

Round 20 Preview

26-28 April 2019

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ROUND 20 FIXTURES

Friday 26 April

Newcastle Falcons v Northampton Saints (Kingston Park, 7.45pm)

Sale Sharks v Bath Rugby (AJ Bell Stadium, 7.45pm) *Live on* **BT Sport**

Saturday 27 April

Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins (Sandy Park, 2pm) *Live on* **BT Sport**

Leicester Tigers v Bristol Bears (Welford Road, 3pm)

Wasps v Saracens (Ricoh Arena 4.30pm) *Live on* **BT Sport**

Sunday 28 April

Worcester Warriors v Gloucester Rugby (Sixways, 3pm) *Live on* **BT Sport**

Highlights Show:



Channel 5 Monday 7pm.

ROUND 19 PREVIEWS

Newcastle Falcons v Northampton Saints

Referee: Luke Pearce (89th Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Steve Lee & John Meredith. *TMO:* David Hudson.

Citing Officer: Andy Blyth.

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT PREMIERSHIP RUGBY MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | NF | NS | Newcastle Falcons scorers | Northampton Saints scorers |
|---------------|--------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Sun 21 Feb 16 | Kingston Park | 26 | 25 | Alex Tait(T) Chris Harris(T) Andy Goode(2C/4P) | Jamie Gibson(T) Lee Dickson(2T) JJ Hanrahan(2C) Stephen Myler(2P) |
| Fri 25 Nov 16 | Franklin's Gardens | 22 | 16 | Joel Hodgson(T/2C/P) Will Witty(T) Vereniki Goneva(T) | Christian Day(T) Stephen Myler(C/3P) |
| Sun 19 Feb 17 | Kingston Park | 46 | 31 | Joel Hodgson(C) Mark Wilson(T) Kyle Cooper(T) Sean Robinson(T) Tane Takulua(3T/3C/P) Rob Vickers(T) | Mikey Haywood(T) Harry Mallinder(T) Ken Pisi(T) Jamie Gibson(T) Stephen Myler(4C/P) |
| Fri 1 Dec 17 | Franklin's Gardens | 24 | 22 | Sinoti Sinoti(T) Josh Matavesi(T) Toby Flood(2C/P) Nili Latu Langilangi(T) Tane Takulua(C) | Harry Mallinder(T) Piers Francis(C/P) Dylan Hartley(T) Penalty Try(T) |
| Sat 24 Mar 18 | St James' Park | 25 | 22 | Toby Flood(C/6P) Vereniki Goneva(T) | David Ribbans(T) Rob Horne(T) Stephen Myler(2C/P) Nafi Tuitavake(T) |
| Sat 1 Dec 18 | Franklin's Gardens | 16 | 14 | Mark Wilson(T) Toby Flood(C/2P) Brett Connon(P) | Cobus Reinach(2T) Dan Biggar(2C) |

Newcastle Falcons have lost their last two Gallagher Premiership Rugby matches, at Saracens and at home to Leicester. The Falcons only victory at Kingston Park in any tournament since November was over Worcester Warriors in Premiership Rugby on 3 March.

Northampton Saints last four matches in Gallagher Premiership Rugby have all been won by the away side on the day. The Saints have not won three in succession on the road in Premiership Rugby since December 2014.

The Falcons have won their last six matches against The Saints in Premiership Rugby ending a run of eleven straight wins in the fixture by Northampton.

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Sale Sharks v Bath Rugby

Referee: Thomas Foley (65th Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Jack Makepeace & Simon McConnell. *TMO:* Stuart Terheege.

Citing Officer: Shaun Gallagher.

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| Date | Venue | S | B | Sale Sharks scorers | Bath Rugby scorers |
|---------------|-------------------|----|----|--|--|
| Sat 23 Apr 16 | Recreation Ground | 26 | 32 | Joe Ford(C) TJ Ioane(T) Andrei Ostrikov(T) Danny Cipriani(2C) Johnny Leota(2T) | George Ford(3C/2P) Semesa Rokoduguni(T) Will Homer(T) Ollie Devoto(T) Charlie Ewels(T) |
| Fri 7 Oct 16 | Recreation Ground | 3 | 30 | Will Addison(P) | Kane Palma-Newport(T) George Ford(3C/3P) Matt Banahan(T) Kahn Fotuali'i(T) |
| Sat 6 May 17 | AJ Bell Stadium | 27 | 24 | Josh Charnley(T) Denny Solomona(T) AJ MacGinty(3C/2P) Ben Curry(T) | George Ford(C) Matt Banahan(T) Max Clark(T) Penalty Try(T) Rhys Priestland(2C/P) |
| Sat 23 Dec 17 | AJ Bell Stadium | 32 | 9 | Josh Strauss(T) AJ MacGinty(3C/2P) James O'Connor(T) Will Cliff(T) Byron McGuigan(T) | Rhys Priestland(3P) |
| Sat 24 Feb 18 | Recreation Ground | 32 | 33 | Marland Yarde(T) Denny Solomona(2T) Faf de Klerk(C/5P) | Zach Mercer(2T) Josh Bayliss(T) James Wilson(3C/4P) |
| Sun 2 Dec 18 | Recreation Ground | 7 | 7 | Robert du Preez(C) Jean-Luc du Preez(T) | Joe Cokanasiga(T) James Wilson(C) |

Sale Sharks last four matches in Gallagher Premiership Rugby have all been won by the home side on the day. The Sharks have won their last three games at AJ Bell Stadium in all competitions but have not won four in a row there since January 2018.

