



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND MATCH REVIEW

WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS 2014

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WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS 2014 COMMENTARY

An examination of the Women's Six Nations since its inception in 2002 to the 2014 Championship won by France, shows a history that can be divided into three distinct periods.

The first period covers the first four years of the competition, from 2002 to 2005. Over these four years the tournament was dominated by France. They claimed the title three times and won 18 of their 20 matches.

This was then followed by a period dominated by England, who won the tournament every year from 2006 to 2012, winning 34 of their 35 matches.

The third period covers the last three years and includes England's last title in 2012. In the last three years, the competition has been won by three different teams – England, Ireland and France. It has therefore become more competitive at the top level with both France and England losing three matches and Ireland losing four over the three-year period. Of the 10 matches lost by the three teams, nine were to each other, the only exception being France's loss to Italy in 2013.

Such results reflect a tournament that is currently being dominated by three teams, a feature confirmed in the 2014 edition:

- In the nine matches that France, England and Ireland against Italy, Wales and Scotland in the 2014 Championship, the total points scored by them was 359 with nine conceded from three penalty goals by Wales
- In those same nine matches, the try count was 56–0. Not a single try was scored by the second group of teams.

Such a demarcation between two groups of teams in one competition is unusual, if not unique. With success in a number of matches all but guaranteed, the eventual standings in any championship are likely to be dependent on the results of a small limited number of matches.

The 2014 tournament also illustrated graphically the difficulties being experienced by Scotland. All five matches were lost with 261 points conceded and just five points scored.



Such a result is indicative of the problems faced by Scotland in recent years.

- In the first four years of the Women's Six Nations (between 2002 and 2005), Scotland won 12 of their 20 matches. This contrasts with the most recent four years where they have failed to win a single game, losing all 20 matches, scoring 40 points but conceding 834
- This decline is not being arrested. While five tries were scored in 2011 and 2012, only one try has been scored in the last two years during which time 74 tries have been conceded
- Further, losing margins are increasing. In 2013, the three closest margins were eight, 13 and 27 points. This year the three closest margins this year were 25, 40 and 59

In contrast to Scotland, France had a very successful tournament winning all five matches to claim the Grand Slam and win the title for the first time in 10 years.

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MATCH FACTS

- France won all five matches, scoring 25 tries at an average of five tries per match.
- Scotland failed to win a match, scoring one try and conceding 43.
- Scotland conceded 11 tries against both England and France.
- 100% of matches were won by the team scoring the most tries (87% in 2013).
- 82 tries were scored and 21 penalty goals were kicked, a ratio of almost four to one (68 and 29 in 2013).
- There were four matches with a margin of 10 points or less, while six matches had a margin of more than 30 points.
- 48% of tries were scored by backs and 52% by forwards compared with 2013 where 80% of tries were scored by backs and 20% by forwards.
- 39% of tries originated from lineout possession and 23% from scrum possession.
- 24% of tries started from inside the scoring team's own half.
- 77% of tries were preceded by two or fewer phases and 57% of tries by three or fewer passes.
- Average ball in play time was 33m 37s or 42% (36m 57s or 46% in 2013).
- The most passes in a match was 345 (Italy v England) and the least was 140 (Ireland v Wales).
- England made 201 passes in the match against Italy, a number that exceeded those made by both teams in four of the 15 matches.
- The most ruck/mauls in a match was 181 (Wales v Scotland) and the least was 113 (Wales v France).
- England were involved in four of the five matches which contained the most ruck/mauls and France were involved in the three matches which contained the least ruck/mauls.
- The most kicks in a match was 50 (France v Ireland) and the least was 18 (Scotland v England).
- There were 28 scrum tightheads and one free kick for a crooked feed.
- 56% of penalties/free kicks were at tackle/ruck, with 62% in favour of the team in possession.
- 10% of penalty kicks/free kicks were at the scrum, with 76% of penalty/free kicks in favour of the team in possession.
- All six of the yellow cards awarded were in matches involving Ireland but only two were against Ireland.



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TEAM FACTS



FRANCE

France won the 2014 Championship, winning all five matches

- They scored the most tries and conceded the fewest.
- They had the best try scoring rate and the best try conceding rate.
- They kicked the fewest number of penalty goals.
- They kicked the only drop goal.
- They scored over twice as many tries in the second half as in the first half.
- They did not concede a try in the first half of any of their five matches.
- The majority of their tries were scored by forwards.
- They scored almost one half of their tries from lineout possession and scored more tries from turnovers than any other team.
- Over one third of their tries were scored from inside their own half, a higher proportion than any other team.
- They had the least successful kick at goal rate, succeeding with just two of 14 penalty goal attempts.
- They had the lowest passing rate of any of the six teams.
- Their forwards made proportionately more passes than any other team's.
- They averaged more kicks than any other team and kicked at the highest rate.
- Their scrum half, fly half and back three were more likely to kick the ball than those from any other team.
- Only one in five of restarts were contestable and none were regained
- They were the most successful at their own lineouts, conceding the fewest number of steals.
- Their scrums contained the highest proportion of penalties and free kicks.
- They conceded no yellow or red cards.



