

ROUND 18 – PREVIEWS

All eyes return to the Guinness PRO14 with four rounds remaining as 11 teams all harbouring hopes playing beyond Round 21 and making into either the Guinness PRO14 Final Series or the Champions Cup Play-Offs.

So many storylines have emerged during an historic season such as the Toyota Cheetahs' push for a Final Series place in their debut season, the return to form of Benetton Rugby as part of an Italian resurgence and Richard Cockerill's impact at Edinburgh. In addition, former champions such as Scarlets, Glasgow Warriors, Leinster and Munster are all plotting their courses to the Guinness PRO14 Final at Dublin's Aviva Stadium on May 26 (see www.ticketmaster.ie or www.pro14rugby.org/final) as the Championship promises to deliver its best-ever campaign.

Guinness PRO14 Final Series – How it Stands

Semi-Final Qualifier 1: Munster (A2) v Edinburgh (B3)

Semi-Final Qualifier 2: Scarlets (B2) v Toyota Cheetahs (A3)

Semi-Final 1: Leinster (B1) v Munster or Edinburgh

Semi-Final 2: Glasgow Warriors* (A1) v Scarlets or Toyota Cheetahs

**Qualified for Final Series*

What's at Stake

Connacht (A5) take on **Edinburgh (B3)** at the Sportsground (KO 19.35, TG4 & BBC Alba) where the visitors are looking to extend their winning run to six in a row. Connacht still have a chance of making the Champions Cup Play-Off while Edinburgh are aiming to make their first appearance in the Guinness PRO14 Final Series.

Dragons (B6) welcome **Toyota Cheetahs (A3)** to Rodney Parade (KO 19.35, BBC Wales & SuperSport) and the South Africans are in need of adding to their recent win over Connacht in order to keep their Final Series challenge in good health. Dragons, however, will be eager to rebound from their recent loss to the Southern Kings.

Glasgow Warriors (A1) face **Zebre (A7)** at Scotstoun (KO 19:35 non-televised) having already secured their place in the Guinness PRO14 Final Series and now set their sights on locking down a home Semi-Final. Zebre, however, will have some Italian internationals returning and will hope to improve on their travelling record.

Saturday's first game sees **Southern Kings (B7)** play **Benetton Rugby (B5)** in Port Elizabeth (KO 15:00, SuperSport) and Deon Davids' team will be buoyed by their first win over Dragons last time out. But Benetton need to keep the pressure on Ulster for the Champions Cup Play-Off and a win here would prove very valuable.

The **Cardiff Blues (A4)** are on a good run of form chasing the Cheetahs for a Guinness PRO14 Final Series place and need to keep up their winning run against **Ulster (B4)** at Cardiff Arms Park (KO 15:15, Sky Sports). Ulster need to recapture some momentum and this result could prove pivotal for both teams.

Opreys (A6) have begun to find some life after a difficult start to the season and take on Conference B leaders **Leinster (B1)** at Liberty Stadium (19:35, S4C). The hosts still have the opportunity to chase down a Champions Cup Play-Off place but the Irish province have proven difficult to beat all season and this should prove no different.

Pick of the Round

Munster Rugby v Scarlets

On Saturday evening, **Munster (A2)** and **Scarlets (B2)** meet in a replay of last season's Championship Final at Thomond Park (17:35, Sky Sports) with so much on the line. The defending champions, Scarlets, cannot afford to lose any ground on Leinster in Conference B and Munster will feel likewise in Conference A, knowing that the Cheetahs and the Cardiff Blues are in pursuit. Both teams have shown robust consistency in the Championship for the last 18 months and this promises to be an intriguing affair.

Opta Top Performers – Round 17 (Five games)

- **Most tackles:** 23 Rynard Landman (Dragons)
- **Most Carries:** 19 Clayton Blommetjies (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Defenders Beaten:** 6 Dougie Fife (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Offloads:** 5 Multiple players (5)
- **Breaks:** 3 Multiple players (7)
- **Metres Made:** 111 Anthonie Volmink (Southern Kings)
- **Turnovers Won:** 4 Tadhg Beirne (Scarlets)
- **Lineouts Won:** 6 Marco Barbini (Benetton Rugby)

Friday 23 March

CONNACHT RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Sportsground, Galway, 7.35pm.