Bath Rugby's last four game have all been won by the home side on the day. Bath's only away victory in any tournament since September was against Wasps at the Ricoh Arena in round 10 of Gallagher Premiership Rugby.

The last three encounters between the two clubs have been evenly split with one win apiece plus a draw whilst Bath's only previous victory in Premiership Rugby at AJ Bell Stadium came in the opening round of the 2014/15 campaign.

Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins

Referee: Craig Maxwell-Keys (62nd Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Adam Leal & Phil Watters. *TMO:* Geoff Warren.

Citing Officer: Andrew Pearce.

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| Date | Venue | E | H | Exeter Chiefs scorers | Harlequins scorers |
|---------------|------------------|----|----|--|--|
| Sat 7 May 16 | Twickenham Stoop | 62 | 24 | Dave Ewers(T) James Short(2T) Will Chudley(T) Phil Dollman(T) Jack Nowell(3T) Julian Salvi(T) Henry Slade(T) Gareth Steenson(6C) | Ben Botica(2C) Kyle Sinckler(T) Nick Evans(C/P) Danny Care(T) Winston Stanley(T) |
| Sat 17 Sep 16 | Sandy Park | 36 | 25 | Lachie Turner(2T) Luke Cowan-Dickie(3T) Gareth Steenson(4C/P) | Charlie Walker(T) Rob Buchanan(T) Danny Care(T) Tim Swiel(2C/2P) |
| Fri 14 Apr 17 | Twickenham Stoop | 39 | 26 | Dave Ewers(T) Michele Campagnaro(T) Lachie Turner(2T) Henry Slade(T/C/2P) Gareth Steenson(3C) | Nick Evans(T/3P) Mat Luamanu(T) Tim Swiel(C) Tim Visser(T) |

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| Sun 19 Nov 17 | Sandy Park | 31 | 17 | Jonny Hill(2T) Lachie Turner(T) Gareth Steenson(4C/P) Olly Woodburn(T) | James Chisholm(T) Marcus Smith(2C/P) Tim Visser(T) |
| Sat 5 May 18 | Twickenham Stoop | 41 | 17 | Dave Dennis(2T) Dave Ewers(T) Tom Hendrickson(T) Alec Hepburn(T) Joe Simmonds(T/2C) Gareth Steenson(2C/P) | Marcus Smith(T/2C/P) Mike Brown(T) |
| Fri 30 Nov 18 | Twickenham Stoop | 26 | 28 | Matt Kvesic(T) Ollie Devoto(T) Joe Simmonds(C) Gareth Steenson(2C) Ian Whitten(T) Jack Yeandle(T) | Nathan Earle(2T) Joe Marchant(T) James Lang(C/P) James Chisholm(T) Marcus Smith(P) |

Exeter Chiefs five game winning run in Gallagher Premiership Rugby ended with their home defeat to Wasps in round 19. The Chiefs have not lost successive matches in the tournament since February 2018 whilst they have not lost back-to-back Premiership Rugby matches at Sandy Park in the same season for five years.

Harlequins only victory in their last six first team fixtures was 18-16 at Worcester in the quarter-final of the European Challenge Cup. The Londoners most recent victory in Gallagher Premiership Rugby was at Bath on 2 March.

Harlequins beat Exeter 28-26 in round 9 to end an eight game Chiefs winning run in the fixture.

Harlequins have not been victorious at Sandy Park since May 2014.

Leicester Tigers v Bristol Bears

Referee: Karl Dickson (18th Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Wayne Falla & Hamish Smales. *TMO:* Rowan Kitt.

Citing Officer: John Byett.

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT PREMIERSHIP RUGBY MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | L | B | Leicester Tigers scorers | Bristol Bears scorers |
|---------------|--------------------|----|----|--|--|
| Sat 19 Apr 08 | Welford Road | 32 | 14 | Ben Herring(T) Andy Goode(T/2C/P) Aaron Mauger(T) Penalty Try(T) Tom Varndell(T) | Ed Barnes(C) Jason Strange(C) Shaun Perry(T) Graeme Beveridge(T) |
| Fri 13 Mar 09 | Memorial Stadium | 23 | 17 | Dan Cole(T) Julien Dupuy(C) Dan Hipkiss(T) Sam Vesty(C/3P) | Luke Arscott(T) Ed Barnes(2C/P) David Lemi(T) |
| Sat 25 Apr 09 | King Power Stadium | 73 | 3 | Jordan Crane(T) Julien Dupuy(4C) Ayoola Erinle(T) Toby Flood(T) Dan Hipkiss(T) Geordan Murphy(2T/2C) Sam Vesty(T/3C) Julian White(T) Johnie Murphy(T) Tom Varndell(T) Ben Woods(T) | Luke Arscott(P) |
| Fri 25 Nov 16 | Ashton Gate | 21 | 16 | Ellis Genge(T) Adam Thompstone(T) Freddie Burns(C/3P) | Billy Searle(2P) Rob Hawkins(T) Adrian Jarvis(C/P) |
| Sat 18 Feb 17 | Welford Road | 50 | 17 | Telusa Veainu(T) Greg Bateman(T) Adam Thompstone(T) Owen Williams(T/5C) Brendon O'Connor(T) JP Pietersen(2T) Pat Cilliers(T) | Jason Woodward(2C/P) Jamal Ford-Robinson(T) Rob Hawkins(T) |
| Sat 1 Dec 18 | Ashton Gate | 10 | 41 | Manu Tuilagi(T) George Ford(C/P) | Luke Morahan(T) Harry Thacker(2T) Ian Madigan(3C/5P) Harry Randall(T) |

Leicester Tigers victory at Newcastle in round 19 ended a three-game losing run. The Tigers have not won back-to-back matches since October.

