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SIX NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH PREVIEW

SCOTLAND



ENGLAND

Saturday 4th February 2012, KO: 17:00

Murrayfield, Edinburgh

HEADLINES

- England have a total of eight uncapped players in their matchday 22 - the most for a Championship game since the 1972 game against Wales, which featured nine uncapped players.
- England's XV (233 caps) is their most inexperienced Championship selection since they played Ireland in 1990 (224 caps).
- ROSS FORD becomes Scotland's 111th captain and their 11th in Six Nations history.
- CHARLIE HODGSON wins his 37th cap and makes his first Six Nations start for England since appearing in a 31-6 defeat to France in 2006.
- KELLY BROWN makes his 50th appearance for Scotland, having never tasted defeat against England at Murrayfield (15-9 win 2008, 15-15 draw 2010).

SIX NATIONS HISTORY

- A win against England this weekend will give Scotland their first back to back wins in the Six Nations since 2001. Scotland beat Italy 21-8 in their last championship game in March.
- Scotland last beat England at Murrayfield in 2008 (15-9) while they drew 15-15 with their southern neighbours at the same venue in 2010.
- The only team to ever beat England in round one of the Six Nations is Wales - achieved in 2005 and 2008.
- Scotland have only ever been victorious in one opening game of the Six Nations - against France in 2006.
- David Duckham and John Spencer were the last centre partnership to make their debuts together for England, appearing in a 19-17 defeat to Ireland at Lansdowne Road in 1969.

HEAD TO HEAD

- There have been 129 matches between Scotland and England, the former winning 42 of those and England 69. There have been 18 draws, the most recent one being the 15-15 draw between the sides at Murrayfield in 2010.
- Chris Patterson holds the record for most appearances (12) and most points (84) against England while Jason Leonard holds the appearance record (14) for England. Jonny Wilkinson has scored more points (114) against Scotland than any other England player.
- Wilkinson also holds the record for most points scored by an England player against Scotland in a single game - 27 in their 42-20 victory at Twickenham in 2007.
- Scotland have beaten England three times in their last 12 Six Nations meetings between the sides.
- They've conceded an average of 27 points against England during the history of the Six Nations, scoring 14.

All Time Records

>> Appearances

Points	Player
56	Ronan O'Gara Ireland
56	Mike Gibson Ireland
55	Brian O'Driscoll Ireland

>> Points

Points	Player
551	Ronan O'Gara Ireland
546	Jonny Wilkinson England
467	Stephen Jones Wales

>> Tries

Tries	Player
25	Brian O'Driscoll Ireland
24	Ian Smith Scotland
22	Shane Williams Wales



Facts & Figures

DEBUTANTS

- Edinburgh wing LEE JONES wins his first cap for Scotland while DAVID DENTON makes his championship debut. GREIG LAIDLAW will also make his Six Nations debut, should he appear off the bench.
- OWEN FARRELL, BRAD BARRITT and PHIL DOWSON all win their first caps for England while ROB WEBBER, GEOFF PARLING, BEN MORGAN, LEE DICKSON and JORDAN TURNER-HALL could all make their Test debuts if they come off the bench.

STARTING LINEUPS

- Scotland make eight changes to the team which went down to England 12-16 in the Rugby World Cup last October.
- There are a total of 499 caps in Scotland's starting XV, with another 214 caps on the bench, England have a total of 233 caps in their starting XV.
- The England team features 10 changes from the side that beat Scotland in the Rugby World Cup last October and nine from the RWC quarter-final defeat to France.
- OWEN FARRELL will be the youngest player on the pitch at Murrayfield, at 20 years and four months.
- Seven of England's starting XV have less than 10 caps.
- CHRIS ASHTON has scored six tries in six championship appearances for England but has yet to score against Scotland, Ireland and France.
- Saturday's match marks the 22nd time the front row combination of AILAN JACOBSEN, ROSS FORD and EUAN MURRAY have started for Scotland, thereby extending their record over Kenny Milne, Paul Burnell and David Sole.
- CHARLIE HODGSON is England's most experienced player with 36 Test caps.
- ROSS FORD has started 34 of Scotland's last 35 games.
- DAVID DENTON starts his first international Test for Scotland, having made his debut off the bench in the 10-6 win over Ireland in August.
- DAN PARKS has dropped a goal in each of his last three Scotland matches.
- CHRIS CUSITER will partner DAN PARKS for the 21st time against England, having won 5, drawn 1 and lost 14 as a combo for Scotland.
- Swindon-born JIM HAMILTON won the first of his 34 caps in the 42-20 defeat to England at Twickenham in 2007.
- Six of Scotland's 22 were born outside the country. JIM HAMILTON and MAX EVANS were born in England, DAVID DENTON in Zimbabwe and DAN PARKS in Australia, while replacements JOHN BARCLAY and GRAEME MORRISON were born in Honk Kong.
- CHARLIE HODGSON can overtake DAN PARKS on the all-time points scoring list this weekend if he outscores his opponent by two points. HODGSON has 259 points while PARKS has 260.

