS:KICK RATIO

1 ITALY	9.49	4 WALES	4.94
2 SCOTLAND	6.56	5 ENGLAND	4.54
3 IRELAND	5.89	6 FRANCE	3.91

THE TOURNAMENT'S FASTEST PASSER WAS:

STEPHEN VARNEY

39.6 kmh

Fastest Average Pass



SPORTABLE



SPORTABLE



#1 RANKED STATS AT THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

831

TACKLES MADE

92%

TACKLE SUCCESS

97%

MAUL SUCCESS %

14%

% ATTACKS WIDE

ALL-TIME GUINNESS SIX NATIONS RECORDS

24 POINTS

VS. ENGLAND, 2019
BIGGEST HALFTIME COMEBACK

100%

VS. ENGLAND, 2021
TACKLE % IN A MATCH

29

VS. ITALY, 2007
LINEOUTS WON IN A MATCH (INCL. STEALS)

22

VS. FRANCE, 2003
SCRUMS WON IN A MATCH

KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

DUHAN VAN DER MERWE

- Only France (144) beat more defenders than Scotland (141) in the 2023 Guinness Six Nations, with Duhan van der Merwe evading 35 tackles – the most of any player in the Championship last year.
- In fact, the Scotland wing's tally of 35 defenders beaten was the most ever in an edition of the Championship, beating the previous record of 31 which van der Merwe himself set in 2021.
- Van der Merwe beat 11 defenders against England in Scotland's opening game of 2023, including five on the way to scoring his second try of the match.



TOP OF THE TENS: FINN RUSSELL

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

FLY-HALVES IN 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

111

Most Passes

9.1m

Longest Average Pass Distance

36 kph

Fastest Average Pass

9.3

Joint Most Open-Play Kicks per Match



#1 RANKED STATS AT THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

46

OFFLOADS

55

DOMINANT TACKLES

17.5%

% OF CONTESTABLE KICKS RETAINED

57

TURNOVERS CONCEDED

ALL-TIME GUINNESS SIX NATIONS RECORDS

4 (JOINT)

GRAND SLAMS

80%

GOAL-KICKING %

14,694

TACKLES

0

RED CARDS

KEY PLAYER OF THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

NICK TOMPKINS

- Wales made 46 successful offloads in the Guinness Six Nations in 2023, more than any other side, boasting an 85% offload success rate – also a Championship-high last year.
- Nick Tompkins made nine offloads in 2023, the most of any player in the Championship and the most by a Wales player in an edition of the Six Nations since James Hook made 12 in 2010.
- Six of Tompkins' nine offloads came in Round 5, against France, the most by any player in a Six Nations match since Louis Picamoles made six against Italy in 2017.



WALES: AERIAL ATTACK

SPORTABLE DATA FROM THE 2023 GUINNESS SIX NATIONS

RETENTION SUCCESS FROM CONTESTABLE KICKS

1 WALES	17.5%	4 FRANCE	12.1%
2 SCOTLAND	16.1%	5 IRELAND	10.3%
3 ITALY	15.0%	6 ENGLAND	9.7%

Tomos Williams made the second highest number of box kicks with 24, at an **average hangtime of 3.9secs**



The Great Green Hope

In the hallowed halls of Irish and Leinster rugby, rising star Sam Prendergast has captured the attention of fans and pundits alike.

The U20 Six Nations has long been a pivotal stage for emerging talent across all the competing nations, but arguably even more so for Ireland's consistently fruitful pathway. It's been no different for fly-half Prendergast, who took a significant leap when he emerged as the standout player in last year's tournament – one which ultimately saw him named Player of the Championship as Ireland's green sweep led to a consecutive Grand Slam. "The U20s is the pinnacle of age grade rugby in Ireland," is how Prendergast, 20, sees it. "Growing up playing for your province's age grade teams, you're looking forward to maybe getting called into the Ireland U18s, but the goal is to play for

the U20s. You're looking at who your competition is for your position. A lot of focus is put on it, and it turned out to be a very enjoyable experience." Years from now, people will refer back to that Sonny Bill Williams tweet ("Sam Prendergast. Remember that name my friends") from last year's U20 Championship, which brought the strapping fly-half to the attention of rugby fans the world over. That recognition, and with the individual accolade he received at the end of the tournament, are nice things for Prendergast, but they're not what he's about. The way he puts it: "The award was nice to get, but it's obviously easier for me playing at out-half with such a powerful

