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About the Author

Since making his international debut in 2000, Ronan O'Gara has gone on to win more than 80 caps and score more than 800 points for both Ireland in internationals and for Munster in the Heineken Cup—both record tallies. He was the leading points scorer in the Six Nations championship in 2005, 2006, and 2007, capturing the Triple Crown with Ireland in three of the last four years, and won the European Cup with Munster in 2006.

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