



EUROPEAN RUGBY  
**CHAMPIONS**  
— CUP —

**Champions Cup 2017/18**  
Quarter-final: Scarlets v La Rochelle



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## Match Facts

**Friday, 30 March 2018**

**Kick-off:** 17:30, Parc y Scarlets

**Referee:** Luke Pearce (Eng)

**Assistant Referee 1:** Matthew Carley (Eng)

**Assistant Referee 2:** Craig Maxwell-Keys (Eng)

**TMO:** David Grashoff (Eng)

**Citing Commissioner:** Eugene Ryan (Ire)

**TV:** BT Sport / beIN SPORTS

- This will be the first time the clubs have met. One hundred and forty one of Scarlets' 143 European games have been in the European Cup while La Rochelle have reached the knockout stage of Europe's top flight at the first attempt.
- Scarlets have won their last four matches, as many as they had managed in 21 previous games and their best winning run since winning seven on the trot on the way to the 2007 semi-finals.
- La Rochelle have won three of four previous games against Welsh opposition, beating Caerphilly twice in 2001/02 and sharing a home win and an away loss against Ebbw Vale in 1997/98.
- La Rochelle lost two of their three away games in the pool stage, scoring just one try and 16 points in the process.
- Scarlets and La Rochelle were two of three sides to maintain success rates over 90% at both the scrum and lineout in the pool stage; Scarlets had the best lineout rate of any side (94%).
- La Rochelle made the most clean breaks (67) and offloads (86) of any team in the pool stage with Jeremy Slnzelle featuring in the top 10 for both categories (nine offloads and nine clean breaks).
- La Rochelle scored a competition high of seven tries from kick returns in the pool stage, 39% of their total tries scored.
- Tadhg Beirne has a competition-high 14 turnovers this season while Levani Botia leads the way for La Rochelle with eight..
- Only Bath's Tom Dunn (119) made more tackles in the pool stage than Ken Owens (88), with the Scarlets captain maintaining a success rate of 90%.
- Leigh Halfpenny successfully kicked all 10 of his conversion attempts in the pool stage; no player attempted more and didn't miss at least one.



## 2017/18 Results and Standings

### Pool 5

| Pos | Team               | Pl | W | D | L | PF  | PA  | Diff | TF | TA | TB | LB | Pts |
|-----|--------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1   | <b>Q Scarlets</b>  | 6  | 4 | 0 | 2 | 162 | 123 | 39   | 19 | 12 | 3  | 2  | 21  |
| 2   | <b>q RC Toulon</b> | 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 | <b>Scarlets</b> |
| 20/10/2017 | 2     | <b>Scarlets</b> | 13-18 | Bath Rugby      |
| 09/12/2017 | 3     | <b>Scarlets</b> | 33-28 | Benetton Rugby  |
| 16/12/2017 | 4     | Benetton Rugby  | 12-31 | <b>Scarlets</b> |
| 12/01/2018 | 5     | Bath Rugby      | 17-35 | <b>Scarlets</b> |
| 20/01/2018 | 6     | <b>Scarlets</b> | 30-27 | RC Toulon       |

### Pool 1

| Pos | Team                 | Pl | W | D | L | PF  | PA  | Diff | TF | TA | TB | LB | Pts |
|-----|----------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1   | <b>Q La Rochelle</b> | 6  | 4 | 0 | 2 | 156 | 121 | 35   | 18 | 17 | 3  | 1  | 20  |
| 2   | Wasps                | 6  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 154 | 121 | 33   | 21 | 15 | 4  | 1  | 17  |
| 3   | Ulster Rugby         | 6  | 4 | 0 | 2 | 132 | 118 | 14   | 15 | 15 | 1  | 0  | 17  |
| 4   | Harlequins           | 6  | 1 | 0 | 5 | 106 | 188 | -82  | 15 | 22 | 2  | 1  | 7   |

| Date       | Round | Home               | Score | Away               |
|------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 14/10/2017 | 1     | Harlequins         | 27-34 | <b>La Rochelle</b> |
| 22/10/2017 | 2     | <b>La Rochelle</b> | 41-17 | Ulster Rugby       |
| 10/12/2017 | 3     | <b>La Rochelle</b> | 49-29 | Wasps              |
| 17/12/2017 | 4     | Wasps              | 21-3  | <b>La Rochelle</b> |
| 13/01/2018 | 5     | Ulster Rugby       | 20-13 | <b>La Rochelle</b> |
| 21/01/2018 | 6     | <b>La Rochelle</b> | 16-7  | Harlequins         |



