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Introduction



Today Leinster meet Glasgow warriors at Celtic Park which is about seven miles to the east of Glasgow Warriors home ground, Scotstoun Stadium. Leinster and Glasgow have only met once in this seasons Guinness Pro14. A match Glasgow won 24-39. Leinster and Glasgow finished top of their respective conferences by some distance during the regular season. Both teams are clearly the top teams of the 2018/19 Pro14. Today's game is truly a final contest to decide which team is best in the 2018/19 Pro14 season. Whoever wins will be deserving of their Guinness Pro14 crown. Glasgow have home city advantage, but

Celtic Park has always been a special ground in Irish hearts. Leinster also have the greater pedigree on their side in this competition, having topped the winner list, five to Glasgow's one.

Glasgow is a port city on the River Clyde in Scotland's western Lowlands. It's famed for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture, a rich legacy of the city's 18th–20th-century prosperity due to trade and shipbuilding. Today it's a national cultural hub, home to institutions including the Scottish Opera, Scottish Ballet and National Theatre of Scotland, as well as acclaimed museums and a thriving music scene. Glasgow is the most



populous city in Scotland, and the third most populous city in the United Kingdom, in 2017 the estimated city population was 621,020. Historically part of Lanarkshire, the city now forms the Glasgow City council area, one of the 32 council areas of Scotland; the local authority is Glasgow City Council.

Celtic Park is a football stadium in the Parkhead area of Glasgow, and is the home ground of Celtic Football Club. With a capacity of 60,411, it is the largest football stadium in Scotland and the fifth-largest football stadium in the United Kingdom. It is commonly known by Celtic fans as either Parkhead or Paradise.

Celtic was formed in November 1887 with the purpose of alleviating poverty in the immigrant Irish population in the East End of Glasgow. The first Celtic Park was opened in the Parkhead area in 1888. Celtic played their first match in May 1888, a friendly against Rangers which Celtic won 5–2. The club enjoyed their greatest successes during the 1960s and 70s under Jock Stein when they won nine consecutive league titles and the 1967 European Cup. Celtic Park has often been used as a venue for Scotland internationals and Cup Finals. Before the First World War, Celtic Park hosted various other sporting events, including composite rules shinty-hurling, track and field and the 1897 Track Cycling World Championships. More recently, Celtic Park hosted the opening ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games and has also been used for concerts, including performances by the Who and U2

Getting to Dublin Airport



Get to/from Dublin airport the easy way with Aircoach, official coach supplier to Leinster Rugby and the OLSC for our inter-provincial away trips. Time table information and their cheapest fares can be found at www.aircoach.ie (you can also buy on board).

Those driving and who may need car parking at Dublin Airport can get 10% off any non-promotional rates in the red zone by using 'OLSC2019' at www.dublinairport.com or via their app.

If you need a taxi, try www.irelandbytaxi.com to pre-book and lock in your fare to/from the airport – there will be no unexpected surprises!

Getting to Glasgow



Aer Lingus and Ryanair fly daily from Dublin direct to Glasgow International Airport (GLA). Belfast and Cork also offer direct air routes to Glasgow and Edinburgh while Knock airport has a direct route to Edinburgh operating all year around.

Leinster supporters can also choose to fly to Newcastle or Manchester in the north of England and Edinburgh where onward flights, train and coach options are available.

Fly to Newcastle and get a train 2.5hrs/car 2.5hrs.

Fly to Manchester and get train 3.5 or 4.5hrs/car 3.00 hrs. Or a 1hrs onward flight.

Fly to Edinburgh and get a train 0.5hrs/car 1.0hrs.

A special shuttle bus from Murrayfield stadium in Edinburgh to Celtic Park is available. Its advisable to make bookings for this

option in advance, see www.pro14rugby.org/final/. Bus options from Edinburgh also include National Express and Megabus, see nationalexpress.com and uk.megabus.com. Dublin to Heathrow and a connecting flight to Glasgow is also an option with BA and EasyJet. For train timetables see www.thetrainline.com or www.virgintrains.co.uk.

Regular ferry travel is also on offer from Belfast and Larne (to Cairnryan), as well as Dublin (to Holyhead) for supporters wishing to take the car or hire a coach. See stadium car parking options later in this guide.

