



SIX NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH PREVIEW

WALES



SCOTLAND

Sunday 12th February 2012, KO: 15:00

Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

HEADLINES

- RYAN JONES will win his 60th cap against Scotland, having made his Championship debut against England in 2005. It is however his first Championship start at lock forward, notwithstanding his selection there for Wales in their 28-31 loss to the Barbarians in June last year.
- Wales have won four of their last five games in the Championship but only won two of their last five games in all competitions - both being against Ireland.
- Scotland's last win in Cardiff was a 14-16 win in the National Stadium back in 1996. They did however push Wales to a 28-28 draw at the Millennium Stadium in 2001.

SIX NATIONS HISTORY

- Scotland's last victory in the Six Nations came in a 21-8 win against Italy at Murrayfield last season.
- Scotland's last away victory was a 23-20 win against Ireland at Croke Park in 2010. That win was their first since a 10-13 win against Italy in Rome.
- Neil Jenkins scored a Welsh record three drop goals in the 28-28 draw between the sides in 2001.
- Wales' 9-21 defeat at Murrayfield in 2007 was the last time Scotland beat their Celtic rivals.
- Scotland's 34-18 victory over Wales in Cardiff in 1982 brought Wales' 'belle epoque' of the glorious 1970's to an end and with it, a first home loss at the National Stadium since 1968.

HEAD TO HEAD

- Wales and Scotland have met each other 116 times in total, with Wales winning 65 of those games and Scotland 48. There have been 3 draws, the last of which being the 28-28 draw between the teams at Murrayfield in 2001.
- Scotland last won against Wales in 2007, beating them 21-9 at Murrayfield.
- Only three of Wales' starting XV have ever experienced defeat at the hands of Scotland - props GETHIN JENKINS and ADAM JONES, and second row RYAN JONES.
- Wales have won four of the last five games between the two sides and seven of the last eight dating back to 2003.
- Wales have scored 120 points in their last five games against Scotland, conceding 67.
- Over the course of the Six Nations, Wales have outscored Scotland 315 to 232, and have scored 32 tries compared to Scotland's 19.
- Neil Jenkins holds the record for most points (23) scored in a game against Scotland (2001) while Stephen Jones holds the record for the total number of points by a Welshman scored against Scotland (111).
- Chris Paterson holds the record for most points (21) scored in a game against Wales (2007) and also holds the record for the total number of points scored by a Scotsman against Wales (101).
- LEIGH HALFPENNY has a 75% goal kicking success rate after the first round of matches, his only miss being his conversion of George North's second half try.
- STUART HOGG is the youngest player involved in either of the two lineups although GEORGE NORTH (two months his elder) is the youngest starting player.

2012 6 Nations Records

>> Points

Points	Player
11	Jonathan Sexton Ireland
10	Dimitri Yachvili France
10	Jonathan Davies Wales

>> Tries

Tries	Player
2	Jonathan Davies Wales
1	8 Players

All Time Records

>> 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

STARTING LINE UPS

- Wales coach Warren Gatland makes three changes to the side than beat Ireland 23-21 in Dublin. GETHIN JENKINS and DAN LYDIATE return from injury to start, replacing Rhys Gill while RYAN JONES moves from flanker to second row to replace banned lock forward Bradley Davies. Scarlets' LOU REED comes onto the bench for Justin Tipuric.
- Scotland coach Andy Robinson makes two changes to the team that lost to England.
- Scotland prop GEOFF CROSS makes his 10th appearance for his country, coming in for EUAN MURRAY while Edinburgh's GREIG LAIDLAW makes his first Championship start, replacing retired veteran Dan Parks at flyhalf.
- Meanwhile Robinson brings three uncapped players onto the bench, with ED KALMAN replacing GEOFF CROSS on the bench, DUNCAN WEIR in for LAIDLAW and STUART HOGG for Graeme Morrison.
- Seven of the starting Wales XV made their Championship debuts against Scotland.
- Despite having over 50 caps each, the Welsh front row of JENKINS, BENNETT and JONES start together for only the fifth time.
- MIKE BLAIR will draw level with Nathan Hines and Jason White to become the fourth most capped Scotsman of all time with 77 caps.
- GEOFF CROSS made his Championship debut in Scotland's 26-13 loss to Wales back in 2009.
- Only three of Wales' 22 - MIKE PHILLIPS, ANDY POWELL and JAMES HOOK - play their rugby outside of the Principality. Five of Scotland's 22 - JIM HAMILTON, ALLY STROKOSCH, MAX EVANS, SEAN LAMONT and SCOTT LAWSON play their rugby abroad.
- JAMIE ROBERTS and JONATHAN DAVIES start a test together for the 16th time - closing in on the joint record of 17 held by Gibbs/Taylor and Fenwick/Gravell.

