



EUROPEAN RUGBY
CHAMPIONS
— CUP —

Champions Cup 2017/18
Semi-final: Leinster Rugby v Scarlets



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Match Facts

Saturday, 21 April

Kick-off: 15:30, Aviva Stadium

Referee: Romain Poite (Fra)

Assistant Referee 1: Mathieu Raynal (Fra)

Assistant Referee 2: Pierre Brousset (Fra)

TMO: Philippe Bonhoure (Fra)

Citing Commissioner: Shaun Gallagher (Eng)

TV: Sky Sports / beIN SPORTS

- The clubs have met seven times previously in the European Cup with Leinster winning five of those matches (L2), including the last four in a row.
- This will be Leinster's 10th semi-final appearance, only Munster (13, including 2017/8) have featured in more (Toulouse also on 10).
- Just one of Leinster's previous nine semi-finals have been against Welsh opposition, that was back in the first edition of the Champions Cup in 1995/96 when they were beaten by Cardiff.
- Scarlets have reached this stage of the Champions Cup for the first time since 2006/07 and for the fourth time overall; they have yet to progress to the final, however.
- Leinster are the only side with a 100% winning record in this season's Champions Cup and could become just the second club after Saracens in 2015/16 to win every match in a campaign. Leinster did go unbeaten during their 2011/12 triumph (W8, D1).
- No side has averaged more tries per game than Leinster this season (3.6, same as Saracens), whilst the province has also conceded the fewest penalties per match (7.6).
- The Scarlets have won 94% of their own lineouts in this campaign, the best rate of any side.
- Luke McGrath (1 try, 6 assists) and Gareth Davies (4 tries, 3 assists) have both been directly involved in seven tries this season, no player has had a hand in more (also Dan Evans).
- Ken Owens (105) is one of just two players to make 100+ tackles this season (Tom Dunn, 119).
- Tadhg Beirne has won five more turnovers (16) than any other player this season, nine of those have been jackals.



2017/18 Results and Standings

Pool 3

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Q Leinster Rugby	6	6	0	0	176	93	83	22	12	3	0	27
2	Exeter Chiefs	6	3	0	3	138	117	21	18	14	1	2	15
3	Montpellier	6	2	0	4	130	163	-33	18	23	3	2	13
4	Glasgow Warriors	6	1	0	5	128	199	-71	18	27	2	1	7

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away
14/10/2017	1	Leinster Rugby	24-17	Montpellier
21/10/2017	2	Glasgow Warriors	18-34	Leinster Rugby
10/12/2017	3	Exeter Chiefs	8-18	Leinster Rugby
16/12/2017	4	Leinster Rugby	22-17	Exeter Chiefs
14/01/2018	5	Leinster Rugby	55-19	Glasgow Warriors
20/01/2018	6	Montpellier	14-23	Leinster Rugby
01/04/2018	QF	Leinster Rugby	30-19	Saracens

Pool 5

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Q Scarlets	6	4	0	2	162	123	39	19	12	3	2	21
2	q RC Toulon	6	4	0	2	159	125	34	16	12	1	2	19
3	Bath Rugby	6	4	0	2	151	121	30	16	14	1	1	18
4	Benetton Rugby	6	0	0	6	97	200	-103	12	25	2	2	4

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away
15/10/2017	1	RC Toulon	21-20	Scarlets
20/10/2017	2	Scarlets	13-18	Bath Rugby
09/12/2017	3	Scarlets	33-28	Benetton Rugby
16/12/2017	4	Benetton Rugby	12-31	Scarlets
12/01/2018	5	Bath Rugby	17-35	Scarlets
20/01/2018	6	Scarlets	30-27	RC Toulon
30/03/2018	QF	Scarlets	29-17	La Rochelle



European Cup Records Compared

	Leinster Rugby	Scarlets
Played	157	142
Wins	104	67
Draws	5	3
Losses	48	72
Total Points For	4009	3168
Total Points Against	2969	3385
Total Tries For	424	323
Total Tries Against	289	374

2017/18 Points Scorers

Leinster Rugby:

Player	Points
Johnny Sexton	52
Isa Nacewa	34
Ross Byrne	23

Scarlets:

Player	Points
Leigh Halfpenny	59
Dan Jones	32
Gareth Davies	20

Head-to-head record

Leinster Rugby	Team	Scarlets
7	Played	7
5	Wins	2
2	Losses	5
0	Draws	0

Date	Home	Score	Away
19/12/2009	Leinster Rugby	39-7	Scarlets
20/10/2012	Scarlets	13-20	Leinster Rugby
12/01/2013	Leinster Rugby	33-14	Scarlets