Live on **TG4** **BBC ALBA**

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 99th competition game)

Assistant Referees: David Wilkinson, Shane Kierans (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: John Cole (IRFU)

TMO: Kevin Beggs (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	C	E	Connacht scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Fri 12 Sep 14	BT Murrayfield	14	13	Willie Faloon(T) Darragh Leader(3P)	Cornell du Preez(T) Tom Heathcote(C/2P)
Fri 9 Jan 15	Sportsground	13	16	Miah Nikora(C/2P) Penalty Try(T)	David Denton(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/3P)
Sat 31 Oct 15	Sportsground	14	9	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Jack Carty(3P)	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2P) Blair Kinghorn(P)
Fri 4 Mar 16	BT Murrayfield	28	23	Eoin McKeon(T) AJ MacGinty(T/C) Jake Heenan(T) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C)	Chris Dean(T) Cornell du Preez(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/2P) Damien Hoyland(T)
Fri 30 Sep 16	Sportsground	28	15	Jack Carty(C/2P) Quinn Roux(T) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Peter Robb(T)	Mike Allen(T) Grant Gilchrist(T) Jason Tovey(C/P)
Fri 7 Apr 17	Myreside	22	19	Eoin McKeon(T) Steve Crosbie(C/5P)	Duncan Weir(2C) Glenn Bryce(T) Penalty Try(T) Hamish Watson(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Connacht won 13, Edinburgh won 14 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby's only two victories in the last six rounds of the Guinness PRO14 were at home to Ospreys in round 14 and away in Treviso in round 16.
- Connacht's 11-19 reversal to Zebre in their most recent home game ended a run of seven successive wins at the Sportsground.
- Edinburgh Rugby have won all five matches in the Guinness PRO14 they have played in 2018, their most recent defeat being at Glasgow on 30 December.
- The Scotsmen's only defeat to an Irish province this season was on their trip to Leinster in round 5.
- Connacht have lost just one of their last seven fixtures with Edinburgh: 13-16 at Galway in January 2015.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Edinburgh
Last 3 PRO14 results:	16 Feb - Zebre (H) L 11-19	16 Feb - Ulster (A) W 17-16
	24 Feb - Treviso (A) W 22-19	23 Feb - Dragons (A) W 25-12
	3 Mar - Cheetahs (A) L 25-26	16 Mar - Munster (H) W 12-6
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 5th - W6 D0 L11 - 33pts	Conf B: 3rd - W12 D0 L5 - 55pts
PRO14 form	llWLwl (10pts)	lWWWwwW (23pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Tiernan O'Halloran, Tom Farrell	6 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne
Top points scorer	108 - Jack Carty	61 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne

Friday 23 March

DRAGONS v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 162nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Whitehouse, Mike English (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Dennis Jones (WRU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

First PRO14 meeting between the two teams.

Did you know?

- Dragons have not won in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Southern Kings at Rodney Parade in round 5, although they have drawn two games in that sequence.
- Dragons have won four games at Rodney Parade in other competitions since, over Scarlets in the Anglo-Welsh Cup and against Enisei, Bordeaux and Worcester in the European Challenge Cup.
- Cheetahs 26-25 victory over Connacht in Bloemfontein in round 17 ended a three games losing run in the Championship.
- Cheetahs have won only once outside South Africa in this campaign, by a single point against Zebre in Parma in round 7.
- This is the two sides first ever competitive meeting.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	18 Feb - Treviso (H) L 15-18	16 Feb - Glasgow (A) L 23-37
	23 Feb - Edinburgh (H) L 12-25	24 Feb - Ospreys (A) L 26-27
	2 Mar - Southern Kings (A) L 13-45	3 Mar - Connacht (H) W 26-25
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 6th - W2 D2 L13 - 17pts	Conf A: 3rd - W9 D0 L8 - 47pts
PRO14 form	LIDLII (3pts)	wWIIIW (17pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Elliot Dee	10 - Makazole Mapimpi
Top points scorer	77 - Gavin Henson	79 - Fred Zeilinga

Friday 23 March

GLASGOW WARRIORS v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm.

