

Facts & Figures

Key facts

- Samoa have played 10 matches on tour in Europe since the start of the century and their only win came in November 2001, when they beat Italy 13-9 in L'Aquila.
- The only time England have scored more than two tries in the last 13 test matches was in the opening Six Nations match of 2010 when beating Wales 30-17.

Team news

- England have made four changes to their starting line up from the team that beat Australia 35-18 last weekend, with DAVID WILSON coming in at prop, JAMES HASKELL and HENDRE FOURIE at flankers and MATT BANAHAN at outside centre. NICK EASTER captains the side for the first time in a test match in the absence of Lewis Moody, who is rested.
- Samoa have named an unchanged starting line up after losing 20-10 to Ireland last weekend.

100% record

- This will only be the sixth time that England and Samoa have met in test matches and England have won all five previous contests, including two identical scorelines in matches played in the 1995 and 2007 Rugby World Cups, both finishing 44-22.
- This will be the third time the two teams have played each other at Twickenham, with England winning 27-9 in December 1995 and 40-3 in November 2005.

Samoa struggles

- Samoa have played 10 matches on tour in Europe since the start of the century and their only win came in November 2001, when they beat Italy 13-9 in L'Aquila. Their defeat to Ireland in Dublin last week followed a 13-10 victory over Japan in Tokyo at the start of this year's tour.

Coaches corner

- England have won 10 out of 23 matches played since MARTIN JOHNSON became team manager in July 2008.
- Samoa's Head Coach, TITIMAEA TAFUA, was appointed in February 2009. Since then Samoa have won seven and lost six, with the highlight coming in winning the 2010 ANZ Pacific Nations Cup by beating Fiji 31-9 in Apia in the deciding match of the tournament.

On this day in history

- England beat South Africa 32-16 at Twickenham on 20 November 2004, with tries by MARK CUETO and CHARLIE HODGSON, who scored 27 points in total.
- Samoa lost 18-11 to Scotland at Murrayfield on 20 November 2005, with a try by ALESANA TUILAGI.

The man in the middle

- PETER FITZGIBBON of Ireland takes charge of this match on Saturday. It will be his third test match involving Samoa after they lost 17-13 to Wales in November 2009, with LOLO LUI and Henry Tuilagi receiving yellow cards and beating Tonga 24-23 in the ANZ Pacific Nations Cup in June 2010.
- It will be Mr.Fitzgibbon's first game as referee in an England match.

ENGLAND FACTS AND FIGURES

Try count

- England have scored 13 tries in nine test matches this year, with Scotland the only side to defend their line successfully.
- The only time England have scored more than two tries in the last 13 test matches was in the opening Six Nations match of 2010 when beating Wales 30-17, with JAMES HASKELL scoring two of their three tries.

Personal milestones

- STEVE THOMPSON will make his 60th test match appearance for England if he comes off the replacements bench, having made his debut in a 29-3 win over Scotland in February 2002.
- DAN COLE will make his 10th appearance for England if he comes off the replacements bench, having made his debut against Wales in the Six Nations Championship in February 2010.

Sole man

- CHARLIE HODGSON, who starts on the replacements bench, is the only player in the England squad to have scored a try against Samoa. He scored 20 points on his only appearance against Samoa in the 40-3 victory at Twickenham in November 2005.

Previous experience

- Only three of England's starting line up have played against Samoa before. ANDREW SHERIDAN and MARK CUETO have both played Samoa twice and captain NICK EASTER once. All three started in the 44-22 win in the pool stages of the 2007 Rugby World Cup in Nantes.

Key influence

- England have won 70% of matches they have played when STEVE THOMPSON has been in the starting line up. Since making his debut in February 2002, England have only won 45% of matches played when Thompson has not been on the pitch at the kick off.

SAMOA FACTS AND FIGURES

Sole man

- JUNIOR POLU, who will be making his 20th test match appearance (including two for the Pacific Islanders) is the only player in the Samoan squad to have scored a try against England, which came in the 44-22 defeat at Nantes during the 2007 Rugby World Cup finals.

