



2018/19 SEASON

FINAL: LEINSTER RUGBY v SARACENS

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Match Facts

2019 Final – LEINSTER RUGBY v SARACENS, Saturday 11 May

Venue	St James' Park, Newcastle
Kick-off	17:00
Referee	Jérôme Garcès (Fra)
Assistant Referee 1	Romain Poite (Fra)
Assistant Referee 2	Pascal Gauzère (Fra)
TMO	Philippe Bonhôte (Fra)
Citing Commissioner	Stefano Marrama (Ita)
TV	BT Sport 2 / beIN SPORTS / FR2 / Channel 4 / Virgin Media

- This will be the fourth meeting between Leinster and Saracens in the Heineken Champions Cup, the three previous clashes were all won by the Irish province including a 30-19 victory in their only knockout encounter, in the quarter-final last season.
- Leinster will be aiming to win the Heineken Champions Cup for a record fifth time (currently level with Toulouse), while Saracens could lift the trophy for the third time, more than any other Gallagher Premiership club.
- Should Saracens win the Heineken Champions Cup it would be the ninth time an English club has lifted the trophy, more than any other nation, however a Leinster win would represent the eighth win by an Irish province – drawing them level with England and France.
- Saracens have won all eight of their Heineken Champions Cup matches this season, only on two previous occasions has a side won every match on their way to lifting the trophy – Saracens themselves did it in 2015/16 before Leinster also achieved the feat last season.
- Leinster have won 16 of their 17 tournament matches since the beginning of the 2017/18 season, their only defeat in that run coming by a single point against Toulouse in this season's pool stage.
- No side has averaged more tries per game than Leinster or Saracens in the competition this season (4, level with Racing 92), with both finalists scoring 32 times in their eight matches.
- Saracens have recorded the best lineout success rate this season, winning 95% of their throws (100/105).
- Despite averaging more carries per game than any other side (157), Leinster have also conceded the fewest turnovers on average (11.3).
- Saracens' Owen Farrell is the top points scorer in the competition this season (79), and he has finished as the top scorer in each of the previous three editions of the Heineken Champions Cup. Meanwhile, no player has scored more tries this campaign than Leinster's Sean Cronin (6, level with Jacob Stockdale of Ulster).
- Jordan Larmour (Leinster) and Alex Goode (Saracens) are two of just four players to play all 640 minutes of this season's Heineken Champions Cup (also Munster's CJ Stander and Sofiane Guitoune of Toulouse).

2018/19 Results and Standings

Pool 1

Rank		Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Leinster Rugby	6	5	0	1	204	88	116	27	10	4	1	25
2	Toulouse	6	5	0	1	149	136	13	16	15	1	0	21
3	Bath Rugby	6	1	1	4	115	152	-37	14	19	1	3	10
4	Wasps	6	0	1	5	116	208	-92	13	26	1	1	4

Results - Leinster Rugby

Date	Opponent	Venue	F	A	Result	TF	TA	TB	LB	Round
12/10/2018	Wasps	H	52	3	W	8	0	X		1
21/10/2018	Toulouse	A	27	28	L	3	3		X	2
08/12/2018	Bath Rugby	A	17	10	W	2	1			3
15/12/2018	Bath Rugby	H	42	15	W	6	2	X		4
12/01/2019	Toulouse	H	29	13	W	4	1	X		5
20/01/2019	Wasps	A	37	19	W	4	3	X		6
30/03/2019	Ulster Rugby	H	21	18	W	2	2	-	-	QF
21/04/2019	Toulouse	-	30	12	W	3	0	-	-	SF

Pool 3

Rank		Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Saracens	6	6	0	0	185	81	104	23	10	4	0	28
2	Glasgow Warriors	6	4	0	2	147	119	28	19	16	3	0	19
3	Cardiff Blues	6	2	0	4	138	174	-36	19	22	2	0	10
4	Lyon	6	0	0	6	87	183	-96	10	23	0	0	0

