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***MATCH PREVIEW***  
***FRANCE VS ENGLAND***

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## FRANCE VS ENGLAND

### FRANCE

- Nolann le Garrec's extraordinary reverse pass against Wales was an incredible 26.6 metres (the longest pass of the Championship at the time), 42kph, rotated at 576rpm with a 96% spiral efficiency.
- France have averaged the highest in-play kick distance in the Six Nations so far (34.8metres).
- France have conceded an average of 99 metres of territory gain per match – less than any other team.
- France's average kicking distance in matches they've won is 900 metres; in matches they've not, 528.

### ENGLAND

- England's pass-to-kick ratio against Ireland was 7.6 compared to an average of 4.2 in the rest of the Six Nations.
- They made 182 more passing metres than their average in Rounds 1 to 3, a total of 968.
- England kicked significantly less v Ireland versus previous matches. They had 21 in-play kicks in Rnd 4 versus a Rnd 1-3 average of 30.
- Marcus Smith kicked his match-winning drop goal with 0.5 seconds of reload time. From 13 metres out, the ball travelled just 45 centimetres from the centre of the posts.
- Alex Mitchell has the longest average pass distance of any Six Nations scrum half (8.1 metres).
- A greater percentage of England's passes have been longer than ten metres than any other team (16.0%).

## PASSES

### Total Pass Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	142	96	136	159	133.25	533
France	113	108	185	166	143	572
Ireland	165	243	252	114	193.5	774
Italy	133	95	168	125	130.25	521
Scotland	135	138	89	244	151.5	606
Wales	188	143	136	157	156	624

### Total Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	917	630	811	968	831	3,326
France	659	642	1,153	1,038	873	3,492
Ireland	1,055	1,355	1,457	665	1,133	4,532
Italy	865	583	965	715	782	3,128
Scotland	824	850	548	1,555	944	3,777
Wales	1,191	896	769	1,011	967	3,867

### Average Pass Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.
England	6.5	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.2
France	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.1
Ireland	6.4	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.9
Italy	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.7	6.0
Scotland	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.2
Wales	6.3	6.3	5.7	6.4	6.2

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.
England	31.8	31.8	31.7	31.8	31.8
France	30.9	31.0	31.3	32.8	31.6
Ireland	33.8	30.7	32.0	32.2	32.1
Italy	32.4	30.7	31.2	32.0	31.6
Scotland	33.0	33.1	33.5	32.4	32.8
Wales	32.7	33.5	30.8	31.5	32.2

## PASSES

### Pass/Kick Count Ratio

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.
England	4.7	3.3	4.4	7.6	<b>4.8</b>
France	5.9	2.8	9.3	7.2	<b>5.7</b>
Ireland	5.0	9.7	10.1	4.2	<b>7.0</b>
Italy	6.7	4.5	8.0	4.6	<b>5.9</b>
Scotland	3.6	3.5	2.7	10.6	<b>4.6</b>
Wales	5.5	4.8	6.5	6.5	<b>5.7</b>

### Pass Breakdown for All Rounds

Team	Short 0-5m	Medium 5-10m	Long >10m
England	45.59%	38.46%	15.95%
France	48.60%	37.94%	13.46%
Ireland	45.61%	42.89%	11.50%
Italy	43.95%	44.15%	11.90%
Scotland	43.40%	42.74%	13.86%
Wales	43.82%	40.29%	15.89%

## KICKS IN-PLAY

### Kicks In-Play Breakdown

Team	50-22	Box	Chip	Clearance	Crossfield	Grubber	Up and Under	Total
England	1	42	10	26	4	8	19	110
France		27	15	45	1	6	6	100
Ireland		31	10	51	3	8	7	110
Italy		27	5	39	5	5	7	88
Scotland	2	34	9	67	9	6	5	132
Wales		23	15	41	11	3	15	108

### Total Kicks In-Play Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	30.0	28.0	31.0	21.0	27.5	110
France	19.0	38.0	20.0	23.0	25.0	100
Ireland	33.0	25.0	25.0	27.0	27.5	110
Italy	20.0	21.0	20.0	27.0	22.0	88
Scotland	37.0	40.0	33.0	22.0	33.0	132
Wales	34.0	29.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	108