Bristol Bears three game losing run in all competitions ended with their 23-21 victory over Saracens in round 19 of Gallagher Premiership Rugby. The Bears have won just once away from home in Premiership Rugby since New Year's Day 2017: 26-24 at Northampton in round 16.

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Bristol beat Leicester 41-10 at Ashton Gate in round 9 but have never achieved a season's league double over Leicester. Bristol's only victory at Welford Road since 1987 came in the quarter-final of the Zurich Championship in May 2002.

Wasps v Saracens

Referee: Wayne Barnes (215th Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Paul Dix & Rob Warburton. *TMO:* David Grashoff.

Citing Officer: Buster White.

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| Date | Venue | W | S | Wasps scorers | Saracens scorers |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|----|---|--|
| Sun 9 Oct 16 | Allianz Park | 14 | 30 | Josh Bassett(T) Jimmy Gopperth(3P) | Alex Lozowski(C/2P) Mike Ellery(T) Jamie George(2T) Ben Spencer(C) Mako Vunipola(T) |
| Sat 6 May 17 | Ricoh Arena | 35 | 15 | Elliot Daly(T) Christian Wade(T) Thomas Young(3T) Jimmy Gopperth(2C/2P) | Alex Lozowski(C) Marcelo Bosch(P) Ben Spencer(2T) |
| Sun 8 Oct 17 | Allianz Park | 19 | 38 | Marty Moore(T) Josh Bassett(T) Jack Willis(T) Rob Miller(2C) | Alex Lozowski(3C/4P) Jamie George(3T) Chris Wyles(T) |
| Sun 7 Jan 18 | Ricoh Arena | 15 | 38 | Willie le Roux(T) Danny Cipriani(P) Penalty Try(T) | Owen Farrell(2C/3P) Alex Goode(2T) Ben Spencer(T) Chris Wyles(T) Schalk Burger(T) |
| Sat 19 May 18 | Allianz Park (SF) | 33" | 57 | Willie le Roux(2T) Christian Wade(T) Thomas Young(T) Danny Cipriani(2C) Jake Cooper-Woolley(T) Jimmy Gopperth(2C) | Alex Lozowski(T) Owen Farrell(6C/5P) Juan Figallo(T) Maro Itoje(T) Vincent Koch(T) Ben Spencer(T) Chris Wyles(T) |
| Sat 1 Dec 18 | Allianz Park | 6 | 29 | Elliot Daly(2P) | Alex Lozowski(2C/5P) Jamie George(T) Nick Isiekwe(T) |

Wasps have won their last two matches, at home to Worcester and away at Exeter, but have not won three in succession since September. Wasps have not won back-to-back fixtures at the Ricoh Arena since last April.

Saracens record in the last ten rounds of Gallagher Premiership Rugby is won five lost five. Saracens have lost their last four away games in all competitions but have not lost five in succession on the road for a decade.

Saracens only defeat to Wasps since February 2016 was 15-35 at the Ricoh Arena in round 22 of season 2016/17. Saracens have won on four of their last five visits to the Ricoh Arena including last Saturday's triumph over Munster.

Worcester Warriors v Gloucester Rugby

Referee: JP Doyle (169th Premiership game).

Assistant Referees: Anthony Woodthorpe & Jonathan Healy. *TMO:* Graham Hughes.

Citing Officer: Paul Hull.

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT PREMIERSHIP RUGBY MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | W | G | Worcester Warriors scorers | Gloucester Rugby scorers |
|---------------|---------|----|----|---|---|
| Sat 12 Mar 16 | Sixways | 28 | 20 | Niall Annett(T) Tom Heathcote(2C/3P) Bryce Heem(2T) | Bill Meakes(T) James Hook(T/2C/2P) |
| Fri 9 Sep 16 | Sixways | 23 | 23 | Ben Te'o(T) Cooper Vuna(T) Perry Humphreys(T) Tom Heathcote(P) Ryan Lamb(C/P) | Henry Purdy(T) Matt Scott(T) Greig Laidlaw(2C/3P) |

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|---------------|-----------|----|----|---|--|
| Sat 7 Jan 17 | Kingsholm | 19 | 55 | Cooper Vuna(T) Ryan Mills(2C) Tevita Cavubati(T) Alafoti Faosiliva(T) | Josh Hohneck(T) Jonny May(T) Billy Burns(P) Matt Scott(2T) Jacob Rowan(T) Charlie Sharples(T) Billy Twelvetrees(4C) John Afoa(T) Greig Laidlaw(3C/P) |
| Fri 22 Sep 17 | Kingsholm | 19 | 24 | Ryan Mills(3P) Perry Humphreys(2T) | Billy Burns(3C/P) Ollie Thorley(2T) Billy Twelvetrees(T) |
| Sat 17 Feb 18 | Sixways | 25 | 15 | Josh Adams(T) Jamie Shillcock(T) Jonny Arr(T) Chris Pennell(2C/2P) | Billy Burns(C) Matt Scott(T) Billy Twelvetrees(P) Henry Trinder(T) |
| Sat 1 Dec 18 | Kingsholm | 16 | 36 | Duncan Weir(C/3P) Bryce Heem(T) | Freddie Clarke(T) Ollie Thorley(2T) Charlie Sharples(T) Billy Twelvetrees(3C) James Hanson(T) Jaco Visagie(T) |

Worcester Warriors have won two of their last three Gallagher Premiership Rugby fixtures whilst at Sixways they have lost just twice in Premiership Rugby since September – to Northampton in round 10 and Exeter in round 16.

