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MATCH SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, 24 JUNE

13:30 LOCAL TIME

12:30 BST

ENGLAND v IRELAND

Paarl Gymnasium

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE

19:00 LOCAL TIME

18:00 BST

ENGLAND v FIJI

**Danie Craven
Stadium**

TUESDAY, 4 JULY

14:00 LOCAL TIME

13:00 BST

ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

Athlone Sports Stadium

NATIONAL

ANTHEM

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.



MARK MAPLETOFT

HEAD COACH



Mapletoft took the reins as England men's U20 head coach in May 2023. Prior to that he was assistant coach with England men's U18 team since 2020.

As a player he represented Gloucester, Harlequins and London Irish during a career which also saw him earn a Test cap for England in 1997.





LEWIS CHESSUM

CAPTAIN & LOCK

Club: Leicester Tigers

Height: 205cm

Weight: 120kg

Fact: As a nine-year-old, Lewis Chessum joined his brother at Sleaford RFC and began the journey which took him into the Leicester Tigers' academy in 2019.

AFOLABI FASOGBON

PROP

Height: 192cm

Weight: 132kg

Fact: Afo's proudest moment on the pitch was his first England U18 cap against Italy, before debuting for London Irish against Harlequins.



ARCHIE MCARTHUR

PROP

Club: Gloucester

Height: 188cm

Weight: 116kg

Fact: Archie began his rugby journey at Rams RFC at eight years old playing through all age groups before moving on to City of Oxford College.



ASHER OPOKU-FORDJOUR

PROP

Club: Sale Sharks

Height: 186cm

Weight: 115kg

Fact: Asher is a Kenilworth RFC player who was at Wasps before signing with Sale Sharks alongside teammate Rekeiti Ma'asi White.

CHANDLER CUNNINGHAM-SOUTH

NO. 8

Height: 195cm

Weight: 120kg

Fact: Chandler's proudest moment was watching his my mum graduate from university aged 50.



CRAIG WRIGHT

HOOKER

Club: Northampton Saints

Height: 188cm

Weight: 116kg

Fact: Craig was co-captain at Felstead School, and also played his junior rugby for Braintree RFC. He signed first professional contract in April 2022.





ETHAN CLARKE

PROP

Club: Harlequins

Height: 183cm

Weight: 110kg

Fact: A Sussex boy, Ethan has represented England at U18 and U19 levels ahead of this tournament.

FINN CARNDUFF

FLANKER

Club: Leicester Tigers

Height: 194cm

Weight: 105kg

Fact: Finn made his debut for Leicester in the fifth round of the Premiership Rugby Cup against London Irish, 19 days after his 18th birthday.



FINN THEOBALD-THOMAS

HOOKER

Club: Gloucester

Height: 181cm

Weight: 102kg

Fact: Finn graduated from the Diploma in Sporting Excellence programme at Stourport HS & Sixth Form College.





GREG FISILAU

FLANKER & NO. 8

Club: Exeter Chiefs

Height: 188cm

Weight: 107kg

Fact: Greg Fisilau is a product of St Edwards School and City of Oxford College ACE. He joined the Exeter Chiefs in November 2022 and is now enjoying his second season of international U20 rugby having played for England in 2022.

HARRY BROWNE

LOCK

Club: Harlequins

Height: 201cm

Weight: 108kg

Fact: Harry started playing rugby aged 4 for Rosslyn park. He graduated from the Harlequins Academy into the senior squad ahead of the 2022/23 season.



HARVEY CUCKSON

LOCK

Club: Bath Rugby

Height: 200cm

Weight: 116kg

Fact: Harvey was named in NextGen XV's World Under-18 XV for 2022, alongside his Bath teammates Louie Hennessey and Murdoch Lock.





JAMES HALLIWELL

PROP

Club: Bristol Bears

Height: 193cm

Weight: 127kg

Fact: Jimmy grew up idolising Kieran Read, and Julian Savea. He made his club debut against Exeter in Round two of the Premiership Rugby Cup in September 2022.

NATHAN JIBULU

HOOKER

Club: Harlequins

Height: 184cm

Weight: 110kg

Fact: Nathan made his club debut in home victory over Saracens, scoring a try in the process.