### Total Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
England	741	697	692	630	2,760
France	531	1027	525	772	2,855
Ireland	952	660	747	990	3,350
Italy	582	502	606	798	2,487
Scotland	1076	1312	873	709	3,970
Wales	809	723	714	785	3,032

## KICKS IN-PLAY

### Average Kick Distance (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.
England	27.5	29.0	23.9	30.0	<b>27.3</b>
France	37.9	34.2	32.8	35.1	<b>34.8</b>
Ireland	30.7	30.0	29.9	36.7	<b>31.9</b>
Italy	30.6	25.1	33.7	29.5	<b>29.6</b>
Scotland	34.7	37.5	29.1	32.2	<b>33.6</b>
Wales	27.9	27.8	34.0	32.7	<b>30.3</b>

### Total Territory Gain (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	665	598	586	531	<b>595</b>	<b>2,380</b>
France	470	955	439	736	<b>650</b>	<b>2,600</b>
Ireland	734	617	629	752	<b>683</b>	<b>2,732</b>
Italy	454	424	501	634	<b>503</b>	<b>2,013</b>
Scotland	960	1,160	738	608	<b>867</b>	<b>3,467</b>
Wales	761	581	671	637	<b>663</b>	<b>2,650</b>

### Average Territory Gain per Kick (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.
England	24.6	24.9	20.2	25.3	<b>23.6</b>
France	33.6	31.8	27.4	33.5	<b>31.7</b>
Ireland	23.7	28.1	25.2	32.7	<b>27.0</b>
Italy	23.9	21.2	27.8	27.5	<b>25.2</b>
Scotland	31.0	33.2	24.6	27.6	<b>29.4</b>
Wales	26.2	22.4	31.9	29.0	<b>27.0</b>

## PENALTY KICKS TO TOUCH

### Total Penalty Kicks to Touch Count

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	5.0	3.0	8.0	5.0	5.3	21
France	8.0	3.0	9.0		6.7	20
Ireland	6.0	9.0	11.0	6.0	8.0	32
Italy	6.0	10.0	8.0	7.0	7.8	31
Scotland	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	2.8	11
Wales	13.0	6.0	9.0	1.0	7.3	29

### Total Territory Gain from Penalty Kicks to Touch (m)

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg.	Total
England	103	70	229	111	128	513
France	112	88	201		133	400
Ireland	121	175	185	146	157	627
Italy	167	186	218	184	189	755
Scotland	72	28	61	125	71	285
Wales	258	138	154	30	145	580

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

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Avg. per Match	Total
England	167	138	61	146	128	512
France	121	28	218	30	99	396
Ireland	112	186	154	111	141	563
Italy	103	175	201	125	151	604
Scotland	258	88	229	184	189	758
Wales	72	70	185		109	327

## LINEOUTS

### Lineout Throwing

Team	Total	Front	Middle	Back	Long
England	53	29 (55%)	18 (34%)	5 (9%)	1 (2%)
France	52	33 (63%)	10 (19%)	9 (17%)	0 (0%)
Ireland	53	28 (53%)	17 (32%)	7 (13%)	1 (2%)
Italy	54	30 (56%)	14 (26%)	4 (7%)	6 (11%)
Scotland	46	16 (35%)	14 (30%)	10 (22%)	6 (13%)
Wales	59	30 (51%)	19 (32%)	3 (5%)	7 (12%)

### Lineout Success by Round

Team	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
England	11/12 (92%)	11/12 (92%)	13/14 (93%)	14/15 (93%)
France	14/18 (78%)	7/10 (70%)	15/16 (94%)	7/8 (88%)
Ireland	13/13 (100%)	13/13 (100%)	11/14 (79%)	10/13 (77%)
Italy	10/15 (67%)	8/13 (62%)	12/14 (86%)	9/12 (75%)
Scotland	4/6 (67%)	12/14 (86%)	14/16 (88%)	10/10 (100%)
Wales	14/20 (70%)	14/16 (88%)	11/12 (92%)	11/11 (100%)