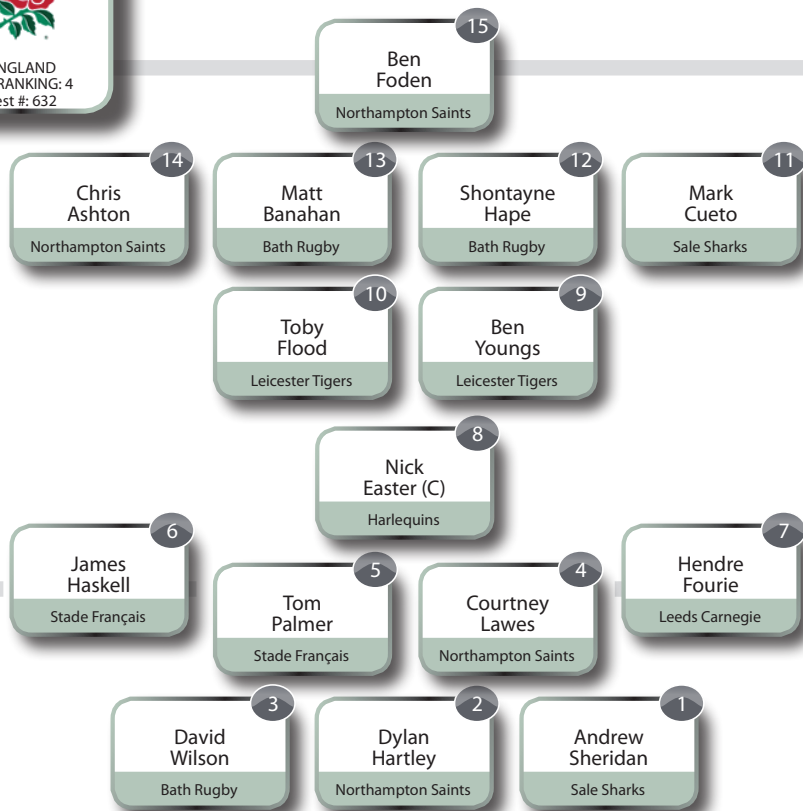
Personal milestones

- CENSUS JOHNSTON, who missed the game in Dublin last week following the death of his sister, will make his 30th test appearance (including three for the Pacific Islanders) if he comes off the replacements bench on Saturday.
- ALESANA TUILAGI will be making his 20th test appearance (including one for the Pacific Islanders). He has scored nine tries in 18 matches for Samoa, including one against Ireland last weekend.

Previous experience

- Samoa have seven players in their starting line up who have played a test match against England. Three of them played for the Pacific Islanders at Twickenham in November 2008 when England won 39-13; FILIPO LEVI, SEILALA MAPUSUA and GEORGE STOWERS. Only MAPUSUA has also played against England for Samoa along with DAVID LEMI, KANE THOMPSON, ALESANA TUILAGI and captain MAHONRI SCHWALGER.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Steve Thompson (Leeds Carnegie)
- 17 Daniel Cole (Leicester Tigers)
- 18 David Attwood (Gloucester Rugby)
- 19 Tom Croft (Leicester Tigers)
- 20 Danny Care (Harlequins)
- 21 Charlie Hodgson (Sale Sharks)
- 22 Delon Armitage (London Irish)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 261
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 26
 Oldest Player: Steve Thompson (32)
 Youngest Player: Ben Youngs (21)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 114 kg