NATHAN MICHELOW

FLANKER

Club: Saracens

Height: 189cm

Weight: 102kg

Fact: Nathan was the first player to play Premiership Rugby who was born after England won the 2003 Rugby World Cup.





TRISTAN WODMAN

FLANKER

Club: Sale Sharks

Height: 181cm

Weight: 101kg

Fact: Tristan The flanker played his junior rugby at Fylde Rugby Club. He made his way through the Sale Sharks DPP before joining the academy setup.

ZACH CARR

FLANKER

Club: Harlequins

Height: 198cm

Weight: 109kg

Fact: Zach started playing rugby when he was 5 years old for Battersea Ironsides.



ALEX WILLS

WINGER

Club: Sale Sharks

Height: 181cm

Weight: 85kg

Fact: Former Hartpury College student Alex played his junior rugby for Worcester RFC and scored on his Warriors debut against Gloucester in the Premiership Rugby Cup.





CASSIUS CLEAVES

WINGER

Club: Harlequins

Height: 178cm

Weight: 89kg

Fact: The fleet-footed winger idolised Jason Robinson, Bryan Habana and Israel Dagg growing up when he played for the Wimbledon Warriors. He still lives in the area.

CHARLIE BRACKEN

SCRUMHALF

Club: Saracens

Height: 178cm

Weight: 81kg

Fact: The son of World Cup winner Kyran, Charlie's grandmother played hockey for Ireland.



CONNOR SLEVIN

FLY-HALF

Club: Harlequins

Height: 186cm

Weight: 91kg

Fact: Connor will make his England U20 debut at the World Rugby U20 Championship, as he takes a break from studying Business Management at the University of Surrey.





JACOB CUSICK

OUTSIDE BACK

Club: Leicester Tigers

Height: 188cm

Weight: 96kg

Fact: Jacob made his club debut in 2021 against Sale. He was included in the squad for the 2022 Under-20 Six Nations Championship, starting in England's games against Wales and Ireland.

JOE JENKINS

OUTSIDE BACK

Club: Bristol Bears

Height: 190cm

Weight: 103kg

Fact: Joe's sporting talents extend beyond rugby, scoring a memorable 50 for Herefordshire County Cricket.



JOSEPH WOODWARD

CENTRE

Club: Leicester Tigers

Height: 182cm

Weight: 95kg

Fact: Joseph represented England at U18 level, captaining the side against France. He also started in every match for England in this year's Under-20 Six Nations tournament.



LOUIE JOHNSON

FLY-HALF

Club: Newcastle Falcons

Height: 184cm

Weight: 93kg

Fact: Louie joined the Newcastle Falcons' senior academy in 2021 having come through the junior academy ranks at the club.

NYE THOMAS

SCRUM-HALF

Club: Sale Sharks

Height: 172cm

Weight: 73kg

Fact: Nye Thomas made his Premiership debut for Sale against Saints in 2021, just six months after finishing his college studies, making him the youngest scrum half in the club's history.



REKEITI MA'ASI WHITE

CENTRE

Club: Sale Sharks

Height: 185cm

Weight: 102kg

Fact: The Tongan-born centre, nicknamed Ricky, joined Sale from Wasps in November 2022 and is currently enjoying his second year of U20 international rugby.





SAM HARRIS

FULL-BACK

Club: Bath Rugby

Height: 184cm

Weight: 85kg

Fact: Sam Harris is enjoying his second year in the England U20 setup, having made six appearances across the 2022 Six Nations and U20 Summer series. He can play full-back, in the centres or at fly-half.

TOBIAS ELLIOTT

WINGER

Club: Saracens

Height: 186cm

Weight: 93kg

Fact: Usually a fly-half or full-back, Tobias is a talented playmaker who has found a home on the wing for England.



TOBY THAME

CENTRE

Club: Northampton Saints

Height: 182cm

Weight: 90kg

Fact: Toby put pen to paper on his first professional contract in April 2022, joining Northampton Saints' Senior Academy on a full-time basis ahead of the 2022/23 season.



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