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MATCH PREVIEW
IRELAND VS WALES
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IRELAND VS WALES

IRELAND

- **Passing** – Ireland have made by far the most passes (408) and pass distance (2410m) in this year's Championship.
- **Passing** – Ireland have the joint lowest average pass distance – 6.0m – and the lowest for Rnd 2 only – 5.6m.
- **Passing** – Ireland have the highest pass kick ratio after Rnds 1 and 2. 7.8 passes to every 1 kick. Italy are second with 5.8.
- **Passing** – Ireland make the most passes per possession and have the most possessions in which they string together 10 or more passes.

	Passes per possession	10+ Pass Sequences
Ireland	6.2	12
England	4.76	8
Wales	6.15	9
Italy	4.96	5
France	5.26	7
Scotland	5.93	10

- **Lineout** - Ireland have won all of their lineouts in the Championship so far, the only team with 100% lineout success rate in either round.

JAMES LOWE

- 4th most kicks (20) in this year's Championship. All above him are 9s or 10s.
- 3rd most kick metres - 707m. Finn Russell and Ben White are 1st and 2nd.
- 3rd highest territory gain from these kicks – 580m.
- 5 kicks over 50m. Only Finn Russell has more with 6.
- Longest in-play kick of the tournament so far - 56.5 metres
- 3rd highest average kick distance – 41.6m. Only Kyle Rowe and Harry Paterson average more but neither has kicked the ball more than 5 times. Lowe's has 20.

JAMISON GIBSON PARK

- In Rnd 1 - the influential 9 made a round high 621 passing metres and 242 kick metres.
- Across Rnds 1 and 2, and across all scrum halves, JGP has the:-
- 2nd highest average pass distance (7.8m - injured Alex Mitchell is 1st)
- 2nd fastest av. pass speed (Gareth Davies – not in Wales' matchday squad – is 1st)
- 2nd highest av. box kick hangtime – 4.1 secs.

WALES

- **Passing** – Wales have made the second most passes (331), second highest total pass distance (2087m) and second most passes per possession (6.15) in this year's Championship. Ireland sit top in all of those categories.
- **Kicking** – Wales have made the second highest number of kicks in-play – 63. Scotland have made the most with 77.
- **Kicking** – Wales have the second shortest average kick distance (27.9m) indicating their high volume of contestable kicks.
- **Territory Conceded** - Wales have conceded fewer metres from penalty kicks to touch than any other team. In Round 1, they conceded 72; in Round 2, they conceded 70.
- **Tomos Williams** - has made the most passes (123) and made the most passing metres (922) of all players in the Championship so far.

PASSES

Total Pass Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	142	96	119	238
France	113	108	110.5	221
Ireland	165	243	204	408
Italy	133	95	114	228
Scotland	135	138	136.5	273
Wales	188	143	165.5	331

Total Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	917	630	774	1,547
France	659	642	651	1,301
Ireland	1,055	1,355	1,205	2,410
Italy	865	583	724	1,448
Scotland	824	850	837	1,674
Wales	1,191	896	1,044	2,087

Average Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.
England	6.5	6.6	6.5
France	5.8	5.9	5.9
Ireland	6.4	5.6	5.9
Italy	6.5	6.1	6.4
Scotland	6.1	6.2	6.1
Wales	6.3	6.3	6.3

Pass/Kick Count Ratio

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.
England	4.9	3.6	4.3
France	6.6	3.0	4.2
Ireland	5.3	11.6	7.8
Italy	7.0	4.8	5.8
Scotland	3.8	3.6	3.7
Wales	5.9	4.9	5.4

Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.
England	31.8	31.8	31.8
France	30.9	31.0	31.0
Ireland	33.8	30.7	32.2
Italy	32.4	30.7	31.7
Scotland	33.0	33.1	33.1
Wales	32.7	33.5	33.0

KICKS IN-PLAY

Kicks In-Play Breakdown

Team	50-22	Box	Chip	Clearance	Crossfield	Grubber	Up and Under	Total
England	1	24	8	14	2	3	6	58
France		18	4	25		5	5	57
Ireland		14	7	26	1	6	4	58
Italy		14	3	15	4	2	3	41
Scotland	1	21	3	42	4	3	3	77
Wales		13	12	20	6	3	9	63

Total Kicks In-Play Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	30	28	29	58
France	19	38	28.5	57
Ireland	33	25	29	58
Italy	20	21	20.5	41
Scotland	37	40	38.5	77
Wales	34	29	31.5	63

Total Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	741	697	719	1,438
France	531	1027	779	1,557
Ireland	952	660	806	1,613
Italy	582	502	542	1,084
Scotland	1076	1312	1194	2,388
Wales	809	723	766	1,533