Officials

Referee:
 Peter Fitzgibbon (Ireland) - 8 Tests

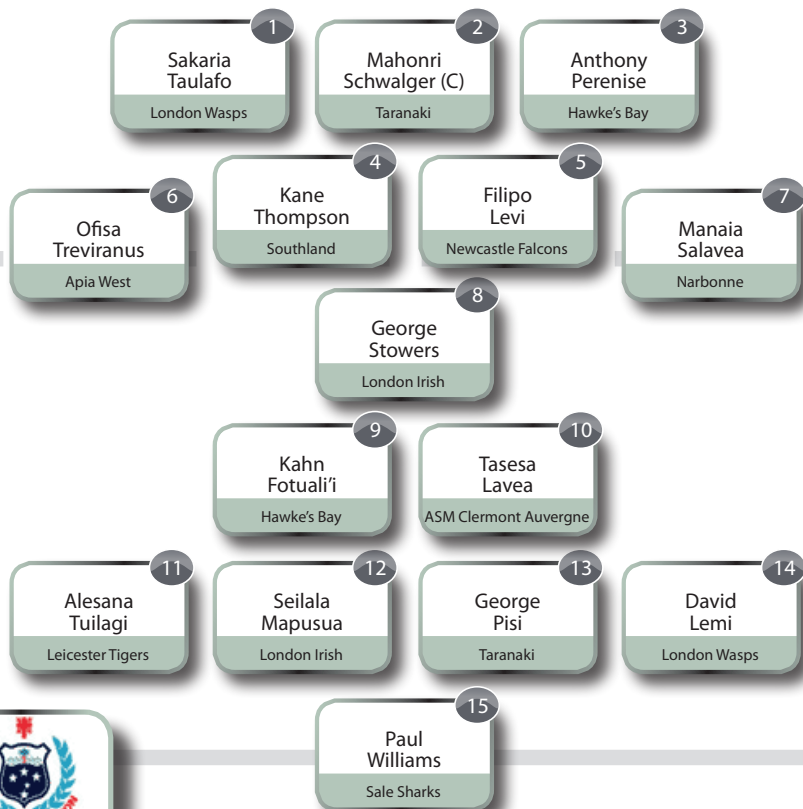
Tests at Venue: 0 Tests
 England: 0 Tests
 Samoa: 2 Tests
 Test Debut: 18/03/2006 - Portugal v Romania

Assistant Referee 1:
 Alan Lewis (Ireland)

Assistant Referee 2:
 Cobus Wessels (South Africa)

TV Match Official:
 Giulio De Santis (Italy)

Citing Commissioner:
 Jean-Claude Legendre (France)



Replacements

- 16 Ti'i Paulo (ASM Clermont Auvergne)
- 17 Census Johnston (Stade Toulousain)
- 18 Joe Tekori (Castres Olympique)
- 19 Afa Aiono (Apia West)
- 20 Junior Polu (Exeter)
- 21 Jamie Helleur (Auckland)
- 22 Gavin Williams (ASM Clermont Auvergne)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 174
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28
 Oldest Player: Mahonri Schwalger (32)
 Youngest Player: Afa Aiono (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
22/09/2007	England	44 - 22	Samoa	Nantes
26/11/2005	England	40 - 3	Samoa	London
26/10/2003	England	35 - 22	Samoa	Melbourne
16/12/1995	England	27 - 9	Samoa	London
04/06/1995	England	44 - 22	Samoa	Durban

Summary

England		5 Matches (0 Draw)	Samoa	
5	Won			0
190	Points		78	
19	Tries		5	
13	Conversions		4	
19	Penalties		15	
4	Drop Goals		0	

Player Records

For England against Samoa		For Samoa against England	
3 Players - 3	Appearances	4 - Brian Lima	
Jonny Wilkinson - 39	Points	17 - 2 Players	
Rory Underwood - 3	Tries	2 - Fata Sini	
Jonny Wilkinson - 6	Conversions	2 - Tupo Fa'amasino	
Jonny Wilkinson - 6	Penalties	5 - 2 Players	
Jonny Wilkinson - 3	Drop Goals	-	