## European Cup Records Compared

|                      | Scarlets | La Rochelle |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Played               | 141      | 6           |
| Wins                 | 66       | 4           |
| Draws                | 3        | 0           |
| Losses               | 72       | 2           |
| Total Points For     | 3139     | 156         |
| Total Points Against | 3368     | 119         |
| Total Tries For      | 321      | 18          |
| Total Tries Against  | 372      | 17          |

### 2017/18 Points Scorers

#### **Scarlets:**

| Player          | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| Leigh Halfpenny | 40     |
| Dan Jones       | 32     |
| Gareth Davies   | 20     |

#### **La Rochelle:**

| Player       | Points |
|--------------|--------|
| Alexis Balès | 29     |
| Ryan Lamb    | 20     |
| Brock James  | 18     |

### Head-to-head record

**First meeting in the competition**



## 2017/18 Performance Data

### Scarlets v La Rochelle – Team Averages

|                            | Scarlets | La Rochelle |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Points                     | 27.0     | 26.0        |
| Tries                      | 3.2      | 3.0         |
| Goalkicking %              | 88%      | 87%         |
| Carries                    | 101.0    | 136.0       |
| Metres                     | 351.7    | 445.2       |
| Clean Breaks               | 9.3      | 11.2        |
| Defenders Beaten           | 15.0     | 18.5        |
| Offloads                   | 8.7      | 14.3        |
| Passes                     | 146.0    | 148.7       |
| Kicks from Hand            | 26.0     | 15.0        |
| Tackles                    | 152.2    | 128.7       |
| Missed Tackles             | 20.5     | 15.3        |
| Tackle %                   | 88%      | 89%         |
| Penalties Conceded         | 9.8      | 9.5         |
| Turnovers Conceded         | 13.3     | 16.8        |
| Turnovers Won              | 7.5      | 6.0         |
| Lineout %                  | 94%      | 91%         |
| Lineout Steals             | 0.5      | 0.8         |
| Scrum %                    | 93%      | 95%         |
| Scrums against the head    | 0.2      | 0.2         |
| Ruck %                     | 95%      | 96%         |
| Time in Possession (mm:ss) | 16:24    | 17:52       |



## Scarlets v La Rochelle – Leading Scorers - Champions Cup 2017/18

### Points

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Tries | Cons | PGs | DGs | Points |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1    | Leigh Halfpenny    | Scarlets    | 5       | 1     | 10   | 5   | 0   | 40     |
| 2    | Dan Jones          | Scarlets    | 3       | 1     | 6    | 5   | 0   | 32     |
| 3    | Alexis Balès       | La Rochelle | 6       | 1     | 3    | 6   | 0   | 29     |
| 4    | Gareth Davies      | Scarlets    | 6       | 4     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 20     |
| 4    | Ryan Lamb          | La Rochelle | 4       | 0     | 7    | 2   | 0   | 20     |
| 6    | Brock James        | La Rochelle | 2       | 0     | 3    | 4   | 0   | 18     |
| 7    | Paul Asquith       | Scarlets    | 6       | 3     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 15     |
| 7    | Pierre Aguillon    | La Rochelle | 5       | 3     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 15     |
| 9    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Hadleigh Parkes    | Scarlets    | 6       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Steff Evans        | Scarlets    | 4       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Tadhg Beirne       | Scarlets    | 6       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |
| 9    | Vincent Rattiez    | La Rochelle | 5       | 2     | 0    | 0   | 0   | 10     |

### Tries

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Tries |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| 1    | Gareth Davies      | Scarlets    | 6       | 4     |
| 2    | Paul Asquith       | Scarlets    | 6       | 3     |
| 2    | Pierre Aguillon    | La Rochelle | 5       | 3     |
| 4    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 2     |
| 4    | Hadleigh Parkes    | Scarlets    | 6       | 2     |
| 4    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 2     |
| 4    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 2     |
| 4    | Steff Evans        | Scarlets    | 4       | 2     |
| 4    | Tadhg Beirne       | Scarlets    | 6       | 2     |
| 4    | Vincent Rattiez    | La Rochelle | 5       | 2     |