Gloucester Rugby have won their last four Gallagher Premiership Rugby encounters since their reversal at Bristol on 1 March. The Cherry & Whites have not won five in a row in the tournament since December 2017.

Gloucester's only defeat in their last five fixtures with Worcester was 15-25 in this equivalent game at Sixways in round 15 last season.

HOW THEY STAND

| GALLAGHER PREMIERSHIP | | Record | | | | Points | | | Attack | | | | Defence | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----|-----|---|--------|----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----|----|------|
| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | TB | LB | Tot | T | C | PG | DG | For | T | C | PG | DG | Agst | TB | LB | PD | |
| 1 | Exeter Chiefs (1) | ▶ | 19 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 77 | 79 | 65 | 11 | 0 | 566 | 41 | 30 | 33 | 0 | 364 | 5 | 5 | 202 |
| 2 | Saracens (2) | ▶ | 19 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 68 | 67 | 49 | 37 | 0 | 546 | 37 | 30 | 47 | 0 | 388 | 1 | 4 | 158 |
| 3 | Gloucester Rugby (3) | ▶ | 19 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 60 | 62 | 46 | 32 | 0 | 498 | 47 | 36 | 37 | 1 | 423 | 5 | 4 | 75 |
| 4 | Harlequins (4) | ▶ | 19 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 50 | 56 | 45 | 37 | 0 | 481 | 49 | 38 | 47 | 1 | 465 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| 5 | Wasps (8) | ▲ | 19 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 47 | 49 | 39 | 34 | 0 | 425 | 52 | 41 | 41 | 0 | 467 | 5 | 6 | -42 |
| 6 | Northampton Saints (7) | ▲ | 19 | 9 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 46 | 61 | 42 | 37 | 0 | 500 | 53 | 36 | 37 | 0 | 454 | 6 | 5 | 46 |
| 7 | Bath Rugby (6) | ▼ | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 45 | 44 | 31 | 43 | 2 | 417 | 49 | 34 | 37 | 0 | 426 | 7 | 4 | -9 |
| 8 | Sale Sharks (5) | ▼ | 19 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 44 | 43 | 23 | 41 | 0 | 390 | 54 | 43 | 28 | 0 | 440 | 6 | 4 | -50 |
| 9 | Bristol Bears (9) | ▶ | 19 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 41 | 47 | 32 | 46 | 0 | 441 | 69 | 53 | 25 | 0 | 528 | 10 | 6 | -87 |
| 10 | Leicester Tigers (10) | ▶ | 19 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 38 | 42 | 33 | 44 | 0 | 408 | 72 | 45 | 34 | 0 | 554 | 9 | 3 | -146 |
| 11 | Worcester Warriors (11) | ▶ | 19 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 37 | 48 | 38 | 35 | 0 | 423 | 56 | 43 | 34 | 0 | 470 | 6 | 5 | -47 |
| 12 | New castle Falcons (12) | ▶ | 19 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 30 | 36 | 28 | 37 | 0 | 347 | 55 | 42 | 34 | 0 | 463 | 7 | 4 | -116 |
| TOTALS | | | 114 | 112 | 2 | 112 | 73 | 54 | 583 | 634 | 471 | 434 | 2 | 5442 | 634 | 471 | 434 | 2 | 5442 | 73 | 54 | |

Key:

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| Home Semi-Final | Away Semi-Final | Champions Cup Qualifier | Relegation candidate |
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THE RUN-IN

| Team | Pts | Round 20 | Round 21 | Round 22 18 May (4pm) | Pos | Semi-Finals 25 May | Final 1 Jun (3pm) |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Exeter Chiefs | 77 | 27/4:QUINS | 4/5:Saracens | SAINTS | 1st | | |
| 2 Saracens | 68 | 27/4:Wasps | 4/5:CHIEFS | Warriors | 2nd | v | v |
| 3 Gloucester Rugby | 60 | 28/4:Warriors | 4/5:FALCONS | Sharks | 3rd | | |
| 4 Harlequins | 50 | 27/4:Chiefs | 3/5:TIGERS | Wasps | 4th | | Twickenham |
| 5 Wasps | 47 | 27/4:SARACENS | 5/5:Bath | QUINS | | | |
| 6 Northampton Saints | 46 | 26/4:Falcons | 4/5:WARRIORS | Chiefs | | | |
| 7 Bath Rugby | 45 | 26/4:Sharks | 5/5:WASPS | Tigers | | | |
| 8 Sale Sharks | 44 | 26/4:BATH | 3/5:Bears | GLOUCESTER | | | |
| 9 Bristol Bears | 41 | 27/4:Tigers | 3/5:SHARKS | Falcons | | | |
| 10 Leicester Tigers | 38 | 27/4:BEARS | 3/5:Quins | BATH | | | |
| 11 Worcester Warriors | 37 | 28/4:GLOUCESTER | 4/5:Saints | SARACENS | | | |
| 12 Newcastle Falcons | 30 | 26/4:SAINTS | 4/5:Gloucester | BEARS | | | |