Official travel partner to Leinster Rugby, JWT also have day trips still available at the time of writing, check out their website, www.joewalshstours.ie

The simplest way to travel from the Glasgow airport into the city centre is the Glasgow Airport Express 500 service, travel time is just 15 minutes. Buses Leave every 10mins 24/7 from Stance 1 Terminal Building (E). Tickets (£8 one way) can be bought in advance www.firstgroup.com/greater-glasgow, or alternatively from the driver on board and pay contactless. Get off at Queen Street Station in the city centre.

Taxis from Glasgow airport to the city centre operate on a fixed fare basis. Expect to pay £24.70 for a cab. Share to make it more economical. Pre-book by calling + 44 141429 7070 or visit www.glasgowtaxi.co.uk

If you are flying direct to Glasgow or indirectly through another UK city you will most likely end up at Central or Queen St train stations in the city centre. Good transport options are available at these city centre locations, as well as food and bars. Our supporters HQ is just four minutes walk.



Accommodation Tip

Glasgow has a wide range of accommodation options available. Be warned, prices are already increasing given the expected demand. For options across several comfort levels and prices try www.bookings.com, www.trivago.com, and www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/glasgow/accommodation/

Supporters HQ

Claire and the team will be looking after us at Waxy O'Connor's, our official OLSC Supporters HQ. Waxy O'Connor's is a unique Glasgow pub with six bars, nine different areas spread over three



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floors and is Glasgow's biggest pub venue. It will open from 10am on Saturday to serve breakfast for Leinster supporters arriving into the city early. It is close to Glasgow's Central and Queen St stations while the Airport Express 500 bus stops nearby. Waxy's is well known for the quality of hearty Scottish & Irish food served throughout the day. Using the finest local produce and sourcing Irish brand favourites. Large screens in 4 different areas show everything from Rugby, Premiership football, Gaelic football and hurling.

Waxy's are proud to be our official HQ and are offering Leinster supporters a special 20% discount on food all day Saturday, served in a special Leinster fan zone. They will open earlier than normal at 10am on Saturday for breakfast. On Sunday, they will welcome us back and offer a free breakfast roll with every beverage purchased from 11am to 12:30pm. Waxy O'Connor's, 44 West George Street, G2 1DH. Tel: 0141 354 5154

Flags and being blue!

The OLSC team will have a limited number of Leinster flags sponsored by Bank of Ireland that will be distributed around the ground on match day. Please bring what you can from home, those with the white plastic pole have been cleared as hand luggage by the Dublin Airport Authority. Flags are also cleared by the stadium. Watch out for updates on OLSC social media for flag collection points and details on Sea of Blue, welcoming the Leinster team bus into the Celtic Park along Celtic way to the front of the stadium.

Top 5 things to see and do during your stay

1. Glasgow Warriors v Leinster – 6.30pm on Saturday
2. University of Glasgow – walk around the 500-year-old campus
3. Take a bright red tour bus – pick-ups are around the city centre
4. Celtic Park Stadium tour. Bookings are not necessary, but highly advised. Call +44 (0) 871 226 1888 or email stadiumtours@celticfc.co.uk.
5. Walk the 'Mackintosh Trail' for details see, www.visitscotland.com

Getting to the Ground

Celtic Park is located about two miles east of Glasgow's city centre in the Parkhead area. The stadium lies between London Road, Gallowgate Road and Janesfield Road. Celtic Park is located in a rather bare area which is a mix of some old industrial buildings and residential housing. There are a few pubs, most around Gallowgate, north of the stadium, but eating and drinking in Glasgow's city centre is a better option.

BAG POLICY: To maximise security and ensure an efficient and speedy entry into the stadium spectators are advised not to bring bags to the final. Any bags larger than A5 size (width 21cm, height 15cm, depth 8cm) will not be permitted. The only exceptions to this rule will be spectators who require larger bags for childcare or medical purposes or tagged merchandise bags that are clear (transparent) and which have been obtained from official merchandise outlets. This policy is in force for the Pro 14 Final. For wheelchair accessibility queries call 00 44 131 346 5160 Mon - Fri 10am to 4pm.

Public Bus (local): Celtic Park is served by the number 43 and 64 buses traveling from the city centre to the ground. Take these buses from Ingram Street, and get off on London Road. Both buses run about every half hour, and the journey takes 30 minutes. Buses 61 and 62 pass the stadium on Gallowgate Road, just slightly further away. Both leave from Glasgow's Central Rail station. Buses numbers 2, 255 and 240 are also options.