2017/18 Performance Data

Leinster Rugby v Scarlets – Team Averages

	Leinster Rugby	Scarlets
Points	29.4	27.3
Tries	3.6	3.0
Goal Kicking %	79%	88%
Carries	146.4	103.1
Metres	407.9	349.7
Clean Breaks	9.1	8.4
Defenders Beaten	22.9	15.3
Offloads	7.0	7.1
Passes	169.6	150.6
Kicks from Hand	25.9	26.3
Tackles	138.9	149.7
Missed Tackles	20.9	21.1
Tackle %	87%	88%
Penalties Conceded	7.6	9.9
Turnovers Conceded	9.6	13.0
Turnovers Won	6.3	7.9
Lineout %	89%	94%
Lineout Steals	0.7	0.4
Scrum %	94%	90%
Scrums against the head	0.1	0.1
Ruck %	98%	96%
Time in Possession (mm:ss)	21:20	16:32



Leinster Rugby v Scarlets – Leading Scorers - Champions Cup 2017/18

Points

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries	Cons	PGs	DGs	Points
1	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	6	1	12	10	0	59
2	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	3	8	7	0	52
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	2	3	6	0	34
4	Dan Jones	Scarlets	4	1	6	5	0	32
5	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	6	1	6	2	0	23
6	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	4	0	0	0	20
7	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	7	3	0	0	0	15
8	11 Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

Tries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries
1	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	4
2	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	3
2	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	7	3
4	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	7	2
4	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	2
4	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	2
4	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	3	2
4	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	2
4	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	2
4	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	5	2
4	Scott Williams	Scarlets	6	2
4	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	7	2
4	Steff Evans	Scarlets	5	2
4	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	2

Goal Kicking %

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	PGs	Cons	Attempts	%
1	Fergus McFadden	Leinster Rugby	7	0	1	1	100%
2	Dan Jones	Scarlets	4	5	6	12	92%
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	6	3	10	90%
4	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	6	10	12	25	88%
5	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	7	8	18	83%
6	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	6	1	1	3	67%
7	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	6	2	6	13	62%



Leinster Rugby v Scarlets – Top Performers - Champions Cup 2017/18

Carries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Carries
1	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	73
2	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	7	64
3	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	62
4	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	61
4	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	7	61
6	Scott Williams	Scarlets	6	53
7	Jack McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	50
8	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	7	49
9	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	7	47
10	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	43

Metres

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Metres
1	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	313
2	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	248
3	Scott Williams	Scarlets	6	227
4	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	7	222
5	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	3	211
6	Rob Kearney	Leinster Rugby	5	198
7	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	195
8	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	6	191
9	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	186
10	Steff Evans	Scarlets	5	181

Breaks

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Breaks
1	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	7	9
1	Steff Evans	Scarlets	5	9
3	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	7
3	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	7
5	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	5	6
5	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	6
5	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	6
5	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	3	6
9	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	5
10	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	4
10	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	4
10	Scott Williams	Scarlets	6	4



Defenders Beaten

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	15
2	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	14
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	6	13
3	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	13
3	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	3	13
6	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	11
6	Steff Evans	Scarlets	5	11
8	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	10
8	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	6	10
8	Rob Kearney	Leinster Rugby	5	10

Offloads

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Offloads
1	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	7	7
2	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	6
2	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	7	6
4	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	5	5
4	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	3	5
4	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	6	5
7	David Bulbring	Scarlets	7	4
7	Hadleigh Parkes	Scarlets	7	4
7	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	4
7	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	4

Tackles

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	Ken Owens	Scarlets	7	105	11
2	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	82	2
3	James Davies	Scarlets	5	78	4
4	David Bulbring	Scarlets	7	76	4
4	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	76	1
6	Josh van der Flier	Leinster Rugby	6	64	7
7	Aaron Shingler	Scarlets	5	63	3
8	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	62	16
9	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	7	55	8
10	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	7	54	1



Lineouts

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	7	31	3
2	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	25	2
3	Aaron Shingler	Scarlets	5	23	0
4	David Bulbring	Scarlets	7	14	1
5	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	5	13	1
6	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	7	10	0
7	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	9	0
7	Steven Cummins	Scarlets	2	9	0
9	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	4	7	0
10	Lewis Rawlins	Scarlets	6	6	0

Turnovers

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Turnovers
1	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	7	16
2	James Davies	Scarlets	5	7
3	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	5
4	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	5	4
4	Scott Williams	Scarlets	6	4
6	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	7	3
6	John Barclay	Scarlets	4	3
6	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	3
6	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	4	3
6	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	5	3
6	Sean O'Brien	Leinster Rugby	2	3
6	Will Boyde	Scarlets	5	3