

ENGLAND

SIX NATIONS FACT ENGLAND

They have won more outright titles (25), more Triple Crowns (23) and more Grand Slams (12) than any other nation in the Championship.

THE SQUAD		AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CAPS
BACKS					
Iain Balshaw	<i>Gloucester Rugby</i>	28	6-1	14-2	30
Daniel Cipriani	<i>London Wasps</i>	20	6-0	14-2	uncapped
Mark Cueto	<i>Sale Sharks</i>	28	6-0	14-9	24
Toby Flood	<i>Newcastle Falcons</i>	22	6-2	14-13	12
Andy Gomarsall	<i>Harlequins</i>	33	5-11	14-4	33
Charlie Hodgson	<i>Sale Sharks</i>	27	5-10	12-12	29
Jamie Noon	<i>Newcastle Falcons</i>	28	5-10	14-13	27
Peter Richards	<i>London Irish</i>	29	5-9	14-9	12
Paul Sackey	<i>London Wasps</i>	28	6-1	14-4	10
David Strettle	<i>Harlequins</i>	24	6-0	12-4	4
Mathew Tait	<i>Newcastle Falcons</i>	21	5-11	13-7	19
Mike Tindall	<i>Gloucester Rugby</i>	29	6-2	15-10	53
Lesley Vainikolo	<i>Gloucester Rugby</i>	28	6-2	17-8	uncapped
Richard Wigglesworth	<i>Sale Sharks</i>	24	5-9	13-1	uncapped
Jonny Wilkinson	<i>Newcastle Falcons</i>	28	5-10	13-3	65

FORWARDS

Steve Borthwick	<i>Bath Rugby</i>	28	6-6	17-8	32
George Chuter	<i>Leicester Tigers</i>	31	5-10	15-12	19
Tom Croft	<i>Leicester Tigers</i>	22	6-6	16-5	uncapped
Louis Deacon	<i>Leicester Tigers</i>	27	6-5	18-1	8
Nick Easter	<i>Harlequins</i>	29	6-4	18-1	12
James Haskell	<i>London Wasps</i>	22	6-4	17-6	2
Ben Kay	<i>Leicester Tigers</i>	32	6-6	17-8	53
Lee Mears	<i>Bath Rugby</i>	28	5-9	15-12	18
Lewis Moody	<i>Leicester Tigers</i>	28	6-3	16-3	52
Tim Payne	<i>London Wasps</i>	28	6-1	18-8	5
Tom Rees	<i>London Wasps</i>	23	6-0	15-12	8
Mark Regan	<i>Bristol Rugby</i>	36	6-2	15-1	43
Simon Shaw	<i>London Wasps</i>	35	6-8	19-2	43
Andrew Sheridan	<i>Sale Sharks</i>	28	6-5	20-6	20
Matt Stevens	<i>Bath Rugby</i>	25	6-0	19-9	21
Phil Vickery	<i>London Wasps</i>	31	6-3	18-10	60
Joe Worsley	<i>London Wasps</i>	30	6-5	17-6	65

CHAMPIONSHIP FOLKLORE ENGLAND

The custom of singing the National Anthem before kick-off stems from the patriotism shown during the Boer War. It was reported (with a note of surprise) that at the 1900 England v Wales fixture at Gloucester the crowd rose "to pay respectful homage to their Sovereign, the whole audience joining in with the band".



Special Kay: England's World Cup-winning lock Ben Kay