

## ROUND 15 – PREVIEWS

With just seven rounds left to go in the Guinness PRO14 Round 15 promises plenty of fiery competition as six of the seven fixtures are in-Conference clashes. The top four teams across both Conference A and Conference B will face off with precious points at stake for those clubs eager to stay on track to reach the Guinness PRO14 Final Series. As the South African and Italian clubs are playing away from home this weekend all games will take place within the UK & Ireland with every game broadcast live.

It's a big weekend for Glasgow Warriors, Toyota Cheetahs, Munster, Edinburgh, Ulster, Cardiff Blues, Leinster and Scarlets who can reach the Guinness PRO14 Final at Aviva Stadium on May 26 (see [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) or [www.pro14rugby.org](http://www.pro14rugby.org) for more).

### What's at Stake

**Connacht** host **Zebre** (KO 19.35, live on TG4) on Friday night as they aim to keep building momentum after last weekend's win against Ospreys. With the Toyota Cheetahs ineligible for Europe, Connacht are battling it out with Cardiff Blues to grab the final automatic Champions Cup place in Conference A and all three sides could yet reach the Guinness PRO14 Final Series – from that perspective Connacht can not afford to slip up against the Italians, coached by the province's one-time boss, Michael Bradley.

**Glasgow Warriors** welcome the **Toyota Cheetahs** (KO 19.35 UK/21.35 SA, live on BBC ALBA and SuperSport) to Scotstoun where there is plenty at stake. Cheetahs need a win to keep the distance between themselves and Cardiff Blues in third place while also keeping in touch with second-placed Munster in Conference A. Glasgow have a firm hold on a home Semi-Final and will not want to let that slip during a busy four-game period.

**Ospreys** take on the **Southern Kings** at Liberty Stadium (KO 19:35 UK/21:35 SA, live on BBC Wales & SuperSport One). Mathematically, Ospreys can still reach the knock-out stages of the Championship and this game must form the starting point for any resurgence in form.

On Saturday **Cardiff Blues** are looking to down another Conference A rival for the second week in a row with **Munster** coming to the Welsh capital (KO 17:30, Sky Sports Main Event Ch 401 & Sky Sports Action Ch 407). Blues can keep Connacht below them in terms of Champions Cup qualification and possibly close the gap on Cheetahs, but Munster need every win possible in order to keep up hopes of catching first-placed Warriors.

Sunday's only fixture sees **Dragons** host **Benetton** (KO 15:30, live on S4C) and the Italians arrive in red-hot form with four consecutive wins under their belt looking to set a new record of five wins in a row. Benetton are also closing in on their most wins ever in a season (10) but Bernard Jackman is likely to have some of his Welsh internationals back for what promises to be a very competitive encounter.

### Pick of the Round

### Leinster Rugby v Scarlets

Live on both Sky Sports Main Event (Ch 401) and Sky Sports Action (Ch 407) Leinster and Scarlets meet at the RDS for the first time since the Champions stunned the Irish province in last season's Semi-Final. The sides meet level on points at the top of Conference B, with Leinster on top by virtue of their attacking record, and both will be fully focused on ensuring they have home advantage come the Guinness PRO14 Final Series. Returning internationals will mix in with some of the Championship's hottest rising talent and with Leinster and Scarlets committed to playing fast, entertaining rugby this should prove to be a really eye-catching game.

### Opta Top Performers – Round 14

- **Most tackles:** 21 Eoghan Masterson (Connacht Rugby) / Viliame Mata (Edinburgh)
- **Most Carries:** 18 Adam Ashe (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Defenders Beaten:** 9 Craig Gilroy (Ulster Rugby)
- **Offloads:** 3 Multiple Players
- **Breaks:** 4 Craig Gilroy (Ulster Rugby)
- **Metres Made:** 120 Rob Lyttle (Ulster Rugby)
- **Turnovers Won:** 4 Tadhg Beirne (Scarlets) / Robin Copeland (Munster Rugby)
- **Lineouts Won:** 10 Alan O'Connor (Ulster Rugby)

