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***MATCH PREVIEW***  
***SCOTLAND VS FRANCE***  
SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



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## SCOTLAND VS FRANCE

### SCOTLAND

- **Duhan van der Merwe Try** - 46.5m - The distance van der Merwe was from the try-line when he received the ball from Finn Russell. He was 57m from the try-line when he received the ball for his famous try against England last year.
- **Discipline** - Scotland conceded a total of 258 metres from penalty kicks to touch against Wales – that's more than two and a half pitches worth of 'free territory'.
- **Lineout** - Scotland had the longest average lineout throw distance in Round 1 (11.1 metres), 2.4 metres more than any other team. However, they had the fewest lineouts (six) and the joint-lowest throw success rate (67%).
- **Finn Russell** - Influential Captain Russell kicked the most times for the most kick distance in Rnd 1 – 17 kicks for 637 metres. The Scottish halves' kicking game was very evident with Ben White making the second most kicks across the weekend with 12 (joint with James Lowe).
- **Passing** – Scotland's Total pass distance was significantly less than their 2023 Championship average – 764m v Wales versus 1064m per match last year.
- **Ben White** - 13.2m - White's pass distance to Sione Tuipulotu that cut out 6 Wales defenders, allowing Finn Russell the space to break and feed Duhan van der Merwe for his 1st try.

### FRANCE

- **Thomas Ramos** - 42.0m – Ramos' goal kick distance for the longest goal kick of Rnd 1.
- **Maxime Lucu** – Lucu had the highest individual box kick hangtime at 4.5secs along with the highest average, 4.3secs.
- **Kicking** – France made the fewest kicks (22) for the fewest kick metres (704m) of all teams in Rnd 1.
- **French frailty?** – Dan Sheehan's try was the result of France failing to deal with Jack Crowley's 4.5 sec up and under. Ireland regained possession from the dropped catch and Sheehan scored from the subsequent possession. In the France v South Africa RWC QF, Damian de Allende's and Kurt-Lee Arendse's tries both came from France failing to deal with high balls.
- **Scrum Half** - Maxime Lucu made three kicks v Ireland with an average distance of 32.7 metres. As a reference point, Antoine Dupont averaged 7.6 kicks per match at an average distance of 37.5 metres in last year's Championship.
- **Passing** – France had the lowest Total Pass Distance in Rnd 1 (638m) and the lowest average pass distance (6.0m).

## PASSES

### Total Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	863	<b>863</b>
France	638	<b>638</b>
Ireland	1,014	<b>1,014</b>
Italy	801	<b>801</b>
Scotland	764	<b>764</b>
Wales	1,155	<b>1,155</b>

### Average Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	6.7	<b>6.7</b>
France	6.0	<b>6.0</b>
Ireland	6.6	<b>6.6</b>
Italy	6.7	<b>6.7</b>
Scotland	6.5	<b>6.5</b>
Wales	6.5	<b>6.5</b>

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	31.8	<b>31.8</b>
France	30.9	<b>30.9</b>
Ireland	33.8	<b>33.8</b>
Italy	32.4	<b>32.4</b>
Scotland	33.0	<b>33.0</b>
Wales	32.7	<b>32.7</b>

## KICKS

### Total Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	869	869
France	704	704
Ireland	1090	1090
Italy	759	759
Scotland	1160	1160
Wales	1159	1159

### Average Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	28.0	28.0
France	32.0	32.0
Ireland	31.1	31.1
Italy	31.6	31.6
Scotland	36.3	36.3
Wales	28.3	28.3

### Total Territory Gain (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	751	751
France	582	582
Ireland	807	807
Italy	618	618
Scotland	1,031	1,031
Wales	1,009	1,009

### Average Territory Gain per Kick (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg.
England	24.2	24.2
France	26.5	26.5
Ireland	23.0	23.0
Italy	25.8	25.8
Scotland	32.2	32.2
Wales	24.6	24.6

## KICKS

### Total Territory Conceded from Penalty Kicks To Touch (m)

Team	Round 1	Avg. per Match
England	167	167
France	121	121
Ireland	112	112
Italy	103	103
Scotland	258	258
Wales	72	72

## LINEOUTS

### Lineout Throwing

Team	Total	Front	Middle	Back	Long
England	12	8 (67%)	3 (25%)		
France	18	12 (67%)	4 (22%)	1 (6%)	
Ireland	13	6 (46%)	5 (38%)		1 (8%)
Italy	15	8 (53%)	5 (33%)		2 (13%)
Scotland	6	1 (17%)	2 (33%)	2 (33%)	1 (17%)
Wales	20	11 (55%)	7 (35%)		2 (10%)