Referee: Craig Evans (WRU, 2nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ian Davies, Adam Jones (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Montgomery (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	Z	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Zebre scorers
Fri 6 Mar 15	Scotstoun Stadium	26	5	Connor Braid(C) Pete Horne(2C) Chris Fusaro(T) Kevin Bryce(T) DTH van der Merwe(2T)	Dion Berryman(T)
Fri 8 Apr 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	43	14	Pete Horne(2T) Duncan Weir(3C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Finn Russell(C) Alex Dunbar(T) Fraser Brown(T) Jerry Yanuyanutawa(T)	Guglielmo Palazzani(T) Leo Sarto(T) Carlo Canna(2C)
Fri 29 Apr 16	Scotstoun Stadium	70	10	Duncan Weir(T/10C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Adam Ashe(T) Greg Peterson(T) Glenn Bryce(2T) Leone Nakarawa(3T)	Tommaso Boni(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	33	28	Leo Sarto(T) Rory Clegg(2C/3P) Sean Lamont(2T) Fraser Brown(T)	Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(2C/3P) Oliviero Fabiani(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)
Fri 14 Apr 17	Scotstoun Stadium	45	10	Pete Horne(5C) Sam Johnson(T) Rob Harley(T) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) Peter Murchie(T) Matt Smith(2T)	Kurt Baker(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)
Sat 6 Jan 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	40	20	Lee Jones(2T) Nick Grigg(T) Finn Russell(4C) Alex Allan(T) Matt Fagerson(T) Penalty Try(T)	Carlo Canna(C) Marcello Violi(P) Tommaso d'Apice(T) Maxime Mbanda(T) Renato Giammaroli(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 11, Glasgow won 11.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors 10-21 defeat at Munster in their most recent match was only their second reversal this season in the Guinness PRO14.
- The Warriors only two defeats at Scotstoun this season were both in the European Champions Cup, against Leinster and Montpellier.
- The Scotsmen have won their last 25 encounters against Italian opponents since their loss to Benetton at Firhill in September 2011.
- Zebre Rugby's only victory in the last six rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 19-11 at Connacht in round 15.
- Zebre are attempting to record successive away victories in the Championship.
- Glasgow have won all eleven previous matches they have played against Zebre whilst the Italians only previous success in Scotland was a 19-14 win over Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in October 2016.

COMPARISON	Glasgow	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	9 Feb - Dragons (A) D 15-15 16 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 37-23 23 Feb - Munster (A) L 10-21	16 Feb - Connacht (A) W 19-11 25 Feb - Cardiff Blues (H) L 7-10 3 Mar - Ospreys (H) 0-0
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 1st - W13 D1 L2 - 65pts	Conf A: 7th - W4 D0 L12 - 22pts
PRO14 form	IWwdWI (17pts)	ILLlWL (6pts)
Top try scorer	9 - George Horne	5 - Mattia Bellini
Top points scorer	69 - Finn Russell	93 - Carlo Canna

Saturday 24 March

CARDIFF BLUES v ULSTER RUGBY

At Cardiff Arms Park, 3.15pm.

Live on 

Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 19th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White, Dunx McClement (both SRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Charles (WRU)

TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	C	U	Cardiff Blues scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 19 Sep 14	Cardiff Arms Park	9	26	Rhys Patchell(3P)	Paddy Jackson(C/4P) Dan Tuohy(T) Ian Humphreys(T/C)
Fri 27 Mar 15	Kingspan Stadium	17	36	Gareth Anscombe(2C/P) Alex Cuthbert(T) Tom Isaacs(T)	Craig Gilroy(T) Ian Humphreys(C) Paul Marshall(T) Ruan Pienaar(C/4P) Louis Ludik(2T)
Fri 23 Oct 15	Kingspan Stadium	17	24	Rhys Patchell(4P) Josh Navidi(T)	Stuart McCloskey(T) Ian Humphreys(2C) Paul Marshall(T) Nick Williams(T) Andrew Trimble(T)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Cardiff Arms Park	23	13	Rhys Patchell(T/2C/3P) Aled Summerhill(T)	Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Craig Gilroy(T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	Cardiff Arms Park	22	35	Willis Halaholo(T) Steve Shingler(P) Kristian Dacey(T) Alex Cuthbert(T) Nicky Robinson(2C)	Kyle McCall(T) Stuart McCloskey(T) Charles Piutau(T) Chris Henry(T) Ruan Pienaar(5C) Louis Ludik(T)
Fri 7 Apr 17	Kingspan Stadium	24	24	Rey Lee-Lo(2T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Sam Warburton(T)	Paddy Jackson(T/3C/P) Luke Marshall(T) Penalty Try(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 28, Cardiff won 12, Ulster won 15, with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues have won their last four Guinness PRO14 fixtures but have not won five in succession in the same season since the end of the 2009/10 campaign.
- The Blues only home defeat in the Championship since September was to Scarlets on New Year's Eve.
- Ulster Rugby have won only twice in the Guinness PRO14 since November, both at home, to Munster on New Year's Day and Southern Kings in round 14.
- The Ulstermen have won just twice on the road in the Championship this season, at Benetton in September and at Southern Kings in early November.
- Ulster have lost only one of their last six encounters with the Blues: 13-23 at The Arms Park in February 2016.