ENGLAND

England finished as runners-up, losing only to France.

- They scored 23 tries – two fewer than France.
- They conceded three tries – one more than France.
- The majority of their tries were scored by backs, unlike France and Ireland.
- Almost 80% of their tries contained one or fewer rucks and mauls.
- They obtained more possession than their opponents in all five of their matches.
- They made more passes than any other team and passed at a higher rate.
- Their backs were most likely to pass the ball.
- Their centres were most likely to pass the ball and the least likely to kick.
- They were the team least likely to kick the ball.
- Unlike other teams, over 50% of their restarts were contestable and they were the most successful team in regaining their restarts.
- They won more lineout steals than any other team.
- They conceded one yellow card and no red cards.



IRELAND

After winning the Championship in 2013, Ireland finished third

- They won three matches and lost two.
- Most of their tries were scored in the second half.
- They kicked more penalty goals than any other team.
- 60% of tries were scored by forwards.
- 70% of tries were scored from within 22m of the opponents' goal-line – a greater proportion than any other team.
- 30% of tries contained no rucks/mauls – a greater proportion than any other team.
- Seven of nine penalty goal attempts were successful.
- They obtained more possession than their opponents in four of their five matches.
- Only one team had a lower kicking rate.
- They contested more lineouts than any other team.
- They had the most successful scrum winning 96% of their own ball.
- Scrums involving Ireland contained the fewest proportion of penalties and free kicks
- They conceded no penalties and free kicks on their own scrums – but eight on their opponents'.
- They conceded two yellow cards and no red cards.

**Italy won two matches, against Wales and Scotland, to finish fourth**

- They scored the same number of tries in the first half as the second.
- Five of their eight tries were scored by backs
- Over 60% of tries conceded were from within the 22m line.
- In four of matches their opponents had more possession.
- Only one team's forwards made proportionately more passes.
- Their front row was the most likely to pass the ball as was their second row and back row.
- Their back three were the most likely to pass the ball.
- Their centres were the most likely to kick the ball.
- There were no collapses on Italy's scrums.
- No team took fewer tap penalties/free kicks.
- No cards were conceded.

**WALES****Wales won one match to finish in fifth place**

- Wales' opponents scored double the number of points they did.
- They scored all five tries and five of their six penalty goals in the first half.
- Their opponents scored 75% of their tries in the second half.
- Three of their five tries were scored by their forwards.
- No tries were scored or conceded from possession obtained more than 50m from the goal-line.
- All five tries were scored with two or fewer rucks and mauls.
- They had the most successful kick at goal rate despite kicking only one conversion.
- Their back row was the least likely to pass the ball.
- Wales rucked at the highest rate.
- Their scrum half made a total of three kicks in five matches.
- They were the most successful team at contestable restarts.
- Over 90% of restarts were kicked long.
- They had the least successful scrum.
- They were the most penalised team.
- Two yellow and no red cards were conceded.



Scotland lost all five matches

- They scored only one try and they did not kick a penalty goal.
- They conceded 261 points in five matches, including 43 tries which exceeded the total number of tries scored by the other five teams.
- The losing points margins in their five matches were 69, 63, 59, 40 and 25.
- They conceded 25 tries in the first half and 18 in the second.
- Of the 20 tries conceded from inside the opponent's half, 18 were conceded by Scotland.
- They obtained less possession than their opponents in all five matches.
- Overall, their opponents won over 50% more possession.
- Their forwards passed proportionately less than any other team.
- Their two locks made a total of one pass in five matches.
- They had the least success in ruck and maul possession.
- Almost 80% of restarts were kicked long.
- Lineout success was 42% - the average of the other teams was almost 80%.
- 27 lineout steals were lost – the next highest was 12.
- They were the least penalised team.
- More penalties and free kicks were tapped than any other team.
- They conceded one yellow card and no red cards.

WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS 2014 FINAL STANDINGS & RESULTS



	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	TF	TA	PTS
France	5	5	0	0	162	21	141	25	2	10
England	5	4	0	1	145	31	114	23	3	8
Ireland	5	3	0	2	137	42	95	20	6	6
Italy	5	2	0	3	57	108	-51	8	16	4
Wales	5	1	0	4	45	88	-43	5	12	2
Scotland	5	0	0	5	5	261	-256	1	43	0

P = Played W = Won D = Draw L = Lost PF = Points For PA = Points Against
PD = Points Difference TF = Tries For TA = Tries Against PTS = Points



Ireland	59-0
France	18-6
Wales	11-12
Ireland	14-6
France	29-0
Scotland	0-63
England	17-10
Wales	0-27
Scotland	0-69
Italy	45-5
Ireland	39-0
England	35-3
France	19-15
Wales	25-0
Italy	0-24