Key:

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| Versus top 4 team |
| Versus middle 4 team |
| Versus bottom 4 team |

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ROUND 19 MATCH SUMMARIES

| FRIDAY 12 APRIL | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| (b) | NEWCASTLE FALCONS | (12)22 | LEICESTER TIGERS |
| | Chris Harris(33) | | George Ford(3C/2P) |
| | Tane Takulua(36/ 55/2C/P) | | Jonny May(17) |
| | Att: 8,292 | | Guy Thompson(48/ 68) |
| SATURDAY 13 APRIL | | | |
| | BRISTOL BEARS | (6)23 | SARACENS |
| | Callum Sheedy(2C/2P) | | Alex Goode(3C) |
| | Ian Madigan(P) | | Tom Whiteley(9) |
| | Steven Luatua(46) | | Marcelo Bosch(56) |
| | Dan Thomas(63) | | Ralph Adams-Hale(69) |
| | Att: 14,798 | | |
| (B) | GLOUCESTER RUGBY | (7)27 | BATH RUGBY |
| | Billy Twelvetrees(2C/P) | | Freddie Burns(2C/D/2P) |
| | Josh Hohnneck(40) | | Ruaridh McConnochie(4) |
| | Ruan Ackermann(45) | | Tom Dunn(18) |
| | Henry Purdy(56) | | Att: 15,897 |
| | Tom Seabrook(63) | | |
| (b) | HARLEQUINS | (6)19 | NORTHAMPTON SAINTS |
| | Marcus Smith(C/4P) | | Dan Biggar(C/2P) |
| | Jack Clifford(47) | | James Grayson(C) |
| | Att: 14,335 | | Ahsee Tuala(13) |
| | | | Alex Mitchell(78) |
| (B) | WORCESTER WARRIORS | (17)39 | SALE SHARKS |
| | Duncan Weir(4C/2P) | | AJ MacGinty(2C/P) |
| | Sam Lewis(6) | | Josh Beaumont(28) |
| | Chris Pennell(17) | | Matt Postlethwaite(72) |
| | Josh Adams(53/ 62/ 78) | | Att: 7,565 |
| SUNDAY 14 APRIL | | | |
| (b) | EXETER CHIEFS | (12)19 | WASPS |
| | Joe Simmonds(2C) | | Elliot Daly(C) |
| | Jack Nowell(7) | | Lima Sopoaga(2C) |
| | Nic White(22) | | Willie le Roux(31) |
| | Jack Yeandle(69) | | Juan de Jongh(36) |
| | Att: 12,909 | | Marcus Watson(40) |
| | | | Zurabi Zhvania(61) |
| <p>Key: winning team shown in green, losing team in red, a draw marked in amber Note: (B) denotes a try bonus point and (b) a losing bonus point</p> | | | |

ROUND 19 MILESTONES

PREMIERSHIP RUGBY DEBUTS (2)

Louis Rees-Zammit (Gloucester Rugby), Sam Hidalgo-Clyne (Harlequins)

150 GAMES

Graham Kitchener, Matt Smith

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PREMIERSHIP RUGBY PLAYING CARDS

RED CARDS (7)

George Smith (Bristol Bears at Saracens, 8 Sep)

Will Spencer (Leicester Tigers at Wasps, 16 Sep)

Ryan Bower (Worcester Warriors v Bristol Bears, 7 Oct)

Kyle Eastmond (Leicester Tigers at Bristol Bears, 1 Dec)

Ross Batty (Bath Rugby at Worcester Warriors, 5 Jan)

Sione Kalamafoni (Leicester Tigers at Sale Sharks, 8 Mar)

Tom Youngs (Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs, 6 Apr)

YELLOW CARDS (94)

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|------------------|--|
| Bath (9) | Beno Obano(2), Semesa Rokoduguni(2), Ross Batty, Josh Bayliss, Aled Brew, Max Lahiff, Lucas Noguera |
| Bristol (7) | George Smith(2), John Afoa, Jack Lam, Tusi Pisi, Callum Sheedy, Harry Thacker |
| Exeter (5) | Luke Cowan-Dickie, Jonny Hill, Greg Holmes, Jack Nowell, Ian Whitten |
| Gloucester (7) | Ed Slater(2), Tom Hudson, Lewis Ludlow, Tom Marshall, Franco Mostert, Jason Woodward |
| Harlequins (12) | Matt Symons(3), Lewis Boyce, Mike Brown, Danny Care, Paul Lasike, Joe Marchant, Joe Marler, Kyle Sinckler, Ben Tapuai, Dave Ward |
| Leicester (5) | Mike Williams(2), Dan Cole, Joe Ford, Telusa Veainu |
| Newcastle (7) | Logovi'i Mulipola(2), Toby Flood, Zach Kibirige, George McGuigan, Johnny Williams, Michael Young |
| Northampton (10) | Jamie Gibson(2), Alex Waller(2), Dan Biggar, Luther Burrell, Alex Mitchell, Taquele Naiyaravoro, Cobus Reinach, Tom Wood |
| Sale (5) | Ben Curry(2), Faf de Klerk(2), Jono Ross |
| Saracens (12) | Schalk Burger(2), Ben Earl(2), Owen Farrell, Jamie George, Alex Goode, Will Skelton, Christopher Tolofua, Nick Tompkins, Billy Vunipola, Liam Williams |
| Wasps (8) | Nizaam Carr(2), Nathan Hughes(2), Gaby Lovobalavu, Will Rowlands, Tommy Taylor, Thomas Young |
| Worcester (7) | Niall Annett, Ryan Bower, Alafoti Faosiliva, Michael Fatialofa, Bryce Heem, Chris Pennell, Ben Te'o |

