

# THREE IN A ROW FOR ENGLAND'S WOMEN



England celebrate third Grand-Slam in a row

England Women were crowned the RBS 6 Nations Grand Slam champions on Saturday following a hard fought 17-7 victory over Ireland at London Irish ARFC, Sunbury. The victory hands England an unprecedented third consecutive Grand Slam victory in Six Nations history and clearly sends out a strong message to the reigning World Champions New Zealand ahead of the next IRB Rugby World Cup in 2010.

England's 17-7 victory comes following a 55-0 win over Wales, a 76-6 triumph against Italy, a record away 31-0 victory against France and a 5-34 defeat of Scotland. Saracens centre Claire Allan led the try scoring tally with an impressive six touchdowns during the campaign, including a try in the first minute of the game against Ireland.

England Head Coach Gary Street said: "It's a great feeling to win the Grand Slam again. For me this is my first one as Head Coach and I have to say this title is a testament to the hard work of the players on and off the field. "We would have liked to put in a better performance today but it's all about the performance of this team throughout the championship. The real success story has been the bonding of this squad, from a new coaching team to a relatively new and young squad. We clearly have a very strong squad with a lot of depth and that is going to stand us in very good stead for the future."



Claire Allan opens the scoring for England



After match celebrations