THE AGE FACTOR

- The average age of the Scotland starting XV is almost 28 1/2 while the replacements have an average age of nearly 29.
- The England starting XV have an average age of 26.
- England's forwards only have 133 caps between them despite having three of their pack over the age of 30.

SIZE MATTERS

- RICHIE GRAY (2.08m - 130kg) and JIM HAMILTON (2.03m - 124kg) are the heaviest and tallest second row combination in the Six Nations. Substitute MATT STEVENS is the heaviest England player at 122kg, with TOM PALMER the tallest at 2.00m.

DID YOU KNOW?

- England's five game winning run was brought to an end with defeat to France in the Rugby World Cup quarter final between the two sides.
- England have scored 20 tries in their last five matches, conceding just three while Scotland scored six and conceded six.
- There are five Saracens players named in the England XV - BRAD BARRITT, OWEN FARRELL, MOURITZ BOTHA, CHARLIE HODGSON AND DAVID STRETTLE.
- Defending Six Nations Champions England lost just one game last season - their final game against Ireland.

HEAD COACHES

- England coach Stuart Lancaster takes charge of his first Six Nations game. Lancaster was Director of Rugby at Leeds before becoming head of Elite Player Development at the RFU.
- Since taking the reigns in November 2009, Andy Robinson has a 50% winning record with Scotland. He was head coach of England from October 2004 to November 2006.

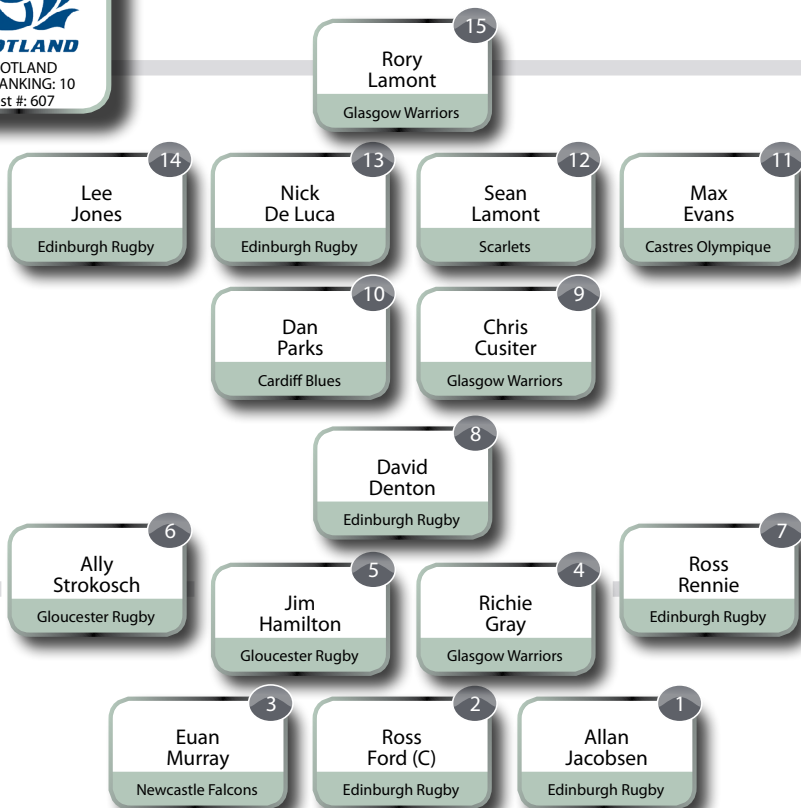
MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- George Clancy of Ireland will referee his 22nd test having made his international debut for Uruguay v USA back in 2006.

