

# TWICKENHAM STADIUM, ENGLAND

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Capacity: 82,000



Twickenham Stadium celebrated its centenary in style last season when England beat Wales 30-17 on Saturday, 6 February, 2010 in front of a crowd of 81,406. There were a mere 18,000 on 15 January, 1910, when the two teams met in the first season of the Five Nations. Billy Williams' 'cabbage patch', as the 10 ½ acre site purchased for the RFU by him for £5,572.12s 6d in 1907 was commonly referred to, is now one of the top six sporting stadia in Europe.

England's home record at Twickenham is the best in the RBS 6 Nations, with 22 wins from 27 matches, and they have enjoyed a 72.2% success rate in their Home Nations, Five and Six Nations fixtures at home. Ireland's 20-16 victory at Twickenham last season ended a run of five straight home wins for England in the RBS 6 Nations, although in the early days the ground was an even bigger fortress.

Having opened in 1910, the first team to beat England in the Championship was Scotland in 1926. That was England's 24th tournament outing and they had won 20 and drawn three of the previous 23. There were only two defeats at home in 20 Championship matches in the Nineties and a 14 match winning streak from 21 February, 1998 (v Wales, 60-26) to 22 March, 2003 (v Scotland 40-9).

Of the 39 Championship defeats England have suffered at Twickenham, the Irish have now accounted for 13, Wales 12, France 10 and Scotland four. Their last 10 RBS 6 Nations matches have attracted crowds in excess of 80,000. Having hosted the 1991 World Cup Final, Twickenham Stadium will again be the venue for the 2015 Final. The Heineken Cup Final will return in 2012 having attracted a then world record club crowd of 81,076 in 2007.

## TWICKENHAM STADIUM CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

Games 178

Home Nations 12

5 Nations 139

6 Nations 27

International Debut

Championship Debut

6 Nations Debut

Success Rate 72.19%

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England 50 Ireland 18,  
5 February, 2000

Best Winning Run 14

## HOW TO GET THERE

**Air:** Twickenham is approximately six miles from London Heathrow, 20 miles from London City Airport, 30 miles from London Gatwick and 40 miles from London Luton. If you are travelling from London, you may find the 'Transport for London' journey planner ([tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)) useful.

**Train/London Underground:** Regular mainline trains run to Twickenham station from Waterloo and Reading. The station is a short walk from the Stadium. For more information, visit the South West Trains official website. The London Underground runs to Richmond on the District Line and to Hounslow on the Piccadilly Line. The London Overground local train service also runs to Richmond.

**RFU Shuttle Bus Service:** There is a regular event-day shuttle bus service between Richmond Station and the stadium. This is a free service available both before and after any event. After the event the service also runs to Hounslow East station on the Piccadilly Line.

**Bus:** Buses 281, 267 and H22 all run regular services which pass close to the stadium. Alternatively, take a 33, R68, R70, 290 or 490 bus to Twickenham town centre (King Street) – the stadium is a 10 to 15 minutes walk away.

**National Express Coaches:** Direct coach services depart for Twickenham Stadium from 22 major towns and cities across the UK. You can connect to these services from more than a thousand destinations on the National Express network.

Visit [www.nationalexpress.com/twickenham](http://www.nationalexpress.com/twickenham) to purchase your ticket.

**Road:** Twickenham Stadium is on the northern side of the A316 into London. From the M25 motorway, exit at Junction 12 on to the M3. This becomes the A316, and Twickenham Stadium is off the Whitton Road roundabout next to the Lexus/Toyota car dealership. From London, turn right off the A316 at the Whitton Road roundabout.

**Car Parking:** All the roads surrounding the stadium are for resident permit holders only and any unauthorised vehicles will be towed away. On-site car parking is extremely limited and is normally pre-allocated for international matches. Parking is generally available on-site for non-international matches and concerts if booked in advance.

It is recommended that you pre-book a car parking space by requesting a booking form from the RFU Ticket Office by emailing [carparking@therfu.com](mailto:carparking@therfu.com). Please note that pre-bookings will close at 1pm on the Wednesday before a weekend event or on the Friday before a midweek event. Further information on where to park is available in the parking section.

**Bicycles & Motorbikes:** Free parking facilities are available in the Stadium's North and West car parks.

**Disabled Facilities & Access:** Please contact [disabledaccess@therfu.com](mailto:disabledaccess@therfu.com) or take a look at our dedicated Disabled Facilities page.



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