### Goalkicking %

| Rank | Player              | Team        | Matches | PGs | Cons | Attempts | %    |
|------|---------------------|-------------|---------|-----|------|----------|------|
| 1    | Jean Victor Goillot | La Rochelle | 4       | 0   | 2    | 2        | 100% |
| 2    | Dan Jones           | Scarlets    | 3       | 5   | 6    | 12       | 92%  |
| 3    | Ryan Lamb           | La Rochelle | 4       | 2   | 7    | 10       | 90%  |
| 4    | Leigh Halfpenny     | Scarlets    | 5       | 5   | 10   | 17       | 88%  |
| 5    | Brock James         | La Rochelle | 2       | 4   | 3    | 8        | 88%  |
| 6    | Alexis Balès        | La Rochelle | 6       | 6   | 3    | 11       | 82%  |
| 7    | Rhys Patchell       | Scarlets    | 5       | 1   | 1    | 3        | 67%  |



## Scarlets v La Rochelle – Top Performers - Champions Cup 2017/18

### Carries

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Carries |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 1    | Victor Vito        | La Rochelle | 6       | 73      |
| 2    | Kini Murimurivalu  | La Rochelle | 5       | 68      |
| 3    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 65      |
| 4    | Jeremy Sinzelle    | La Rochelle | 5       | 54      |
| 5    | Dany Priso         | La Rochelle | 6       | 50      |
| 6    | Hadleigh Parkes    | Scarlets    | 6       | 47      |
| 7    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 42      |
| 7    | Scott Williams     | Scarlets    | 5       | 42      |
| 7    | Uini Atonio        | La Rochelle | 6       | 42      |
| 10   | Paul Asquith       | Scarlets    | 6       | 40      |

### Metres

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Metres |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Jeremy Sinzelle    | La Rochelle | 5       | 258    |
| 2    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 254    |
| 3    | Hadleigh Parkes    | Scarlets    | 6       | 253    |
| 4    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 248    |
| 5    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 236    |
| 6    | Kini Murimurivalu  | La Rochelle | 5       | 230    |
| 7    | Paul Asquith       | Scarlets    | 6       | 222    |
| 8    | Victor Vito        | La Rochelle | 6       | 207    |
| 9    | Pierre Bourgarit   | La Rochelle | 6       | 199    |
| 10   | Scott Williams     | Scarlets    | 5       | 193    |

### Breaks

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Breaks |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| 1    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 11     |
| 2    | Jeremy Sinzelle    | La Rochelle | 5       | 9      |
| 2    | Paul Asquith       | Scarlets    | 6       | 9      |
| 2    | Steff Evans        | Scarlets    | 4       | 9      |
| 5    | Pierre Aguilon     | La Rochelle | 5       | 7      |
| 6    | Gareth Davies      | Scarlets    | 6       | 6      |
| 6    | Vincent Rattiez    | La Rochelle | 5       | 6      |
| 8    | Tadhg Beirne       | Scarlets    | 6       | 5      |
| 9    | Dany Priso         | La Rochelle | 6       | 4      |
| 9    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 4      |
| 9    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 4      |
| 9    | Pierre Bourgarit   | La Rochelle | 6       | 4      |
| 9    | Victor Vito        | La Rochelle | 6       | 4      |





## Defenders Beaten

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Defenders Beaten |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| 1    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 13               |
| 1    | Pierre Bourgarit   | La Rochelle | 6       | 13               |
| 3    | Dany Priso         | La Rochelle | 6       | 12               |
| 3    | Kini Murimurivalu  | La Rochelle | 5       | 12               |
| 5    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 11               |
| 5    | Steff Evans        | Scarlets    | 4       | 11               |
| 7    | Gareth Davies      | Scarlets    | 6       | 10               |
| 7    | Hadleigh Parkes    | Scarlets    | 6       | 10               |
| 7    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 10               |
| 10   | Leigh Halfpenny    | Scarlets    | 5       | 8                |

