



EUROPEAN RUGBY
CHALLENGE
— CUP —

Challenge Cup 2017/18

Quarter-final: Edinburgh Rugby v Cardiff Blues



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Match Facts

Saturday, 31 March 2018

Kick-off: 17:45, BT Murrayfield Stadium

Referee: Mathieu Raynal (Fra)

Assistant Referee 1: Alexandre Ruiz (Fra)

Assistant Referee 2: Thomas Charabas (Fra)

TMO: Eric Briquet Campin (Fra)

Citing Commissioner: John Montgomery (Sco)

TV: Sky Sports / beIN SPORTS

- The clubs have never met in the Challenge Cup, however, they've played each other four times in the European Cup with Cardiff winning three (L1).
- Three of the four European games between Edinburgh and Cardiff were decided by seven points or less.
- Edinburgh have won 14 of their last 15 home games in the Challenge Cup (L1), however, their one defeat in that run came at this stage last season (v La Rochelle).
- Cardiff Blues, the 2010 winners, are in the quarter-finals for the fourth time with their previous three games also played away from home (W1, L2).
- The Blues finished top of Pool 2 after winning five of their six matches, conceding the fewest points (95) and tries (10) of any side this season.
- However, only Enisei-STM scored fewer points than the Blues during the pool stage (99), while only Oyonnax scored fewer tries (12).
- In contrast, Edinburgh were the top points scorers in the pool stage, averaging 47 points and 6.7 tries per game. They also averaged the most metres, clean breaks and defenders beaten.
- Despite playing just four pool games for Edinburgh, Lewis Carmichael made the most clean breaks of any forward (7).
- Tomos Williams (3 tries, 2 assists) has been directly involved in 42% (5/12) of Cardiff's tries this season, the highest ratio of any player this season.



2017/18 Results and Standings

Pool 4

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Q Edinburgh Rugby	6	5	0	1	282	98	184	40	12	4	1	25
2	q Stade Français Paris	6	3	0	3	151	166	-15	21	21	3	2	17
3	London Irish	6	3	0	3	169	154	15	24	22	3	1	16
4	Krasny Yar	6	1	0	5	106	290	-184	13	43	1	1	6

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away
14/10/2017	1	London Irish	14-37	Edinburgh Rugby
21/10/2017	2	Krasny Yar	14-73	Edinburgh Rugby
09/12/2017	3	Edinburgh Rugby	50-20	London Irish
15/12/2017	4	Edinburgh Rugby	78-0	Krasny Yar
12/01/2018	5	Edinburgh Rugby	34-33	Stade Francais Paris
20/01/2018	6	Stade Francais Paris	17-10	Edinburgh Rugby

Pool 2

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Q Cardiff Blues	6	5	0	1	99	95	4	12	10	1	0	21
2	Toulouse	6	2	1	3	117	120	-3	14	13	2	2	14
3	Sale Sharks	6	2	1	3	110	102	8	12	11	0	2	12
4	Lyon	6	2	0	4	121	130	-9	13	17	0	3	11

Date	Round	Home	Score	Away
13/10/2017	1	Cardiff Blues	29-19	Lyon Rugby
20/10/2017	2	Toulouse	15-17	Cardiff Blues
09/12/2017	3	Sale Sharks	24-0	Cardiff Blues
17/12/2017	4	Cardiff Blues	14-6	Sale Sharks
14/01/2018	5	Cardiff Blues	18-13	Toulouse
20/01/2018	6	Lyon Rugby	18-21	Cardiff Blues



Challenge Cup Records Compared

	Edinburgh Rugby	Cardiff Blues
Played	34	29
Wins	23	21
Draws	0	0
Losses	11	8
Total Points For	983	873
Total Points Against	703	563
Total Tries For	118	111
Total Tries Against	84	62

2017/18 Points Scorers

Edinburgh Rugby:

Player	Points
Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	49
Blair Kinghorn	44
Solomoni Rasolea	25

Cardiff Blues:

Player	Points
Jarrold Evans	22
Gareth Anscombe	17
Tomos Williams	15

Head-to-head record

First meeting in the competition



2017/18 Performance Data

Edinburgh Rugby v Cardiff Blues – Team Averages

	Edinburgh Rugby	Cardiff Blues
Points	47.0	16.5
Tries	6.7	2.0
Goalkicking %	73%	75%
Carries	139.0	110.7
Metres	562.3	377.5
Breaks	14.8	7.8
Defenders Beaten	37.0	15.8
Offloads	11.3	9.3
Passes	180.0	151.7
Kicks from Hand	17.7	24.2
Tackles	112.7	137.0
Missed Tackles	13.3	17.3
Tackle %	89%	89%
Penalties Conceded	8.5	10.2
Turnovers Conceded	12.3	15.7
Turnovers Won	5.2	8.0
Lineout %	92%	85%
Lineout Steals	1.0	1.3
Scrum %	88%	96%
Scrum against the head	0.0	0.0
Ruck %	97%	96%
Time in Possession (mm:ss)	20:54	16:58



Edinburgh Rugby v Cardiff Blues – Leading Scorers - Challenge Cup 2017/18

Points

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries	Cons	PGs	DGs	Points
1	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	6	2	9	7	0	49
2	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4	12	0	0	44
3	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	5	0	0	0	25
4	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	0	8	2	0	22
5	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4	1	0	4	0	17
6	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	3	0	0	0	15
6	Tomos Williams	Cardiff Blues	6	3	0	0	0	15
8	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	3	1	3	1	0	14
9	10 Players	-	3	-	-	-	-	-