TRY-TIME

- Scotland under Andy Robinson have enjoyed an average try-scoring rate of just .80% per match. Wales under Warren Gatland have over double that with a rate of 2.14%. In their last five games, Wales have scored 11 tries while Scotland have scored just four.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

- Scarlets' lock LOU REED is in line for his first appearance for his country if he comes off the bench during the game against Scotland.
- ED KALMAN, DUNCAN WEIR and STUART HOGG could also win their first caps if they take to the pitch at any stage.

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.
- With five players over 100kg, the cumulative weight of Wales' backline comes in at 691kg or an average of 99kgs per man. Scotland's backline are considerably lighter, weighing in at a cumulative 633kgs or 90kgs per man.
- ADAM JONES and LOU REED are Wales' heaviest duo, hitting the scales at 120kg while IAN EVANS is the tallest at 2.04m

ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

- Wales' starting XV can boast a total of 524 caps between them while Scotland are more inexperienced, with a total of 417 caps. This is despite Scotland's average age (27) being two years older than Wales'.
- Four of Scotland's starting XV have less than 10 caps - GEOFF CROSS, DAVID DENTON, GREIG LAIDLAW and LEE JONES, while Wales have just one player in the same category (ALEX CUTHBERT).
- DANNY LYDIATE returns for his first Championship game of the season, joining a Wales back row unit that is by some distance the youngest of the Six Nations with an average age of 23.