## Offloads

| Rank | Player            | Team        | Matches | Offloads |
|------|-------------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| 1    | Jeremy Sinzelle   | La Rochelle | 5       | 9        |
| 2    | Paul Asquith      | Scarlets    | 6       | 7        |
| 3    | Levani Botia      | La Rochelle | 4       | 6        |
| 3    | Uini Atonio       | La Rochelle | 6       | 6        |
| 5    | Alexis Balès      | La Rochelle | 6       | 5        |
| 5    | Gareth Davies     | Scarlets    | 6       | 5        |
| 5    | Pierre Aguillon   | La Rochelle | 5       | 5        |
| 8    | Hadleigh Parkes   | Scarlets    | 6       | 4        |
| 8    | Johnny McNicholl  | Scarlets    | 4       | 4        |
| 8    | Kevin Gourdon     | La Rochelle | 5       | 4        |
| 8    | Kini Murimurivalu | La Rochelle | 5       | 4        |
| 8    | Tadhg Beirne      | Scarlets    | 6       | 4        |
| 8    | Victor Vito       | La Rochelle | 6       | 4        |

## Tackles

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Tackles | Missed Tackles |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| 1    | Ken Owens          | Scarlets    | 6       | 88      | 10             |
| 2    | Kevin Gourdon      | La Rochelle | 5       | 77      | 3              |
| 3    | Tadhg Beirne       | Scarlets    | 6       | 74      | 1              |
| 4    | James Davies       | Scarlets    | 4       | 69      | 2              |
| 5    | David Bulbring     | Scarlets    | 6       | 66      | 3              |
| 6    | Aaron Shingler     | Scarlets    | 4       | 52      | 2              |
| 7    | Jason Eaton        | La Rochelle | 5       | 50      | 3              |
| 8    | Dany Priso         | La Rochelle | 6       | 49      | 2              |
| 8    | Lewis Rawlins      | Scarlets    | 5       | 49      | 6              |
| 10   | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 41      | 3              |



## Lineouts

| Rank | Player           | Team        | Matches | Lineouts Won (inc. steals) | Lineout Steals |
|------|------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | Tadhg Beirne     | Scarlets    | 6       | 22                         | 1              |
| 2    | Aaron Shingler   | Scarlets    | 4       | 16                         | 0              |
| 3    | Jason Eaton      | La Rochelle | 5       | 15                         | 1              |
| 4    | David Bulbring   | Scarlets    | 6       | 13                         | 1              |
| 5    | Steven Cummins   | Scarlets    | 2       | 9                          | 0              |
| 5    | Victor Vito      | La Rochelle | 6       | 9                          | 0              |
| 7    | Romain Sazy      | La Rochelle | 4       | 7                          | 1              |
| 8    | Mathieu Tanguy   | La Rochelle | 2       | 6                          | 0              |
| 8    | Thomas Jolmes    | La Rochelle | 2       | 6                          | 0              |
| 10   | Gregory Lamboley | La Rochelle | 3       | 5                          | 0              |

## Turnovers

| Rank | Player             | Team        | Matches | Turnovers |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 1    | Tadhg Beirne       | Scarlets    | 6       | 14        |
| 2    | Levani Botia       | La Rochelle | 4       | 8         |
| 3    | James Davies       | Scarlets    | 4       | 6         |
| 4    | Dany Priso         | La Rochelle | 6       | 3         |
| 4    | Geoffrey Doumayrou | La Rochelle | 5       | 3         |
| 4    | Jason Eaton        | La Rochelle | 5       | 3         |
| 4    | Paul Jordaan       | La Rochelle | 5       | 3         |
| 4    | Will Boyde         | Scarlets    | 4       | 3         |
| 9    | Aaron Shingler     | Scarlets    | 4       | 2         |
| 9    | Alexis Balès       | La Rochelle | 6       | 2         |
| 9    | Gareth Davies      | Scarlets    | 6       | 2         |
| 9    | Johnny McNicholl   | Scarlets    | 4       | 2         |
| 9    | Kevin Gourdon      | La Rochelle | 5       | 2         |
| 9    | Pierre Bourgarit   | La Rochelle | 6       | 2         |
| 9    | Rhys Patchell      | Scarlets    | 5       | 2         |
| 9    | Scott Williams     | Scarlets    | 5       | 2         |