

# John Gallagher The World's Best Rugby Player

## 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup

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It is the second women's Rugby Union World Cup to be hosted by England, after the 2010 edition, and the fourth to be hosted in Great Britain. The tournament was expanded from 12 to 16 teams, from the previous 12 which participated in the 1991 and 1994 tournaments, and from 2006 to 2021. New Zealand enter the tournament as defending champions following their victory against England in the 2021 Rugby World Cup Final.

## Premiership Rugby

PREM Rugby, officially known as Gallagher PREM Rugby, or the Gallagher PREM for sponsorship reasons and formerly known as Premiership Rugby, is an English - PREM Rugby, officially known as Gallagher PREM Rugby, or the Gallagher PREM for sponsorship reasons and formerly known as Premiership Rugby, is an English professional rugby union competition, consisting of 10 clubs, and is the top division of the English rugby union system. From 2000 to 2025, the competition title was "Premiership". Before then it was known as "Premiership 1" and "National Division One"

Premiership clubs qualify for Europe's two main club competitions, the European Rugby Champions Cup and the European Rugby Challenge Cup. The winner of the second division, the RFU Championship, is promoted to the Premiership and until 2020, the team finishing at the bottom of the Premiership each season was relegated to the Championship. The competition is regarded as one of the three top-level professional leagues in the Northern and Western Hemispheres, along with the Top 14 in France, and the cross-border United Rugby Championship for teams from Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Italy and South Africa.

The competition has been played since 1987, and has evolved into the current Premiership system. The current champions are Bath, who won the league in 2025.

## Michael Jones (rugby union)

former rugby union player and coach. Jones was a member of the Auckland team which dominated New Zealand rugby in the late 1980s and 1990s, and the Auckland - Sir Michael Niko Jones (born 8 April 1965) is a New Zealand former rugby union player and coach.

Jones was a member of the Auckland team which dominated New Zealand rugby in the late 1980s and 1990s, and the Auckland Blues team which won the first two Super 12 championships, in 1996 and 1997.

He played once for Western Samoa, and 55 times for New Zealand, including winning the first Rugby World Cup in 1987. He was known for his Christian beliefs, which meant he chose not to play on Sundays. He was

named by Rugby World magazine as the third best All Black of the 20th century after Colin Meads and Sean Fitzpatrick. John Hart, who first selected him for Auckland, called him "almost the perfect rugby player".

After retiring as a player, he served as coach of Samoa from 2004 to 2007. He was knighted in 2017 for services to the Pacific community and youth.

## Rory Best

Rory David Best OBE (born 15 August 1982) is an Irish former rugby union player who was the captain of the Ireland national team from 2016 to 2019. He - Rory David Best (born 15 August 1982) is an Irish former rugby union player who was the captain of the Ireland national team from 2016 to 2019. He played hooker for Ulster and was registered for Banbridge RFC. Best earned 124 caps for Ireland, making his debut in 2005 and retiring at the end of the 2019 Rugby World Cup, his fourth World Cup. Best is one of the most capped rugby players of all time.

Best toured with the British & Irish Lions side in 2013 and 2017.

## 2025 Women's Six Nations Championship

Francis. The suspension is reduced by one match, subject to the player's completion of the World Rugby Coaching Intervention Programme. &quot;John Mitchell - The 2025 Women's Six Nations Championship (known as the Guinness Women's Six Nations for sponsorship purposes, except in France, and branded as W6N) was the 24th Women's Six Nations Championship, an annual rugby union competition featuring the women's national teams of England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales. It began on 22 March and ended on 27 April 2025, with England winning the title with a final-day victory by a single point over France.

## David Pocock

professional rugby union player. Raised in Gweru, Zimbabwe, Pocock moved to Australia as a teenager and played for the Australia national rugby team. He played - David Willmer Pocock (born 23 April 1988) is an Australian politician and former professional rugby union player. Raised in Gweru, Zimbabwe, Pocock moved to Australia as a teenager and played for the Australia national rugby team. He played primarily at openside flanker, and was vice captain of the Brumbies in Super Rugby. After his retirement, Pocock worked as a conservationist and social justice advocate. In the 2022 Australian federal election, Pocock ran as an independent candidate for one of the Australian Capital Territory's two Senate seats. He defeated Liberal incumbent senator Zed Seselja, ending the two major parties' duopoly on the ACT's Senate delegation which had been in place since the ACT was granted Senate representation in 1975.