Tries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries
1	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	5
2	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
3	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	3
3	Tomos Williams	Cardiff Blues	6	3
5	Darcy Graham	Edinburgh Rugby	3	2
5	Duhan van der Merwe	Edinburgh Rugby	3	2
5	Jamie Ritchie	Edinburgh Rugby	5	2
5	Lewis Carmichael	Edinburgh Rugby	4	2
5	Macauley Cook	Cardiff Blues	4	2
5	Murray McCallum	Edinburgh Rugby	5	2
5	Neil Cochrane	Edinburgh Rugby	5	2
5	Phil Burleigh	Edinburgh Rugby	1	2
5	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	6	2
5	Sean Kennedy	Edinburgh Rugby	2	2
5	Stuart McInally	Edinburgh Rugby	4	2

Goalkicking %

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	PGs	Cons	Attempts	%
1	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	4	1	0	1	100%
2	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	0	12	14	86%
3	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	6	7	9	19	84%
4	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	2	8	12	83%
5	Jason Tovey	Edinburgh Rugby	2	0	4	6	67%
6	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4	4	0	7	57%
7	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	3	1	3	10	40%



Edinburgh Rugby v Cardiff Blues – Top Performers – Challenge Cup 2017/18

Carries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Carries
1	Cornell Du Preez	Edinburgh Rugby	4	59
2	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	57
3	Garyn Smith	Cardiff Blues	6	51
4	Magnus Bradbury	Edinburgh Rugby	4	46
5	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4	44
6	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4	41
6	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	41
6	Viliame Mata	Edinburgh Rugby	4	41
9	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	39
10	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	38

Metres

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Metres
1	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	358
2	Tomos Williams	Cardiff Blues	6	288
3	Darcy Graham	Edinburgh Rugby	3	277
4	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4	268
5	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	242
6	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	229
7	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	224
8	Cornell Du Preez	Edinburgh Rugby	4	221
9	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	218
10	Magnus Bradbury	Edinburgh Rugby	4	206
10	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4	206

Breaks

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Breaks
1	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	10
2	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	9
2	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	9
4	Lewis Carmichael	Edinburgh Rugby	4	7
5	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	6
5	Tomos Williams	Cardiff Blues	6	6
7	Darcy Graham	Edinburgh Rugby	3	5
7	James Johnstone	Edinburgh Rugby	3	5
7	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4	5
7	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	5
7	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	6	5



Defenders Beaten

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	23
1	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	23
3	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	22
4	Darcy Graham	Edinburgh Rugby	3	16
5	Solomoni Rasolea	Edinburgh Rugby	6	15
6	Jarrood Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	13
6	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	13
8	James Johnstone	Edinburgh Rugby	3	12
9	Cornell Du Preez	Edinburgh Rugby	4	11
9	Luke Crosbie	Edinburgh Rugby	3	11
9	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4	11

Offloads

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Offloads
1	Garyn Smith	Cardiff Blues	6	5
1	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	5
3	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
3	Cornell Du Preez	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
3	James Johnstone	Edinburgh Rugby	3	4
6	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	3
6	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4	3
6	Jarrood Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	3
6	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4	3
6	Nathan Fowles	Edinburgh Rugby	5	3
6	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	6	3
6	Stuart McInally	Edinburgh Rugby	4	3

Tackles

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	Josh Navidi	Cardiff Blues	5	62	3
2	Josh Turnbull	Cardiff Blues	5	45	7
3	Bradley Thyer	Cardiff Blues	6	44	1
4	Garyn Smith	Cardiff Blues	6	43	5
4	Tomos Williams	Cardiff Blues	6	43	6
6	Macauley Cook	Cardiff Blues	4	41	1
6	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	41	4
8	Rory Sutherland	Edinburgh Rugby	4	38	3
9	Cornell Du Preez	Edinburgh Rugby	4	36	3
9	Fraser McKenzie	Edinburgh Rugby	5	36	2



Lineouts

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	Grant Gilchrist	Edinburgh Rugby	5	21	0
2	Ben Toolis	Edinburgh Rugby	3	16	0
3	Damian Welch	Cardiff Blues	5	15	2
3	Macauley Cook	Cardiff Blues	4	15	1
5	Josh Turnbull	Cardiff Blues	5	14	0
6	Jamie Ritchie	Edinburgh Rugby	5	9	0
6	Lewis Carmichael	Edinburgh Rugby	4	9	1
6	Seb Davies	Cardiff Blues	4	9	0
9	Fraser McKenzie	Edinburgh Rugby	5	8	1
10	James Down	Cardiff Blues	5	6	1

Turnovers

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Turnovers
1	Josh Turnbull	Cardiff Blues	5	7
2	Josh Navidi	Cardiff Blues	5	5
3	Damien Hoyland	Edinburgh Rugby	6	4
3	Jamie Ritchie	Edinburgh Rugby	5	4
5	Dillon Lewis	Cardiff Blues	4	3
5	Garyn Smith	Cardiff Blues	6	3
5	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	3
5	Neil Cochrane	Edinburgh Rugby	5	3
5	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	3
5	Seb Davies	Cardiff Blues	4	3