Team Sheets



SCOTLAND
IRB RANKING: 10
Test #: 607



Replacements

- 16 Scott Lawson (Gloucester Rugby)
- 17 Geoff Cross (Edinburgh Rugby)
- 18 Alastair Kellock (Glasgow Warriors)
- 19 John Barclay (Glasgow Warriors)
- 20 Mike Blair (Edinburgh Rugby)
- 21 Greig Laidlaw (Edinburgh Rugby)
- 22 Graeme Morrison (Glasgow Warriors)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 499
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28
Oldest Player: Dan Parks (33)
Youngest Player: David Denton (21)
Avg Weight Forwards: 114 kg

Officials

Referee:
George Clancy (Ireland) - 21 Tests

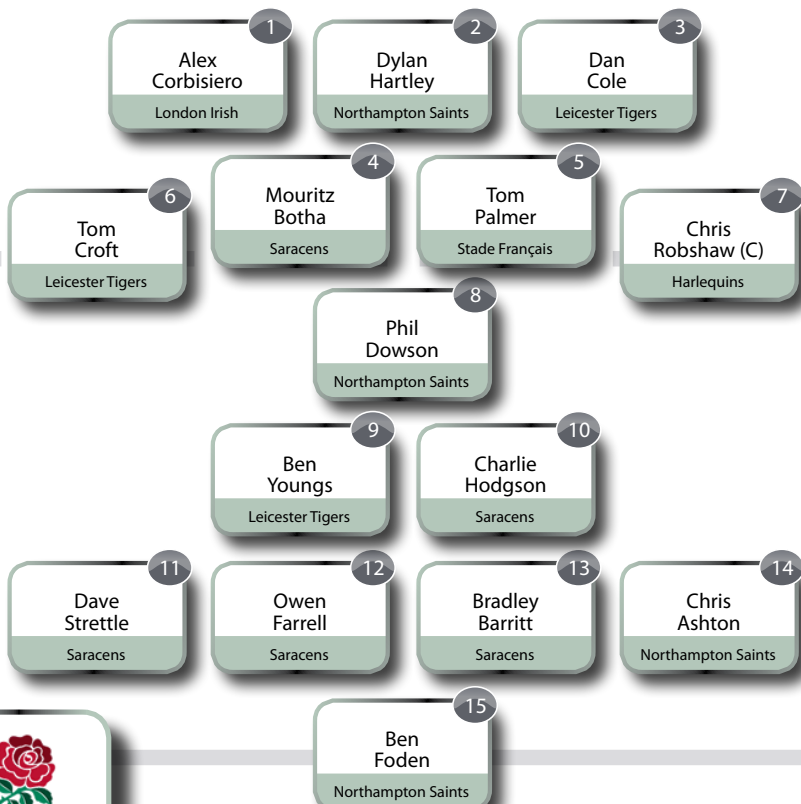
Tests at Venue: 1 Tests
Scotland: 5 Tests
England: 3 Tests
Test Debut: 30/09/2006 - Uruguay v USA

Assistant Referee 1:
Romain Poite (France)

Assistant Referee 2:
Leighton Hodges (Wales)

TV Match Official:
Nigel Whitehouse (Wales)

Citing Commissioner:
Francis Palmade (France)



Replacements

- 16 Rob Webber (London Wasps)
- 17 Matt Stevens (Saracens)
- 18 Geoff Parling (Leicester Tigers)
- 19 Ben Morgan (Scarlets)
- 20 Lee Dickson (Northampton Saints)
- 21 Jordan Turner-Hall (Harlequins)
- 22 Mike Brown (Harlequins)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 233
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 26
Oldest Player: Tom Palmer (32)
Youngest Player: Owen Farrell (20)
Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg



ENGLAND
IRB RANKING: 5
Test #: 647



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
01/10/2011	England	16 - 12	Scotland	Auckland
13/03/2011	England	22 - 16	Scotland	London
13/03/2010	Scotland	15 - 15	England	Edinburgh
21/03/2009	England	26 - 12	Scotland	London
08/03/2008	Scotland	15 - 9	England	Edinburgh