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OVERALL SUMMARY

	SIX NATIONS 2014	SIX NATIONS 2013	SIX NATIONS 2012	SIX NATIONS 2011
SCORING				
AVG. POINTS	36	33	32	38
AVG. TRIES	5.5	4.5	4.9	5.7
AVG. PENALTY GOALS	1.7	1.9	1.1	1.5
CONVERSION SUCCESS	44%	49%	41%	41%
AVG. DROP GOALS	1 in 15 matches	0 in 15 matches	1 in 15 matches	0 in 15 matches
ACTIVITY				
BALL IN PLAY	42%	44%	43%	43%
AVG. PASSES	232	266	232	244
AVG. RUCK/MAULS	152	175	143	161
RUCK/MAUL SUCCESS	90%	91%	91%	93%
AVG. KICKS	32	30	30	29
SET PIECE				
AVG. LINEOUTS	26	25	24	24
LINEOUT SUCCESS	73%	77%	75%	79%
AVG. SCRUMS	20	25	24	26
SCRUM SUCCESS	86%	87%	86%	83%
CONTESTABLE 50m RESTART REGAIN SUCCESS	33%	28%	26%	30%
DISCIPLINE				
AVG. PENALTIES/ FKS	23	24	24	24
TOTAL CARDS	6 yellow 0 red	10 yellow 0 red	15 yellow 0 red	15 yellow 0 red




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OVERALL SUMMARY BY TEAM

	ENGLAND 		FRANCE 		IRELAND 	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
SCORING						
TOTAL POINTS SCORED	145	150	162	160	137	88
TOTAL POINTS CONCEDED	31	71	21	48	42	26
TOTAL TRIES SCORED	23	23	25	24	20	12
TOTAL TRIES CONCEDED	3	11	2	5	6	2
TOTAL PENALTY GOALS SCORED	4	3	2	4	7	6
TOTAL PENALTY GOALS CONCEDED	3	4	3	5	2	4
POINTS FROM TRIES	79%	77%	77%	75%	73%	68%
KICKS AT GOAL SUCCESS	42%	56%	41%	60%	52%	52%
DROP GOAL SUCCESS RATE	-	-	1 / 1	0 / 1	-	-
GENERAL PLAY						
AVG. POSSESSION	22m04	22m41	17m04	18m25	18m08	18m33
AVG. PASSES	178	198	93	116	131	147
AVG. RUCK/MAULS	102	113	74	95	81	87
RUCK/MAUL RETENTION	89%	93%	91%	89%	91%	93%
AVG. KICKS	14	10	19	16	16	18
SET PIECE						
OWN LINEOUT SUCCESS	81%	80%	83%	87%	81%	90%
OWN SCRUM SUCCESS	93%	94%	87%	89%	96%	87%
OWN CONTESTABLE 50m RESTART SUCCESS	60%	3 in 11	0%	4 in 5	50%	2 in 3
DISCIPLINE						
PENALTIES & F/Ks FOR	45%	50%	51%	44%	54%	54%
PENALTIES& F/Ks AGAINST	55%	50%	49%	56%	46%	46%
YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0	2/0	0/0	2/0	2/0	2/0

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OVERALL SUMMARY BY TEAM

	ITALY		SCOTLAND		WALES	
						
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
SCORING						
TOTAL POINTS SCORED	57	39	5	3	45	55
TOTAL POINTS CONCEDED	108	68	261	203	88	79
TOTAL TRIES SCORED	8	2	1	-	5	7
TOTAL TRIES CONCEDED	16	10	43	31	12	9
TOTAL PENALTY GOALS SCORED	2	9	-	1	6	6
TOTAL PENALTY GOALS CONCEDED	4	4	3	4	6	8
% OF POINTS FROM TRIES	70%	26%	100%	0%	56%	64%
KICKS AT GOAL SUCCESS	50%	77%	0%	100%	54%	50%
DROP GOAL SUCCESS RATE	-	-	-	-	-	-
GENERAL PLAY						
AVG. POSSESSION	15m03	14m31	12m41	17m16	15m51	15m02
AVG. PASSES	107	94	75	119	112	125
AVG. RUCK/MAULS	66	64	57	97	78	70
RUCK/MAUL RETENTION	89%	89%	87%	90%	91%	93%
AVG. KICKS	16	18	13	11	17	17
SET PIECE						
OWN LINEOUT SUCCESS	76%	72%	42%	62%	71%	71%
OWN SCRUM SUCCESS	83%	81%	83%	89%	76%	81%
OWN CONTESTABLE 50m RESTART SUCCESS	3 in 10	0 in 3	1 in 11	1 in 15	1 in 2	0 in 7
DISCIPLINE						
PENALTIES & F/Ks FOR	51%	52%	57%	55%	44%	45%
PENALTIES& F/Ks AGAINST	49%	48%	43%	45%	56%	55%
YELLOW/RED CARDS	0/0	1/0	1/0	0/0	2/0	4/0







WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS 2014 REVIEW

1.0 SCORING

There were **551** points scored, giving an average of **37** points per match. The following table shows a breakdown of all points scored.







	TOTAL	POINTS	%
TRIES	82	410	74%
CONVERSIONS	36	72	12%
PENALTY GOALS	22	66	13%
DROP GOALS	1	3	1%

The following table shows the total and average points per team.

