



## **Rugby fans have named their 2025 Guinness Men's Six Nations 'Team of The Championship'**

- Over 15,000 fans voted to decide the top player in each position that make up the 2025 Team of The Championship
- All four nominees for this year's Player of The Championship, join the lineup of star players from the 2025 Guinness Men's Six Nations
- To vote for the 2025 Player of The Championship:  
<https://www.sixnationsrugby.com/en/m6n/news/vote-for-your-2025-guinness-player-of-the-championship>

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The 2025 Guinness Men's Six Nations saw points, attendance and viewership records tumble, and confirmed the news going into Round One, that the Championship had never been more competitive, with closer games, more tries being scored, and drama packed fixtures sett to draw in even more fans from around the world.

The players and teams are at the centre of creating rugby's most loved annual occasion, and fans were tasked with voting for the top player per position, to decide the starting XV of a 2025 Guinness Men's Six Nations 'Team of The Championship'.

Over 15,000 rugby fans answered the call and cast their votes to name this year's Team of the Championship, which helped refine a shortlist of nominees for the coveted Guinness Men's Six Nations Player of the Championship, which is currently back in the hands of fans to decide the winner.

With representatives from each of the Six Nations, the Team of the Championship starts in the front row. **Andrew Porter** earns his place at loosehead prop after hitting 99 attacking rucks – at least 22 more than any other player in his position – while also completing 52 tackles, one of just two props to surpass 50.

Joining him in the front row is **Dan Sheehan**, whose five tries took his all-time Six Nations tally to 13 – at least four more than any other forward in Championship history. His hat-trick against Italy was only the second by a forward, following CJ Stander in 2017. **Will Stuart** completes the front row, having beaten the most defenders of any tighthead prop (three) and making 31 in-contact metres – one of only two tightheads to pass 20.

In the second row, **Maro Itoje** cemented his status as one of the Championship's most disruptive forces, winning five turnovers to tie Brian O'Driscoll's all-time Guinness Men's Six Nations record of 53. **Mickaël Guillard** joins him after proving a constant challenge for defences, committing two or more tacklers on 85% of his carries – the only lock to exceed 80%.



The back row is packed with work rate and power. **Tom Curry** stood out with six turnovers and six dominant tackles – a feat matched only by his twin brother Ben. **Jac Morgan** made more tackles than any other player (88), setting a new record for Wales in a single Six Nations campaign. **Grégory Alldritt** showcased his relentless engine, averaging 15.6 carries and 15.6 defensive rucks per 80 minutes – both the highest among forwards playing over 240 minutes.

At scrum-half, **Antoine Dupont** was again sensational. Despite playing just 237 minutes, he scored two tries and assisted a Championship-best seven, with his nine try involvements the joint-second most in a single Guinness Men's Six Nations.

**Fin Smith** is named at fly-half after directly assisting four tries – the most by any No.10 – while also topping the place-kicking charts with an 88% success rate (14/16).

On the wings, **Louis Bielle-Biarrey** made history with eight tries, breaking Jacob Stockdale's record for most tries in a Championship (seven, 2018), while **Tommy Freeman** became just the third player to score in every round of a Guinness Men's Six Nations, joining Philippe Bernat-Salles (2001) and Bielle-Biarrey himself this year.

In midfield, **Tommaso Menoncello** was a defensive powerhouse with six turnovers and nine dominant tackles – the most by any back – while also leading all centres in defenders beaten (20). **Huw Jones** excelled in attack, scoring four tries, making 52 carries and hitting 65 attacking rucks – all highs for a centre.

Finally, **Blair Kinghorn** claims the full-back jersey after smashing the Championship record for metres gained (580), surpassing Mike Brown's 2014 tally. Kinghorn also topped the charts for line breaks (nine) and offloads (13), underlining his all-round brilliance, throughout the Championship.

Four players have been nominated for the 2025 Guinness Men's Six Nations Player of the Championship award: France winger **Louis Bielle-Biarrey**, England back **Tommy Freeman**, reigning Player of the Championship and Italy centre **Tommaso Menoncello**, and Scotland full-back **Blair Kinghorn**.

The four players topped the performance statistics charts this year, and were standout performers for their sides, [breaking records](#), scoring tries, contributing essential assists and making critical contributions in each fixture over five unforgettable rounds of Six Nations action.

Fans have until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March to vote for their Guinness Men's Six Nations Player of the Championship, when voting closes at 10:00 pm

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