Player Records in a Match

For England against Samoa		For Samoa against England	
Jonny Wilkinson on 22/09/2007 - 24	Points	17 - On 2 Occasions	
On 4 Occasions - 2	Tries	2 - Fata Sini on 04/06/1995	
On 4 Occasions - 3	Conversions	2 - Tupo Fa'amasino on 04/06/1995	
On 2 Occasions - 5	Penalties	5 - On 2 Occasions	
Jonny Wilkinson on 22/09/2007 - 2	Drop Goals	-	

Team Records in a Match

For England against Samoa		For Samoa against England	
On 2 Occasions - 44	Points	22 - On 3 Occasions	
On 26/11/2005 - 5	Tries	3 - On 04/06/1995	
On 4 Occasions - 3	Conversions	2 - On 04/06/1995	
On 2 Occasions - 5	Penalties	5 - On 2 Occasions	
On 22/09/2007 - 2	Drop Goals	-	



Head Coach: Martin Johnson

Debut: 08/11/2008 v Pacific Islanders (W 39-13)
 Winning Ratio: 43.48%
 Average Tries per Match: 1.74

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	Australia	W 35 18	London
06/11/2010	New Zealand	L 16 26	London
19/06/2010	Australia	W 21 20	Sydney
12/06/2010	Australia	L 17 27	Perth
20/03/2010	France	L 10 12	St Denis
Points For		99	
Points Ag		103	
Tries For		8	
Tries Ag		9	

England Record Under Martin Johnson

10 Wins	1 Drawn	12 Lost
456 For	Points	437 Against
40 For	Tries	34 Against
29 For	Conversions	21 Against
57 For	Penalties	70 Against
9 For	Drop Goals	5 Against

Player Info For England

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Andrew Sheridan	1	31	13/11/2004	34	2	2	19	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan Hartley	2	24	08/11/2008	21	11	0	9	1	11	5	1	0	0	0
David Wilson	3	25	06/06/2009	13	10	0	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	0
Courtney Lawes	4	21	07/11/2009	6	3	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Palmer	5	31	16/06/2001	18	6	0	7	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
James Haskell	6	25	17/03/2007	28	9	0	11	1	16	10	2	0	0	0
Hendre Fourie	7	31	06/11/2010	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Easter (C)	8	32	10/02/2007	36	0	1	19	1	16	25	5	0	0	0
Ben Youngs	9	21	13/03/2010	5	2	0	2	1	2	5	1	0	0	0
Toby Flood	10	25	11/11/2006	33	13	0	15	1	17	121	3	14	25	1
Mark Cueto	11	30	13/11/2004	43	0	2	21	1	21	75	15	0	0	0
Shontayne Hape	12	28	12/06/2010	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Banahan	13	23	06/06/2009	5	0	0	2	0	3	15	3	0	0	0
Chris Ashton	14	23	20/03/2010	5	0	0	2	0	3	15	3	0	0	0
Ben Foden	15	25	07/02/2009	8	3	0	3	1	4	5	1	0	0	0
Total				261	61	5	120	9	132	276	34	14	25	1
Steve Thompson	16	32	02/02/2002	59	12	2	39	1	19	15	3	0	0	0
Daniel Cole	17	23	06/02/2010	9	1	0	4	1	4	5	1	0	0	0
David Attwood	18	23	06/11/2010	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Croft	19	25	23/02/2008	20	8	0	9	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Danny Care	20	23	14/06/2008	23	9	0	9	1	13	13	2	0	0	1
Charlie Hodgson	21	30	17/11/2001	32	6	1	18	0	14	259	6	44	44	3
Delon Armitage	22	26	08/11/2008	18	3	0	9	1	8	34	5	0	2	1

Records For England

Caps

114 - Jason Leonard
85 - Rory Underwood
85 - Lawrence Dallaglio

Tries

49 - Rory Underwood
31 - Ben Cohen
31 - Will Greenwood

Points

1111 - Jonny Wilkinson
400 - Paul Grayson
396 - Rob Andrew

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 44 - Charlie Hodgson v Romania on 17/11/2001
Tries: 5 - 3 players
Conversions: 15 - Paul Grayson v Netherlands on 14/11/1998
Penalties: 8 - Jonny Wilkinson v South Africa on 24/06/2000
Drop Goals: 3 - Jonny Wilkinson v France on 16/11/2003