	POINTS FOR		POINTS AGAINST	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE	TOTAL	AVERAGE
 France	162	32	21	4
 England	145	29	31	6
 Ireland	137	27	42	8
 Italy	57	11	108	22
 Wales	45	9	88	18
 Scotland	5	1	261	52

1.1 TRIES, PENALTY GOALS & DROP GOALS

There was an average of **5.5** tries, **2.2** conversions and **1.6** penalty goals per match. There was one drop goal. The following tables show the breakdown of scoring per team.

	TRIES SCORED	PENALTY GOALS KICKED	DROP GOALS KICKED	POINTS FROM TRIES	POINTS FROM KICKS	TRIES : PENALTY GOALS
 France	25	2	1	77%	23%	12.5 : 1
 England	23	4	-	79%	21%	5.8 : 1
 Ireland	20	7	-	73%	27%	2.9 : 1
 Italy	8	3	-	70%	30%	2.7 : 1
 Wales	5	6	-	56%	44%	0.8 : 1
 Scotland	1	-	-	100%	0%	1 to 0

1.2 IMPACT OF TRIES & PENALTY GOALS ON MATCH RESULTS

The winning team scored the most tries in **15** or **100%** of matches.

1.3 SCORING MARGINS

There were **two** matches with a margin of 10 points or fewer. The following table groups all scoring margins.

POINTS DIFFERENCE	NO OF MATCHES	CUMULATIVE
Draw	0	0 drawn
1 – 5	2	2 with 5 points or less
6 – 10	2	4 with 10 points or less
11 – 20	1	5 with 20 points or less
21 – 30	4	9 with 30 points or less
31+	6	

The following tables show the winning and losing margins for each team.









	WON BY 31 +	WON BY 21 - 30	WON BY 11 - 20	WON BY 1 - 10	LOST BY 1 - 10	LOST BY 11 - 20	LOST BY 21 - 30	LOST BY 31 +
France	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
England	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Ireland	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Italy	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1
Wales	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	1
Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4

1.4 TIMING OF SCORES – TRIES & PENALTY GOALS

The following table shows when tries and penalty goals were scored.

	TOTAL TRIES	TRIES %	TOTAL PENALTY GOALS	PENALTY GOALS %
FIRST HALF	38	46%	16	72%
SECOND HALF	44	54%	6	28%

The following tables show the number of tries and penalty goals scored and conceded per half per team.













		TRIES						PENALTY GOALS					
		FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF		TOTAL		FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF		TOTAL	
		OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN PGs	OPP PGs	OWN PGs	OPP PGs	OWN PGs	OPP PGs
	France	8	-	17	2	25	2	2	2	-	1	2	3
	England	12	1	11	2	23	3	4	3	-	-	4	3
	Ireland	9	3	11	3	20	6	4	2	3	-	7	2
	Italy	4	6	4	10	8	16	1	3	2	1	2	4
	Wales	5	3	-	9	5	12	5	4	1	2	6	6
	Scotland	-	25	1	18	1	43	-	1	-	2	-	3

2.0 TRY SCORING

2.1 RATE OF TRY SCORING & TRY CONCEDED







There were **82** tries scored, giving a try scoring rate of one try every **six minutes** of play.

The following tables show the rate of try scoring and the rate of try conceding for each team. This is a measure of each team's success in converting possession into tries and their opponent's success in converting possession into tries.

		TRY SCORING RATE			TRY CONCEDED RATE
	France	3m 25s		France	36m 45s
	Ireland	4m 32s		England	23m 51s
	England	4m 48s		Ireland	12m 43s
	Italy	9m 24s		Wales	7m 24s
	Wales	15m 51s		Italy	6m 00s
	Scotland	63m 24s		Scotland	2m 18s

2.2 PLAYERS & TRIES

Of the **82** tries scored **39** or **48%** were scored by backs and **42** or **51%** were scored by forwards. There was one penalty try. The following table shows the number of tries scored by backs and forwards by team.






		TRIES BY BACKS	TRIES BY FORWARDS	PENALTY TRIES	TOTAL
	France	10	14	1	25
	England	13	10	-	23
	Ireland	8	12	-	20
	Italy	5	3	-	8
	Wales	2	3	-	5
	Scotland	1	-	-	1

2.3 SOURCE OF TRIES

The following table shows the possession source of tries.

	TRY SOURCE
LINEOUT	32 = 39%
SCRUM	19 = 23%
TURNOVER/HANDLING ERROR	11 = 13%
OPPONENTS KICK	11 = 13%
PENALTY/FREE KICK	7 = 9%
RESTART	2 = 2%

The following table shows the source of tries scored and conceded by each team.

	LINEOUT		SCRUM		PEN & FK		KICK		TURNOVER		RESTART		TOTAL	
	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES
 FRA	11	2	6	-	2	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	25	2
 ENG	9	3	5	-	3	-	4	-	1	-	1	-	23	3
 IRE	7	3	6	1	-	-	3	1	3	1	1	-	20	6
 ITA	3	4	2	4	1	3	1	4	1	1	-	-	8	16
 WAL	2	7	-	2	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	5	12
 SCO	-	13	-	12	1	2	-	5	-	9	-	2	1	43

2.4 ORIGIN OF TRIES

The following table shows the origin of tries.