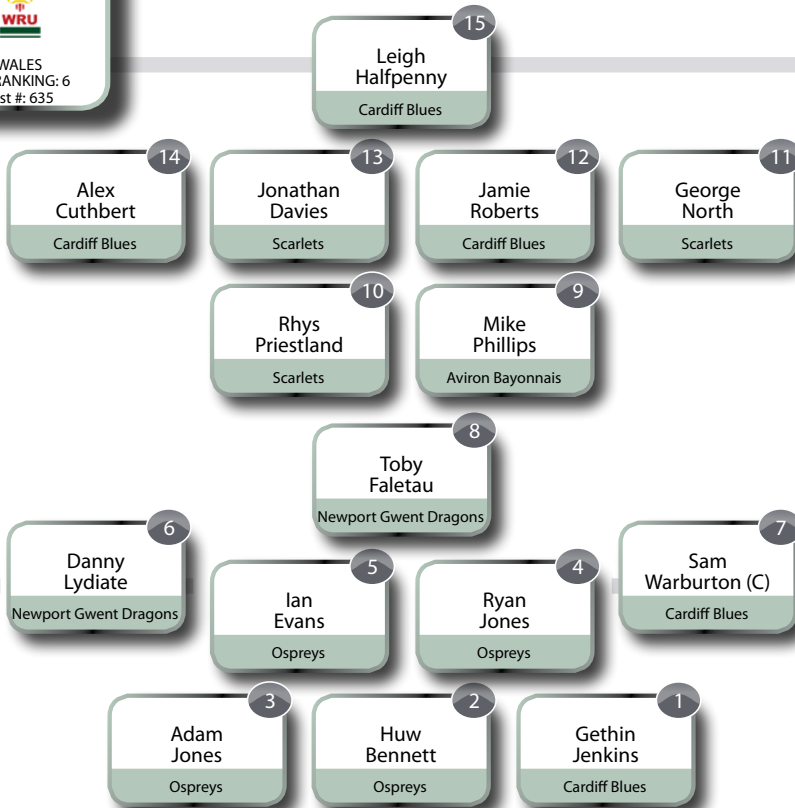
HEAD COACHES

- Warren Gatland and Andy Robinson share exactly the same winning ratio (48%) with their respective teams. Wales have managed 24 wins, 1 draw and 25 lost under Gatland's tenure while Scotland have won 12, drawn 1 and lost 12 under Robinson.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- Romain Poite made his international debut refereeing Morocco versus Namibia in 2006. Wales versus Scotland will be his 22nd Test.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Ken Owens (Scarlets)
- 17 Paul James (Ospreys)
- 18 Lou Reed (Scarlets)
- 19 Andy Powell (Sale Sharks)
- 20 Lloyd Williams (Cardiff Blues)
- 21 James Hook (USA Perpignan)
- 22 Scott Williams (Scarlets)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 524
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 25
 Oldest Player: Gethin Jenkins (31)
 Youngest Player: George North (19)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg

Officials

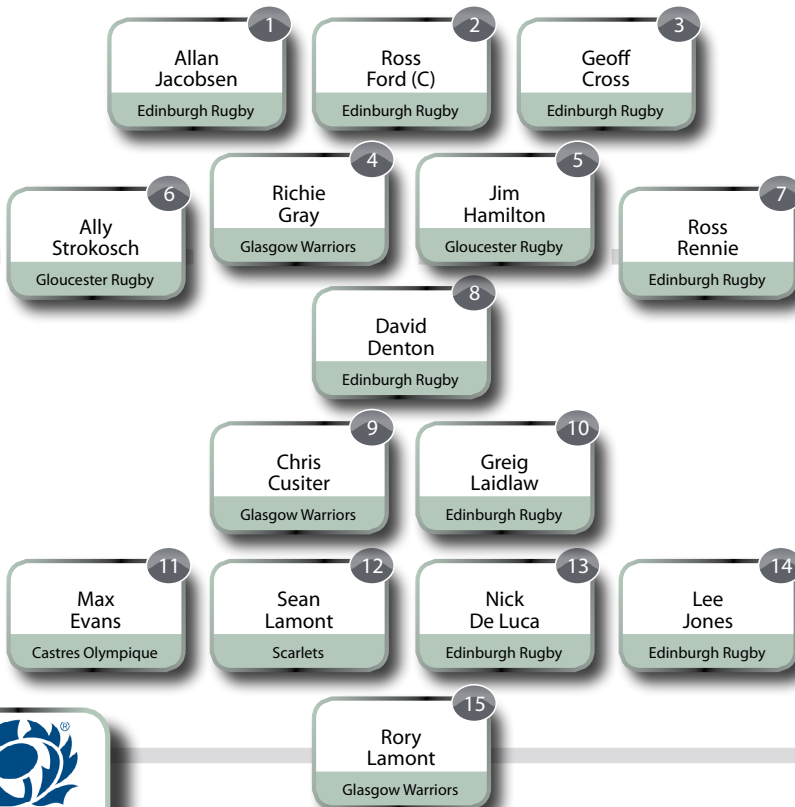
Referee:
 Romain Poite (France) - 21 Tests
 Tests at Venue: 1 Tests
 Wales: 1 Tests
 Scotland: 2 Tests
 Test Debut: 11/11/2006 - Morocco v Namibia

Assistant Referee 1:
 Peter Fitzgibbon (Ireland)

Assistant Referee 2:
 Simon McDowell (Ireland)

TV Match Official:
 Giulio De Santis (Italy)

Citing Commissioner:
 Eddie Walsh (Ireland)



Replacements

- 16 Scott Lawson (Gloucester Rugby)
- 17 Ed Kalman (Glasgow Warriors)
- 18 Alastair Kellock (Glasgow Warriors)
- 19 John Barclay (Glasgow Warriors)
- 20 Mike Blair (Edinburgh Rugby)
- 21 Duncan Weir (Glasgow Warriors)
- 22 Stuart Hogg (Glasgow Warriors)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 417
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Allan Jacobsen (33)
 Youngest Player: Stuart Hogg (19)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 114 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
12/02/2011	Scotland	6 - 24	Wales	Edinburgh
13/02/2010	Wales	31 - 24	Scotland	Cardiff
08/02/2009	Scotland	13 - 26	Wales	Edinburgh
09/02/2008	Wales	30 - 15	Scotland	Cardiff
10/02/2007	Scotland	21 - 9	Wales	Edinburgh