## List of rugby union players who have represented more than one nation

The following list documents rugby union players who have played for more than one national team. Those not included in this list are: Any players who - The following list documents rugby union players who have played for more than one national team.

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Any players who could choose to represent a new country after the dissolution of their former country.

For example, players from the former Soviet Union who could choose to represent Russia, or players from the former Yugoslavia who could choose to represent Croatia, do not qualify for the list.

Any players who have played for both a combined team such as the British & Irish Lions, Pacific Islanders or South American Jaguars, and one of its constituent national teams.

For example, a player does not qualify for the list if they had played for the British Lions as well as any of its four constituents (England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales), but they would qualify if they had represented the Lions and Australia.

Similarly, they would not qualify for the list if they had played for the Pacific Islanders as well as any of its three constituents (Fiji, Samoa or Tonga), but they would qualify if they had represented the Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

Gordon Brown (rugby union)

Scotland's greatest-ever rugby players. Playing as a second row forward, he was an integral part of Scotland's tight five during the early 1970s, along with - Gordon Lamont Brown (1 November 1947 – 19 March 2001) was a Scottish rugby union footballer. Nicknamed "Broon frae Troon" (i.e. Brown from Troon, his home town), Brown is considered one of Scotland's greatest-ever rugby players. Playing as a second row forward, he was an integral part of Scotland's tight five during the early 1970s, along with Ian McLauchlan, Sandy Carmichael, Frank Laidlaw and Alastair McHarg, which became known collectively as the Mean Machine. He also represented the British and Irish Lions on three tours with distinction. Brown was inducted into the International Rugby Hall of Fame in 2001, which later integrated with the World Rugby Hall of Fame, into which he was inducted in 2015. He was also an inductee to the Scottish Rugby Union Hall of Fame in 2010.

Rugby union positions

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The scrum (a contest used to restart play) must consist of eight players from each team: the "front row" (two props – a loosehead and tighthead – and a hooker), the "second row" (two locks), and a "back row" (two flankers and a number 8). The players outside the scrum are called "the backs": scrum-half, fly-half, inside centre, outside centre, two wings, and a fullback.

Forwards compete for the ball in scrums and line-outs and are generally bigger and stronger than the backs. Props push in the scrums, while the hooker tries to secure the ball for their team by "hooking" it back with their foot. The hooker is also usually responsible for throwing the ball in at line-outs, where it is mostly competed for by the locks, who are generally the tallest players on the team. The flankers and number eight are expected to be the first players to arrive at a breakdown and play an important role in securing possession of the ball for their team.

The backs play behind the forwards and are usually more lightly built and faster. Successful backs are skilful at passing and kicking. Full-backs need to be good defenders and kickers, and have the ability to catch a kicked ball. The wingers are usually among the fastest players in a team, and score many of the tries. The centres' key attacking roles are to break through the defensive line and link successfully with wingers. The fly-half can be a good kicker and generally directs the back line. The scrum-half retrieves the ball from the forwards and needs a quick and accurate pass to get the ball to the backs (often first to the fly-half).

Early names, such as "three-quarters" (for the wings and centres) and "outside-half" or simply "out-half" (for fly-half) are sometimes used in the Northern Hemisphere, while in New Zealand the fly-half and inside centre are called "first five-eighth" and "second five-eighth" respectively, while the scrum-half is known as the "half-back".

## Julián Montoya

professional rugby union player who plays as a hooker and captains the Argentina national team. He previously played for Premiership Rugby club Leicester - Julián Montoya (born 29 October 1993) is an Argentine professional rugby union player who plays as a hooker and captains the Argentina national team. He previously played for Premiership Rugby club Leicester Tigers, where he won the 2022 Premiership and was captain as Leicester were runners up in 2025.

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