



EUROPEAN RUGBY
CHAMPIONS
— CUP —

Champions Cup 2017/18
Quarter-final: Leinster Rugby v Saracens



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Match Facts

Sunday, 1 April 2018

Kick-off: 15:30, Aviva Stadium

Referee: Jerome Garces (Fra)

Assistant Referee 1: Pascal Gauzere (Fra)

Assistant Referee 2: Ludovic Cayre (Fra)

TMO: Philippe Bonhoure (Fra)

Citing Commissioner: Dennis Jones (Wal)

TV: BT Sport / beIN SPORTS

- This will be the third meeting between No 1-ranked Leinster and the holders, but the first knockout clash, with Leinster winning the two previous pool stage encounters in 2010/11.
- This is the seventh consecutive season that Saracens have reached the quarter-finals, and they have won their last five in a row.
- This is the fourth time in the last five seasons that Leinster have progressed to the knockout stage, winning their last two quarter-finals.
- Leinster have won their last eight home games in the Champions Cup, with those victories coming by an average margin of 25 points.
- Saracens have won three of their last four away games against Irish opposition (L1).
- Saracens were the top points (205) and try (24) scorers in the pool stage this season while Leinster were ranked second in both categories (176 and 22).
- Two-time champions, Saracens, had the lowest tackle success rate during the pool stage, completing just 84% of their attempts.
- Leinster conceded a competition-low 9.7 turnovers per game in the pool stage, contributing to the fact they averaged the most amount of possession of any team (21 mins 36 secs per game).
- Owen Farrell is the top points scorer (81) in the competition this season, and is third on the all-time list with 677 behind Scarlets' Stephen Jones (869) and Ronan O'Gara of Munster (1,365).
- Leinster's Luke McGrath has six try assists to his name this season, the most of any player in the competition.



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

Pool 2

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Q ASM Clermont Auvergne	6	5	0	1	165	104	61	16	14	2	0	22
2	q Saracens	6	3	1	2	205	146	59	24	13	3	1	18
3	Ospreys	6	2	1	3	152	148	4	18	16	3	2	15
4	Northampton Saints	6	1	0	5	115	239	-124	16	31	2	0	6

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away
15/10/2017	1	Northampton Saints	13-57	Saracens
21/10/2017	2	Saracens	36-34	Ospreys
11/12/2017	3	Saracens	14-46	ASM Clermont Auvergne
17/12/2017	4	ASM Clermont Auvergne	24-21	Saracens
13/01/2018	5	Ospreys	15-15	Saracens
20/01/2018	6	Saracens	62-14	Northampton Saints



European Cup Records Compared

	Leinster Rugby	Saracens
Played	156	88
Wins	103	60
Draws	5	2
Losses	48	26
Total Points For	3979	2444
Total Points Against	2950	1604
Total Tries For	421	255
Total Tries Against	288	146

2017/18 Points Scorers

Leinster Rugby:

Player	Points
Johnny Sexton	39
Isa Nacewa	34
Ross Byrne	23

Saracens:

Player	Points
Owen Farrell	81
Liam Williams	15
Alex Lozowski	10
Ben Spencer	10
Mako Vunipola	10

Head-to-head record

Leinster Rugby	Team	Saracens
2	Played	2
2	Wins	0
0	Losses	2
0	Draws	0

Date	Home	Score	Away
16/10/2010	Saracens	23-25	Leinster Rugby
15/01/2011	Leinster Rugby	43-20	Saracens



2017/18 Performance Data

Leinster Rugby v Saracens – Team Averages

	Leinster Rugby	Saracens
Points	29.3	34.2
Tries	3.7	4.0
Goalkicking %	75%	85%
Carries	147.5	118.2
Metres	406.8	372.8
Clean Breaks	8.7	10.0
Defenders Beaten	23.5	15.7
Offloads	8.3	5.7
Passes	170.0	148.2
Kicks from Hand	26.7	22.3
Tackles	133.8	120.0
Missed Tackles	19.0	22.3
Tackle %	88%	84%
Penalties Conceded	7.3	10.8
Turnovers Conceded	9.7	14.5
Turnovers Won	6.7	5.0
Lineout %	88%	93%
Lineout Steals	1.2	0.7
Scrum %	94%	95%
Scrums against the head	0.2	0.3
Ruck %	97%	96%
Time in Possession (mm:ss)	21:36	17:39