### Lineout Distance vs. Success

Team	Front Success / Count (%)	Middle Success / Count (%)	Back Success / Count (%)	Long Success / Count (%)	Success / Total (%)
England	29/29 (100%)	15/18 (83%)	4/5 (80%)	1/1 (100%)	49/53 (92%)
France	29/33 (88%)	6/10 (60%)	8/9 (89%)	0/0 (0%)	43/52 (83%)
Ireland	26/28 (93%)	16/17 (94%)	4/7 (57%)	1/1 (100%)	47/53 (89%)
Italy	26/30 (87%)	9/14 (64%)	2/4 (50%)	2/6 (33%)	39/54 (72%)
Scotland	16/16 (100%)	13/14 (93%)	7/10 (70%)	4/6 (67%)	40/46 (87%)
Wales	28/30 (93%)	15/19 (79%)	3/3 (100%)	4/7 (57%)	50/59 (85%)

### Lineout Throw Averages

Team	Avg. Distance (m)	Avg. Speed (km/h)	Avg. Spin Rate (rpm)	Avg. of Efficiency (%)
England	7.9	28.3	330	96
France	7.9	31.8	310	93
Ireland	8.2	31.0	333	96
Italy	8.6	30.6	317	94
Scotland	10.2	30.4	341	95
Wales	8.9	32.1	299	95

## PASSES

### Total Pass Distance (m)

#### Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Total
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	1,719
Tomos Williams	Wales	1,598
Alex Mitchell	England	1,239
Ben White	Scotland	1,106
Nolann Le Garrec	France	1,064
Maxime Lucu	France	797
Stephen Varney	Italy	763
Craig Casey	Ireland	708
George Horne	Scotland	662

### Average Pass Distance (m)

#### Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Alex Mitchell	England	8.1
Ali Price	Scotland	7.9
Danny Care	England	7.8
Gareth Davies	Wales	7.6
Craig Casey	Ireland	7.6
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	7.6
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	7.5
Tomos Williams	Wales	7.4
Kieran Hardy	Wales	7.4

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

#### Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
Gareth Davies	Wales	39.7
Alessandro Garbisi	Italy	38.3
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	37.5
Stephen Varney	Italy	37.0
George Horne	Scotland	36.9
Ali Price	Scotland	36.9
Ben White	Scotland	36.9
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	36.4
Alex Mitchell	England	36.3

### Average Pass Spiral Efficiency (%)

#### Scrum Halves

Player	Team	Avg.
George Horne	Scotland	93.4
Ben White	Scotland	93.4
Nolann Le Garrec	France	93.3
Conor Murray	Ireland	93.0
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	92.2
Danny Care	England	92.0
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	91.7
Tomos Williams	Wales	90.8
Maxime Lucu	France	90.5

### Total Pass Count

Player	Team	Count
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	226
Tomos Williams	Wales	215
Alex Mitchell	England	153
Ben White	Scotland	153
Nolann Le Garrec	France	146
Jack Crowley	Ireland	126
Maxime Lucu	France	124
Finn Russell	Scotland	114
Stephen Varney	Italy	103

## PASSES

### Total Pass Distance (m)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Total
Finn Russell	Scotland	758
Jack Crowley	Ireland	607
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	586
George Ford	England	478
Matthieu Jalibert	France	251
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	230
Sam Costelow	Wales	193
Harry Byrne	Ireland	78
Fin Smith	England	46
Marcus Smith	England	40

### Average Pass Distance (m)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Finn Russell	Scotland	6.6
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	6.3
Matthieu Jalibert	France	6.1
Fin Smith	England	5.8
George Ford	England	5.0
Sam Costelow	Wales	4.8
Jack Crowley	Ireland	4.8
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	4.7
Harry Byrne	Ireland	4.6
Leonardo Marin	Italy	4.5