Summary

Scotland	129 Matches (18 Draw)	England
42	Won	69
1095	Points	1451
159	Tries	222
78	Conversions	115
120	Penalties	143
29	Drop Goals	23

Player Records

For Scotland against England	Appearances	For England against Scotland
Chris Paterson - 12		14 - Jason Leonard
Chris Paterson - 84	Points	114 - Jonny Wilkinson
Ian Smith - 9	Tries	6 - 2 Players
Andy Irvine - 7	Conversions	17 - Jonny Wilkinson
Chris Paterson - 24	Penalties	23 - Jonny Wilkinson
2 Players - 3	Drop Goals	3 - Rob Andrew

Player Records in a Match

For Scotland against England	Points	For England against Scotland
Gavin Hastings on 15/02/1986 - 21		27 - Jonny Wilkinson on 03/02/2007
On 18 Occasions - 2	Tries	3 - On 3 Occasions
John Allan on 21/03/1931 - 5	Conversions	5 - Jonny Wilkinson on 03/03/2001
On 2 Occasions - 5	Penalties	7 - Rob Andrew on 18/03/1995
Craig Chalmers on 18/03/1995 - 2	Drop Goals	1 - On 23 Occasions

Team Records in a Match

For Scotland against England	Points	For England against Scotland
On 15/02/1986 - 33		43 - On 2 Occasions
On 21/03/1931 - 6	Tries	7 - On 19/03/2005
On 21/03/1931 - 5	Conversions	5 - On 03/03/2001
On 3 Occasions - 5	Penalties	7 - On 18/03/1995
On 3 Occasions - 2	Drop Goals	1 - On 23 Occasions



Head Coach: Andy Robinson

Debut: 14/11/2009 v Fiji (W 23-10)
 Winning Ratio: 50.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 0.83

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Points For	Points Ag	Tries For	Tries Ag
01/10/2011	England	L 12 - 16				
25/09/2011	Argentina	L 12 - 13				
14/09/2011	Georgia	W 15 - 6				
10/09/2011	Romania	W 34 - 24				
20/08/2011	Italy	W 23 - 12				
			96	71	6	6

Scotland Record Under Andy Robinson

12 Wins	1 Drawn	11 Lost
389 For	Points	420 Against
20 For	Tries	38 Against
14 For	Conversions	28 Against
71 For	Penalties	55 Against
16 For	Drop Goals	3 Against

Player Info For Scotland

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Allan Jacobsen	1	33	15/06/2002	60	14	5	24	1	35	0	0	0	0	0
Ross Ford (C)	2	27	06/11/2004	53	11	7	22	1	30	10	2	0	0	0
Euan Murray	3	31	05/06/2005	41	3	5	18	1	22	10	2	0	0	0
Richie Gray	4	22	07/02/2010	16	6	2	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Hamilton	5	29	11/11/2006	34	8	3	12	1	21	5	1	0	0	0
Ally Strokosch	6	28	25/11/2006	23	6	4	11	0	12	5	1	0	0	0
Ross Rennie	7	25	23/02/2008	11	9	1	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
David Denton	8	21	06/08/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Cusiter	9	29	14/02/2004	55	22	6	19	1	35	15	3	0	0	0
Dan Parks	10	33	14/02/2004	66	20	7	25	1	40	260	4	15	53	17
Max Evans	11	28	22/11/2008	24	5	4	9	1	14	15	3	0	0	0
Sean Lamont	12	31	04/06/2004	60	3	6	26	1	33	40	8	0	0	0
Nick De Luca	13	28	03/02/2008	29	15	4	12	1	16	5	1	0	0	0
Lee Jones	14	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rory Lamont	15	29	13/03/2005	26	3	3	12	0	14	30	6	0	0	0
Total				499	126	57	205	9	285	395	31	15	53	17
Scott Lawson	16	30	05/06/2005	29	20	2	13	1	15	10	2	0	0	0
Geoff Cross	17	29	08/02/2009	8	4	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Alastair Kellock	18	30	06/11/2004	36	12	5	17	1	18	5	1	0	0	0
John Barclay	19	25	23/09/2007	32	1	3	13	1	18	10	2	0	0	0
Mike Blair	20	30	15/06/2002	75	34	7	30	0	45	35	7	0	0	0
Greig Laidlaw	21	26	13/11/2010	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Graeme Morrison	22	29	13/06/2004	32	6	3	14	1	17	15	3	0	0	0