Friday 16 February

## CONNACHT RUGBY v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Sportsground, Galway, 7.35pm. Live on **TG4**  
 Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 18<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Lloyd Linton, Bob Nevins (SRU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Wayne Sheridan (IRFU)  
 TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	C	Z	Connacht scorers	Zebre scorers
Sat 9 May 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	40	10	Matt Healy(T) Tiernan O'Halloran(T) John Cooney(2T) Jack Carty(3C) Eoghan Masterson(T) Shane O'Leary(T) Conor McKeon(2C)	Brendon Leonard(T) Luciano Orquera(C/P)
Fri 16 Oct 15	Sportsground	34	15	Matt Healy(T) Eoin McKeon(T) Denis Buckley(T) Kieran Marmion(T) Craig Ronaldson(T/3C/P)	Edoardo Padovani(C/P) Johan Meyer(T) Dion Berryman(T)
Sat 20 Feb 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	51	34	Matt Healy(3T) AJ MacGinty(3C/2P) Kieran Marmion(T) Niyi Adeolokun(2T) Craig Ronaldson(3C/P)	Kelly Haimona(T/4C/2P) Johan Meyer(T) Federico Ruzza(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)
Fri 3 Mar 17	Sportsground	33	3	Tiernan O'Halloran(2C) Naulia Dawai(T) John Cooney(C) Niyi Adeolokun(T) John Muldoon(T) Penalty Try(T) Craig Ronaldson(C) Lewis Stevenson(T)	Guglielmo Palazzani(P)
Sat 1 Apr 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	22	25	Josh Rowland(T) John Cooney(C/P) Stacey Ili(T) Craig Ronaldson(T/C)	Edoardo Padovani(T) Tommaso Boni(T) Marcello Violi(C) Carlo Canna(C/2P) Derick Minnie(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	24	Steve Crosbie(C) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(P)	Johan Meyer(T) Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(C/D/3P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 11, Connacht won 9, Zebre won 2.

### Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby are unbeaten in their last three fixtures in all competitions since losing in Munster in the Guinness PRO14 on 6 January.
- Connacht have won their last seven matches at the Sportsground in all tournaments since their 15-17 reversal there to Cardiff Blues in the PRO14 round 4.
- Zebre's only victory since round 5 of the Guinness PRO14 was at home to Connacht on 2 December.
- The Italians have won just once away from home since October 2016, 43-17 at Southern Kings in September.
- Zebre's only two victories over Connacht have come in their last two encounters although they have lost on all eight previous occasions they have visited the Sportsground in all tournaments.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Zebre
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	1 Jan - Leinster (A) L 18-21	30 Dec - Treviso (H) L 16-20
	6 Jan - Munster (A) L 13-39	6 Jan - Glasgow (H) L 20-40
	9 Feb - Ospreys (H) W 26-15	10 Feb - Munster (A) L 5-33
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf A: 5th - W5 D0 L9 - 28pts	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L11 - 17pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	IIWIIW (12pts)	LWILLI (5pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	4 - Tiernan O'Halloran, Tom Farrell	5 - Mattia Bellini
<b>Top points scorer</b>	91 - Jack Carty	89 - Carlo Canna

## Friday 16 February

### GLASGOW WARRIORS v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 97<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU), Sam Grove-White (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Douglas Hunter (SRU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

#### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	T	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Fri 6 Oct 17	Toyota Stadium	29	26	Henry Pyrgos(T) Callum Gibbins(2T) Finn Russell(3C/P) Rob Harley(T)	Rosco Specman(T) Sergeal Petersen(T) Ernst Stapelberg(2C/4P)

#### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Warriors won 1.

#### Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors have lost just once in the Guinness PRO14 this season, to Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield over Christmas, although they did draw 15-all with Dragons in Newport last weekend.
- Glasgow have won all seven home games they have played in the PRO14 this season.
- Cheetahs suffered their sixth defeat of the season in Cardiff last weekend, with five of those coming in their seven away games so far.
- This is Cheetahs first and only visit to Scotland this season.
- The two sides met in Bloemfontein in round 6 with Glasgow handing Cheetahs their only home defeat of the campaign so far.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Cheetahs
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	30 Dec - Edinburgh (H) W 17-0	13 Jan - Southern Kings (A) W 45-21
	6 Jan - Zebre (A) W 40-20	20 Jan - Southern Kings (H) W 45-24
	9 Feb - Dragons (A) D 15-15	10 Feb - Cardiff Blues (A) L 20-25
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf A: 1st - W12 D1 L1 - 60pts	Conf A: 3rd - W8 D0 L6 - 41pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	wWWwd (22pts)	WWlwwI (21pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	7 - George Horne	10 - Makazole Mapimpi
<b>Top points scorer</b>	69 - Finn Russell	79 - Fred Zeilinga