COMPARISON	Blues	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	17 Feb - Munster (H) W 25-18	9 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 59-10
	25 Feb - Zebre (A) W 10-7	16 Feb - Edinburgh (H) L 16-17
	16 Mar - Treviso (H) W 31-25	24 Feb - Scarlets (A) L 10-34
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 4th - W9 D0 L8 - 42pts	Conf B: 4th - W9 D1 L6 - 46pts
PRO14 form	LIWWwW (19pts)	IWIWLI (11pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Owen Lane	8 - Craig Gilroy
Top points scorer	97 - Jarrod Evans	112 - John Cooney

Saturday 24 March

MUNSTER RUGBY v SCARLETS

At Thomond Park, Limerick, 5.30pm. *Live on*



Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 79th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrea Piardi, Manuel Bottino (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Wigglesworth (IRFU)

TMO: Matteo Liperini (FIR)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	M	S	Munster scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 21 Feb 15	Parc y Scarlets	25	25	Jack O'Donoghue(T) JJ Hanrahan(T) Felix Jones(T) Ian Keatley(2C/2P)	Steve Shingler(C/6P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Fri 23 Oct 15	Parc y Scarlets	22	25	Andrew Conway(T) Ian Keatley(C/D/4P)	Tom Williams(T) Steve Shingler(5P) DTH van der Merwe(T)
Sat 7 May 16	Thomond Park	31	15	CJ Stander(T) Johnny Holland(3C) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Francis Saili(T) Rory Scannell(2T)	Steve Shingler(5P)
Sat 3 Sep 16	Parc y Scarlets	23	13	James Cronin(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C/2P) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Ian Keatley(P)	Rhys Patchell(C/2P) Gareth Davies(T)
Fri 24 Feb 17	Thomond Park	21	30	Jaco Taute(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C) Conor Oliver(T)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Tom Williams(T) Dan Jones(3C/3P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Sat 27 May 17	Aviva Stadium (F)	22	46	Andrew Conway(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(T/C/P) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(C)	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Tadhg Beirne(T) Gareth Davies(T) James Davies(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Liam Williams(T/2C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Munster won 16, Scarlets won 11, with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Munster Rugby's last eight matches in all competitions have all been won by the home side on the day whilst their only home defeat since February 2017 was to Leinster in the PRO14 on St Stephen's Day 2017.
- Scarlets only victory in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 34-10 at home to Ulster on 24 February.
- Scarlets have not won away from home in the Championship since a trip to Cardiff Blues on New Year's Eve.
- The two sides have not met since last season's PRO12 final in Dublin, with Scarlets taking the spoils on that occasion 46-22.
- Scarlets won on their most recent visit to Thomond Park in February 2017, something they had not done at the venue since September 2003.

COMPARISON	Munster	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	17 Feb - Cardiff Blues (A) L 18-25	17 Feb - Leinster (A) L 13-20
	23 Feb - Glasgow (H) W 21-10	24 Feb - Ulster (H) W 34-10
	16 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 6-12	9 Mar - Leinster (H) D 10-10
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 2nd - W10 D0 L7 - 54pts	Conf B: 2nd - W12 D1 L4 - 61pts
PRO14 form	IWWIWI (17pts)	wWIIWD (17pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Alex Wootton	6 - Johnny McNicholl
Top points scorer	85 - Ian Keatley	84 - Dan Jones