Records For Scotland

Caps

109 - Chris Paterson
87 - Scott Murray
82 - Gregor Townsend

Tries

24 - Tony Stanger
24 - Ian Smith
22 - Chris Paterson

Points

809 - Chris Paterson
667 - Gavin Hastings
273 - Andy Irvine

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 44 - Gavin Hastings v Cote D'Ivoire on 26/05/1995
Tries: 5 - George Lindsay v Wales on 26/02/1887
Conversions: 11 - Chris Paterson v Japan on 13/11/2004
Penalties: 8 - Gavin Hastings v Tonga on 30/05/1995
Drop Goals: 2 - 11 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 100 v Japan on 13/11/2004
Tries: 15 v Japan on 13/11/2004
Conversions: 11 v Japan on 13/11/2004
Penalties: 8 v Tonga on 30/05/1995
Drop Goals: 3 on 2 Occasions



Head Coach: Stuart Lancaster

Debut: v (-)
 Winning Ratio: 0.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 0.00

England Record Under Stuart Lancaster

0 Wins	0 Drawn	0 Lost
0 For	Points	0 Against
0 For	Tries	0 Against
0 For	Conversions	0 Against
0 For	Penalties	0 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
08/10/2011	France	L 12 19	Auckland
01/10/2011	Scotland	W 16 12	Auckland
24/09/2011	Romania	W 67 3	Dunedin
18/09/2011	Georgia	W 41 10	Dunedin
10/09/2011	Argentina	W 13 9	Dunedin
Points For		149	
Points Ag		53	
Tries For		20	
Tries Ag		3	

Player Info For England

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Alex Corbisiero	1	23	12/02/2011	10	4	2	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan Hartley	2	25	08/11/2008	34	15	4	19	1	14	5	1	0	0	0
Dan Cole	3	24	06/02/2010	23	2	3	14	1	8	5	1	0	0	0
Mouritz Botha	4	30	06/08/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Palmer	5	32	16/06/2001	33	10	2	18	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Croft	6	26	23/02/2008	31	12	4	17	0	14	15	3	0	0	0
Chris Robshaw (C)	7	25	13/06/2009	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Phil Dowson	8	30		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Youngs	9	22	13/03/2010	17	3	3	11	1	5	15	3	0	0	0
Charlie Hodgson	10	31	17/11/2001	36	10	4	20	0	16	259	6	44	44	3
Dave Strettle	11	28	24/02/2007	7	1	0	2	0	5	5	1	0	0	0
Owen Farrell	12	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley Barritt	13	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Ashton	14	24	20/03/2010	18	0	2	12	0	6	75	15	0	0	0
Ben Foden	15	26	07/02/2009	22	3	3	13	1	8	25	5	0	0	0
Total				233	61	27	134	4	95	404	35	44	44	3
Rob Webber	16	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Stevens	17	29	12/06/2004	39	19	3	20	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Parling	18	28		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Morgan	19	22		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Dickson	20	26		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Turner-Hall	21	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Brown	22	26	26/05/2007	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

Records For England

Caps

114 - Jason Leonard
 91 - Jonny Wilkinson
 85 - Rory Underwood

Tries

49 - Rory Underwood
 31 - Ben Cohen
 31 - Will Greenwood

Points

1179 - Jonny Wilkinson
 400 - Paul Grayson
 396 - Rob Andrew

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 44 - Charlie Hodgson v Romania on 17/11/2001
 Tries: 5 - 3 players
 Conversions: 15 - Paul Grayson v Netherlands on 14/11/1998
 Penalties: 8 - Jonny Wilkinson v South Africa on 24/06/2000
 Drop Goals: 3 - Jonny Wilkinson v France on 16/11/2003

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 134 v Romania on 17/11/2001
 Tries: 20 v Romania on 17/11/2001
 Conversions: 15 v Netherlands on 14/11/1998
 Penalties: 8 v South Africa on 24/06/2000
 Drop Goals: 3 v France on 16/11/2003