# WALES

Friday 21th February 2014
KO: 20:00
Millennium Stadium, Cardiff

# FRANCE

## Team Sheets

WALES
IRB RANKING: 7
Test #: 660

| | |
|---|---|
| 15 | Leigh Halfpenny – Cardiff Blues |
| 14 | Alex Cuthbert – Cardiff Blues |
| 13 | George North – Northampton Saints |
| 12 | Jamie Roberts – Racing Metro 92 |
| 11 | Liam Williams – Scarlets |
| 10 | Rhys Priestland – Scarlets |
| 9 | Rhys Webb – Ospreys |
| 8 | Toby Faletau – Newport Gwent Dragons |
| 6 | Danny Lydiate – Racing Metro 92 |
| 5 | Alun Wyn Jones – Ospreys |
| 4 | Luke Charteris – USA Perpignan |
| 7 | Sam Warburton (C) – Cardiff Blues |
| 3 | Adam Jones – Ospreys |
| 2 | Richard Hibbard – Ospreys |
| 1 | Gethin Jenkins – Cardiff Blues |

### Replacements

16 Ken Owens (Scarlets)
17 Paul James (Bath Rugby)
18 Rhodri Jones (Scarlets)
19 Jake Ball (Scarlets)
20 Justin Tipuric (Ospreys)
21 Mike Phillips (Racing Metro 92)
22 Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
23 James Hook (USA Perpignan)

### Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 650
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 26
Oldest Player: Gethin Jenkins (33)
Youngest Player: George North (21)
Avg Weight Forwards: 116 kg

### Officials

Referee:
Alain Rolland (Ireland) - 67 Tests

Tests at Venue: 8 Tests
Wales: 15 Tests
France: 15 Tests
Test Debut: 19/09/2001 - Wales v Romania

Assistant Referee 1:
John Lacey (Ireland)

Assistant Referee 2:
Dudley Phillips (Ireland)

TV Match Official:
Graham Hughes (England)

FRANCE
IRB RANKING: 5
Test #: 701

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|---|---|
| 1 | Thomas Domingo – ASM Clermont Auvergne |
| 2 | Dimitri Szarzewski – Racing Metro 92 |
| 3 | Nicolas Mas – Montpellier Herault Rugby Club |
| 6 | Yannick Nyanga – Stade Toulousain |
| 4 | Pascal Pape (C) – Stade Francais Paris |
| 5 | Yoann Maestri – Stade Toulousain |
| 7 | Wenceslas Lauret – Racing Metro 92 |
| 8 | Louis Picamoles – Stade Toulousain |
| 9 | Jean Marc Doussain – Stade Toulousain |
| 10 | Jules Plisson – Stade Francais Paris |
| 11 | Hugo Bonneval – Stade Francais Paris |
| 12 | Wesley Fofana – ASM Clermont Auvergne |
| 13 | Mathieu Bastareaud – RC Toulonnais |
| 14 | Yoann Huget – Stade Toulousain |
| 15 | Brice Dulin – Castres Olympique |

### Replacements

16 Brice Mach (Castres Olympique)
17 Yannick Forestier (Castres Olympique)
18 Vincent Debaty (ASM Clermont Auvergne)
19 Sebastien Vahaamahina (USA Perpignan)
20 Damien Chouly (ASM Clermont Auvergne)
21 Maxime Machenaud (Racing Metro 92)
22 Remi Tales (Castres Olympique)
23 Gael Fickou (Stade Toulousain)

### Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 418
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
Oldest Player: Nicolas Mas (33)
Youngest Player: Gael Fickou (19)
Avg Weight Forwards: 106 kg

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# Facts & Figures

## KEY FACTS

- If Wales defeat France on Friday it will be the first time they have beaten Les Bleus in three consecutive Championship matches since 1970/1971/1972.
- It will also be their 50th win at the Millennium Stadium since the venue was redeveloped in 1999.
- France have not won away from home in the Six Nations since their 23-17 win against Scotland in 2012. Their last away fixture in the competition was a 13-13 draw in Ireland last year.
- If France fail to win on Friday it will be the first time since 1965 that they have failed to win in five consecutive Championship matches away from home.
- Wales need one more try to reach a total of 150 tries against the French in the Six Nations.
- Replacement hooker BRICE MACH will make his Test debut if he comes off the bench for France on Friday. MACH could become the third player to make a try scoring debut in this year's competition should he score on Friday night, alongside England's Luther Burrell and team mate HUGO BONNEVAL.
- If France win Friday's game, Wales will not be able to become the first team in Six Nations history to win three consecutive titles. A France win would see them stay in the running for what would be their tenth Grand Slam.