The ideal ticket for multiple journeys over one day is the FirstDay ticket which is available to buy on-board from the driver or at bus stations. The FirstDay 2-zone ticket is the one to get, it offers excellent value in comparison to single tickets. Adult tickets are £4.60 and child tickets £2.00, tickets can also be bought on the First Bus App. To plan your journey or download the App visit www.firstgroup.com/greater-glasgow

Train: Another option is the train. Supporters can take a train from Glasgow Central to Dalmarnock or Bridgeton rail stations (5-minute journey). Trains depart every 10 to 15mins. Both stations lie about 10 to 15 minutes walking from Celtic Park. An adult £2.90 open day return ticket is the best value option.

Also, from Glasgow Queen Street trains regularly depart every 10 to 15mins for Bellgrove or Carntyne. The journey takes 5 minutes as well, but the walk to the stadium slightly longer, 20 to 30 minutes. An adult £2.30 open day return ticket is the best value option. To plan your train journey, visit www.scotrail.co.uk/tickets/anytime-tickets

By Car: Visitors traveling from the north or south by motorway can follow the M74 or M73 and the M74 (East) take the A74 exit toward Tollcross/Rutherglen. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Fullarton Rd/London Rd/A74, and proceed for another mile or so along London Road to the ground on your right.

Traveling from the East or West on the M8, take the exit at junction14, and drive down south on Alexandra Park Street until reaching London Road. Turn left onto London Road and follow until you reach the stadium on your left.

Car Parking: There are car park facilities in Janefield Street near to Springfield Rd. Please arrive early as parking spaces are limited, and first-come, first-served. Its advisable to check Celtic FC match day web page for on the day updates regarding traffic and car parking. www.celticfc.net/matchday

Walking: If you're feeling particularly fit, simply walk for approx. 45 minutes due South East from Glasgow's centre, through the suburbs of Trongate and Bridgeton, then along the A74 (London Road) until you see Celtic Park stadium dominating an otherwise residential area.

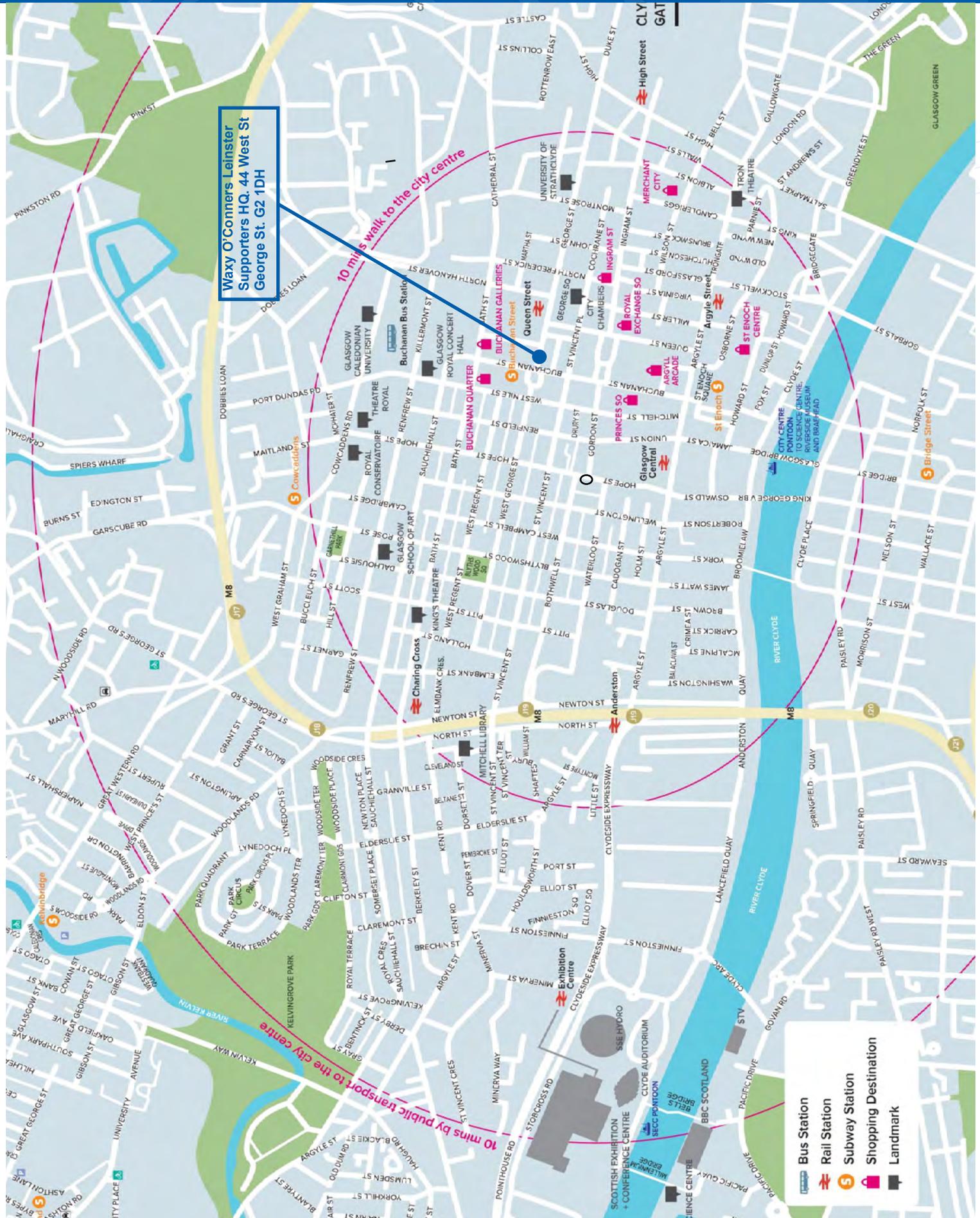
Taxi service: There are taxi services available throughout the city, with major taxi ranks located at Central Station and transport interchanges. Expect taxis from the city centre to cost approximately £10, with Ubers a couple of pounds cheaper, if travelling outside peak travel times, this journey should take under 10 minutes.