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 134 v Romania on 17/11/2001
Tries: 20 v Romania on 17/11/2001
Conversions: 15 v Netherlands on 14/11/1998
Penalties: 8 v South Africa on 24/06/2000
Drop Goals: 3 v France on 16/11/2003





Head Coach: Fuimaono Tafua

Debut: 18/06/2009 v Japan (W 34-15)
 Winning Ratio: 53.85%
 Average Tries per Match: 4.15

Samoa Record Under Fuimaono Tafua

7 Wins	0 Drawn	6 Lost
388 For	Points	243 Against
54 For	Tries	25 Against
38 For	Conversions	17 Against
14 For	Penalties	26 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	2 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
13/11/2010	Ireland	L 10 20	Dublin
30/10/2010	Japan	W 13 10	Tokyo
26/06/2010	Fiji	W 31 9	Apia
19/06/2010	Japan	L 23 31	Apia
12/06/2010	Tonga	W 24 23	Apia
Points For		101	
Points Ag		93	
Tries For		13	
Tries Ag		8	

Player Info For Samoa

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Sakaria Taulafo	1	27	13/11/2009	6	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mahonri Schwalger (C)	2	32	11/11/2000	32	7	3	15	0	17	20	4	0	0	0
Anthony Perenise	3	28	12/06/2010	5	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kane Thompson	4	28	19/05/2007	15	1	1	7	0	8	5	1	0	0	0
Filipo Levi	5	31	19/05/2007	18	2	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Ofisa Treviranus	6	28	18/06/2009	12	3	0	6	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Manaia Salavea	7	24	12/06/2010	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
George Stowers	8	31	11/11/2001	15	0	0	7	0	8	15	3	0	0	0
Kahn Fotuali'i	9	28	30/10/2010	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Tasesa Lavea	10	30	13/11/2010	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alesana Tuilagi	11	29	22/06/2002	18	2	2	8	0	10	45	9	0	0	0
Seilala Mapusua	12	30	17/06/2006	15	0	1	6	0	9	5	1	0	0	0
George Pisi	13	24	12/06/2010	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
David Lemi	14	28	29/05/2004	25	9	1	12	0	13	25	5	0	0	0
Paul Williams	15	27	12/06/2010	4	0	0	2	0	2	8	0	1	2	0
Total				174	27	8	82	0	92	133	25	1	2	0
Ti'i Paulo	16	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Census Johnston	17	29	11/06/2005	26	3	2	11	0	15	20	4	0	0	0
Joe Tekori	18	26	09/06/2007	14	4	1	5	0	9	15	3	0	0	0
Afa Aiono	19	22	18/07/2009	3	1	0	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Junior Polu	20	29	09/06/2007	17	5	1	6	0	11	15	3	0	0	0
Jamie Helleur	21	26	12/06/2010	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gavin Williams	22	31	19/05/2007	15	1	0	7	0	8	106	5	18	15	0

Records For Samoa

Caps

65 - Brian Lima
 60 - To'o Vaega
 59 - Semo Sititi

Tries

31 - Brian Lima
 17 - Semo Sititi
 15 - Afato So'oialo

Points

184 - Earl Va'a
 172 - Andy Aiulupo
 160 - Silao Leaega

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 30 - Gavin Williams v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Tries: 4 - 4 players
 Conversions: 10 - Gavin Williams v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Penalties: 8 - Roger Warren v Tonga on 29/05/2004
 Drop Goals: 1 - 9 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 115 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Tries: 17 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Conversions: 15 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Penalties: 8 v Tonga on 29/05/2004
 Drop Goals: 1 on 9 Occasions