Summary

Wales		116 Matches (3 Draw)	Scotland	
65	Won			48
1452	Points			1154
219	Tries			179
106	Conversions			80
127	Penalties			122
26	Drop Goals			31

Player Records

For Wales against Scotland		For Scotland against Wales	
2 Players - 12	Appearances		12 - Chris Paterson
Stephen Jones - 111	Points		101 - Chris Paterson
Shane Williams - 9	Tries		8 - Ian Smith
Stephen Jones - 18	Conversions		9 - Chris Paterson
Stephen Jones - 25	Penalties		21 - Gavin Hastings
Jonathan Davies - 4	Drop Goals		4 - 2 Players

Player Records in a Match

For Wales against Scotland		For Scotland against Wales	
Neil Jenkins on 17/02/2001 - 23	Points		21 - Chris Paterson on 10/02/2007
Reggie Gibbs on 04/02/1911 - 3	Tries		5 - George Lindsay on 26/02/1887
Stephen Jones on 13/03/2005 - 5	Conversions		4 - On 2 Occasions
On 3 Occasions - 5	Penalties		7 - Chris Paterson on 10/02/2007
Neil Jenkins on 17/02/2001 - 3	Drop Goals		2 - On 3 Occasions

Team Records in a Match

For Wales against Scotland		For Scotland against Wales	
On 13/03/2005 - 46	Points		35 - On 02/02/1924
On 04/02/1911 - 8	Tries		12 - On 26/02/1887
On 13/03/2005 - 5	Conversions		4 - On 3 Occasions
On 3 Occasions - 5	Penalties		7 - On 10/02/2007
On 17/02/2001 - 3	Drop Goals		3 - On 04/03/1899



Head Coach: Warren Gatland

Debut: 02/02/2008 v England (W 26-19)
 Winning Ratio: 48.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 2.14

Recent Matches

Wales Record Under Warren Gatland			
24 Wins		1 Drawn	25 Lost
1142 For		Points	1001 Against
107 For		Tries	91 Against
80 For		Conversions	69 Against
144 For		Penalties	126 Against
5 For		Drop Goals	10 Against

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
05/02/2012	Ireland	W 23 - 21	Dublin
03/12/2011	Australia	L 18 - 24	Cardiff
21/10/2011	Australia	L 18 - 21	Auckland
15/10/2011	France	L 8 - 9	Auckland
08/10/2011	Ireland	W 22 - 10	Wellington
Points For		89	
Points Ag		85	
Tries For		11	
Tries Ag		8	

Player Info For Wales

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Gethin Jenkins	1	31	01/11/2002	83	28	8	37	2	44	20	4	0	0	0
Huw Bennett	2	28	16/08/2003	50	29	5	24	1	25	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Jones	3	30	23/08/2003	76	10	8	36	3	37	10	2	0	0	0
Ryan Jones	4	30	06/11/2004	59	8	5	29	2	28	5	1	0	0	0
Ian Evans	5	27	11/06/2006	18	5	1	7	1	10	5	1	0	0	0
Danny Lydiate	6	24	21/11/2009	20	1	1	8	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Warburton (C)	7	23	06/06/2009	25	4	2	13	0	12	10	2	0	0	0
Toby Faletau	8	21	04/06/2011	12	0	0	6	0	6	10	2	0	0	0
Mike Phillips	9	29	27/08/2003	61	19	4	29	2	30	40	8	0	0	0
Rhys Priestland	10	25	12/02/2011	11	3	1	7	0	4	50	1	12	7	0
George North	11	19	13/11/2010	17	1	0	7	1	9	50	10	0	0	0
Jamie Roberts	12	25	09/02/2008	40	2	4	19	0	21	20	4	0	0	0
Jonathan Davies	13	23	30/05/2009	22	3	1	12	0	10	35	7	0	0	0
Alex Cuthbert	14	21	03/12/2011	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leigh Halfpenny	15	23	08/11/2008	28	2	2	13	0	15	83	9	1	12	0
Total				524	116	42	248	13	263	338	51	13	19	0
Ken Owens	16	25	26/09/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul James	17	29	27/08/2003	32	6	2	13	1	18	0	0	0	0	0
Lou Reed	18	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Powell	19	30	08/11/2008	22	6	2	12	0	10	5	1	0	0	0
Lloyd Williams	20	22	20/08/2011	5	4	0	3	0	2	10	2	0	0	0
James Hook	21	26	11/06/2006	60	13	5	26	2	32	326	12	40	58	4
Scott Williams	22	21	04/06/2011	8	5	0	4	0	4	20	4	0	0	0

