

# SCOTLAND v SPAIN

The Greenyards, Melrose

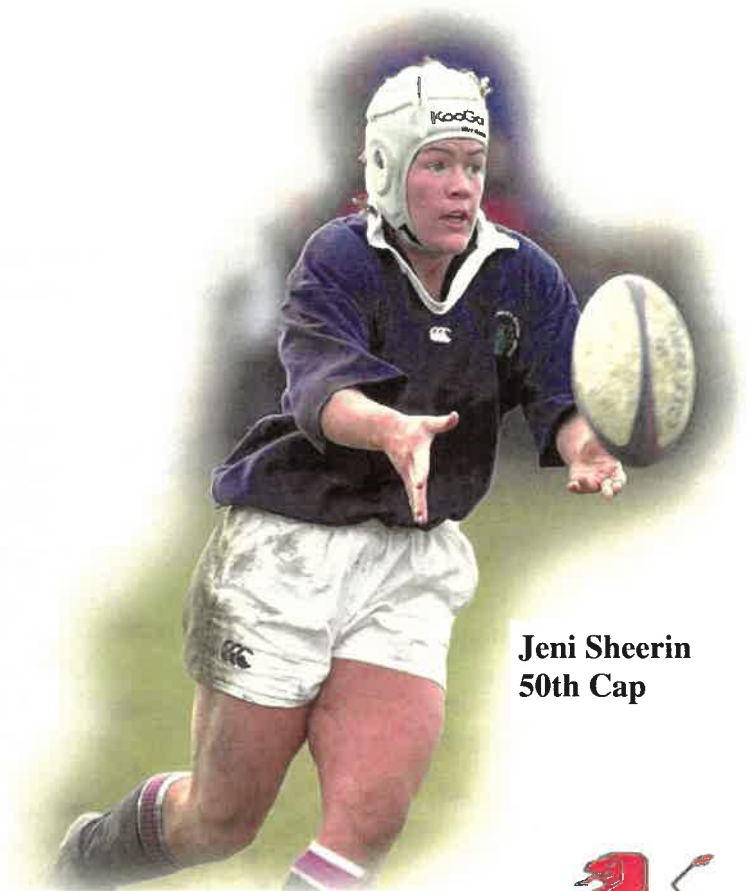
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**Jeni Sheerin**  
50th Cap



# Chairwoman's Message

Welcome Everyone.....

To this, Scotland's second home International of the Six Nation Championships. It is the sixth encounter between Scotland and Spain, but the first match to be played here in Scotland. The five previous games have been close in the final scores with Scotland winning two and losing three. So today we look forward to an exciting encounter. I wish all the players good luck and I hope that our visiting side has an enjoyable stay, including some 'good old Scottish hospitality' and I look forward to meeting some of you after the match.

On the home front today, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Jeni Sheerin will be awarded her 50th cap by participating in today's game. This is an outstanding achievement and the first in Scottish women's rugby. We thank Jeni for her hard work and commitment over the years, she is an example and inspiration to all.

On a more serious note, we are in a Borders town which, no doubt, will have been in some way affected by the current outbreak of Foot and Mouth. Therefore, can I ask all visitors to please respect this and wherever necessary comply with the Scottish Executive regulations, and keep to the main road areas.

On behalf of the SWRU I would like to thank Melrose Rugby Club for the use of their facilities today, the match officials, ball girls, players and all the people who have given their time to make today possible, and the National Squad sponsors - Canterbury of New Zealand, Edinburgh Leisure, Lucozade, and James Gilbert for their continued support of Scottish women's rugby. I'd also, thank our new Administration Manager, Barb Wilson, for the organisation of today.

As a spectator, I hope you enjoy the match. Thank you for your support today.

Sandra Kinnear  
ChairwomanSWRU

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# JENNIFER ANNE SHEERIN

## 50th CAP

Today is a special day for Jeni and for Scottish women's rugby. For today, sees Jeni achieve her 50th cap, an amazing individual achievement and one which is testimony to her outstanding abilities as a rugby player and to the integral part she has played in the development and successes of the Scottish women's rugby team over the past nine season. And she's only 27!!

Heriot Watt gave birth to the player who has become a recognised formidable force on the playing field by team mates and oppositions alike. It all started in December 1992, when she was selected to represent Scottish Select against the North East Region of England, playing alongside fellow future internationalists such as Kim Littlejohn, Sue Brodie, Anny Freitas, and Lee Cockburn...but back then it was on the wing!! It's ironic that five years later, following Scotland's 28-3 win over Ireland in February 1997 an article in the Scotlman was comparing her to another famous number 11, Vaiga Tuigamala, stating that "at the centre of everything was Richmond flanker Jeni Sheerin, an outrageously powerful individual who was compared by some Irish supporters to Tuigamala. There is one noticeable difference... Sheerin is fitter and harder!". You're no wrong there!