	TRY ORIGIN
OWN HALF	20 = 24%
HALFWAY TO 10M	4 = 5%
10M TO 22M	17 = 21%
22M TO GOAL LINE	41 = 50%

The following table shows the origin of tries scored and conceded per team.


	OWN HALF		HW – 10m		10m – 22m		22m - TRY		TOTAL	
	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES
 France	9	-	-	-	7	-	9	2	25	2
 England	5	-	1	-	6	-	11	3	23	3
 Ireland	4	1	1	-	1	1	14	4	20	6
 Italy	2	1	1	2	-	3	5	10	8	16
 Wales	-	-	1	1	2	4	2	7	5	12
 Scotland	-	18	-	1	1	9	-	15	1	43

2.5 NUMBER OF RUCKS / MAULS & PASSES IN BUILD UP TO TRIES

The following table show the number of rucks and mauls that preceded each try.

RUCKS/MAULS	NUMBER	%	CUMULATIVE %
0 R/Ms	14	17%	17%
1 R/Ms	40	49%	66%
2 R/Ms	9	11%	77%
3+ R/Ms	19	23%	100%







The following table shows the number of ruck/mauls in the build up to tries scored and conceded per team.

	NO R/Ms		1 R/Ms		2 R/Ms		3+ R/Ms		TOTAL	
	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES
 France	3	-	11	2	4	-	7	-	25	2
 England	3	-	15	3	1	-	4	-	23	3
 Ireland	6	1	7	1	2	1	5	3	20	6
 Italy	1	5	4	7	-	2	3	2	8	16
 Wales	1	1	2	8	2	2	-	1	5	12
 Scotland	-	7	1	19	-	4	-	13	1	43

The following table shows the number of passes that preceded each try.

PASSES	NUMBER	%	CUMULATIVE %
0	26	32%	32%
1 - 3	20	25%	57%
4 - 6	15	18%	75%
7 - 9	11	13%	88%
10+	10	12%	100%

The following table shows the number of passes in the build up to tries scored and conceded per team.







	NO PASSES		1 – 3 PASSES		4 – 6 PASSES		7 – 9 PASSES		10+ PASSES		TOTAL	
	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES	OWN TRIES	OPP TRIES
 FRA	9	2	5	-	5	-	5	-	1	-	25	2
 ENG	7	3	5	-	4	-	3	-	4	-	23	3
 IRE	8	2	5	1	2	-	2	2	3	1	20	6
 ITA	2	4	3	5	1	5	-	1	2	1	8	16
 WAL	-	4	1	3	3	4	1	1	-	-	5	12
 SCO	-	11	1	11	-	6	-	7	-	8	1	43

3.0 KICKS AT GOAL

The following table shows kick success rates.

	KICKING SUCCESS
CONVERSIONS	48%
PENALTY GOALS	49%
DROP GOALS	1 of 1

The following table shows the kicking success for penalty goals, conversions and drop goals per team.

		PENALTY SUCCESS	CONVERSION SUCCESS	OVERALL SUCCESS %	DROP GOAL SUCCESS
	Wales	6 of 8 = 75%	1 of 5 = 20%	54%	-
	Ireland	7 of 9 = 78%	8 of 20 = 40%	52%	-
	Italy	3 of 6 = 50%	4 of 8 = 50%	50%	-
	England	4 of 8 = 50%	9 of 23 = 39%	42%	-
	France	2 of 14 = 14%	14 of 25 = 56%	41%	1 of 1
	Scotland	0 of 1 = 0%	0 of 0	0%	-

4.0 BALL IN PLAY & POSSESSION







The average ball in play time per match was **33m 37s** or **42%**.

The highest ball in play in any match was **38m 49s** or **49%** and the lowest was **27m 21s** or **34%**.

The table below shows the ball in play times and possession times for each match and team. The winning team won, with less possession in **three** matches (highlighted in gold).

TEAM	POSSESSION TIME	%	TEAM	POSSESSION TIME	%	TOTAL TIME	% BIP
Ireland	20m 55s	64%	Scotland	11m 56s	36%	32m 51s	41%
France	17m 44s	49%	England	18m 33s	51%	36m 17s	45%
Wales	19m 33s	58%	Italy	14m 13s	42%	33m 46s	42%
Ireland	16m 54s	55%	Wales	13m 35s	45%	30m 29s	38%
France	22m 30s	67%	Italy	11m 03s	33%	33m 33s	42%
Scotland	9m 59s	31%	England	22m 14s	69%	32m 13s	40%
England	23m 01s	63%	Ireland	13m 44s	37%	36m 45s	46%
Wales	12m 59s	48%	France	14m 22s	52%	27m 21s	34%
Italy	18m 38s	60%	Scotland	12m 13s	40%	30m 51s	39%
England	25m 42s	68%	Wales	12m 07s	32%	37m 49s	47%
Ireland	19m 55s	60%	Italy	13m 21s	40%	33m 16s	42%
Scotland	11m 41s	42%	France	16m 20s	58%	28m 01s	35%
France	14m 23s	43%	Ireland	19m 13s	57%	33m 36s	42%
Wales	21m 02s	55%	Scotland	17m 35s	45%	38m 37s	48%
Italy	18m 00s	46%	England	20m 49s	54%	38m 49s	49%

The following table shows the average possession time and the proportion of possession per match obtained by each team and their opponents.