### Average Pass Speed (km/h)

Fly Half

Player	Team	Avg.
Matthieu Jalibert	France	33.0
Fin Smith	England	32.4
Finn Russell	Scotland	31.7
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	31.3
Jack Crowley	Ireland	30.2
Leonardo Marin	Italy	30.1
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	28.0
George Ford	England	28.0
Marcus Smith	England	27.5

### Top 10 Longest Passes (m)

Player	Team	Distance
Cameron Winnett	Wales	27.8
Nolann Le Garrec	France	26.7
Nick Tompkins	Wales	25.9
Damian Penaud	France	25.6
George Ford	England	25.5
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	25.1
Matthieu Jalibert	France	25.0
Harry Paterson	Scotland	24.3
Robbie Henshaw	Ireland	23.9

## KICKS IN-PLAY

### Total Kicks In-Play Count

Player	Team	Count
Finn Russell	Scotland	66
Ben White	Scotland	37
Tomos Williams	Wales	37
James Lowe	Ireland	34
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	31
Alex Mitchell	England	29
George Ford	England	29
Thomas Ramos	France	27
Jack Crowley	Ireland	23

### Total Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Total
Finn Russell	Scotland	2,172
James Lowe	Ireland	1,328
Tomos Williams	Wales	1,107
Ben White	Scotland	1,019
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	941
Thomas Ramos	France	912
George Ford	England	825
Nolann Le Garrec	France	675
Jack Crowley	Ireland	671

### Top 10 Longest Kicks (m)

Player	Team	Distance
James Lowe	Ireland	56.5
James Lowe	Ireland	55.6
James Lowe	Ireland	55.4
Finn Russell	Scotland	54.9
Maxime Lucu	France	54.1
James Lowe	Ireland	54.0
George Ford	England	53.8
George Ford	England	53.7
Leo Barre	France	53.4

### Average Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	48.2
Harry Paterson	Scotland	46.4
James Lowe	Ireland	42.8
Freddie Steward	England	41.4
Thomas Ramos	France	39.6
Ange Capuozzo	Italy	37.1
Finn Russell	Scotland	36.8
Blair Kinghorn	Scotland	36.8
Leo Barre	France	36.6

### Average Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Kyle Rowe	Scotland	47.5
Harry Paterson	Scotland	46.0
Freddie Steward	England	38.0
James Lowe	Ireland	37.2
Thomas Ramos	France	35.7
Cameron Winnett	Wales	35.5
Leo Barre	France	33.9
Josh Adams	Wales	33.5
Matthieu Jalibert	France	32.5

### Top 10 Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Distance
James Lowe	Ireland	54.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	54.7
James Lowe	Ireland	54.1
Maxime Lucu	France	53.4
James Lowe	Ireland	53.2
Harry Paterson	Scotland	52.9
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.8
James Lowe	Ireland	52.6
Finn Russell	Scotland	52.4

## KICKS IN-PLAY

### Total Territory Gain (m)

Player	Team	Total
Finn Russell	Scotland	1,782
James Lowe	Ireland	1,042
Tomos Williams	Wales	1,007
Ben White	Scotland	954
Thomas Ramos	France	821
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	703
George Ford	England	636
Alex Mitchell	England	626
Nolann Le Garrec	France	583

### Average Box Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
Maxime Lucu	France	4.2
Jamison Gibson-Park	Ireland	4.0
Ben Spencer	England	4.0
Alex Mitchell	England	4.0
Ali Price	Scotland	4.0
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	3.9
Gareth Davies	Wales	3.9
Tomos Williams	Wales	3.9
Conor Murray	Ireland	3.8

### Average Restart Kick Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Thomas Ramos	France	39.9
George Ford	England	37.4
Jack Crowley	Ireland	37.1
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	36.3
Sam Costelow	Wales	36.3
Finn Russell	Scotland	35.4
Matthieu Jalibert	France	34.9
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	32.1