Saturday 24 March

OSPREYS RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea, 7.35pm. *Live on* **S4C**
 Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 69th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Andrew Brace, Frank Murphy (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Jeff Mark (WRU)
 TMO: Simon McDowell (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	O	L	Ospreys scorers	Leinster scorers
Sat 29 Nov 14	RDS Arena	12	18	Sam Davies(4P)	Jimmy Gopperth(3P) Ian Madigan(3P)
Fri 27 Feb 15	Liberty Stadium	9	9	Sam Davies(D/2P)	Jimmy Gopperth(3P)
Fri 8 Jan 16	Liberty Stadium	9	22	Dan Biggar(D/2P)	Noel Reid(T) Dave Kearney(2T) Johnny Sexton(2C/P)
Sat 5 Mar 16	RDS Arena	16	19	Sam Davies(C/3P) Dan Baker(T)	Ian Madigan(C/4P) Dan Leavy(T)
Fri 23 Sep 16	RDS Arena	19	31	Dafydd Howells(T) James King(T) Dan Biggar(2C) Ben John(T)	Penalty Try(T) Johnny Sexton(T/4C/P) Josh van der Flier(2T)
Sat 8 Apr 17	Liberty Stadium	18	20	Sam Davies(T/C) Dan Biggar(2P) Justin Tipuric(T)	Ross Byrne(D) Sean Cronin(T) Dan Leavy(T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ospreys won 11, Leinster won 16 with 3 games drawn.

Did you know?


- Ospreys Rugby have lost just one of their last five Guinness PRO14 fixtures: 15-26 away at Connacht in round 14.
- The Welshmen have not lost at Liberty Stadium in the Championship since Glasgow Warriors were the visitors on 26 November.
- Leinster Rugby's solitary defeat in any competition since early November was 24-29 against Edinburgh at Myreside on 9 February.
- The Leinstermen are unbeaten on their last four visits to Wales when they lost 39-28 at Parc y Scarlets in November 2016.
- Leinster's only defeat in their last eleven encounters with Ospreys in all tournaments was 19-25 at Liberty Stadium in the PRO14 in April 2014.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	16 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 26-12	17 Feb - Scarlets (H) W 20-13
	24 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 27-26	23 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 64-7
	3 Mar - Zebre (A) 0-0	9 Mar - Scarlets (A) D 10-10
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 6th - W6 D0 L10 - 30pts	Conf B: 1st - W13 D1 L3 - 64pts
PRO14 form	lwWlWW (19pts)	WWlWWd (22pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Rhys Webb, Jeff Hassler	9 - Barry Daly
Top points scorer	65 - Sam Davies	101 - Ross Byrne

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Saturday 24 March

SOUTHERN KINGS v BENETTON RUGBY

At Nelson Mandela Bay, Port Elizabeth, 3pm. *Live on* 
 Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 10th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Cwengile Jadezweni, Rodney Boneparte (SARU)
 Citing Commissioner: Nomsebenzie Tsotsobe (SARU)
 TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	S	B	Southern Kings scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 7 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	3	31	Pieter-Steyn de Wet(P)	Marco Barbini(T) Cherif Traore(T) Marty Banks(3P) Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Benetton won 1.

Did you know?

- Southern Kings obtained their first victory of the Guinness PRO14 season in round 17 with their 45-13 eclipsing of The Dragons in Port Elizabeth.
- The Kings two previous matches against Italian opponents have both ended in heavy defeats: 17-43 to Zebre in Port Elizabeth and 3-31 in Treviso.
- Benetton's five game winning run in the Guinness PRO14 has now been surpassed with a pair of defeats, at home to Connacht and away in Cardiff.
- The Italians have won both their previous matches they have played against South African opponents, but this is their first visit to the Republic.
- The two sides have met just once before with Benetton winning 31-3 in Treviso in October.

COMPARISON	Kings	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	16 Feb - Ospreys (A) L 12-26	18 Feb - Dragons (A) W 18-15
	23 Feb - Leinster (A) L 7-64	24 Feb - Connacht (H) L 19-22
	2 Mar - Dragons (H) W 45-13	16 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 25-31
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L16 - 9pts	Conf B: 5th - W8 D0 L9 - 40pts
PRO14 form	LIIIIW (5pts)	wWWWwLI (20pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Yaw Penxe	7 - Monty Ioane, Angelo Esposito
Top points scorer	35 - Kurt Coleman	67 - Marty Banks