		OWN POSSESSION AVERAGE	OPP POSSESSION AVERAGE	OWN POSSESSION %	OPP POSSESSION %
	England	22m 04s	14m 19s	61%	39%
	Ireland	18m 08s	15m 15s	54%	46%
	France	17m 04s	14m 42s	54%	46%
	Wales	15m 51s	17m 45s	47%	53%
	Italy	15m 03s	19m 00s	44%	56%
	Scotland	12m 41s	19m 50s	39%	61%

5.0 OPEN PLAY

Open play activity includes passes, ruck/mauls and kicks. The following table shows the average number and rate of passes, ruck/mauls and kicks per match.

	AVG. PER MATCH	RATE FREQUENCY OF PASSING
PASSES	232	One every 9 secs
RUCKS/MAULS	152	One every 13 secs
KICKS	32	One every 63 secs







5.1 PASSING

The average number of passes per match was **232** and the passing rate was **one every nine seconds** of possession.

The most passes in a match was **345** and the least was **140**.

76% of all passing movements contained three or fewer passes.

The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of passes per match per team and the passing rate per team.







		AVG. PASSES PER MATCH	MOST	LEAST	RATE FREQUENCY OF PASSING
	England	178	201	140	One every 7 secs
	Ireland	131	180	81	One every 8 secs
	Wales	112	193	56	One every 8 secs
	Italy	107	151	60	One every 8 secs
	Scotland	75	106	60	One every 10 secs
	France	93	119	66	One every 11 secs

5.2 PLAYER PASSING













The following table shows the proportion of all passes made by forwards, scrum halves and backs.

	%
PASSES BY FORWARDS	17%
PASSES BY SCRUM HALF	42%
PASSES BY BACKS	41%



















The following table shows the number and proportion of passes made by the forwards, the scrum half and backs of each team.

		PASSES BY FORWARDS	%	PASSES BY SCRUM HALF	%	PASSES BY BACKS	%
	France	105	23%	192	41%	168	36%
	Italy	118	22%	186	35%	230	43%
	England	147	16%	360	40%	384	44%
	Ireland	100	15%	287	44%	266	41%
	Wales	83	15%	282	50%	195	35%
	Scotland	52	14%	169	45%	155	41%



















The following tables show how often forwards and backs of each team passed the ball.

		FORWARDS PASS : POSSESSION RATIO			BACKS PASS : POSSESSION RATIO
	Italy	1 in 2.4		England	1 in 1.7
	Ireland	1 in 3.2		Italy	1 in 1.9
	England	1 in 3.2		Ireland	1 in 2.0
	France	1 in 3.4		Scotland	1 in 2.1
	Wales	1 in 3.9		France	1 in 2.2
	Scotland	1 in 4.4		Wales	1 in 2.2

Overall, forwards passed the ball once in every **3.3** possessions. The following tables show how often the front rows, second rows and back rows of each team passed the ball.

		FRONT ROW PASS : POSSESSION			SECOND ROW PASS : POSSESSION			BACK ROW PASS : POSSESSION
	ITA	1 in 3.2		ITA	1 in 2.2		ITA	1 in 2.3
	ENG	1 in 3.3		ENG	1 in 2.8		SCO	1 in 3.1
	IRE	1 in 3.4		IRE	1 in 3.0		IRE	1 in 3.1
	FRA	1 in 3.7		FRA	1 in 3.7		ENG	1 in 3.2
	WAL	1 in 4.0		WAL	1 in 4.9		FRA	1 in 3.3
	SCO	1 in 6.5		SCO	1 in 35.0		WAL	1 in 3.7

Overall, backs passed the ball every **2.10** possessions. The following tables show how often the fly halves, centres and back threes of each team passed the ball.







		FLY HALF PASS : POSSESSION			CENTRES PASS : POSSESSION			BACK THREE PASS : POSSESSION
	ENG	1 in 1.4		ENG	1 in 1.6		ITA	1 in 2.3
	IRE	1 in 1.4		ITA	1 in 1.9		ENG	1 in 2.6
	ITA	1 in 1.6		FRA	1 in 2.0		SCO	1 in 2.8
	SCO	1 in 1.6		IRE	1 in 2.0		FRA	1 in 2.9
	WAL	1 in 1.7		WAL	1 in 2.4		IRE	1 in 3.7
	FRA	1 in 1.8		SCO	1 in 2.7		WAL	1 in 3.9

5.3 RUCKS/MAULS

The average number of ruck/mauls per match was **152** and the ruck/maul rate was **one every 13 seconds** of possession.

The most ruck/mauls in a match was **181** and the least was **113**.







The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of ruck/mauls per match per team and the ruck/maul rate per team.