### Average Restart Kick Hangtime (s)

Player	Team	Avg.
George Ford	England	3.9
Jack Crowley	Ireland	3.9
Sam Costelow	Wales	3.7
Matthieu Jalibert	France	3.7
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	3.6
Thomas Ramos	France	3.5
Finn Russell	Scotland	3.5
Ioan Lloyd	Wales	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
Jack Crowley	Ireland	44.7
Paolo Garbisi	Italy	43.9
Thomas Ramos	France	42.0
Thomas Ramos	France	41.4
Martin Page-Relo	Italy	41.3
Jack Crowley	Ireland	40.4
Finn Russell	Scotland	39.9
Jack Crowley	Ireland	39.3
Thomas Ramos	France	39.3

## LINEOUTS

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

Player	Team	Avg.
Cameron Winnett	Wales	43.9
Ryan Elias	Wales	33.9
Evan Lloyd	Wales	33.7
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	32.8
Péato Mauvaka	France	32.7
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	31.3
Julien Marchand	France	31.1
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	30.6
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	30.5
Elliot Dee	Wales	30.4

### Average Lineout Throw Distance (m)

Player	Team	Avg.
Cameron Winnett	Wales	20.2
Evan Lloyd	Wales	11.6
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	11.0
George Turner	Scotland	9.6
Thomas Ramos	France	9.6
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	9.5
Ryan Elias	Wales	9.1
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	8.5
Giacomo Nicotera	Italy	8.5
Julien Marchand	France	8.1

### Average Lineout Throw Spin Rate (rpm)

Player	Team	Avg.
Cameron Winnett	Wales	387
Theo Dan	England	374
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	353
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	351
Evan Lloyd	Wales	348
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	344
George Turner	Scotland	335
Ryan Elias	Wales	333
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	330

### Average Lineout Throw Spiral Efficiency (%)

Player	Team	Avg.
Thomas Ramos	France	97.0
George Turner	Scotland	96.0
Ronan Kelleher	Ireland	96.0
Dan Sheehan	Ireland	95.9
Theo Dan	England	95.9
Ryan Elias	Wales	95.7
Gianmarco Lucchesi	Italy	95.5
Jamie George	England	95.4
Ewan Ashman	Scotland	95.3

## 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	29	23	2	2	27.6	4.0	8.1	36.3
	Ali Price	4	4			18.5	4.0	7.9	36.9
	Ben Spencer	7	6	2	2	24.8	4.0	6.6	35.2
	Ben White	37	25	2	2	29.6	3.7	7.2	36.9
	Conor Murray	6	5	1	1	24.5	3.8	7.0	35.6
	Craig Casey	8	6	1	1	22.8	3.2	7.6	34.8
	Danny Care	15	13	4	4	25.9	3.5	7.8	36.1
	Gareth Davies	7	5	1	1	16.2	3.9	7.6	39.7
	George Horne	8	5	2	2	24.7	3.6	7.3	36.9
	Jamison Gibson-Park	23	20	1	1	29.4	4.0	7.6	37.5
	Kieran Hardy							7.4	34.9
	Martin Page-Relo	11	8	1	1	28.2	3.9	7.5	36.4
	Maxime Lucu	20	14	1	1	30.9	4.2	6.4	33.2
	Nolann Le Garrec	22	13	3	3	30.0	3.8	7.3	34.9
	Stephen Varney	16	13			26.0	3.6	7.4	37.0
	Tomos Williams	37	18	1	1	30.9	3.9	7.4	35.6

## 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)
	.. Ben Healy	1			35.0		
	.. Fin Smith	1			46.9	5.8	32.4
	.. Finn Russell	66	6	6	36.8	6.6	31.7
	.. George Ford	29	4	4	30.6	5.0	28.0
	.. Harry Byrne	1			19.9	4.6	27.1
	.. Ioan Lloyd	18	2	2	31.0	4.7	28.0
	.. Jack Crowley	23	2	2	29.2	4.8	30.2
	.. Leonardo Marin					4.5	30.1
	.. Marcus Smith					3.6	27.5
	.. Matthieu Jalibert	15	1	1	33.7	6.1	33.0
	.. Paolo Garbisi	31	2	2	32.5	6.3	31.3
	.. Sam Costelow	19	2	2	32.2	4.8	27.0



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