Results - Saracens

Date	Opponent	Venue	F	A	Result	TF	TA	TB	LB	Round
14/10/2018	Glasgow Warriors	A	13	3	W	1	0			1
20/10/2018	Lyon	H	29	10	W	4	1	X		2
09/12/2018	Cardiff Blues	H	51	25	W	7	3	X		3
15/12/2018	Cardiff Blues	A	26	14	W	2	2			4
13/01/2019	Lyon	A	28	10	W	4	1	X		5
19/01/2019	Glasgow Warriors	H	38	19	W	5	3	X		6
30/03/2019	Glasgow Warriors	H	56	27	W	7	3	-	-	QF
20/04/2019	Munster Rugby	-	32	16	W	2	1	-	-	SF

Tournament Records Compared

	LEINSTER RUGBY	SARACENS
Played	167	97
Wins	113	68
Draws	5	2
Losses	49	27
Total Points For	4,317	2,740
Total Points Against	3,115	1,758
Biggest Win	75 (v Bourgoin, 4/12/2004)	64 (v Viadana, 8/12/2007)
Heaviest Defeat	-41 (@ Wasps, 23/1/2016)	-32 (v ASM Clermont Auvergne, 11/12/2017)

Head-to-head record

Leinster Rugby		Saracens	Date	Home	Score	Away
3	Played	3	16/10/2010	Saracens	23-25	Leinster Rugby
3	Wins	0	15/01/2011	Leinster Rugby	43-20	Saracens
0	Losses	3	01/04/2018	Leinster Rugby	30-19	Saracens
0	Draws	0				

2018/19 Points Scorers

Leinster Rugby	Points	Saracens	Points
Johnny Sexton	48	Owen Farrell	79
Ross Byrne	45	Alex Lozowski	25
Sean Cronin	30	Ben Spencer	24

2018/19 Performance Data

Team Averages

Rank	LEINSTER RUGBY		SARACENS	Rank
2	31.9	Points	34.1	1
1	4.0	Tries	4.0	1
4	85%	Goalkicking %	85%	3
1	157.3	Carries	127.3	10
2	444.9	Metres Made	415.3	8
6	10.1	Breaks	10.3	5
5	25.4	Defenders Beaten	24.6	7
14	7.3	Offloads	7.5	11
4	171.8	Passes	155.6	12
10	20.3	Kicks From Hand	24.8	1
6	153.6	Tackles	129.4	16
4	21.3	Missed Tackles	21.3	4
2	88%	Tackle %	86%	12
2	7.0	Penalties Conceded	8.5	7
2	0.1	Yellow Cards	0.4	14
1	0.0	Red Cards	0.0	1
1	11.3	Turnovers Conceded	12.9	6
16	5.5	Turnovers	6.5	10
11	85%	Lineout Success %	95%	1
9	94%	Scrum Success %	95%	7
2	98%	Ruck Success %	97%	8

Appearance Data

Leinster Rugby

Name	Appearances	Starts	Subs	Total Mins	Points	Tries
Adam Byrne	4	4	0	320	15	3
Andrew Porter	7	0	7	164	0	0
Caelan Doris	1	0	1	3	0	0
Cian Healy	8	7	1	422	0	0
Conor O'Brien	1	0	1	4	0	0
Dan Leavy	3	2	1	144	5	1
Dave Kearney	3	3	0	240	5	1
Devin Toner	6	6	0	432	0	0
Ed Byrne	5	0	5	108	0	0
Garry Ringrose	8	8	0	630	5	1
Hugh O'Sullivan	2	0	2	10	0	0
Jack Conan	7	6	1	496	10	2
Jack McGrath	3	1	2	110	5	1
James Lowe	5	5	0	400	20	4
James Ryan	8	8	0	625	5	1
James Tracy	8	0	8	199	0	0
Jamison Gibson-Park	5	1	4	136	5	1
Johnny Sexton	5	5	0	348	48	0
Jordan Larmour	8	8	0	640	10	2
Joseph Tomane	2	1	1	107	0	0
Josh van der Flier	6	6	0	356	0	0
Luke McGrath	7	7	0	469	15	3
Max Deegan	3	0	3	45	0	0
Michael Bent	1	0	1	15	0	0
Mick Kearney	1	0	1	18	0	0
Nick McCarthy	2	0	2	25	0	0
Noel Reid	5	1	4	142	12	1
Rhys Ruddock	7	6	1	502	0	0
Rob Kearney	4	3	1	221	0	0
Robbie Henshaw	4	4	0	288	5	1
Rory O'Loughlin	6	3	3	224	5	1
Ross Byrne	7	3	4	266	45	1
Ross Molony	3	0	3	19	0	0
Scott Fardy	6	3	3	287	5	1
Sean Cronin	8	8	0	441	30	6
Sean O'Brien	5	3	2	273	5	1
Tadhg Furlong	8	8	0	461	0	0