		AVERAGE R/Ms PER MATCH	MOST	LEAST	RATE FREQUENCY OF R/Ms
	Wales	78	105	53	1 every 12 secs
	England	102	112	91	1 every 13 secs
	Ireland	81	99	56	1 every 13 secs
	Scotland	57	80	38	1 every 13 secs
	Italy	66	90	50	1 every 14 secs
	France	74	107	54	1 every 14 secs

5.4 RUCK/MAUL RETENTION

The retention rate at ruck/mauls was **90%**.

The following table shows how often each team retained ruck/maul possession and how often each team turned over opposition possession.







		SUCCESS IN OWN RUCK/MAULS	SUCCESS IN OPP RUCK/MAULS
	France	91%	12%
	Ireland	91%	12%
	Wales	91%	12%
	Italy	89%	10%
	England	89%	11%
	Scotland	87%	6%

5.5 KICKING

The average number of kicks per match was **32** and the kick rate was **one** every **63 secs** of possession.

























The most kicks in a match was **50** and the least was **14**.

The following table shows the average, the most and the least number of kicks per match by team and the kick rate by team.

		AVERAGE KICKS PER MATCH	MOST	LEAST	RATE FREQUENCY OF KICKS
	France	19	24	13	1 every 54 secs
	Italy	16	19	11	1 every 57 secs
	Wales	17	28	10	1 every 57 secs
	Scotland	13	17	8	1 every 59 secs
	Ireland	16	26	11	1 every 65 secs
	England	14	22	6	1 every 92 secs

5.6 PLAYER KICKING

Overall, backs kicked the ball every **7.1** possessions. The following tables show how often the scrum halves, fly halves, centres and back threes of each team kicked the ball.

		SCRUM HALF KICK : POSSESSION			FLY HALF KICK : POSSESSION			CENTRES KICK : POSSESSION			BACK THREE KICK : POSSESSION
	FRA	1 in 11		WAL	1 in 3.6		ITA	1 in 12		WAL	1 in 5
	SCO	1 in 12		FRA	1 in 4.0		FRA	1 in 16		FRA	1 in 5
	ITA	1 in 13		SCO	1 in 4.5		SCO	1 in 19		ITA	1 in 7
	IRE	1 in 24		ITA	1 in 4.8		WAL	1 in 20		SCO	1 in 7
	ENG	1 in 29		ENG	1 in 6.2		IRE	1 in 57		IRE	1 in 8
	WAL	1 in 101		IRE	1 in 6.5		ENG	1 in 100		ENG	1 in 13













6.0 SET PIECE

6.1 50m RESTARTS







The following table shows the proportion of 50m restarts that were contestable and the success rates of contestable restarts.

	50m RESTARTS
% CONTESTABLE 50m	29%
RECEIVING CONTESTABLE RESTARTS – SUCCESS	67%
REGAINING CONTESTABLE RESTARTS – SUCCESS	33%

The following tables show the success per team on own and opposition restarts.

		RECEIVING CONTESTABLE 50m RESTARTS			REGAINING CONTESTABLE 50m RESTARTS
		SUCCESS			SUCCESS
	Wales	80%		England	60%
	Ireland	75%		Wales	50%
	England	75%		Ireland	50%
	Scotland	67%		Italy	27%
	France	67%		Scotland	9%
	Italy	0%		France	0%

The following table shows the type of restart kicked by each team.













		TYPE OF 50m RESTARTS	
		CONTESTABLE	NOT CONTESTABLE
	England	63%	37%
	Ireland	40%	60%
	Italy	35%	65%
	Scotland	22%	78%
	France	17%	83%
	Wales	9%	91%

6.2 LINEOUTS

The following table shows the average number of lineouts per match, the most/least number of lineouts in a match, the proportion of lineouts contested and the lineout retention rates.

	LINEOUTS
AVERAGE PER MATCH	26
MOST IN A MATCH	35
LEAST IN A MATCH	17
COMPETED	43%
POSSESSION RETAINED	73%

The following tables show the success per team on own and opposition lineouts.

OWN LINEOUTS				OPP LINEOUTS			
	SUCCESS	CONTESTED	LOST BY STEALS		SUCCESS	CONTESTED	WON BY STEALS
 France	83%	23%	6	 England	39%	53%	23
 England	81%	36%	9	 France	31%	52%	14
 Ireland	81%	39%	8	 Scotland	26%	32%	7
 Italy	76%	43%	9	 Italy	24%	31%	8
 Wales	71%	61%	12	 Ireland	23%	64%	9
 Scotland	42%	58%	27	 Wales	20%	21%	10













6.3 SCRUMS

The following table shows the average number of scrums per match, the most/least number of scrums in a match, the percentage of times the ball came out of the scrum back into play and the scrum retention rate.

	SCRUMS
AVG. PER MATCH	20
MOST IN A MATCH	26
LEAST IN A MATCH	16
BALL BACK INTO PLAY	78%
POSSESSION RETAINED	86%

In total there were **28** tightheads and **five** through 90 degree turnovers in **190** scrums.

The following tables show the success per team on own and opposition scrums.