## TEAM NEWS

- With Scott Williams out injured, GEORGE NORTH moves into the centre alongside JAMIE ROBERTS. The partnership starting on Friday night will be the seventh different starting combination in the Welsh midfield in the last eight games. When Wales won last year's tournament, JAMIE ROBERTS and Jonathan Davies started every game together.
- MIKE PHILLIPS drops to the bench making way for RHYS WEBB to make his first start for his country.
- Wales field a more experienced starting XV with a total of 650 caps compared to France's total of 418.
- France will have the oldest and youngest players on the pitch on Friday. NICOLAS MAS will be the oldest at the age of 33 and GAEL FICKOU will be the youngest if he comes off the bench at the age of 19.
- MATHIEU BASTAREAUD is fit to start and faces off against GEORGE NORTH at outside centre. Both men weigh in excess of 17 stone. BASTAREAUD will earn his 21st cap against the side that he made his debut against just over five years ago.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Wales' heaviest defeat in the Six Nations came 'at home' to the French in a 51-0 defeat at Wembley Stadium, London in 1998. Wales' heaviest home defeat in the Principality also came at the hands of France two years later; the 36-3 loss in 2000 marked the first Six Nations game to be played at the Millennium Stadium.

## HEAD TO HEAD

- Friday's clash between Wales and France is the 85th time these two sides have met in the Championship. Wales have the edge with 42 wins compared to France's 39 wins with three draws.
- Wales have scored a total of 1163 points against France in the Championship and have scored 149 tries in the process. However, France have scored 19 more points against Wales but have scored one less try against the Welsh.
- Last year's meeting between the two sides finished 16-6 in favour of Wales at the Stade de France.
- The first meeting between the two sides was in 1910 and finished with Wales beating the visitors 49-14 in Swansea.
- Wales have lost seven of their last 10 games against France, but have won both of the last two meetings between the sides.

## TRY COUNT

- Wales have scored 32 tries in their last 20 Six Nations matches. Wales' 26-3 loss to Ireland two weeks ago was the first time they failed to score a try in the Six Nations since 2011 when they lost 28-9 to France.
- France have scored 38 tries in their last 20 Six Nations matches, and have managed to score six tries already in this year's competition. The last time France failed to score a try in the Six Nations was last year when they lost 16-6 to Wales at the Stade de France.

## FORM GUIDE

- Wales have won three of their last five matches. Their 26-3 loss to Ireland last week was their worst Six Nations loss since a 31-5 defeat in the same fixture in 2006.
- France have also won three of their last five matches. They beat England 26-24 in round one of the Championship and won 30-10 against Italy a fortnight ago.

## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- ALAIN ROLLAND will referee the match between Wales and France on Friday. It will be the 68th Test match that he has refereed and the second between the two sides. The first match he officiated between the two sides was in the IRB Rugby World Cup 2011 Semi Final which finished 9-8 to France.

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# Head to Head

## Recent Results

| Date | Team A | Result | | Team B | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/02/2013 | France | 6 | 16 | Wales | St Denis |
| 17/03/2012 | Wales | 16 | 9 | France | Cardiff |
| 15/10/2011 | Wales | 8 | 9 | France | Auckland |
| 19/03/2011 | France | 28 | 9 | Wales | St Denis |
| 26/02/2010 | Wales | 20 | 26 | France | Cardiff |

## Summary

| Wales | 91 Matches (3 Draw) | France |
|---|---|---|
| 45 | Won | 43 |
| 1337 | Points | 1319 |
| 176 | Tries | 162 |
| 97 | Conversions | 97 |
| 155 | Penalties | 136 |
| 15 | Drop Goals | 22 |

## Player Records

| For Wales against France | | For France against Wales |
|---|---|---|
| Neil Jenkins - 13 | Appearances | 14 - Philippe Sella |
| Neil Jenkins - 152 | Points | 53 - Christophe Lamaison |
| Reggie Gibbs - 7 | Tries | 6 - 2 Players |
| Jack Bancroft - 22 | Conversions | 10 - Christophe Lamaison |
| Neil Jenkins - 37 | Penalties | 12 - Morgan Parra |
| 3 Players - 2 | Drop Goals | 3 - Guy Camberabero |