Fortunately, wing became wing forward and the rest is history. She has maintained her back row selection in the first XV over the past eight seasons and has represented Scotland in the Home and Five Nations Championships and at three European Championships (1997, 1999 and 2000) and at two World Cups in 1994 and 1998, and no doubt will form part of the squad going to Spain for the next Women's Rugby World Cup in May 2002. In 2000, she was voted the Best Player in England, again another recognition of her outstanding performance. If I could have wished for one thing it was to have the room full of Scottish players when the announcement was made that the best player in England was a Scotswoman!!

Jeni, from past and present coaches, players, physios, managers, the SWRU, and for the fly halves that fear you lurking in the shadows, for those who have suffered the misfortune of hearing and being below your infamous cry 'RUCK!' we're whoelheartedly glad that you have been on our side! Thank you for the rampant runs, the pounding big hits, the power and pace, and the excitement of it all. Long may it continue. Have a truly great day Jennifer Anne Sheerin.



Jeni Sheerin

# Scotland Player Profiles

## **Paula Chalmers**

Club: Murrayfield Wanderers  
Height: 5'6", Weight: 60kg

International Record: 30 Caps  
Position: Scrum half

## **Alison Christie**

Club: Edinburgh Academicals  
Height: 5'6", Weight: 98kg

International Record: 32 Caps  
Position: Prop

## **Lee Cockburn**

Club: Edinburgh Academicals  
Height: 6'1", Weight: 82kg

International Record: 45 Caps  
Position: Lock

## **Jennifer Dickson**

Club: Richmond  
Height: 5'4" Weight: 61kg

International Record: 5 Caps  
Position: Wing

## **Pippa Dobson**

Club: Saracens  
Height: 5'3" Weight: 64kg

International Record: 3 Caps  
Position: Hooker

## **Denise Fairbairn**

Club: Murrayfield Wanderers  
Height: 5'7" Weight: 57kg

International Record: 20 Caps  
Position: Wing

## **Karen Findlay**

Club: Richmond  
Height: 5'5" Weight: 79kg

International Record: 35 Caps  
Position: Prop

## **Vicky Galbraith**

Club: Richmond  
Height: 5'6" Weight: 80kg

International Record: 15 Caps  
Position: Prop

## **Fiona Gillandes**

Club: Wasps  
Height: 5'4", Weight: 65kg

International Record: 6 Caps  
Position: Back row forward

## **Jennifer Hanley**

Club: Waterloo  
Height: 5'8", Weight: 76kg

International Record: 3 Caps  
Position: Lock

## **Sarah Higgins**

Club: Edinburgh Academicals  
Height: 5'7", Weight: 59kg

International Record: 27 Caps  
Position: Stand off

# Scotland Player Profiles

## **Donna Kennedy**

Club: Edinburgh Academicals

Height: 5'10", Weight: 74kg

International Record: 47 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Kirsty MacDonald**

Club: Glasgow Southern

Height: 5'8", Weight: 64kg

International Record: 2 Caps

Position: Full Back

## **Nicky MacDonald**

Club: Glasgow Southern

Height: 5'8", Weight: 67kg

International Record: 0 Caps

Position: Centre

## **Beth MacLeod**

Club: Murrayfield Wanderers

Height: 5'6", Weight: 76kg

International Record: 30 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Alison McGrandles**

Club: Waterloo

Height: 5'8", Weight: 65kg

International Record: 36 Caps

Position: Full Back

## **Rimma Petlevannaya**

Club: Murrayfield Wanderers

Height: 5'6", Weight: 66kg

International Record: 33 Caps

Position: Centre/ Stand off

## **Jennifer Sheerin**

Club: Richmond

Height: 5'7", Weight: 82kg

International Record: 49 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Rhona Shepherd**