Records For Wales

Caps
104 - Stephen Jones
100 - Gareth Thomas
99 - Martyn Williams

Tries
58 - Shane Williams
40 - Gareth Thomas
33 - Ieuan Evans

Points
1049 - Neil Jenkins
917 - Stephen Jones
326 - James Hook

Player Records (In a Match)	
Points: 30 - Neil Jenkins v Italy on 20/03/1999	
Tries: 4 - 9 players	
Conversions: 14 - Gavin Henson v Japan on 26/11/2004	
Penalties: 9 - Neil Jenkins v France on 28/08/1999	
Drop Goals: 3 - Neil Jenkins v Scotland on 17/02/2001	

Team Records (In a Match)	
Points: 102 v Portugal on 17/05/1994	
Tries: 16 v Portugal on 17/05/1994	
Conversions: 14 v Japan on 26/11/2004	
Penalties: 9 v France on 28/08/1999	
Drop Goals: 3 v Scotland on 17/02/2001	





Head Coach: Andy Robinson

Debut: 14/11/2009 v Fiji (W 23-10)
 Winning Ratio: 48.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 0.80

Recent Matches

Scotland Record Under Andy Robinson			
12 Wins	1 Drawn		12 Lost
395 For	Points		433 Against
20 For	Tries		39 Against
14 For	Conversions		29 Against
73 For	Penalties		57 Against
16 For	Drop Goals		3 Against

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
04/02/2012	England	L 6 13	Edinburgh
01/10/2011	England	L 12 16	Auckland
25/09/2011	Argentina	L 12 13	Wellington
14/09/2011	Georgia	W 15 6	Invercargill
10/09/2011	Romania	W 34 24	Invercargill
Points For		79	
Points Ag		72	
Tries For		4	
Tries Ag		5	

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	61	14	5	24	1	36	0	0	0	0	0
Ross Ford (C)	2	27	06/11/2004	54	11	6	22	1	31	10	2	0	0	0
Geoff Cross	3	29	08/02/2009	9	5	1	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Richie Gray	4	22	07/02/2010	17	6	1	8	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Jim Hamilton	5	29	11/11/2006	35	8	4	12	1	22	5	1	0	0	0
Ally Strokosch	6	28	25/11/2006	24	6	0	11	0	13	5	1	0	0	0
Ross Rennie	7	25	23/02/2008	12	9	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
David Denton	8	22	06/08/2011	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Cusiter	9	29	14/02/2004	56	22	7	19	1	36	15	3	0	0	0
Greig Laidlaw	10	26	13/11/2010	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Max Evans	11	28	22/11/2008	25	5	3	9	1	15	15	3	0	0	0
Sean Lamont	12	31	04/06/2004	61	3	6	26	1	34	40	8	0	0	0
Nick De Luca	13	28	03/02/2008	30	15	2	12	1	17	5	1	0	0	0
Lee Jones	14	23	04/02/2012	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rory Lamont	15	29	13/03/2005	27	3	2	12	0	15	30	6	0	0	0
Total				417	111	38	166	8	243	125	25	0	0	0
Scott Lawson	16	30	05/06/2005	30	21	3	13	1	16	10	2	0	0	0
Ed Kalman	17	29		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alastair Kellock	18	30	06/11/2004	37	13	3	17	1	19	5	1	0	0	0
John Barclay	19	25	23/09/2007	33	2	4	13	1	19	10	2	0	0	0
Mike Blair	20	30	15/06/2002	76	35	8	30	0	46	35	7	0	0	0
Duncan Weir	21	20		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuart Hogg	22	19		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	