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**PREMIERSHIP
RUGBY**

BEST PREMIERSHIP RUGBY FINISHERS

| Rank | Name | Team | Apps | Mins | Tries | Home | Away | 1st H | 2nd H |
|------|------------------|--------------------|------|------|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Jonny May | Leicester Tigers | 13 | 948 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 2 | Cobus Reinach | Northampton Saints | 17+1 | 1196 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 | Joe Marchant | Harlequins | 17 | 1281 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | Denny Solomona | Sale Sharks | 18 | 1370 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| 5 | Santiago Cordero | Exeter Chiefs | 18 | 1355 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| 6 | Nathan Earle | Harlequins | 19 | 1480 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 7 | Charlie Sharples | Gloucester Rugby | 12+1 | 961 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | Juan de Jongh | Wasps | 13+4 | 1064 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | Bryce Heem | Worcester Warriors | 16 | 1213 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| 10 | Matt Kvesic | Exeter Chiefs | 18 | 1364 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| 11 | Alex Lewington | Saracens | 13+2 | 1007 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| 12 | Jack Yeandle | Exeter Chiefs | 12+5 | 862 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

Best in a Premiership Season: 17 by Dominic Chapman (Richmond) in 1997/98 & Christian Wade (Wasps) in 2016/17

BEST PREMIERSHIP RUGBY ACCUMULATORS

| Rank | Name | Team | Apps | Mins | Try | Conv | PG | DG | Points |
|------|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|-----|------|----|----|------------|
| 1 | George Ford | Leicester Tigers | 13 | 1019 | 4 | 27 | 34 | 0 | 176 |
| 2 | Duncan Weir | Worcester Warriors | 17+1 | 1315 | 4 | 32 | 29 | 0 | 171 |
| 3 | Marcus Smith | Harlequins | 12+7 | 928 | 3 | 29 | 26 | 0 | 151 |
| 4 | Billy Twelvetrees | Gloucester Rugby | 18+1 | 1445 | 0 | 38 | 24 | 0 | 148 |
| 5 | Dan Biggar | Northampton Saints | 14 | 1016 | 1 | 24 | 29 | 0 | 140 |
| 6 | Gareth Steenson | Exeter Chiefs | 12+4 | 1028 | 0 | 45 | 7 | 0 | 111 |
| 7 | Toby Flood | Newcastle Falcons | 18 | 1334 | 2 | 20 | 19 | 0 | 107 |
| 8 | Freddie Burns | Bath Rugby | 12+6 | 866 | 2 | 15 | 20 | 2 | 106 |
| 9 | Rhys Priestland | Bath Rugby | 9+5 | 746 | 2 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 106 |
| 10 | Callum Sheedy | Bristol Bears | 10+8 | 802 | 2 | 16 | 21 | 0 | 105 |
| 11 | Ian Madigan | Bristol Bears | 9+8 | 761 | 0 | 14 | 25 | 0 | 103 |
| 12 | Owen Farrell | Saracens | 9 | 710 | 0 | 25 | 17 | 0 | 101 |
| 13 | Lima Sopoaga | Wasps | 11+3 | 910 | 0 | 25 | 15 | 0 | 95 |
| 14 | AJ MacGinty | Sale Sharks | 8 | 640 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 85 |
| 15 | Tane Takulua | Newcastle Falcons | 12+5 | 1006 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 85 |
| 16 | Robert du Preez | Sale Sharks | 6 | 480 | 0 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 71 |
| 17 | James Lang | Harlequins | 6+9 | 536 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 71 |
| 18 | Alex Lozowski | Saracens | 14+4 | 1179 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 70 |

Best in a Premiership Season: 343pts by Barry Everitt (London Irish) in 2001/02

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BEST PREMIERSHIP RUGBY MARKSMEN