Club: Murrayfield Wanderers

Height: 5'7", Weight: 70kg

International Record: 15 Caps

Position: Full Back/ Centre

## **Mary Pat Tierney**

Club: Watsonians

Height: 5'7", Weight: 64kg

International Record: 1 Cap

Position: Back row forward

## **Irene Wilson**

Club: Alton

Height: 5'11", Weight: 70kg

International Record: 30 Caps

Position: Lock

## **Vicky Wiseman**

Club: Richmond

Height: 5'6", Weight: 70kg

International Record: 15 Caps

Position: Hooker



# Scotland v

## Sunday 18 March 2001 -

## Scotland

- 15 Alison McGrandles (Waterloo)
- 14 Denise Fairbairn (Murrayfield Wanderers)
- 13 Rhona Shepherd (Murrayfield Wanderers)
- 12 Rimma Petlevannaya (Murrayfield Wanderers)
- 11 Jennifer Dickson (Richmond)
  
- 10 Sarah Higgins (Edinburgh Academicals)
- 9 Paula Chalmers (Murrayfield Wanderers)
  
- 1 Karen Findlay (Richmond) **Captain**
- 2 Vicky Wiseman (Richmond)
- 3 Alison Christie (Edinburgh Academicals)
- 4 Jennifer Hanley (Waterloo)
- 5 Lee Cockburn (Edinburgh Academicals)
- 6 Donna Kennedy (Edinburgh Academicals)
- 8 Jennifer Sheerin (Richmond)
- 7 Fiona Gillanders (Wasps)

**Referee :**

**Touch Judges :**

**Kick-off -**

### Replacements

- 16 Pippa Dobson (Saracens) - hooker
- 17 Vicky Galbraith (Richmond) - prop
- 18 Irene Wilson (Alton) - lock
- 19 Mary Pat Tierney (Watsonians) - back row
- 20 Beth MacLeod (Murrayfield Wanderers) - back row
- 21 Nicky MacDonald (Glasgow Southern) - centre
- 22 Kirsty MacDonald (Glasgow Southern) - full back

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# Spain

## The Greenyards, Melrose



## Spain

Jimmy Graham (Gala)  
Ian Cooper (Melrose)

- 15 Coral Vila (USAT)
- 14 Isabel Perez (Liceo Francés)
- 13 Inés Etxegibel (RC L'Hospitalet)
- 12 Rocío Ramirez (Liceo Francés)
- 11 Olga García (Liceo Francés)

- 10 Paz Estevan (UR Santboiana)
- 9 Rosa Calafat (RC L'Hospitalet)

12 Noon

- 1 Cristina Lopez (Liceo Francés)
- 2 Beatriz Muriel (CR Majadahonda)
- 3 Olga Pons (UE Santboiana)
- 4 Angelina Masdeu (INEF Lleida)
- 5 Pilar Lopez (Scrum RC)
- 6 Mercedes Batidor (RC L'Hospitalet)
- 8 Elena Diez (Liceo Francés)
- 7 Karitte Alegria (Getxo Artea)

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### Replacements:

- 16 Itziar Diaz (CR Majadahonda) - wing
- 17 Elena Roca (University of Coruña) - wing/centre
- 18 Eider Barrena (Elorrio RT) - centre
- 19 Nieves Simo (Liceo Francés) - back row
- 20 Estíbaliz Uriarte (Durango RT) - lock
- 21 Olatz Fernandez (Elorrio RT) - hooker/back row
- 22 Ioana Barrena (Elorrio RT) - prop

# SpainPlayer Profiles

## **Karitte Alegria**

Club: Getxo Artea

Height: 1.66m, Weight: 66kg

International Record: 19 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Eider Barrena**

Club: Elorrio RT

Height: 1.72m, Weight: 72kg

International Record: 13 Caps

Position: Centre

## **Ioana Barrena**

Club: Elorrio RT

Height: 1.67m, Weight: 79kg

International Record: 10 Caps

Position: Prop

## **Mercedes Batidor**

Club: RC L'Hospitalet

Height: 1.60m, Weight: 69kg

International Record: 31 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Rosa Calafat**