KICKS IN-PLAY

Average Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.
England	27.5	29.0	28.2
France	37.9	34.2	35.4
Ireland	30.7	30.0	30.4
Italy	30.6	25.1	27.8
Scotland	34.7	37.5	36.2
Wales	27.9	27.8	27.9

Total Territory Gain (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	665	598	631	1,263
France	470	955	713	1,426
Ireland	734	617	675	1,351
Italy	454	424	439	878
Scotland	960	1,160	1,060	2,121
Wales	761	581	671	1,342

Average Territory Gain per Kick (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.
England	24.6	24.9	24.8
France	33.6	31.8	32.4
Ireland	23.7	28.1	25.5
Italy	23.9	21.2	22.5
Scotland	31.0	33.2	32.1
Wales	26.2	22.4	24.4

PENALTY KICKS TO TOUCH

Total Penalty Kicks to Touch Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	5	3	4	8
France	8	3	5.5	11
Ireland	6	9	7.5	15
Italy	6	10	8	16
Scotland	2	3	2.5	5
Wales	13	6	9.5	19

Total Territory Gain from Penalty Kicks to Touch (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg.	Total
England	103	70	87	173
France	112	88	100	200
Ireland	121	175	148	296
Italy	167	186	177	354
Scotland	72	28	50	99
Wales	258	138	198	395

Total Territory Conceded from Penalty Kicks To Touch (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Avg. per Match	Total
England	167	138	153	305
France	121	28	74	148
Ireland	112	186	149	298
Italy	103	175	139	278
Scotland	258	88	173	345
Wales	72	70	71	142

LINEOUTS

Lineout Throwing

Team	Total	Front	Middle	Back	Long
England	24	12 (50%)	11 (46%)	1 (4%)	
France	28	18 (64%)	7 (25%)	3 (11%)	
Ireland	26	13 (50%)	10 (38%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)
Italy	28	17 (61%)	6 (21%)	1 (4%)	4 (14%)
Scotland	20	7 (35%)	7 (35%)	3 (15%)	3 (15%)
Wales	36	21 (58%)	12 (33%)		3 (8%)

Lineout Success by Round

Team	Round 1	Round 2
England	11/12 (92%)	11/12 (92%)
France	14/18 (78%)	7/10 (70%)
Ireland	13/13 (100%)	13/13 (100%)
Italy	10/15 (67%)	8/13 (62%)
Scotland	4/6 (67%)	12/14 (86%)
Wales	14/20 (70%)	14/16 (88%)

Lineout Distance vs. Success

Team	Front Success / Count (%)	Middle Success / Count (%)	Back Success / Count (%)	Long Success / Count (%)	Success / Total (%)
England	12/12 (100%)	9/11 (82%)	1/1 (100%)		22/24 (92%)
France	15/18 (83%)	3/7 (43%)	3/3 (100%)		21/28 (75%)
Ireland	13/13 (100%)	10/10 (100%)	2/2 (100%)	1/1 (100%)	26/26 (100%)
Italy	13/17 (76%)	3/6 (50%)	0/1 (0%)	2/4 (50%)	18/28 (64%)
Scotland	7/7 (100%)	6/7 (86%)	1/3 (33%)	2/3 (67%)	16/20 (80%)
Wales	19/21 (90%)	8/12 (67%)		1/3 (33%)	28/36 (78%)

Lineout Throw Averages

Team	Avg. Distance (m)	Avg. Speed (km/h)	Avg. Spin Rate (rpm)	Avg. of Efficiency (%)
England	7.7	28.3	326	96
France	7.7	31.7	307	92
Ireland	8.6	32.1	334	97
Italy	8.4	29.7	323	94
Scotland	10.3	29.3	335	95
Wales	8.1	32.1	302	95

PASSES

Total Pass Distance (m)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Total
Tomos Williams	Wales	922
Ben White	Scotland	860
Alex Mitchell	England	753
Craig Casey	Ireland	708
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	691
Maxime Lucu	France	487
Stephen Varney	Italy	465
Nolann Le Garrec	France	312
Gareth Davies	Wales	283

Average Pass Distance (m)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Alex Mitchell	England	8.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	7.8
Stephen Varney	Italy	7.6
Danny Care	England	7.6
Craig Casey	Ireland	7.6
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	7.5
George Horne	Scotland	7.5
Tomos Williams	Wales	7.5
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	7.4

Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Gareth Davies	Wales	39.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	38.4
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	38.3
Danny Care	England	37.4
Ben White	Scotland	37.1
George Horne	Scotland	36.7
Stephen Varney	Italy	36.6
Alex Mitchell	England	36.0
Tomos Williams	Wales	35.8

Average Pass Spiral Efficiency (%)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Nolann Le Garrec	France	95.0
Ben White	Scotland	93.3
George Horne	Scotland	93.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	92.5
Conor Murray	Ireland	92.0
Danny Care	England	92.0
Tomos Williams	Wales	91.1
Gareth Davies	Wales	90.4
Maxime Lucu	France	90.3

Total Pass Count

Player	Team	Total
Tomos Williams	Wales	123
Ben White	Scotland	117
Alex Mitchell	England	94
Craig Casey	Ireland	93
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	89
Maxime Lucu	France	74
Jack Crowley	Ireland	65
Stephen Varney	Italy	61
George Ford	England	50

PASSES

Total Pass Distance (m)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Total
Jack Crowley	Ireland	319
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	297
George Ford	England	294
Finn Russell	Scotland	284
Matthieu Jalibert	France	174
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	137
Harry Byrne	Ireland	78
Tommaso Allan	Italy	76
Sam Costelow	Wales	32

Average Pass Distance (m)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Tommaso Allan	Italy	7.6
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	6.9
George Ford	England	5.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	5.8
Matthieu Jalibert	France	5.3
Jack Crowley	Ireland	4.9
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	4.7
Harry Byrne	Ireland	4.6
Sam Costelow	Wales	4.0

Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Tommaso Allan	Italy	32.0
Matthieu Jalibert	France	31.7
Finn Russell	Scotland	31.2
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	31.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	30.9
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	29.7
George Ford	England	28.0
Harry Byrne	Ireland	27.1
Sam Costelow	Wales	25.8

Top 10 Longest Passes (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Nick Tompkins	Wales	25.9
George Ford	England	25.5
Harry Paterson	Scotland	24.3
Robbie Henshaw	Ireland	23.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	23.8
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	23.5
Huw Jones	Scotland	23.0
Tommaso Allan	Italy	22.1
George Ford	England	21.7

KICKS IN-PLAY

Total Kicks In-Play Count

Player	Team	Count
Finn Russell	Scotland	40
Ben White	Scotland	28
Alex Mitchell	England	22
James Lowe	Ireland	20
Thomas Ramos	France	19
Tomos Williams	Wales	19
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	16
Maxime Lucu	France	14
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	13

Total Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Total
Finn Russell	Scotland	1,321
Ben White	Scotland	784
James Lowe	Ireland	707
Thomas Ramos	France	616
Tomos Williams	Wales	487
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	460
Alex Mitchell	England	459
George Ford	England	346
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	344

Top 10 Longest Kicks (m)

Player	Team	Distance
James Lowe	Ireland	56.5
Finn Russell	Scotland	54.9
Maxime Lucu	France	54.1
Freddie Steward	England	53.1
Harry Paterson	Scotland	53.0
James Lowe	Ireland	53.0
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.8
James Lowe	Ireland	52.8
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	52.6

Average Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	48.2
Harry Paterson	Scotland	46.4
James Lowe	Ireland	41.6
Freddie Steward	England	41.4
Thomas Ramos	France	41.1
Finn Russell	Scotland	37.7
Damian Penaud	France	35.8
Maxime Lucu	France	33.2
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	32.9

Average Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	47.5
Harry Paterson	Scotland	46.0
Thomas Ramos	France	38.1
Freddie Steward	England	38.0
Cameron Winnett	Wales	36.6
Damian Penaud	France	35.8
James Lowe	Ireland	34.6
Finn Russell	Scotland	31.6
Matthieu Jalibert	France	30.8

Top 10 Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Finn Russell	Scotland	54.7
James Lowe	Ireland	54.1
Maxime Lucu	France	53.4
Harry Paterson	Scotland	52.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.8
James Lowe	Ireland	52.6
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	52.4
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.1
Matthieu Jalibert	France	51.5

KICKS IN-PLAY

Total Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Total
Finn Russell	Scotland	1,106
Ben White	Scotland	734
James Lowe	Ireland	589
Thomas Ramos	France	571
Alex Mitchell	England	439
Tomos Williams	Wales	421
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	346
Maxime Lucu	France	293
George Ford	England	261

Average Box Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
Maxime Lucu	France	4.2
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.1
Alex Mitchell	England	4.0
Tomos Williams	Wales	3.9
Gareth Davies	Wales	3.9
Ben White	Scotland	3.8
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	3.7
Danny Care	England	3.6
Stephen Varney	Italy	3.6

