

Aspirational Teams Review 2018-19

England Students

The squad played two fixtures against France Universities. In the first at Chester RFC on Sunday 14 April, they beat the French for the first time in a decade, winning 27-17. The squad then travelled to the Bordeaux region in France where, on Friday 19 April, they lost 22-39.

There were 24 players involved in the two games. They were selected from nine different institutions, covering teams playing in BUCS Super Rugby, BUCS Premier A and BUCS 1A from across England and Wales.

England Counties U18s

The squad assembled at HMS Temeraire, in Portsmouth, on Thursday 18 April for a four-day preparation camp before a two-match tour to Ireland.

Selected from the four divisional teams at the National Development Weekend in February, the 23-player squad was made up from players from all four divisions. There were two from the North, six from the Midlands, six from the South West, nine from London/South East.

In their first match at Energia Park, Donnybrook, Ireland won 30-18, before England fought hard to secure a 11-6 victory at Ashbourne RFC, Co. Meath.

England Counties U20s

The squad toured Romania from Monday 27 May to Wednesday 5 June, playing two matches.

The 23-player squad, selected from the four divisional teams at the National Development Weekend in May, included eight from the North, 11 from London and South East, three from the Midlands and one from the South West.

The squad were victorious in both matches, beating Romania U23 by 22-7 on Friday 31 May and by 44-21 on Tuesday 4 June.

England Counties

A tour to Georgia from Monday 3 June to Wednesday 12 June, included two matches for a squad selected from 12 counties: Kent, Gloucestershire, Surrey, Kent, Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Devon, Durham, Hertfordshire, Cornwall and Eastern Counties.

The first match against Georgia A saw England Counties win 28–15, a closely fought second match gave Georgia a one point win, with 24-23.