Club: RC L'Hospitalet

Height: 1.58m, Weight: 50kg

International Record: 24 Caps

Position: Scrum half

## **Itziar Diaz**

Club: CR Majadahonda

Height: 1.59m, Weight: 58kg

International Record: 2 Caps

Position: Stand off/ Centre

## **Elena Diez de la Lastra**

Club: Liceo Francés

Height: 1.74m, Weight: 68kg

International Record: 28 Caps

Position: Back row forward

## **Paz Estevan**

Club: UE Santboiana

Height: 1.63m, Weight: 63kg

International Record: 31 Caps

Position: Stand off

## **Inés Etxegibel**

Club: RC L'Hospitalet

Height: 1.60m, Weight: 55kg

International Record: 26 Caps

Position: Centre

## **Olatz Fernandez**

Club: Elorrio RT

Height: 1.58m, Weight: 62kg

International Record: 22 Caps

Position: Hooker/ Flanker

## **Olga García**

Club: Leceo Francés

Height: 1.60m, Weight: 74kg

International Record: 9 Caps

Position: Wing

# Spain Player Profiles

**Cristina Lopez**

Club: Liceo Francés

Height: 1.71m, Weight: 75kg

International Record: 22 Caps

Position: Prop

**Pilar Lopez**

Club: Scrum RC

Height: 1.73m, Weight: 69kg

International Record: 28 Caps

Position: Lock

**Angelina Masdeu**

Club: INEF Lleida

Height: 1.73m, Weight: 66kg

International Record: 3 Caps

Position: Lock, Back row forward

**Beatriz Muriel**

Club: CR Majadahonda

Height: 1.60m, Weight: 63kg

International Record: 28 Caps

Position: Hooker

**Isabel Perez**

Club: Liceo Francés

Height: 1.62m, Weight: 61kg

International Record: 31 Caps

Position: Wing, Full back

**Olga Pons**

Club: UE Santboiana

Height: 1.58m, Weight: 82kg

International Record: 24 Caps

Position: Prop

**Rocío Ramirez**

Club: Liceo Francés

Height: 1.62m, Weight: 60kg

International Record: 21 Caps

Position: Scrum half, centre

**Elena Roca**

Club: University of Coruña

Height: 1.70m, Weight: 71kg

International Record: 2 Caps

Position: Wing, Centre

**Nieves Simo**

Club: Liceo Francés

Height: 1.66m, Weight: 62kg

International Record: 1 Caps

Position: Back row forward

**Estíbaliz Uriarte**

Club: Durango RT

Height: 1.77m, Weight: 70kg

International Record: 2 Caps

Position: Lock

**Coral Vila**

Club: USAT

Height: 1.65m, Weight: 56kg

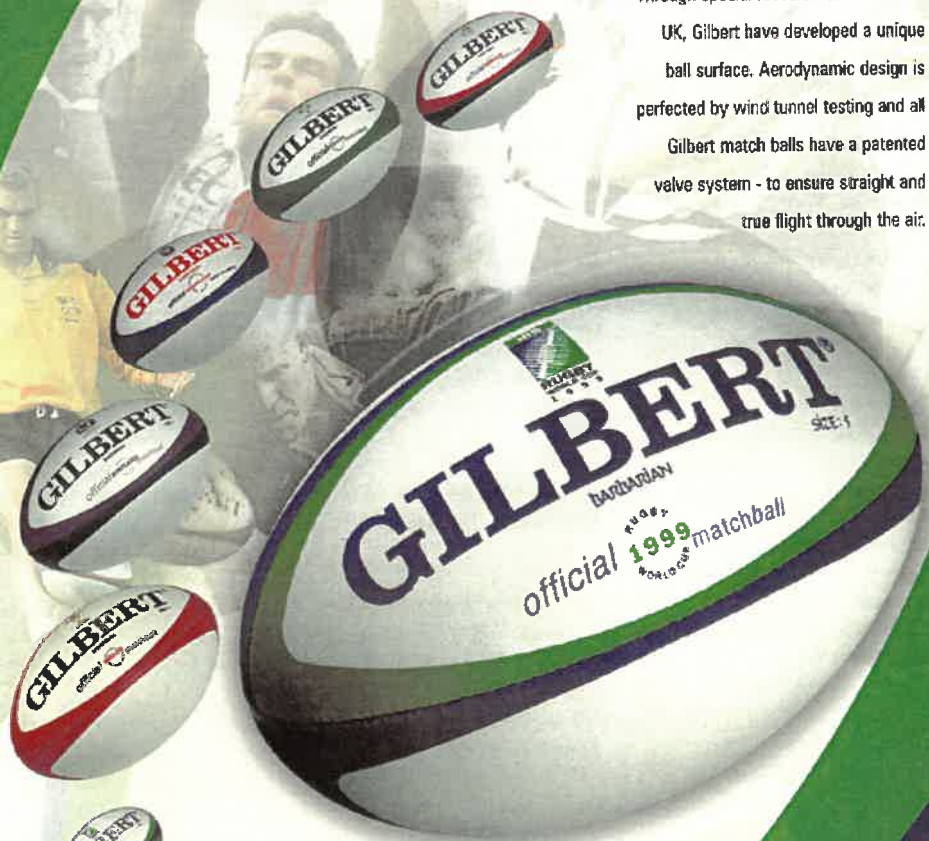
International Record: 23 Caps

Position: Full back

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# SCOTLAND'S UPCOMING FIXTURES