Guinness Pro14 Fan Zone

Avoid a last hour rush before kick-off. Although the area around Celtic Park is largely old industrial or residential there will be a Guinness Pro14 Fan Zone at the Stadium. Travel to the ground early and take part in the Sea of Blue welcome of the team bus into the stadium. Supporters can then visit the Guinness Pro14 Fan Zone in the Jock Stein Car Park adjacent to the stadium pre-match. The Fan Zone will be open from 2.00pm and can be accessed via Celtic Way, your match ticket must be shown. There will be food and drinks as well as live music and entertainment including players from both teams in a Q&A session. The Celtic Store, situated to the left of Celtic Way, will be open from 10.00am until an hour after final whistle. Its well worth a visit.

Around The City and Ground

The Scottish Cup final takes place on the same day as the Pro14 final. Celtic v Hearts at Hampden Park, three miles to the south of the city centre. Due to this, Glasgow city centre, Queen St and Central train stations will be very busy at certain times before and after the 3pm KO. Also the pubs between the city centre and Celtic Park and the pubs around Celtic Park will be pack and catering for soccer fans. Given this game, Police around the city will be on alert, drinking on the street is absolutely forbidden. The OLSC would recommend that Leinster supporters visit our Supporters HQ, Waxy O'Connor's and bars in the West End. Also, bars on Bath St and Merchant city are recommended. The Fan Zone at Celtic Park is for Pro14 ticket holders only, so this is also a good option at the stadium. General and hospitality turnstiles at each side of the ground will open at 4:30pm, giving more food and drink options. Bars and catering kiosks accept cash. Card payments will be available in the North, West and East Stands. Please note that card payment is not available in the South Stand. Guinness, Hop House13, Citra IPA, Wine, soft drinks and pre-mixed spirits are available



Waxy O'Connors Leinster
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10 mins walk to the city centre

10 mins by public transport to the city centre

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- Rail Station
- Subway Station
- Shopping Destination
- Landmark

Message from the Coach



And here we are. The final weekend of the 2018/19 season and with something still to play for.

A journey that started way back in August in the Cardiff Arms Park finishes up the road from Cardiff, in Celtic Park, Glasgow.

Leaving aside the European campaign that is 21 games, one semi-final, 57 players, nine Academy debuts, 97 tries in the 22 games and countless other stats and figures that tell a story.

But for me, not the full story. The real story for us again this season is how much we have come to rely on you the supporters.

Like in that first game away from home against Cardiff when the writing was on the wall early in the second half.

Like in the sold out December and January fixtures in the RDS where we needed every single one of you to get us over the line during the inter-pros and the massive European game against Toulouse.