### Lineout Success by Round

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

### Lineout Distance vs.

Team	Front Success / Count (%)	Middle Success / Count (%)	Back Success / Count (%)	Long Success / Count (%)	Success / Total (%)
Italy	6/8 (75%)	3/5 (60%)		1/2 (50%)	10/15 (67%)
Ireland	6/6 (100%)	5/5 (100%)		1/1 (100%)	13/13 (100%)
Scotland	1/1 (100%)	1/2 (50%)	1/2 (50%)	1/1 (100%)	4/6 (67%)
Wales	9/11 (82%)	5/7 (71%)		0/2 (0%)	14/20 (70%)
England	8/8 (100%)	2/3 (67%)			11/12 (92%)
France	10/12 (83%)	2/4 (50%)	1/1 (100%)		14/18 (78%)

### Lineout Throw Averages

Team	Avg. Distance (m)	Avg. Speed (km/h)	Avg. Spin Rate (rpm)	Avg. of Efficiency (%)
England	6.6	27.1	334	95
France	7.4	32.0	313	92
Ireland	8.7	32.2	336	96
Italy	8.7	29.6	316	92
Scotland	11.1	29.4	339	97
Wales	8.6	33.6	307	95

## PASSES

### Total Pass Distance (m)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Total
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	621
Alex Mitchell	England	466
Tomos Williams	Wales	417
Ben White	Scotland	335
Gareth Davies	Wales	266
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	227
Maxime Lucu	France	223
Stephen Varney	Italy	198
George Horne	Scotland	171
Nolann Le Garrec	France	141

### Average Pass Distance (m)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Alex Mitchell	England	8.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	8.0
George Horne	Scotland	7.8
Tomos Williams	Wales	7.7
Ben White	Scotland	7.6
Danny Care	England	7.5
Gareth Davies	Wales	7.4
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	7.1
Stephen Varney	Italy	7.1
Nolann Le Garrec	France	7.0
Conor Murray	Ireland	6.9
Maxime Lucu	France	6.2

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Gareth Davies	Wales	39.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	38.7
Ben White	Scotland	38.3
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	38.3
George Horne	Scotland	36.7
Stephen Varney	Italy	36.5
Danny Care	England	36.3
Alex Mitchell	England	35.4
Tomos Williams	Wales	35.3
Conor Murray	Ireland	33.5
Maxime Lucu	France	33.0
Nolann Le Garrec	France	32.4

## PASSES

### Average Pass Distance (m)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Tommaso Allan	Italy	8.1
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	7.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	6.1
Matthieu Jalibert	France	6.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	5.6
George Ford	England	5.3
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	4.4
Sam Costelow	Wales	4.4

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Jack Crowley	Ireland	33.1
Matthieu Jalibert	France	32.9
Tommaso Allan	Italy	32.0
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	32.0
Finn Russell	Scotland	30.8
George Ford	England	28.1
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	26.8
Sam Costelow	Wales	25.8

### Top 10 Longest Passes (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Nick Tompkins	Wales	25.9
George Ford	England	25.5
Robbie Henshaw	Ireland	23.9
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	23.5
Tommaso Allan	Italy	22.1
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	21.3
Gaël Fickou	France	20.2
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	20.0
Hugo Keenan	Ireland	19.3
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	18.3

## KICKS

### Average Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	46.0
Thomas Ramos	France	45.8
James Lowe	Ireland	43.2
Finn Russell	Scotland	37.5
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	37.3
Henry Slade	England	35.0
Nolann Le Garrec	France	33.3
Maxime Lucu	France	32.6
Sam Costelow	Wales	31.9
Ben White	Scotland	31.3

### Top 10 Longest Kicks (m)

Player	Team	Distance
James Lowe	Ireland	56.5
James Lowe	Ireland	53.0
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.8
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.2
Finn Russell	Scotland	51.8
Thomas Ramos	France	51.6
James Lowe	Ireland	51.4
James Lowe	Ireland	50.5
Thomas Ramos	France	50.2
Thomas Ramos	France	50.2

### Average Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	45.1
Thomas Ramos	France	44.0
Cameron Winnett	Wales	36.6
James Lowe	Ireland	33.2
Finn Russell	Scotland	32.6
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	30.0
Henry Slade	England	29.4
Ben White	Scotland	28.7
Matthieu Jalibert	France	27.3
Maxime Lucu	France	26.4

### Top 10 Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Distance
James Lowe	Ireland	54.1
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.8
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.1
Thomas Ramos	France	50.3
Thomas Ramos	France	50.2
James Lowe	Ireland	50.0
Finn Russell	Scotland	49.6
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	49.2
James Lowe	Ireland	49.1
James Lowe	Ireland	48.4

## KICKS

### Average Restart Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
George Ford	England	38.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	35.0
Sam Costelow	Wales	34.8
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	34.6
Jack Crowley	Ireland	33.6
Matthieu Jalibert	France	33.0

### Average Restart Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
George Ford	England	3.9
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.7
Jack Crowley	Ireland	4.0
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	3.6
Finn Russell	Scotland	3.6
Sam Costelow	Wales	3.8

