JEREMY GUSCOTT

65 Tests for England (1989-1999)
8 Caps for British and Irish Lions (1989, 1993 & 1997)
3 Rugby World Cups (1991, 1995 & 1999)

Jeremy Guscott is a former rugby union outside centre who played for Bath, England and the British and Irish Lions.

Known for his smooth running style, Guscott was often considered one of the finest ball-players of any rugby age. Former England Coach Clive Woodward called Guscott the "Prince of Centres", and rugby-writer Stephen Jones hails Guscott as part of his 'dream centre combination', along with former New Zealand All Black Frank Bunce. Marking his England debut with a hat-trick of tries in the 58–3 win over Romania in Bucharest in May 1989, Guscott received a call-up for the in progress British and Irish Lions tour of Australia, making a series-winning contribution in the second and third Tests. He travelled to New Zealand in 1993 with the Lions, playing in all three Tests; though in this particular tour the Lions lost 2 matches to 1.

Guscott toured with the 1997 British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa, where he scored the winning drop goal during the decisive second test, after outstanding penalty kicking by Wales' Neil Jenkins kept the Lions in the game. He started the third and final test in this series but broke his arm and could not finish the game.

His last game in England colours was against Tonga in a 1999 Rugby World Cup pool match at Twickenham Stadium, scoring a length-of-field interception try and receiving a standing ovation upon the game's conclusion. An increasingly debilitating thigh injury forced Guscott to call time on his career and take an early exit from 1999 World Cup competition. England would go on to lose to South Africa, without Guscott, in the Quarter Final. In all, Guscott represented England in three World Cups – 1991, 1995, and 1999 – helping England to a Final appearance in 1991.

Guscott now works full time for the BBC as a pundit on their Rugby Special, Scrum V and 6 Nations programmes.

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