



Round 1

**Leinster v Ulster**

14:30, Energia Park

**Munster v Connacht**

16:15, Virgin Media Park

**Sunday 10th August 2025**

**Vodafone. Main Sponsor of the Women's Interprovincial Championship.**



On behalf of the Irish Rugby Football Union, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to Energia Park and Virgin Media Park for the opening round of the Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Series.

We have two exciting games to kick off this year's series, with Leinster hosting Ulster in Dublin and Munster welcoming Connacht in Cork. The IRFU's investment in women's rugby and in our women's national team has been significant and it is so encouraging at all levels of the game to see the return on that investment beginning to bear fruit.

I look forward to another successful year ahead for Women's Rugby. The Ireland Women's squad has been on a steady growth trajectory and a strong culture has been built around the squad. The belief in their on-field organisation and structure and experience is growing. The young emerging talent in today's squad together with our more experienced players are blending nicely and the competition levels in the squad are increasing.

Looking at the quality of players on display today, I have no doubt that the future of Irish women's rugby is bright.

It has been a busy time for the Ireland Women's team. With the final squad selection for the Women's Rugby World Cup squad less than 24 hours away I have no doubt that there are a huge number of players who will look to progress over the coming months and years and make that next step into the green of Ireland. I wish you all well in your endeavours.

Thanks to Vodafone for their support of this important series. Their backing, together with the support of our kit partner Canterbury, alongside the entire family of Irish Rugby sponsors including AON, helps grow the game in Ireland. Our thanks also to TG4 for broadcasting the Interprovincial Championship and to all the media for their promotion of the game.

Our thanks to all of our provincial hosts and all those who have put in so much work to stage this series of matches. To the clubs, schools and volunteers who have nurtured and developed the players, a huge word of thanks for all that you do for Women's rugby. To today's match officials, I wish you well for an incident-free game.

To the respective players and management teams, good luck today and over the coming weeks as you continue to represent your province with distinction.

Yours in rugby,

John O'Driscoll  
IRFU President

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# Today's teams



**15** Caoimhe McCormack

**14** Emma Brogan

**13** Kathy Baker

**12** Cara Martin

**11** Maggie Boylan

**10** Nikki Caughey

**9** Jade Gaffney

**1** Aoife Moore

**2** Lisa Callan

**3** Katie Layde

**4** Clíodhna Ní Chonchobhair

**5** Kate Jordan

**6** Ciara Short

**7** Molly Boyne (C)

**8** Jane Neill

Niamh Marley **15**

Lucy Thompson **14**

Siobhan Sheerin **13**

Tara O'Neill **12**

Paige Smyth **11**

Lauren Farrell McCabe **10**

Georgia Boyce **9**

Sarah Roberts **1**

Maebh Clenaghan **2**

Sophie Barrett **3**

Lauren Darley **4**

Brenda Barr **5**

Ruby Starrett **6**

Katie Hetherington **7**

India Daley (C) **8**

## REPLACEMENTS

**16** Méabh Keegan

**17** Kelly Burke

**18** Clodagh Dunne

**19** Rosie Searle

**20** Emma Kelly

**21** Erin McConnell

**22** Ellie O'Sullivan Sexton

**23** Katie Corrigan

## MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

Referee: Cian Aherne

AR 1: Stuart Donaldson

AR 2: Gary McCormack

No 4: Keith Shanahan

No. 5: Aude de Casanove

## REPLACEMENTS

Megan Simpson **16**

Cara McLean **17**

Ava Fannin **18**

Rebecca Beacom **19**

Moya Hill **20**

Rachael McIlroy **21**

Kelly McCormill **22**

Stacey Sloan **23**



# Today's teams



**15** Aoife Corey  
**14** Lyndsay Clarke  
**13** Alana McInerney  
**12** Stephanie Nunan  
**11** Chisom Ugwuere  
**10** Caitriona Finn  
**9** Abbie Salter-Townshend  
**1** Grainne Burke  
**2** Saoirse Crowe  
**3** Eilís Cahill  
**4** Aoibhe O'Flynn  
**5** Claire Bennett  
**6** Brianna Heylmann  
**7** Maeve Óg O'Leary (C)  
**8** Chloe Pearse

Clara Barrett **15**  
Emily Foley **14**  
Orla Dixon **13**  
Éabha Nic Dhonnacha (C) **12**  
Ava Ryder **11**  
Siofra Hession **10**  
Grainne Moran **9**  
Ella Burns **1**  
Lily Brady **2**  
Megan Collis **3**  
Poppy Garvey **4**  
Grace Browne Moran **5**  
Beibhinn Gleeson **6**  
Lesley Ring **7**  
Jemima Adams Verling **8**

## REPLACEMENTS

**16** Aoife Fleming  
**17** Ciara McLoughlin  
**18** Lily Morris  
**19** Jane Clohessy  
**20** Annakate Cournane  
**21** Eve Prendergst  
**22** Kate Flannery  
**23** Orna Moynihan

## MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

Referee: Euan O'Riordan

AR 1: David O'Driscoll

AR 2: John Moynihan

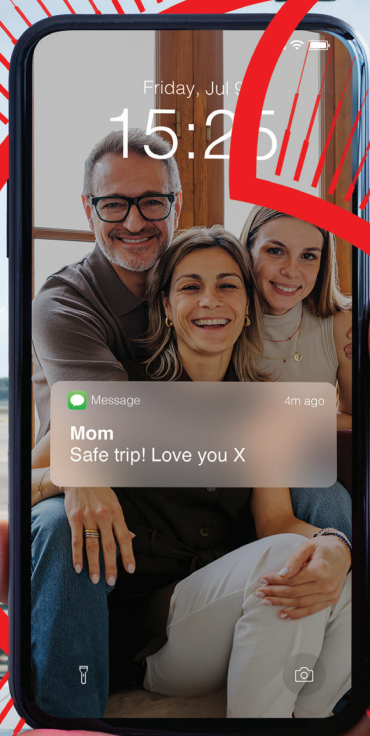
No 4: Stephen Curtin

No. 5: Gavin Lynch-Frahill

## REPLACEMENTS

Stacy Hanley **16**  
Hannah Coen **17**  
Roisin Maher **18**  
Ailish Quinn **19**  
Caoilfhionn Conway Morrissey **20**  
Karly Tierney **21**  
Sinead O'Brien **22**  
Fódhla Ní Bhraonáin **23**

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