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A star-studded line-up of on-screen talent and key matches feature in ITV's live coverage of the Guinness Six Nations Championship 2023, kicking off with the Calcutta Cup between England and Scotland at Twickenham.

Kicking off a massive year of rugby union on ITV - with the Rugby World Cup to be exclusively screened on ITV1 and ITVX in the Autumn - the channel will show ten live matches throughout the six weeks of the Six Nations.

They include mouth-watering clashes including the tournament finale Ireland v England at the Aviva Stadium, England v France on March 11, and a clash of the pre-championship favourites Ireland v France on Feb 11.

This year's tournament marks the latest in a deal between ITV and the BBC that sees Six Nations matches shared between both broadcasters on television and online with ITV's matches aired on ITV1, ITVX, STV and STV Player.

Leading ITV's team will be presenters Mark Pougatch and Jill Douglas, joined by Jonny Wilkinson and Lawrence Dallaglio, members of England's victorious Rugby World Cup 2003 team, along with their coach Sir Clive Woodward, England Women World Cup winner Maggie Alphonsi, former Ireland captain Brian O'Driscoll, fellow former Irish skipper Rory Best, former Wales captain Gareth Thomas, Welsh legend Jamie Roberts, former Scotland and Lions coach Sir Ian McGeechan, former Scottish international Jim Hamilton, Australia's most-capped player George Gregan, and former French forward Benjamin Kayser.

Martin Bayfield will combine presenting duties with his role as reporter, alongside reporter Gabriel Clarke. Joining them with a wealth of experience in the commentary box will be Nick Mullins and Miles Harrison, plus co-commentators Shane Williams, Gordon D'Arcy, Ben Kay, Scott Hastings, David Flatman and Danielle Waterman.

Every match will be simulcast live on ITVX, and our responsively designed Six Nations site – <u>itv.com/six-nations</u> – will help bring the tournament to life with all the latest news and highlights of all games.

ITV Six Nations schedule

Sat 4 Feb - England v Scotland - coverage starts on ITV1 at 4pm with a 4.45pm kick-off

Sun 5 Feb - Italy v France, ko 1500, transmission from 1415-1730

Sat 11 Feb - Ireland v France, ko 1415, transmission from 1330-1630

Sun 12 Feb - England v Italy, ko 1500, transmission from 1415-1730

Sat 25 Feb - Italy v Ireland, ko 1415, transmission TBC

Sun 26 Feb - France v Scotland, ko 1500, transmission TBC

Sat 11 Mar - Italy v Wales, ko 1415, transmission TBC

Sat 11 Mar - England v France, ko 1645, transmission TBC

Sat 18 Mar - France v Wales, ko 1445, transmission TBC

Sat 18 Mar - Ireland v England, ko 1700, transmission TBC

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