| Rank | Name | Team | Good | Att | Kick% | Last 10 kicks | Conv | PG | Streak |
|------|-------------------|--------------------|------|-----|---------------|--------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | Rob Miller | Wasps | 11 | 12 | 91.67% | 2/33332/3c33 | 3/4 | 8/8 | Last 2 |
| 2 | Tane Takulua | Newcastle Falcons | 20 | 22 | 90.91% | 33/3333/2c23 | 5/7 | 15/15 | Last 2 |
| 3 | Joe Simmonds | Exeter Chiefs | 24 | 27 | 88.89% | 2223222/c22 | 20/23 | 4/4 | Last 2 |
| 4 | Gareth Steenson | Exeter Chiefs | 52 | 59 | 88.14% | 2/32cc/c2222 | 45/52 | 7/7 | Last 4 |
| 5 | AJ MacGinty | Sale Sharks | 30 | 35 | 85.71% | 3332333/232 | 10/14 | 20/21 | Last 13 |
| 6 | George Ford | Leicester Tigers | 61 | 72 | 84.72% | 3232/323p22 | 27/34 | 34/38 | Last 2 |
| 7 | Callum Sheedy | Bristol Bears | 37 | 44 | 84.09% | 2/3333/3p322 | 16/21 | 21/23 | Last 3 |
| 8 | Marcus Smith | Harlequins | 55 | 66 | 83.33% | 223/3/p33233 | 29/34 | 26/32 | Last 5 |
| 9 | Ian Madigan | Bristol Bears | 39 | 47 | 82.98% | 3/32/2/23/2/p/2/3 | 14/19 | 25/28 | Last 2 |
| 10 | Dan Biggar | Northampton Saints | 53 | 64 | 82.81% | 333/c22c/323 | 24/34 | 29/30 | Last 3 |
| 11 | Duncan Weir | Worcester Warriors | 61 | 74 | 82.43% | 323/23232c2 | 32/39 | 29/35 | Last 1 |
| 12 | Billy Twelvetrees | Gloucester Rugby | 62 | 77 | 80.52% | 22c22/22cc3 | 38/48 | 24/29 | Last 1 |
| 13 | Rhys Priestland | Bath Rugby | 37 | 46 | 80.43% | 333/32/2c2p2 | 15/20 | 22/26 | Last 1 |
| 14 | Joe Ford | Leicester Tigers | 11 | 14 | 78.57% | 322c/33323/c | 4/6 | 7/8 | Missed last 1 |
| 15 | Lima Sopoaga | Wasps | 40 | 51 | 78.43% | 32/222p2/22c | 25/31 | 15/20 | Missed last 1 |
| 16 | James Lang | Harlequins | 25 | 32 | 78.13% | 32/22c/32/222 | 14/19 | 11/13 | Last 5 |
| 17 | Toby Flood | Newcastle Falcons | 39 | 50 | 78.00% | 32/2cc/232p/p | 20/26 | 19/24 | Missed last 2 |
| 18 | Owen Farrell | Saracens | 42 | 54 | 77.78% | p2/233c/c222 | 25/34 | 17/20 | Last 3 |
| 19 | Alex Lozowski | Saracens | 21 | 27 | 77.78% | 3p3pp/33222 | 8/9 | 13/18 | Last 5 |
| 20 | Billy Searle | Wasps | 17 | 22 | 77.27% | 22/2/333c/2c2 | 10/13 | 7/9 | Last 1 |
| 21 | Robert du Preez | Sale Sharks | 26 | 34 | 76.47% | 3cc/3c2p333 | 7/12 | 19/22 | Last 3 |
| 22 | Piers Francis | Northampton Saints | 12 | 16 | 75.00% | 22222/cc22/2 | 11/15 | 1/1 | Last 3 |
| 23 | Chris Pennell | Worcester Warriors | 12 | 16 | 75.00% | 3/p/p/222/2c2/3 | 6/8 | 6/8 | Last 2 |
| 24 | Freddie Burns | Bath Rugby | 35 | 47 | 74.47% | c/33323/2323 | 15/22 | 20/25 | Last 9 |
| 25 | Ben Spencer | Saracens | 14 | 19 | 73.68% | 22233/2c2cc | 10/15 | 4/4 | Missed last 2 |
| 26 | Alex Goode | Saracens | 9 | 14 | 64.29% | 2p32c/p/p222 | 6/8 | 3/6 | Last 3 |
| 27 | Danny Cipriani | Gloucester Rugby | 16 | 25 | 64.00% | c22p/33p/pcc | 8/13 | 8/12 | Missed last 4 |
| 28 | James Grayson | Northampton Saints | 9 | 15 | 60.00% | cpc3/32322/2 | 4/9 | 5/6 | Last 7 |
| 29 | Faf de Klerk | Sale Sharks | 7 | 14 | 50.00% | 2/pcccc/p232 | 5/9 | 2/5 | Last 3 |
| 30 | Elliot Daly | Wasps | 5 | 10 | 50.00% | p/3/p/33/3/p/p/p/2 | 1/1 | 4/9 | Last 1 |

Qual: 10 place kick at goal

Under Streak, "Last 4" means has kicked last four place kicks in a row successfully. Under "Last 10 kicks" 3 denotes a penalty goal, 2 a conversion, p is a missed penalty and c a missed conversion, whilst separate matches are divided with forward slashes.