## Player Records in a Match

| For Wales against France | | For France against Wales |
|---|---|---|
| Neil Jenkins on 28/08/1999 - 29 | Points | 24 - Jean-Baptiste Elissalde on 07/03/2004 |
| Reggie Gibbs on 02/03/1908 - 4 | Tries | 3 - Emile Ntamack on 06/03/1999 |
| Jack Bancroft on 01/01/1910 - 8 | Conversions | 5 - Christophe Lamaison on 05/04/1998 |
| Neil Jenkins on 28/08/1999 - 9 | Penalties | 5 - On 2 Occasions |
| Neil Jenkins on 17/03/2001 - 2 | Drop Goals | 2 - On 2 Occasions |

## Team Records in a Match

| For Wales against France | | For France against Wales |
|---|---|---|
| On 01/01/1910 - 49 | Points | 51 - On 05/04/1998 |
| On 23/02/1909 - 11 | Tries | 7 - On 05/04/1998 |
| On 01/01/1910 - 8 | Conversions | 5 - On 05/04/1998 |
| On 28/08/1999 - 9 | Penalties | 7 - On 17/03/2001 |
| On 3 Occasions - 2 | Drop Goals | 2 - On 2 Occasions |

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## Head Coach: Warren Gatland

Debut: 02/02/2008 v England (W 26-19)
Winning Ratio: 50.00%
Average Tries per Match: 2.03

### Wales Record Under Warren Gatland

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 31 Wins | 1 Drawn | 30 Lost |
| 1374 For | Points | 1193 Against |
| 126 For | Tries | 107 Against |
| 96 For | Conversions | 83 Against |
| 179 For | Penalties | 154 Against |
| 5 For | Drop Goals | 10 Against |

## Recent Matches

| Date | Opponent | Result | | | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 08/02/2014 | Ireland | L | 3 | 26 | Dublin |
| 01/02/2014 | Italy | W | 23 | 15 | Cardiff |
| 30/11/2013 | Australia | L | 26 | 30 | Cardiff |
| 22/11/2013 | Tonga | W | 17 | 7 | Cardiff |
| 16/11/2013 | Argentina | W | 40 | 6 | Cardiff |

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|---|---|
| Points For | 109 |
| Points Ag | 84 |
| Tries For | 10 |
| 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 | 33 | 01/11/2002 | 102 | 30 | 11 | 45 | 2 | 55 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Hibbard | 2 | 30 | 11/06/2006 | 28 | 14 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Jones | 3 | 32 | 23/08/2003 | 91 | 10 | 9 | 45 | 3 | 43 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Luke Charteris | 4 | 30 | 06/11/2004 | 44 | 18 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alun Wyn Jones | 5 | 28 | 11/06/2006 | 76 | 9 | 7 | 35 | 0 | 41 | 35 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Danny Lydiate | 6 | 26 | 21/11/2009 | 32 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sam Warburton (C) | 7 | 25 | 06/06/2009 | 43 | 7 | 3 | 20 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Toby Faletau | 8 | 23 | 04/06/2011 | 31 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhys Webb | 9 | 25 | 10/03/2012 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhys Priestland | 10 | 27 | 12/02/2011 | 27 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 14 | 56 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 0 |
| Liam Williams | 11 | 22 | 02/06/2012 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamie Roberts | 12 | 27 | 09/02/2008 | 55 | 2 | 6 | 28 | 0 | 27 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| George North | 13 | 21 | 13/11/2010 | 37 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 18 | 75 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Cuthbert | 14 | 23 | 03/12/2011 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 50 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leigh Halfpenny | 15 | 25 | 08/11/2008 | 50 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 0 | 26 | 360 | 12 | 27 | 82 | 0 |
| | | | Total | 650 | 107 | 61 | 309 | 7 | 334 | 661 | 62 | 39 | 91 | 0 |
| Ken Owens | 16 | 27 | 26/09/2011 | 21 | 18 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul James | 17 | 31 | 27/08/2003 | 50 | 19 | 4 | 23 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhodri Jones | 18 | 22 | 02/06/2012 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jake Ball | 19 | 22 | 08/02/2014 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Justin Tipuric | 20 | 24 | 20/08/2011 | 21 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Phillips | 21 | 31 | 27/08/2003 | 82 | 20 | 9 | 39 | 2 | 41 | 45 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dan Biggar | 22 | 24 | 14/11/2008 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 84 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 1 |
| James Hook | 23 | 28 | 11/06/2006 | 73 | 24 | 7 | 33 | 2 | 38 | 346 | 13 | 43 | 61 | 4 |