Saracens

Name	Appearances	Starts	Subs	Total Mins	Points	Tries
Alex Goode	8	8	0	640	0	0
Alex Lewington	7	3	4	330	5	1
Alex Lozowski	7	5	2	470	25	0
Ben Earl	4	1	3	158	10	2
Ben Spencer	8	5	3	374	24	3
Billy Vunipola	5	5	0	370	10	2
Brad Barritt	7	7	0	507	10	2
Calum Clark	3	0	3	73	0	0
Christian Judge	4	1	3	100	5	1
Christopher Tolofua	4	0	4	44	0	0
David Strettle	4	4	0	225	10	2
Dominic Day	2	0	2	29	0	0
George Kruis	7	7	0	559	0	0
Hayden Thompson-Stringer	1	0	1	10	0	0
Jackson Wray	7	6	1	380	5	1
Jamie George	8	8	0	570	10	2
Joe Gray	1	0	1	6	0	0
Juan Figallo	1	0	1	18	0	0
Liam Williams	5	5	0	388	10	2
Mako Vunipola	6	6	0	346	0	0
Marcelo Bosch	2	0	2	25	0	0
Maro Itoje	6	6	0	470	10	2
Matt Gallagher	1	0	1	5	0	0
Max Malins	1	0	1	12	0	0
Michael Rhodes	5	5	0	363	10	2
Nick Isiekwe	4	1	3	147	0	0
Nick Tompkins	7	4	3	376	15	3
Owen Farrell	6	6	0	465	79	0
Richard Barrington	8	2	6	253	0	0
Richard Wigglesworth	7	3	4	257	5	1
Schalk Burger	7	4	3	275	0	0
Sean Maitland	6	6	0	397	20	4
Titi Lamositele	4	1	3	131	0	0
Tom Whiteley	1	0	1	9	0	0
Tom Woolstencroft	3	0	3	25	0	0
Vincent Koch	8	6	2	419	5	1
Will Skelton	8	5	3	350	5	1

Leinster Rugby v Saracens: Leading Scorers – Heineken Champions Cup 2018/19

Points

Rank			Matches	Points	Penalties	Conversions	Drop Goals	Tries
1	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	79	15	17	0	0
2	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	48	4	18	0	0
3	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	7	45	8	8	0	1
4	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	8	30	0	0	0	6
5	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	7	25	3	8	0	0
6	Ben Spencer	Saracens	8	24	1	3	0	3
7	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	20	0	0	0	4
7	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	20	0	0	0	4
9	Adam Byrne	Leinster Rugby	4	15	0	0	0	3
9	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	15	0	0	0	3
9	Nick Tompkins	Saracens	7	15	0	0	0	3

Tries

Rank			Matches	Tries
1	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	8	6
2	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	4
2	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	4
4	Adam Byrne	Leinster Rugby	4	3
4	Ben Spencer	Saracens	8	3
4	Luke McGrath	Leinster Rugby	7	3
4	Nick Tompkins	Saracens	7	3
8	Ben Earl	Saracens	4	2
8	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	2
8	Brad Barritt	Saracens	7	2
8	David Strettle	Saracens	4	2
8	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	2
8	Jamie George	Saracens	8	2
8	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	2
8	Liam Williams	Saracens	5	2
8	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	2
8	Michael Rhodes	Saracens	5	2