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THE PREMIERSHIP RECORD STORE

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

| | All-Time | Best in 2018/19 |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Most points | 33 – Andy Goode (Wasps v Irish, 21 Dec 14) | 29 – George Ford (Tigers v Falcons, 8 Sep) |
| Most tries | 6 - Ryan Constable (Saracens at Bedford, 16 Apr 00) | 3 – Liam Williams (Saracens v Bears, 8 Sep) |
| | 6 – Christian Wade (Wasps @ Warriors, 16 Apr 16) | 3 – Liam Williams (Saracens v Bath, 29 Sep) |
| | | 3 – Harry Thacker (Bears @ Wasps, 24 Nov) |
| | | 3 – Mark Atkinson (Gloucester @ Saints, 7 Apr) |
| | | <i>3 – Josh Adams (Warriors v Sharks, 13 Apr)</i> |
| Most conversions | 13 - Richie Butland (Richmond at Bedford, 16 May 99) | 7 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Bears, 7 Oct) |
| | | 7 – Joe Simmonds (Chiefs @ Tigers, 6 Apr) |
| Most penalty goals | 9 on seven occasions | 7 – AJ MacGinty (Sharks v Quins, 5 Apr) |
| Most drop goals | 3 - Ludovic Mercier (Gloucester at Sharks, 22 Sep 01) | 1 – Freddie Burns (Bath @ Quins, 15 Sep) |
| | 3 – Mark Mapletoft (Irish v Saints, 27 Dec 04) | <i>1 – Freddie Burns (Bath @ Gloucester, 13 Apr)</i> |
| Fastest try | 8.28 secs – Lee Blackett (Leeds v Falcons, 21 Mar 08) | 37 secs – Joe Marchant (Quins v Warriors, 16 Feb) |
| Quickest bonus point try | 14 mins – Mike Worsley (Quins v Saracens, 12 Nov 04) | 22 mins 10 secs – Manu Tuilagi (Tigers v Falcons, 8 Sep) |

TEAM RECORDS

| | All-Time | Best in 2018/19 |
|--|---|--|
| Most points in a home game | 83-10 Tigers v Falcons (Welford Road, 19 Feb 05) | 67-17 Saints v Sharks (Franklin's Gardens, 16 Feb) |
| Most points in an away game | 106-12 Richmond at Bedford (Goldington Road, 16 May 99) | 52-20 Chiefs @ Tigers (Welford Road, 6 Apr) |
| Highest aggregate of points in game | 118pts - Bedford 12, Richmond 106 (Goldington Road, 16 May 99) | 85pts – Bears 40, Saints 45 (Ashton Gate, 29 Sep) |
| Biggest home win | 76pts - Sale 76, Bristol 0 (Heywood Road, 9 Nov 97) | 50pts – Saints 67, Sharks 17 (Franklin's Gardens, 16 Feb) |
| Biggest away win | 94pts - Bedford 12, Richmond 106 (Goldington Road, 16 May 99) | 32pts – Tigers 20, Chiefs 52 (Welford Road, 6 Apr) |
| Highest attendance | 84,068 – Saracens v Quins (Wembley Stadium, 28 Mar 15) | 82,000 – Quins 20, Wasps 13 (Twickenham Stadium, 29 Dec) |

Note: 2018/19 Season bests set or equalled this past round shown in *italics*.

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APPROACHING PREMIERSHIP CAREER MILESTONES

| POINTS SCORING | |
|----------------|--|
| 2,500 points | - |
| 2,000 points: | - |
| 1,500 points: | - |
| 1,000 points: | Tom Homer (756) |
| 500 points: | Owen Williams (464) |
| <i>Record:</i> | <i>2,625 points – Charlie Hodgson (Sale Sharks & Saracens)</i> |
| TRY SCORING | |
| 100 tries: | - |
| 50 tries: | Semesa Rokoduguni (49), Chris Wyles (47), Marland Yarde (42) |
| <i>Record:</i> | <i>92 tries - Tom Varndell (Leicester Tigers, Wasps & Bristol)</i> |
| MATCHES PLAYED | |
| 250 games: | - |
| 200 games: | Danny Cipriani (197), Rob Webber (197), Matt Banahan (197), Jordan Crane (196), Kearnan Myall (195) |
| 150 games: | Courtney Lawes (149), Dylan Hartley (148), Phil Dollman (148), Rob Miller (148) |
| 100 games: | Dominic Day (99), Kyle Sinckler (99), Ben Morgan (99), Sam Hill (99), Don Armand (99), Johnny Leota (98), Andrei Ostrikov (98), Kahn Fotuali'i (98), Joe Launchbury (98) |
| <i>Record:</i> | <i>273 games – Richard Wigglesworth (Sale Sharks & Saracens)</i> |

PREMIERSHIP CAREERS: TOP TENS

| MOST POINTS | | MOST GAMES | | MOST TRIES | |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Charlie Hodgson | 2625 | <i>Richard Wigglesworth</i> | <i>273</i> | Tom Varndell | 92 |
| Andy Goode | 2285 | Steve Borthwick | 265 | Mark Cueto | 90 |
| Stephen Myler | 1704 | George Chuter | 262 | Christian Wade | 82 |
| Nick Evans | 1656 | Phil Dowson | 262 | <i>Chris Ashton</i> | <i>81</i> |
| Olly Barkley | 1605 | Charlie Hodgson | 254 | Steve Hanley | 75 |
| <i>Gareth Steenson</i> | <i>1567</i> | Tom May | 247 | Paul Sackey | 68 |
| Jonny Wilkinson | 1489 | Hugh Vyvyan | 245 | Tom Voyce | 66 |
| <i>Freddie Burns</i> | <i>1324</i> | Simon Shaw | 237 | <i>Matt Banahan</i> | <i>66</i> |
| <i>Jimmy Gopperth</i> | <i>1290</i> | Andy Goode | 236 | James Simpson-Daniel | 63 |
| Barry Everitt | 1267 | Stuart Hooper | 232 | <i>Jonny May</i> | <i>61</i> |

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