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THE 20S ALLOWED ME TO GO INTO AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU'RE PREPPING FOR BIG GAMES WEEK IN, WEEK OUT.

pack in front of me, and then the lads outside me were very good. That made it a lot easier, being in a good side." Prendergast's prowess on the U20s stage is a testament to the importance of this level in player development. Young players get to hone their technical abilities, navigate the intensity of international competition, and lay the groundwork for future success. For fans, it provides a glimpse of the future stars of international rugby. "We had challenging moments from the first game," recalls the Kildare native. "Everyone was a bit nervous going into it because it's the unknown – maybe only two or three lads had played in the U20 Six Nations before, the rest of us hadn't. "You don't know what Wales are going to be like, and we didn't have a great first half and we knew it was going to be tough over in Colwyn Bay. We ended up pulling it out in the second half. From then on, we knew what we could do, and what we needed to do. It was our first real challenge and that just continued from there." Covid disrupted the age-grade competitions significantly, meaning Prendergast and his teammates didn't have the familiarity of U18s international rugby to fall back on. After his U20s experiences, he now counts among his closest friends players from across the provinces. It's worth remembering that the U20s is a testing ground not just for players, but for some of the nations' most promising coaches too. He namechecks the Ireland U20s duo of head coach Richie Murphy and attack coach Mark Sexton as being crucial to his and the team's success. "Mark had also had a massive influence on me the year before when I played in the U20 Six Nations Summer Series," says Prendergast of Sexton, who's now on the coaching team at Connacht. "He's been so good for me, works so hard and never leaves a stone unturned and does everything with you. He's been so influential with his knowledge of the game and what he's taught me." All this meant that, after Ireland had positively

stormed their way to the U20 Six Nations title, Prendergast was more prepared for the demands of life as a Leinster player. "I had no experience of playing with Leinster beforehand, but I'd trained with them a good bit before the 20s," he explains. "The 20s allowed me to go into an environment where you're prepping for big games week in and week out, where the coaching was brilliant." Unsurprisingly, he has thrived being amongst the elite athletes at Leinster. So much so, in fact, that he was recognised with a call-up to Andy Farrell's squad for this year's Guinness Men's Six Nations as a 'training panellist'. "Just being involved in that squad," he says, trailing off for a moment. "It's such a good team with such good coaches. I've trained with a lot of the lads with Leinster, but it's unbelievable just to be involved with that squad. It's very exciting." He won't be forgetting about his mates in the age grade though. Asked for a player to look out for in this year's U20 Six Nations, he names one of the stars of the 2023 campaign, Connacht centre Hugh Gavin: "He'd kill me if I didn't say to keep an eye on him! I roomed with him for the whole of last year and he's a very good player." You get the feeling that, for Prendergast and that special U20 Class of 2023, the sky is the limit.



BELOW: URC Player of the Match against the Lions in 2023



ROUND 1
ROUND 2
ROUND 3
ROUND 4
ROUND 5

WALES	02/02	18:45	SCOTLAND
ITALY	02/02	19:15	ENGLAND
FRANCE	03/02	20:10	IRELAND
ENGLAND	09/02	19:15	WALES
IRELAND	09/02	19:15	ITALY
SCOTLAND	09/02	20:00	FRANCE
IRELAND	23/02	19:15	WALES
SCOTLAND	23/02	19:15	ENGLAND
FRANCE	23/02	20:00	ITALY
WALES	07/03	19:45	FRANCE
ITALY	08/03	19:15	SCOTLAND
ENGLAND	08/03	19:15	IRELAND
IRELAND	15/03	19:00	SCOTLAND
WALES	15/03	19:30	ITALY
FRANCE	15/03	20:00	ENGLAND

ROUND 1
ROUND 2
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ROUND 5

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