## **SCOTLAND A v SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES**

Sunday 18 March 2001 - Edinburgh Academicals - 2.30pm

## **SCOTLAND A v BRITISH POLICE**

Friday 6 April - West of Scotland - 7pm

## **WOMEN'S SIX NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2001**

**SCOTLAND v IRELAND**- new date to be confirmed

## **FIRA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Lille, France**

7-13 May 2001

## **SWRU CUP TOURNAMENT**

### **Round 4**

Murrayfield Wanderers vs Inverness Craig Dunain

Annan v Hillhead Jordanhill

### **CUP Semi Finals - 25 March 2001**

Winner (Round 4 match top) v Winner (Round 4 match bottom)

Glasgow Southern v Watsonians

### **PLATE 1/4 Finals - 25 March 2001**

Edinburgh Academicals v Aberdeen University

Dundee University v Aberdeenshire Quines

### **PLATE Semi Finals**

Melrose v Lismore

Winner (1/4 Final match top) v Winner (1/4 Final match bottom)

### **BOWL Semi Finals - 25 March 2001**

Kirkcaldy v Midlothian

Bye to Winner of Strathmore v Berick

# Acknowledgements

## **We would like to thank**

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# SCOTLAND'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

## Since 1997

<b>1997</b>	<b>Home Nations Championship</b>	
12 January	Scotland v Wales - Meggetland, Edinburgh	10 - 0
26 January	England v Scotland - Blackheath, London	23 - 3
23 February	Scotland v Ireland - Pennypit Sport Complex, Prestonpans	28 - 3
31 March - 6 April	<b>FIRA European Championship - Nice, France</b>	
	Scotland v Italy - 1/4 Finals	31 - 7
	Scotland v Spain - Semi Finals	11 - 10
	Scotland v England - Finals	8 - 24
5 August	Sweden v Scotland - Stockholm, Sweden	0 - 42
<b>1998</b>	<b>Home Nations Championship - Grand Slam Winners</b>	
8 February	Ireland v Scotland - Old Belvedere RFC, Dublin	0 - 15
1 March	Wales v Scotland, Cardiff	12 - 22
21 March	Scotland v England - Stewart's Melville FP RFC	8 - 5
21 February	Scotland v France - Raeburn Place, Edinburgh	19 - 3
30 April - 16 May	<b>Women's Rugby World Cup - The Netherlands</b>	
Sat 2 May	Scotland v Italy	37 - 8
Tues 5 May	Scotland v New Zealand	76 - 0
Sat 9 May	1/4 Finals - Scotland v USA	10 - 25
Tues 12 May	Plate Semi Finals - Scotland v France	27 - 7
Sat 16 May	Plate Final - Scotland v Australia	15 - 25
5 December	Spain v Scotland, Madrid	3 - 5
<b>1999</b>	<b>Five Nations Championship</b>	
7 February	Scotland v Wales - Inverleith, Edinburgh	23 - 0
28 February	England v Scotland - Richmond, England	34 - 7
21 March	Scotland v Ireland - Inverleith, Edinburgh	22 - 5
9 April	France v Scotland - France	48 - 18
18 - 25 April	<b>FIRA European Championships - Belluno, Italy</b>	
Mon 19 April	Scotland v Italy	43 - 15
Wed 21 April	Scotland v Spain	9 - 11
Sat 24 April	Scotland v England - Plate Final - 3rd place	15 - 13
<b>2000</b>	<b>Five Nations Championship</b>	
Sat 19 February	Spain v Scotland - Murcia, Spain	13 - 9
Sun 5 March	Scotland v France - Inverleith, Edinburgh	7 - 10
Sun 19 March	Wales v Scotland - Caerphilly, Wales	12 - 36
Sat 1 April	Scotland v England - Inverleith, Edinburgh	64 - 9
8 - 14 May	<b>FIRA European Championships - Almeria, Spain</b>	
Mon 8 May	Scotland v Wales	28 - 6
Wed 10 May	Scotland v Spain	10 - 13
Sat 13 May	Scotland v England - Plate Final - 4th place	20 - 40
<b>2001</b>	<b>Six Nations Championship</b>	
Sat 3 February	France v Scotland - St Denis, Paris	13 - 0
Sun 18 February	Scotland v Wales - Meggetland, Edinburgh	22 - 0
Sun 4 March	England v Scotland - Richmond, Surrey	39 - 0