And like Newcastle. What a reception. It was like nothing I have ever experienced and it made losing all the more difficult.

And like the RDS for the Munster game last weekend. We made it our mission to repay the supporters for Newcastle with a performance last weekend against a very good Munster team. To hold them out for 80 minutes was very pleasing. And yet we feel we have more in us and one last performance in Celtic Park.

And of course you the supporters again played your part in the RDS. Lining that walk from the bus to the changing rooms. The flags. The colour. The good luck messages whispered quietly in your ear as you walk by the first few but then roared, then sung and finally just a wall of noise as we got to the door of the dressing room. The knowledge that you were again there with us when we needed you the most.

And after a difficult week, it did drive us to a performance that the players and the coaches can be proud of.

Thank you to Bank of Ireland for their continued support of these Away Guides and of course of the wider Leinster Rugby programme. Without the support of sponsors and partners like Bank of Ireland, none of this would be possible.

Finally, thank you to the OLSC and to President Aisling O'Connor for having me as your guest in the Laighin Out Bar last weekend. It was a pleasure to be there and to thank you in person for all that the OLSC and the wider support group have done for the team over the season.

One more time we will try to get a performance and once more I know there will be a Sea of Blue driving us over the 80 minutes.

Safe travels and again, thank you,

Leo

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Message from the Committee



Hello from the OLSC Committee...

If you're reading this Away Guide in association with Bank of Ireland, we beat Munster in the semi-final and you're one of the lucky supporters on your way to Glasgow to watch Leinster take on Glasgow Warriors in this year's Guinness Pro14 Final at Celtic Park.

We can retain our crown. Back to back Pro14 titles are also still possible. Leinster are the only team in the history of the competition to have achieved back to back wins. That was achieved in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 seasons. That milestone could be achieved for a second time today. Hard work has been put in, harder work remains.

Leinster are also going for an unprecedented sixth title, if its achieved it will cement our place as the competitions most successful team. Remember that as we welcome the team into the stadium with a Sea of Blue. The Sea of Blue team bus welcome will take place at the front of the stadium, along Celtic Way, see Sea of Blue map on the next page of this away guide. Also, watch out for updates and exact times on the Leinster Rugby web-site and on OLSC social media. The Sea of Blue welcome for the Leinster team bus, and for the team coming onto the stadium pitch has given Leinster players and coaches a real lift this season, Leo's message in this guide make that clear. Here are are some more comments from players and coaches...

"I was at the Millennium Stadium when we beat Northampton and Twickenham when we beat Ulster. I was always a huge Leinster fan so I'm well aware of it, I know as a supporter how good that feels when your club is successful. It's slightly different being a player now but I'm well aware how much that means to the supporters of the club. Our fans have been unbelievable all year. I mentioned after the Toulouse game, the Sea of Blue we had driving in was unbelievable, there were people in blue lining the streets" - James Ryan.

"The crowd played a massive part. Obviously, playing at home in the RDS, it's a very special place to play." - Josh van der Flier, after the Leinster v Munster Semi-final.

"One of the things from the weekend that was great, it was amazing really, was the level of support that we had. Our supporters, when we drove into the stadium, we were swamped. It was a Sea of Blue," - John Fogarty

We have the ability to lift the team like no one else. We, the supporters will play our part. It's crucial we let the players know that we are behind them. That we support them EVERY STEP of the way. Every tackle, ruck, hit, defensive read and attacking move will be crucial. This is the fight for the Pro14 title, for silverware, to be back to back champions again. There are no second chances. Get behind your team.

Be seen, be heard, be loud, be proud and most importantly **BE BLUE!**

C'MON LEINSTER!
The OLSC Committee

Sea of Blue: Travel to the ground early and take part in the OLSC Sea of Blue welcome of the team bus into the stadium. This will take place at the front of Celtic Park along Celtic Way, see map below. Watch out for time updates on OLSC social media. After the Sea of Blue team bus welcome. Supporters can then visit the Guinness Pro14 Fan Zone in the Jock Stein Car Park adjacent to the stadium. The Fan Zone will be open from 2.00pm and can be accessed via Celtic Way, your match ticket must be shown.

Other food and drinks outlets inside the ground will be accessible when the turnstiles open at 4:30pm

There will be food and drinks as well as live music and entertainment. The Celtic Store, situated to the left of Celtic Way, will be open from 10.00am until an hour after final whistle. Enjoy the day and the game.



Sea of Blue