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

Points

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries	Cons	PGs	DGs	Points
1	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	0	18	15	0	81
2	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	4	3	6	4	0	39
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	5	2	3	6	0	34
4	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	6	1	6	2	0	23
5	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	3	0	0	0	15
6	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	6	2	0	0	0	10
6	Ben Spencer	Saracens	5	2	0	0	0	10
6	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	6	2	0	0	0	10
6	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	2	0	0	0	10
6	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	2	0	0	0	10
6	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	4	2	0	0	0	10
6	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	6	2	0	0	0	10
6	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	2	0	0	0	10

Tries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries
1	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	4	3
1	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	3
3	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	6	2
3	Ben Spencer	Saracens	5	2
3	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	6	2
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	5	2
3	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	2
3	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	2
3	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	4	2
3	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	6	2
3	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	2

Goalkicking %

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	PGs	Cons	Attempts	%
1	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	5	6	3	10	90%
2	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	15	18	38	87%
3	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	4	4	6	13	77%
4	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	6	2	6	13	62%
5	Marcelo Bosch	Saracens	5	0	0	1	0%



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

Carries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Carries
1	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	75
2	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	73
3	Alex Goode	Saracens	6	63
4	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	61
5	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	6	52
6	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	6	47
7	Jack McGrath	Leinster Rugby	6	45
8	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	6	43
9	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	6	41
10	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	39

Metres

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Metres
1	Alex Goode	Saracens	6	272
2	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	233
3	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	6	191
4	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	186
5	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	2	176
6	Chris Wyles	Saracens	6	160
7	Fergus McFadden	Leinster Rugby	6	151
8	Sean Maitland	Saracens	4	150
9	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	145
10	Rob Kearney	Leinster Rugby	4	136

Breaks

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Breaks
1	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	11
2	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	6	7
3	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	4	6
4	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	5	5
4	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	2	5
6	Chris Wyles	Saracens	6	4
6	Sean Maitland	Saracens	4	4
6	11 Players	-	-	4



Defenders Beaten

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	6	14
2	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	13
3	Isa Nacewa	Leinster Rugby	5	11
4	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	2	10
5	Alex Goode	Saracens	6	9
5	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	9
7	Chris Wyles	Saracens	6	8
7	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	6	8
9	Adam Byrne	Leinster Rugby	1	7
9	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	2	7
9	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	7
9	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	7
9	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	6	7

Offloads

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Offloads
1	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	6	5
2	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	2	4
3	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	4	3
3	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	2	3
3	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	3
3	Liam Williams	Saracens	3	3
3	Schalk Brits	Saracens	2	3
8	Alex Goode	Saracens	6	2
8	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	6	2
8	Jack McGrath	Leinster Rugby	6	2
8	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	2
8	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	2
8	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	2
8	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	2
8	Will Skelton	Saracens	5	2

Tackles

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	76	1
2	George Kruis	Saracens	6	66	13
3	Josh van der Flier	Leinster Rugby	6	64	7
4	Calum Clark	Saracens	6	63	5
5	Jamie George	Saracens	6	62	9
5	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	62	16
7	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	57	6
8	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	6	44	5
8	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	44	2
10	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	6	42	3
10	Nick Isiekwe	Saracens	5	42	4



Lineouts

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	6	28	3
2	George Kruijs	Saracens	6	17	2
3	Nick Isiekwe	Saracens	5	16	1
4	Maro Itoje	Saracens	4	15	2
5	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	4	12	1
6	Jackson Wray	Saracens	4	11	0
7	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	9	0
8	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	6	7	0
8	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	3	7	0
10	Michael Rhodes	Saracens	1	3	0

Turnovers

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Turnovers
1	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	6	5
2	Jamie George	Saracens	6	4
2	Maro Itoje	Saracens	4	4
4	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	4	3
4	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	3	3
4	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	4	3
4	Sean O'Brien	Leinster Rugby	2	3
4	Will Skelton	Saracens	5	3
9	Alex Goode	Saracens	6	2
9	Ben Spencer	Saracens	5	2
9	Calum Clark	Saracens	6	2
9	Fergus McFadden	Leinster Rugby	6	2
9	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	6	2
9	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	2	2
9	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	4	2
9	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	4	2
9	Josh van der Flier	Leinster Rugby	6	2
9	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	6	2
9	Sean Maitland	Saracens	4	2
9	Vincent Koch	Saracens	6	2