Six Nations 2017 - Lineout Analysis

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Lineout

Ireland had a 91.7% success rate from the Lineout on their own ball, despite having the (joint) most lineouts (72) of the tournament. Tournament winners England lost only three of their own lineouts (2 v Ireland, 1 v France).

Table 1: Lineouts By Team

Team	Total	Won	Lost	Win %
England	54	51	3	94.4
Wales	64	60	4	93.8
Ireland	72	66	6	91.7
Scotland	61	54	7	88.5
France	43	36	7	83.7
Italy	72	58	14	80.6

Irelands winning 22 from 22 lineouts v France was their best showing, while three of Irelands six lost lineouts occurred in their defeat by Wales
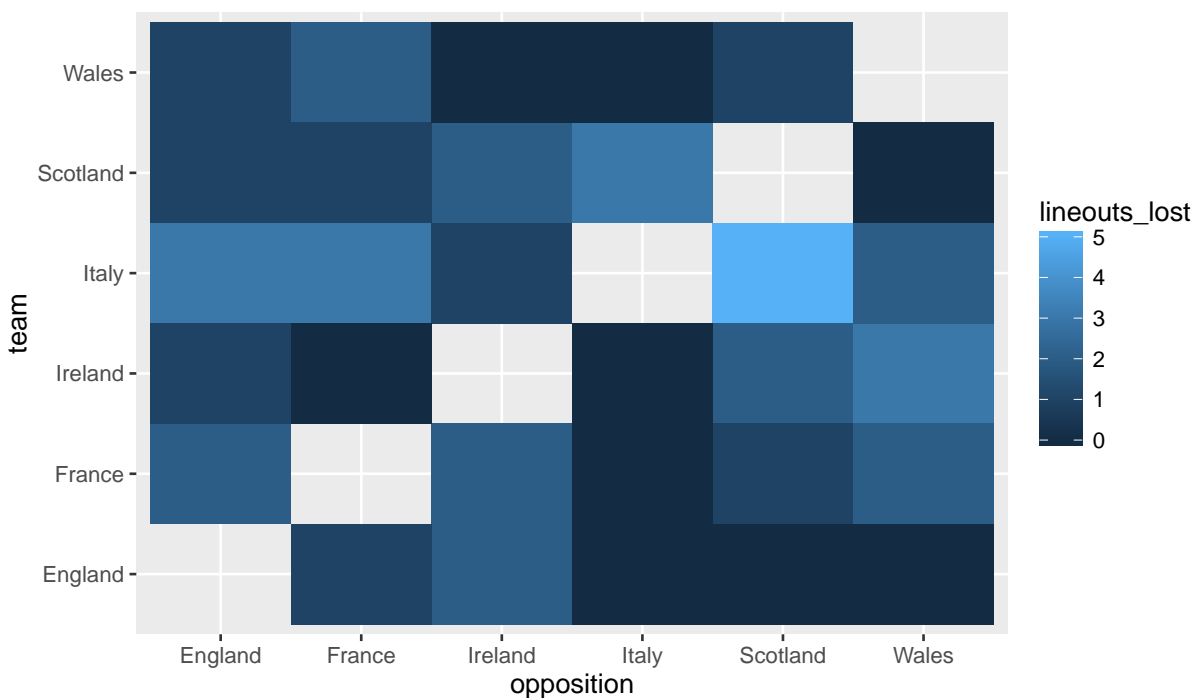
Table 2: Lineouts By Team

Team	Opposition	Total	Won	Lost	Win %
Ireland	Wales	13	10	3	76.9
Ireland	Scotland	14	12	2	85.7
Ireland	England	14	13	1	92.9
Ireland	France	22	22	0	100.0
Ireland	Italy	9	9	0	100.0

Behind Italy, Ireland and Scotland jointly had the most lineouts stolen against in the tournament

Table 3: Lineouts Stolen

Team	Lineouts Stolen
Italy	10
Ireland	4
Scotland	4
England	2
France	2
Wales	1

Rory Best threw at 88% for the tournament, though the not straight lineout against England was intentional/tactical.

Table 4: Rory Best - Throw Success

Opposition	Total	% Success	Lost Outright	Lost - Handling Error	Lost - Not Straight
England	10	90	0	0	1
Scotland	14	86	1	1	0
Wales	13	77	3	0	0

Lineout Defence

Ireland stole 4 opposition lineouts through Devin Toner, Iain Henderson and Peter O'Mahony. Englands Itoje stealing 3 on the opposition throw (2 v Italy, 1 v Scotland).

Table 5: Lineout Stolen

Team	Player	Lineouts Stolen
England	Itoje, Maro	3
Ireland	Toner, Devin	2
Scotland	Wilson, Ryan	2
Wales	Jones, Alun Wyn	2
France	Gourdon, Kevin	1
France	Ledevedec, Julien	1
France	Maestri, Yoann	1
France	Sanconnie, Fabien	1
Ireland	Henderson, Iain	1
Ireland	O'Mahony, Peter	1

Team	Player	Lineouts Stolen
Italy	Steyn, Braam	1
Italy	van Schalkwyk, Dries	1
Scotland	Du Preez, Cornell	1
Scotland	Gray, Jonny	1
Scotland	Gray, Richie	1
Wales	Ball, Jake	1
Wales	Charteris, Luke	1
Wales	Warburton, Sam	1