### Top 10 Restart Kick Hangtimes (s)

Player	Team	Hangtime
Sam Costelow	Wales	
Sam Costelow	Wales	
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	2.7
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	2.8
Finn Russell	Scotland	2.9
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.4
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.5
Finn Russell	Scotland	3.7
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.7
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	3.7

### Average Box Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
Maxime Lucu	France	4.3
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.1
Ben White	Scotland	4.0
Tomos Williams	Wales	4.0
Alex Mitchell	England	4.0
Gareth Davies	Wales	3.9
Nolann Le Garrec	France	3.9
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	3.7
Danny Care	England	3.5

### Top 10 Box Kick Hangtimes (s)

Player	Team	Hangtime
Maxime Lucu	France	4.5
Alex Mitchell	England	4.4
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.4
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.4
Maxime Lucu	France	4.4
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.3
Alex Mitchell	England	4.3
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.3
Alex Mitchell	England	4.2
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	4.2

### Top 10 Longest Goal Kicks (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Thomas Ramos	France	42.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	39.3
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	39.0
Jack Crowley	Ireland	38.9
George Ford	England	37.6
Thomas Ramos	France	37.5
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	35.3
Jack Crowley	Ireland	33.9
George Ford	England	32.7
Finn Russell	Scotland	31.3

## LINEOUTS

### Average Lineout Throw Speed (km/h)

Player	Team	Avg.
Ryan Elias	Wales	35.1
Péato Mauvaka	France	33.1
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	32.8
Elliot Dee	Wales	31.8
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	31.7
Theo Dan	England	31.1
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	28.8
Julien Marchand	France	28.3
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	27.8
George Turner	Scotland	26.9

### Average Lineout Throw Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	10.9
Ryan Elias	Wales	9.4
George Turner	Scotland	9.2
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	9.2
Péato Mauvaka	France	7.6
Elliot Dee	Wales	7.6
Theo Dan	England	7.6
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	6.9
Julien Marchand	France	6.6
Jamie George	England	6.4

### Average Lineout Throw Spin Rate (rpm)

Player	Team	Avg.
Theo Dan	England	399
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	363
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	350
Ryan Elias	Wales	337
George Turner	Scotland	324
Jamie George	England	320
Péato Mauvaka	France	315
Julien Marchand	France	305
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	275
Elliot Dee	Wales	270
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	267

### Average Lineout Throw Spiral Efficiency (%)

Player	Team	Avg.
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	97.0
George Turner	Scotland	96.5
Ryan Elias	Wales	95.9
Jamie George	England	95.6
Theo Dan	England	95.0
Gianmarco Lucch...	Italy	94.9
Elliot Dee	Wales	93.6
Julien Marchand	France	92.8
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	92.5
Péato Mauvaka	France	92.1
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	90.4

## SCRUM HALVES

### Player Comparison

Team Logo	Name	Box Kick Count	Box Kicks Constested	Box Kicks Retained	Box Kicks Avg. Distance (m)	Box Kicks Avg. Hangtime (s)	Avg. Kick Territory Gain (m)	Avg. Pass Distance (m)	Avg. Pass Speed (km/h)
	Alessandro Garbisi	5			17.0	3.7	14.5	7.1	38.3
	Alex Mitchell	10	2	2	26.0	4.0	23.3	8.0	35.4
	Ben White	6			28.8	4.0	28.7	7.6	38.3
	Conor Murray						0.3	6.9	33.5
	Danny Care	4	2	2	28.7	3.5	25.8	7.5	36.3
	Gareth Davies	4	1	1	21.2	3.9	17.8	7.4	39.0
	George Horne							7.8	36.7
	Jamison Gibson-Park	8			28.2	4.1	20.7	8.0	38.7
	Maxime Lucu	3	1	1	32.6	4.3	26.4	6.2	33.0
	Nolann Le Garrec	2	1	1	27.8	3.9	24.2	7.0	32.4
	Stephen Varney	1			33.6	3.7	28.2	7.1	36.5
	Tomos Williams	2			23.8	4.0	23.7	7.7	35.3

## FLY HALVES

### Player Comparison

Team Logo	Name	Kick Count	Kicks Consteded	Kicks Retained	Avg. Kick Distance (m)	Avg. Kick Territory Gain (m)	Avg. Pass Distance (m)	Avg. Pass Speed (km/h)
	Fin Smith						5.6	28.9
	Finn Russell	17	2	2	37.5	32.6	6.1	30.8
	George Ford	5			24.9	21.7	5.3	28.1
	Ioan Lloyd	2			30.5	30.0	4.4	26.8
	Jack Crowley	7	1	1	27.4	17.9	5.6	33.1
	Matthieu Jalibert	2			29.0	27.3	6.0	32.9
	Paolo Garbisi	10	2	2	37.3	25.8	7.9	32.0
	Sam Costelow	6	1	1	31.9	25.1	4.4	25.8
	Tommaso Allan	1			49.4	48.1	8.1	32.0



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