Friday 16 January

## OSPREYS RUGBY v SOUTHERN KINGS

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea, 7.35pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: David Wilkinson (IRFU, 58<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Stuart Gaffikin, Richard Kerr (IRFU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Paul Thomas (WRU)  
 TMO: Simon McDowell (IFU)



### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

*First PRO14 meeting between the two teams.*

### Did you know?

- Ospreys Rugby tripped up in Galway last weekend, unable to win a third successive game in the Guinness PRO14.
- Ospreys record at Liberty Stadium in the Championship this campaign is won three, lost three.
- Southern Kings have not managed to tally a league point in the Guinness PRO14 since their defeat to Scarlets in Port Elizabeth at the end of November.
- Kings have lost on both previous visits to Wales, 10-57 to Scarlets and 13-29 to Dragons, both games being played in September.
- The two sides have never met before in the Championship.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Kings
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	31 Dec - Dragons (A) W 22-9	13 Jan - Cheetahs (H) L 21-45
	6 Jan - Cardiff Blues (H) W 29-28	20 Jan - Cheetahs (A) L 24-45
	9 Feb - Connacht (A) L 15-26	9 Feb - Ulster (A) L 10-59
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf A: 6th - W4 D0 L10 - 21pts	Conf B: 7th - W0 D0 L14 - 4pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	LllwWl (10pts)	LLlLlL (2pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	3 - Rhys Webb	5 - Yaw Penxe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	60 - Dan Biggar	25 - Yaw Penxe

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Friday 16 February

## ULSTER RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 7.35pm. *Live on* **BBC SPORT NI**

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 161<sup>st</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrew Brace (IRFU), Adam Jones (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	U	E	Ulster scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Fri 3 Oct 14	Kingspan Stadium	30	0	Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Stuart Olding(C) Rory Best(T) Nick Williams(T) Andrew Trimble(2T)	
Fri 20 Feb 15	BT Murrayfield	20	17	Darren Cave(T) Ruan Pienaar(T/2C/2P)	Phil Burleigh(T) Tom Heathcote(4P)
Fri 16 Oct 15	BT Murrayfield	10	16	Sean Reidy(T) Peter Nelson(C/P)	Greig Tonks(C/3P) Hamish Watson(T)
Fri 4 Dec 15	Kingspan Stadium	14	7	Paddy Jackson(2C) Rory Scholes(T) Penalty Try(T)	Cornell du Preez(T) Jack Cuthbert(C)
Fri 4 Nov 16	BT Murrayfield	17	28	Jacob Stockdale(T) Aaron Cairns(T) Ruan Pienaar(2C/P)	Duncan Weir(2P) Viliame Mata(T) Jason Tovey(2C) Magnus Bradbury(T) Damien Hoyland(T) Blair Kinghorn(P)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Kingspan Stadium	24	18	Jacob Stockdale(T) Darren Cave(T) Paul Marshall(T) Peter Nelson(2C) Louis Ludik(T)	Stuart McInally(T) Magnus Bradbury(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(P) Damien Hoyland(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Ulster won 19, Edinburgh won 10..

### Did you know?

- Ulster Rugby's last five matches in the Guinness PRO14 have been evenly split, with two wins, two defeats plus a draw.
- Ulster's only defeat in Belfast in the PRO14 since October 2016 was to Leinster in round 7 this season.
- No Scottish team has beaten Ulster in Belfast since Glasgow did so by a single point in September 2013.
- Edinburgh Rugby have lost just once in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14: 0-17 to Glasgow at Scotstoun on 30 December.
- Edinburgh's most recent victory away to an Irish province was 16-13 over Connacht in Galway in January 2015.
- The last four encounters between the two sides have all been won by the home team on the day whilst Edinburgh have not been victorious in Belfast since September 2009.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Edinburgh
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	1 Jan - Munster (H) W 24-17	30 Dec - Glasgow (A) L 0-17
	6 Jan - Leinster (A) L 7-38	5 Jan - Southern Kings (H) W 37-7
	9 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 59-10	9 Feb - Leinster (H) W 29-24
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf B: 3rd - W9 D1 L4 - 45pts	Conf B: 4th - W9 D0 L5 - 42pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WdIWIW (17pts)	lwWlWW (19pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	8 - Craig Gilroy	6 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne
<b>Top points scorer</b>	91 - John Cooney	52 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne

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Saturday 17 February

## CARDIFF BLUES v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Cardiff Arms Park, 5.30pm Live on   
 Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 9<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Rhys Thomas (WRU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)  
 TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	C	M	Cardiff Blues scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 14 Feb 15	Irish Independent Park	16	33	Rhys Patchell(C/3P) Josh Navidi(T)	Jack O'Donoghue(T) Ronan O'Mahony(T) JJ Hanrahan(3C/4P) Denis Hurley(T)
Sat 17 Oct 15	Irish Independent Park	27	35	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Richard Smith(T) Tavis Knoyle(T) Tom Isaacs(T)	Andrew Conway(T) Jordan Coghlan(T) Mike Sherry(2T) Ian Keatley(T/5C)
Fri 18 Mar 16	Cardiff Arms Park	37	28	Rhys Patchell(T/4C/2P) Macauley Cook(T) Jarrod Evans(P) Matthew Rees(T) Garyn Smith(T)	Johnny Holland(C/P) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Mike Sherry(T) Ian Keatley(C/2P)
Fri 9 Sep 16	Irish Independent Park	24	23	Gareth Anscombe(2C/P) Steve Shingler(C) Dan Fish(T) Tom James(2T)	Dave Kilcoyne(T) Andrew Conway(T) Ian Keatley(2C/3P)
Sat 4 Mar 17	Cardiff Arms Park	13	23	Aled Summerhill(T) Steve Shingler(C/2P)	Francis Saili(T) Rory Scannell(2C/D/2P) Conor Oliver(T)
Sat 30 Sep 17	Thomond Park	16	39	Jarrod Evans(C/3P) Josh Turnbull(T)	Conor Murray(T) Robin Copeland(T) JJ Hanrahan(2T) Ian Keatley(4C/2P) John Ryan(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Blues won 11, Munster won 18.

### Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues record in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14 is won two, lost three.
- The Blues have been defeated just once at home in the Championship since September: 11-14 by Scarlets on New Year's Eve.
- Munster have won their last two Guinness PRO14 encounters, both at home, to Connacht and Zebre, however away from home Munster have recorded only one win in the Championship since mid-September – on a trip to Zebre in round 9.
- The Munstermen have been victorious on their last five trips to Wales.
- The Blues only two wins in their last nine fixtures with Munster both came in the calendar year 2016.
- Munster have won on six of their last seven visits to Cardiff Blues.

COMPARISON	Blues	Munster
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	31 Dec - Scarlets (H) L 11-14	1 Jan - Ulster (A) L 17-24
	6 Jan - Ospreys (A) L 28-29	6 Jan - Connacht (H) W 39-13
	10 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 25-20	10 Feb - Zebre (H) W 33-5
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf A: 4th - W6 D0 L8 - 29pts	Conf A: 2nd - W9 D0 L5 - 48pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WlWLIW (14pts)	wWLIWW (22pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	4 - Matthew Morgan, Willis Halaholo, Tom James	7 - Alex Wootton
<b>Top points scorer</b>	71 - Jarrod Evans	80 - Ian Keatley

## Saturday 17 February

### LEINSTER RUGBY v SCARLETS

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 5.15pm.

Live on



Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 67<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Frank Murphy, Jonathan Peak (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

#### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	S	Leinster scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 7 Mar 15	Parc y Scarlets	13	23	Ben Te'o(T) Jimmy Gopperth(C/2P)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Jordan Williams(T) Rory Pitman(T) John Barclay(T) Rhys Priestland(P)
Fri 16 Oct 15	Parc y Scarlets	14	25	James Tracy(T) Fergus McFadden(2C) Isa Nacewa(T)	Steve Shingler(2C/2P) James Davies(T) DTH van der Merwe(2T)
Fri 6 Nov 15	RDS Arena	19	15	Mike Ross(T) Ian Madigan(C/4P)	Dan Jones(C/P) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Gareth Owen(T)
Fri 25 Nov 16	Parc y Scarlets	29	38	Tom Daly(T) Adam Byrne(T) Andrew Porter(T) Isa Nacewa(3C/P) Richardt Strauss(T)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Rhys Patchell(5C) Ryan Elias(T) Steff Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Dan Jones(P) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 4 Mar 17	RDS Arena	45	9	Ross Byrne(5C) Rhys Ruddock(T) Ed Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(2T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Luke McGrath(2T)	Dan Jones(3P)
Fri 19 May 17	RDS Arena (SF)	15	27	Jack Conan(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Isa Nacewa(C/P)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(3C) Steff Evans(T) Gareth Davies(T) Liam Williams(2P)

#### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Leinster won 17, Scarlets won 11 with 1 game drawn.

#### Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's nine game winning run in all competitions came to an end in Edinburgh last weekend, although they did pickup two bonus points in the process.
- Leinster have won all nine home games they have played in all tournaments this season, with their only home defeat since December 2015 being to Scarlets in last season's PRO14 semi-final.
- Scarlets have lost just twice in the Guinness PRO14 since round 3, both away from home, at Toyota Cheetahs in December and at Benetton Rugby last weekend.
- Scarlets only visit to an Irish province this season ended in defeat to Ulster in Belfast on 15 September.
- Leinster are ranked ahead of Scarlets at the top of conference B on points difference. The two have not yet met this season but in 2016/17 each side won its respective home game in the regular season, Starlets took the semi-final at the RDS Arena in May.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Scarlets
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	1 Jan - Connacht (H) W 21-18	31 Dec - Cardiff Blues (A) W 14-11
	6 Jan - Ulster (H) W 38-7	5 Jan - Dragons (H) W 47-13
	9 Feb - Edinburgh (A) L 24-29	11 Feb - Treviso (A) L 12-22
<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf B: 1st - W11 D0 L3 - 53pts	Conf B: 2nd - W11 D0 L3 - 53pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WwwWWI (26pts)	wlWwWI (19pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	7 - Barry Daly	5 - Steff Evans, Johnny McNicholl
<b>Top points scorer</b>	96 - Ross Byrne	62 - Leigh Halfpenny

## Sunday 18 February

### DRAGONS v BENETTON RUGBY

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 3.30pm. Live on   
 Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 8<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Ian Davies, Simon Rees (WRU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)  
 TMO: Neil Hennessey (WRU)

#### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	D	B	Dragons scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sun 28 Sep 14	Rodney Parade	33	15	Hallam Amos(2T) Jonathan Evans(T) Jason Tovey(2C/3P) Ashley Smith(T)	Leo Auva'a(T) Joe Carlisle(C/P) Mat Luamanu(T)
Sat 28 Mar 15	Stadio Monigo	32	17	Hallam Amos(T) Jonathan Evans(T) Tom Prydie(2T/3C/2P)	Enrico Bacchin(T) Jayden Hayward(2C/P) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 23 Oct 15	Rodney Parade	19	12	Jason Tovey(C/4P) Nic Cudd(T)	Jayden Hayward(4P)
Fri 19 Feb 16	Stadio Monigo	17	19	Hallam Amos(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/P) Cory Hill(T)	Jayden Hayward(2C) Angelo Esposito(T) Ludovico Nitoglia(T) Filo Paulo(T)
Fri 23 Sep 16	Stadio Monigo	11	27	Angus O'Brien(2P) Rynard Landman(T)	Tommaso Allan(3C/2P) Tommaso Benvenuti(T) Marco Fuser(T) Filo Paulo(T)
Fri 6 Jan 17	Rodney Parade	26	8	Angus O'Brien(C/D/3P) Dorian Jones(C) Lewis Evans(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Tommaso Allan(P) Tito Tebaldi(T)

#### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 14, Dragons won 7, Benetton won 7.

#### Did you know?

- Dragons are winless in the Guinness PRO14 since September, although since then they have managed two draws, both at home, to Ulster in December and Glasgow last weekend.
- Dragons are unbeaten in their last three matches at Rodney Parade in all tournaments.
- Benetton Rugby's victory at home to Scarlets in round 14 was their fourth in succession in the Championship, tying the record they previously set in 2011.
- Benetton have won just twice away from home this season, in Edinburgh in round 3 and at Zebre in round 12.
- The Italians are without a win in Wales since their victory at Scarlets in May 2013.
- Dragons' two defeats in their last six encounters with Benetton were both at Stadio Monigo in the calendar year 2016. The Italians have not won at Rodney Parade since April 2012.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	31 Dec - Ospreys (H) L 9-22 5 Jan - Scarlets (A) L 13-47 9 Feb - Glasgow (H) D 15-15	30 Dec - Zebre (A) W 20-16 6 Jan - Cheetahs (H) W 27-21 11 Feb - Scarlets (H) W 22-12
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 6th - W2 D2 L10 - 16pts	Conf B: 5th - W7 D0 L7 - 34pts
PRO14 form	IDLLID (6pts)	ILWwWW (20pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Elliot Dee	7 - Angelo Esposito
Top points scorer	77 - Gavin Henson	49 - Marty Banks