

# Six Nations 2017 - Tackle Analysis

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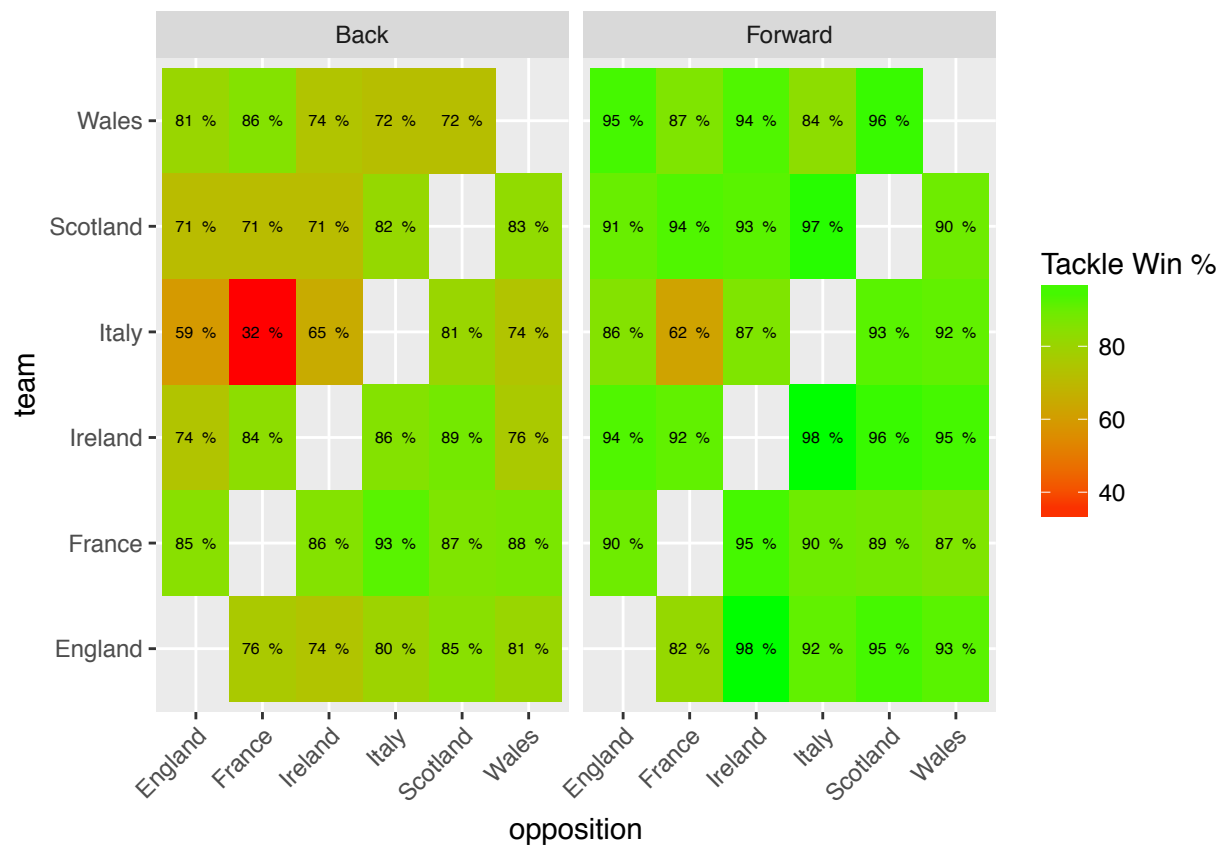
## Team Tackle Count

Ireland had the best overall tackle success rate in the tournament, despite making the fewest tackles.

Table 1: Tackles By Team

Team	Tackles	Missed	Tackle Success %
Ireland	674	60	91.1
France	735	78	89.4
Wales	838	97	88.4
England	730	86	88.2
Scotland	729	87	88.1
Italy	727	154	78.8

The Ireland and Scotland forwards the only teams to consistently achieve a tackle success rate in the 90's.