		OWN SCRUMS				
		SUCCESS	BALL RELEASED	PEN/FK FOR		
	Ireland	96%	40	2		France
	England	93%	46	4		England
	France	87%	37	10		Ireland
	Italy	83%	38	2		Scotland
	Scotland	83%	45	8		Italy
	Wales	76%	33	5		Wales

		OPP SCRUMS		
		SUCCESS	TIGHTHEAD/THRU 90	PEN/FK FOR
	France	22%	8	3
	England	19%	8	-
	Ireland	19%	7	4
	Scotland	13%	4	2
	Italy	8%	4	1
	Wales	5%	2	1







The following table shows the rate of collapses, resets, penalties/free kicks and ball back into play.

	COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS	RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS	PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS	BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS
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The following table shows the rate of collapses, penalties/free kicks and ball back into play on each team's scrum put-in.

		COLLAPSES PER 100 SCRUMS	RESETS PER 100 SCRUMS			PK/FKS PER 100 SCRUMS	BALL OUT PER 100 SCRUMS
	Italy	0	10		Ireland	5	95
	Ireland	2	14		Italy	6	94
	France	4	33		England	9	91
	Wales	6	18		Scotland	17	83
	Scotland	8	21		Wales	20	80
	England	9	9		France	23	77

The following table shows the distribution of penalties/free kicks for each team on own and opposition put-ins.







		OWN SCRUMS		OPP SCRUMS		TOTAL	
		PEN/FK FOR	PEN/FK AGAINST	PEN/FK FOR	PEN/FK AGAINST	PEN/FK FOR	PEN/FK AGAINST
	England	4	1	-	3	4	4
	Italy	2	1	1	7	3	8
	Ireland	2	-	4	8	6	8
	Scotland	8	3	2	1	10	4
	France	10	1	3	4	13	5
	Wales	5	5	1	8	6	13

7.0 PENALTIES & FREE KICKS

The following table shows the overall average number of penalties/free kicks per match.

	PENALTY/ FREE KICKS
AVG. PER MATCH	23
MOST IN A MATCH	27
LEAST IN A MATCH	16

The following tables show the total penalties for and against, and the proportion of penalties for and against for each team.






		PK/FK FOR	PK/FK AGAINST	PK/FK FOR	PK/FK AGAINST
	Scotland	59	44	57%	43%
	Italy	56	55	51%	49%
	France	61	58	51%	49%
	Ireland	63	54	54%	46%
	England	55	67	45%	55%
	Wales	57	73	44%	56%

7.1 OPTIONS TAKEN AT PENALTIES/FREE KICKS

The following table shows the options taken at penalties/free kicks.

	%
KICK TO TOUCH	64%
KICK AT GOAL	13%
TAP KICKS	18%
SCRUM	5%

The following table shows the options taken at penalties and free kicks per team.







		KICK TO TOUCH	KICK AT GOAL	TAP KICKS	SCRUM	PENALTY TRIES
	England	35	8	9	3	-
	France	35	14	7	3	1
	Ireland	42	9	11	1	-
	Italy	43	5	6	-	-
	Scotland	34	1	19	4	-
	Wales	34	8	12	2	-

7.2 CATEGORIES OF OFFENCES PENALISED

The following table shows the proportion of penalties and free kicks awarded in each facet of play.

	%
TACKLE/RUCK	56%
SCRUM	10%
OFFSIDE	18%
FOUL PLAY	8%
MAUL	4%
GENERAL	3%
LINEOUT	1%

The following table shows the proportion of penalties and free kicks against each team in each facet of play.

		TACKLE/ RUCK	SCRUM	LINEOUT	MAUL	GENERAL PLAY	FOUL PLAY	OFFSIDE
	England	61%	5%	0%	2%	3%	15%	14%
	Ireland	59%	13%	2%	2%	2%	11%	11%
	Italy	58%	13%	2%	4%	4%	4%	15%
	France	57%	9%	2%	3%	3%	12%	14%
	Scotland	50%	7%	2%	5%	2%	0%	34%
	Wales	48%	14%	0%	8%	1%	6%	23%

Of the penalties awarded at the ruck, **62%** were in favour of the team in possession and of the penalties/free kicks awarded at the scrum, **72%** were in favour of the team in possession.

8.0 CARDS

The following table shows the total number of cards.

	YELLOW CARDS	RED CARDS
TOTAL	6	-

The most cards in any match was **three** and the least was **none**. There were **three** matches that contained at least one yellow card with **12** or **80%** of all matches containing **none**.

The following table shows the reasons for the yellow cards.

	YELLOW CARDS	RED CARDS
TACKLE/RUCK	5	-
GENERAL	1	-
SCRUM	-	-
FOUL PLAY	-	-
DANGEROUS TACKLE/CHARGE	-	-

The following table shows the number of cards awarded against each team and the reasons for the cards.

	YELLOW CARDS	RED CARDS	REASONS
 Ireland	2	-	2 x tackle/ruck
 Wales	2	-	2 x tackle/ruck
 Scotland	1	-	1 x offside
 England	1	-	1 x tackle/ruck
 Italy	-	-	-
 France	-	-	-