## Records For Wales

| Caps | Tries | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 104 - Stephen Jones | 58 - Shane Williams | 1049 - Neil Jenkins |
| 102 - Gethin Jenkins | 40 - Gareth Thomas | 917 - Stephen Jones |
| 100 - Gareth Thomas | 33 - Ieuan Evans | 360 - Leigh Halfpenny |

### 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 |

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## Head Coach: Philippe Saint-Andre

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|---|---|
| Debut: | 04/02/2012 v Italy (W 30-12) |
| Winning Ratio: | 45.83% |
| Average Tries per Match: | 1.88 |

### France Record Under Philippe Saint-Andre

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11 Wins | 2 Drawn | 11 Lost |
| 520 For | Points | 441 Against |
| 45 For | Tries | 37 Against |
| 35 For | Conversions | 32 Against |
| 71 For | Penalties | 59 Against |
| 4 For | Drop Goals | 5 Against |

## Recent Matches

| Date | Opponent | Result | | | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 09/02/2014 | Italy | W | 30 | 10 | St Denis |
| 01/02/2014 | England | W | 26 | 24 | St Denis |
| 23/11/2013 | South Africa | L | 10 | 19 | St Denis |
| 16/11/2013 | Tonga | W | 38 | 18 | Le Havre |
| 09/11/2013 | New Zealand | L | 19 | 26 | St Denis |

| | |
|---|---|
| Points For | 123 |
| Points Ag | 97 |
| Tries For | 12 |
| Tries Ag | 8 |

## Player Info For France

| Player | Pos | Age | Debut | Caps | Caps as Sub | Caps v Opponent | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points | Tries | Cons | Pens | DGs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Domingo | 1 | 28 | 27/02/2009 | 30 | 8 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dimitri Szarzewski | 2 | 31 | 10/07/2004 | 77 | 37 | 8 | 46 | 1 | 30 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nicolas Mas | 3 | 33 | 28/06/2003 | 68 | 12 | 8 | 40 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pascal Pape (C) | 4 | 33 | 14/02/2004 | 51 | 8 | 4 | 30 | 2 | 19 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yoann Maestri | 5 | 26 | 04/02/2012 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yannick Nyanga | 6 | 30 | 03/07/2004 | 36 | 10 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wenceslas Lauret | 7 | 24 | 12/06/2010 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Louis Picamoles | 8 | 28 | 09/02/2008 | 40 | 13 | 2 | 20 | 2 | 18 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jean Marc Doussain | 9 | 23 | 23/10/2011 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Jules Plisson | 10 | 22 | 01/02/2014 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hugo Bonneval | 11 | 23 | 09/02/2014 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wesley Fofana | 12 | 26 | 04/02/2012 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 45 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mathieu Bastareaud | 13 | 25 | 27/02/2009 | 20 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yoann Huget | 14 | 26 | 20/11/2010 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brice Dulin | 15 | 23 | 16/06/2012 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | Total | 418 | 109 | 36 | 235 | 16 | 167 | 230 | 40 | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| Brice Mach | 16 | 27 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yannick Forestier | 17 | 32 | 10/11/2012 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vincent Debaty | 18 | 32 | 17/06/2006 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sebastien Vahaamahina | 19 | 22 | 10/11/2012 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Damien Chouly | 20 | 28 | 02/06/2007 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maxime Machenaud | 21 | 25 | 23/06/2012 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Remi Tales | 22 | 29 | 15/06/2013 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gael Fickou | 23 | 19 | 16/03/2013 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## Records For France

| Caps | Tries | Points |
|---|---|---|
| 118 - Fabien Pelous | 38 - Serge Blanco | 380 - Christophe Lamaison |
| 111 - Philippe Sella | 34 - Vincent Clerc | 373 - Dimitri Yachvili |
| 98 - Raphaël Ibanez | 32 - Philippe Saint-Andre | 367 - Thierry Lacroix |

### Player Records (In a Match)

| | |
|---|---|
| Points: | 30 - Didier Camberabero v Zimbabwe on 02/06/1987 |
| Tries: | 4 - 2 players |
| Conversions: | 11 - Jean-Baptiste Elissalde v Namibia on 16/09/2007 |
| Penalties: | 8 - Thierry Lacroix v Ireland on 10/06/1995 |
| Drop Goals: | 3 - 3 players |

### Team Records (In a Match)

| | |
|---|---|
| Points: | 87 v Namibia on 16/09/2007 |
| Tries: | 13 on 3 Occasions |
| Conversions: | 11 v Namibia on 16/09/2007 |
| Penalties: | 8 v Ireland on 10/06/1995 |
| Drop Goals: | 3 on 5 Occasions |