## Player Tackle Count

Despite only playing 4 games, Jamie Heaslip was Irelands (joint) highest tackler with CJ stander. Both missed only a single tackle. Scotlands Richie Gray the only player in the top 50 to not miss a tackle. Alex Dunbar was the only back in the top 20.

Table 2: Top 20 Tackle count By Player

Team	Player	Position	Tackles	Missed	Minutes	Tackle Success %
England	Launchbury, Joe	Forward	85	4	383	95.3
Wales	Tipuric, Justin	Forward	84	4	400	95.2
Wales	Warburton, Sam	Forward	78	4	397	94.9
England	Itoje, Maro	Forward	73	3	400	95.9
Scotland	Gray, Jonny	Forward	73	4	394	94.5
France	Gourdon, Kevin	Forward	72	4	400	94.4
England	Lawes, Courtney	Forward	70	2	386	97.1
Wales	Owens, Ken	Forward	68	6	347	91.2
Wales	Moriarty, Ross	Forward	65	7	315	89.2
France	Maestri, Yoann	Forward	64	6	378	90.6
Scotland	Watson, Hamish	Forward	64	1	288	98.4
France	Picamoles, Louis	Forward	63	8	392	87.3
France	Guirado, Guilhem	Forward	58	8	328	86.2
Scotland	Gray, Richie	Forward	56	0	320	100.0
Italy	Steyn, Braam	Forward	55	9	320	83.6
Ireland	Heaslip, Jamie	Forward	52	1	320	98.1
Ireland	Stander, CJ	Forward	52	1	382	98.1
Italy	Mbanda, Maxime	Forward	52	8	212	84.6
Scotland	Dunbar, Alex	Back	52	8	395	84.6
Wales	Ball, Jake	Forward	52	1	319	98.1

Irelands Sexton and Henderson completed the tournament without missing a tackle.

Table 3: Ireland - Tackle count By Player

Team	Player	Tackles	Missed	Matches	Minutes	Tackle Success %
Ireland	Heaslip, Jamie	52	1	4	320	98.1
Ireland	Stander, CJ	52	1	5	382	98.1
Ireland	McGrath, Jack	46	1	5	261	97.8
Ireland	Toner, Devin	45	2	5	297	95.6
Ireland	Best, Rory	43	5	4	290	88.4
Ireland	Furlong, Tadhg	43	2	5	348	95.3
Ireland	O'Brien, Sean	42	5	5	345	88.1
Ireland	Henshaw, Robbie	39	6	5	367	84.6
Ireland	Ringrose, Garry	37	8	5	400	78.4
Ireland	Ryan, Donnacha	34	3	4	273	91.2
Ireland	Henderson, Iain	27	0	4	183	100.0
Ireland	Earls, Keith	23	7	5	347	69.6
Ireland	Scannell, Niall	23	0	5	93	100.0
Ireland	Sexton, Jonathan	23	0	3	209	100.0
Ireland	Zebo, Simon	23	2	5	394	91.3
Ireland	Healy, Cian	20	1	5	140	95.0
Ireland	Murray, Conor	20	5	4	271	75.0

Team	Player	Tackles	Missed	Matches	Minutes	Tackle Success %
Ireland	Jackson, Paddy	17	2	5	182	88.2
Ireland	O'Mahony, Peter	14	0	3	112	100.0
Ireland	Kearney, Rob	9	5	4	289	44.4
Ireland	Ryan, John	8	1	5	53	87.5
Ireland	Marmion, Kieran	7	0	5	118	100.0
Ireland	van der Flier, Josh	7	1	2	27	85.7
Ireland	Dillane, Ultan	3	2	2	38	33.3
Ireland	Gilroy, Craig	3	0	1	33	100.0
Ireland	Leavy, Dan	3	0	1	15	100.0
Ireland	Payne, Jared	3	0	1	80	100.0
Ireland	Tracy, James	3	0	1	18	100.0
Ireland	Conway, Andrew	2	0	1	40	100.0
Ireland	McGrath, Luke	2	0	1	12	100.0
Ireland	Keatley, Ian	1	0	2	6	100.0
Ireland	Bowe, Tommy	0	0	2	14	NaN
Ireland	Trimble, Andrew	0	0	1	31	NaN