Goalkicking %

Rank			Matches	Penalties	Conversions	Attempts	%
1	Ben Spencer	Saracens	8	1	3	4	100%
1	Noel Reid	Leinster Rugby	5	1	2	3	100%
3	Johnny Sexton	Leinster Rugby	5	4	18	24	92%
4	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	7	3	8	13	85%
5	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	15	17	38	84%
6	Ross Byrne	Leinster Rugby	7	8	8	21	76%

Leinster Rugby v Saracens: Top Performers – Heineken Champions Cup 2018/19

Carries

Rank			Matches	Carries
1	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	8	120
2	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	8	104
3	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	88
4	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	7	84
5	Alex Goode	Saracens	8	80
6	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	78
7	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	73
8	Tadhg Furlong	Leinster Rugby	8	66
9	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	8	61
10	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	60

Metres

Rank			Matches	Metres
1	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	443
2	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	414
3	Liam Williams	Saracens	5	412
4	Alex Goode	Saracens	8	348
5	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	332
6	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	8	271
7	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	268
8	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	238
9	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	8	223
10	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	7	202

Breaks

Rank			Matches	Breaks
1	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	9
2	Alex Goode	Saracens	8	8
2	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	8
2	Liam Williams	Saracens	5	8
5	Adam Byrne	Leinster Rugby	4	7
5	Alex Lozowski	Saracens	7	7
5	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	8	7
8	David Strettle	Saracens	4	6
8	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	6
8	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	6
8	Jamie George	Saracens	8	6

Defenders Beaten

Rank			Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Alex Goode	Saracens	8	35
2	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	8	33
3	Nick Tompkins	Saracens	7	21
4	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	19
5	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	18
6	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	16
7	David Strettle	Saracens	4	14
8	Liam Williams	Saracens	5	13
8	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	13
10	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	12
10	Sean Cronin	Leinster Rugby	8	12

Offloads

Rank			Matches	Offloads
1	Liam Williams	Saracens	5	8
2	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	7
2	Will Skelton	Saracens	8	7
4	Alex Goode	Saracens	8	6
4	Garry Ringrose	Leinster Rugby	8	6
4	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	6
7	James Lowe	Leinster Rugby	5	5
7	Owen Farrell	Saracens	6	5
9	Michael Rhodes	Saracens	5	4
9	Robbie Henshaw	Leinster Rugby	4	4
9	Rory O'Loughlin	Leinster Rugby	6	4

Tackles

Rank			Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	8	123	10
2	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	7	88	13
3	Jamie George	Saracens	8	86	8
4	George Kruis	Saracens	7	84	9
5	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	80	6
6	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	75	11
7	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	6	69	5
8	Josh van der Flier	Leinster Rugby	6	66	7
9	Mako Vunipola	Saracens	6	64	5
10	Vincent Koch	Saracens	8	63	4

Lineouts

Rank			Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	George Kruis	Saracens	7	33	0
2	Devin Toner	Leinster Rugby	6	29	0
2	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	29	2
4	James Ryan	Leinster Rugby	8	27	3
5	Michael Rhodes	Saracens	5	16	1
6	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	6	12	1
7	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	7	11	0
8	Jack Conan	Leinster Rugby	7	8	0
9	Jackson Wray	Saracens	7	7	0
10	Nick Isiekwe	Saracens	4	6	1

Turnovers

Rank			Matches	Turnovers
1	Cian Healy	Leinster Rugby	8	7
1	George Kruis	Saracens	7	7
1	Maro Itoje	Saracens	6	7
4	Ben Earl	Saracens	4	4
4	Jackson Wray	Saracens	7	4
4	Jordan Larmour	Leinster Rugby	8	4
7	Andrew Porter	Leinster Rugby	7	3
7	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	3
7	Brad Barritt	Saracens	7	3
7	Dan Leavy	Leinster Rugby	3	3
7	Jamie George	Saracens	8	3
7	Schalk Burger	Saracens	7	3
7	Scott Fardy	Leinster Rugby	6	3
7	Sean Maitland	Saracens	6	3
7	Sean O'Brien	Leinster Rugby	5	3