Average Restart Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
George Ford	England	37.8
Sam Costelow	Wales	34.8
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	34.5
Jack Crowley	Ireland	34.5
Matthieu Jalibert	France	34.3
Finn Russell	Scotland	34.3
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	32.5

Average Restart Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
George Ford	England	3.9
Jack Crowley	Ireland	3.9
Sam Costelow	Wales	3.8
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.7
Finn Russell	Scotland	3.6
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	3.6
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	3.5

Top 10 Box Kick Hangtimes (s)

Player	Team	Hangtime
Stephen Varney	Italy	4.6
Maxime Lucu	France	4.5
Maxime Lucu	France	4.5
Maxime Lucu	France	4.5
Alex Mitchell	England	4.4
Alex Mitchell	England	4.4
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.4
Tomos Williams	Wales	4.4
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.4

Top 10 Longest Goal Kicks (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Thomas Ramos	France	42.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	39.3
Thomas Ramos	France	39.3
Harry Byrne	Ireland	39.1
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	39.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	38.9
George Ford	England	37.6
Thomas Ramos	France	37.5
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	35.2

LINEOUTS

Average Lineout Throw Speed (km/h)

Player	Team	Avg.
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	34.9
Ryan Elias	Wales	33.9
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	32.6
Péato Mauvaka	France	32.3
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	32.0
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	30.6
Elliot Dee	Wales	30.6
Julien Marchand	France	29.9
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	28.6

Average Lineout Throw Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	15.4
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	9.0
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	9.0
Ryan Elias	Wales	8.7
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	8.5
George Turner	Scotland	8.1
Julien Marchand	France	7.9
Jamie George	England	7.8
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	7.6

Average Lineout Throw Spin Rate (rpm)

Player	Team	Avg.
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	365
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	364
Theo Dan	England	354
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	340
Ryan Elias	Wales	336
Jamie George	England	322
George Turner	Scotland	318
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	308
Julien Marchand	France	307

Average Lineout Throw Spiral Efficiency (%)

Player	Team	Avg.
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	97.2
Ryan Elias	Wales	95.8
Jamie George	England	95.6
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	95.3
Theo Dan	England	95.3
George Turner	Scotland	94.9
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	94.5
Elliot Dee	Wales	94.1
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	93.8

SCRUM HALVES

Player Comparison

Team Logo	Name	Kicks In-Play Count	Box Kick Count	Box Kicks Constested	Box Kicks Retained	Box Kicks Avg. Distance (m)	Box Kicks Avg. Hangtime (s)	Avg. Pass Distance (m)	Avg. Pass Speed (km/h)
	Alessandro Garbisi	5	5			17.0	3.7	7.4	38.3
	Alex Mitchell	22	18	2	2	26.8	4.0	8.0	36.0
	Ben White	28	21	2	2	29.7	3.8	7.4	37.1
	Conor Murray	1						6.9	33.5
	Craig Casey	8	6	1	1	22.8	3.2	7.6	34.8
	Danny Care	7	6	3	3	29.3	3.6	7.6	37.4
	Gareth Davies	6	4	1	1	21.2	3.9	7.3	39.0
	George Horne							7.5	36.7
	Jamison Gibson-Park	9	8			28.2	4.1	7.8	38.4
	Kieran Hardy							6.7	33.0
	Martin Page-Relo	1	1	1	1	20.9	4.2	7.5	33.4
	Maxime Lucu	14	13	1	1	30.9	4.2	6.6	32.8
	Nolann Le Garrec	7	5	1	1	28.6	3.6	7.1	33.2
	Stephen Varney	8	7			26.0	3.6	7.6	36.6
	Tomos Williams	19	9	1	1	28.6	3.9	7.5	35.8

FLY HALVES

Player Comparison

Team Logo	Name	Kicks In-Play Count	Kicks Consteded	Kicks Retained	Avg. Kick Distance (m)	Avg. Pass Distance (m)	Avg. Pass Speed (km/h)
	.. Fin Smith					5.6	28.9
	.. Finn Russell	40	4	4	37.7	5.8	31.2
	.. George Ford	12	1	1	31.5	5.9	28.0
	.. Harry Byrne	1			19.9	4.6	27.1
	.. Ioan Lloyd	14	2	2	31.3	4.7	29.7
	.. Jack Crowley	12	1	1	27.3	4.9	30.9
	.. Matthieu Jalibert	10	1	1	32.2	5.3	31.7
	.. Paolo Garbisi	16	2	2	32.9	6.9	31.0
	.. Sam Costelow	6	1	1	31.9	4.0	25.8
	.. Tommaso Allan	1			49.4	7.6	32.0



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