

HOW THEY STAND

GUINNESS PRO14		Record				Points			Attack				Defence									
Pos	CONFERENCE A	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Glasgow Warriors (2)	▲	4	4	0	0	2	0	18	12	11	8	0	106	4	2	9	0	51	0	2	55
2	Munster (1)	▼	4	3	0	1	2	0	14	18	7	4	0	116	7	6	9	0	74	1	1	42
3	Toyota Cheetahs (5)	▲	4	2	0	2	2	0	10	17	13	6	0	129	22	13	5	0	151	3	0	-22
4	Connacht (3)	▼	4	1	0	3	1	2	7	7	4	8	0	67	8	4	6	0	66	0	0	1
5	Zebre (7)	▲	4	1	0	3	2	0	6	13	11	6	0	105	18	16	4	0	134	2	0	-29
6	Ospreys (4)	▼	4	1	0	3	0	1	5	5	4	7	0	54	8	7	9	0	81	1	0	-27
7	Cardiff Blues (6)	▼	4	1	0	3	0	1	5	4	4	9	0	55	10	9	8	0	92	1	1	-37

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Pos	CONFERENCE B	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Ulster (2)	▲	4	4	0	0	2	0	18	19	12	7	0	142	10	8	4	0	78	0	2	64
2	Scarlets (3)	▲	4	3	0	1	3	1	16	19	18	5	0	146	5	3	8	0	55	0	0	91
3	Leinster (1)	▼	4	3	0	1	3	0	15	17	12	5	0	126	6	4	11	0	73	1	0	53
4	Edinburgh Rugby (4)	▶	4	2	0	2	1	1	10	9	7	7	0	80	7	7	8	1	76	1	0	4
5	Benetton Rugby (5)	▶	4	2	0	2	0	1	9	5	5	6	0	53	11	7	3	0	78	1	1	-25
6	Dragons (6)	▶	4	1	0	3	0	0	4	6	3	13	1	80	18	11	6	0	134	3	0	-54
7	Southern Kings (7)	▶	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	4	3	0	47	23	18	4	0	163	4	0	-116
TOTALS			28	28	0	28	18	7	137	157	115	94	1	1306	157	115	94	1	1306	18	7	

Key:

Home Semi-final	Play-off place
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2017/18 ABBREVIATED RULES

The Championship will be played in two stages, the League Stage and the Knock-Out Stage, as set out below.

The Conference Stage:

For the Conference Stage, Celtic Rugby will have divided the Clubs into two conferences of seven Clubs each, Conference A and Conference B, at Celtic Rugby's discretion. Each conference will be made up of two Clubs from each of Ireland and Wales, and a single Club from each of Scotland, Italy and South Africa.

Each Club will play:

- against each of the other six Clubs in the same conference twice (once at home, once away, i.e. 12 Matches in total);
- against each of the seven Clubs in the other conference once (i.e. seven Matches in total, Celtic Rugby will in its discretion determine whether these Matches will be home or away); and
- in two further Matches against the Club (for the Italian, Scottish and South African Clubs) or Clubs (for the Irish and Welsh Clubs) in the other conference that are nominated by the same Union as the first Club (i.e. two Matches in total, Celtic Rugby will determine whether these Matches will be home or away based on whether the corresponding Matches played under clause 3.1.2(b), above, were played home or away).

In all matches in the Conference Stage, four league points shall be awarded for a win and two league points shall be awarded for a draw. One bonus league point shall be awarded to a Team scoring four or more tries and one bonus league point shall be awarded to a Team losing by seven points or less.

The positions of the Clubs in the Conference Stage will be based on the following, in order:

- the number of League Points awarded to each Club;
- if unresolved, the number of Matches won by each Club in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the difference between the total points scored and the total points conceded on the field of play for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of tries scored by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of points scored on the field of play by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the difference between the number of tries scored and the number of tries conceded by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;

- (g) if unresolved, the number of Players suspended by a Disciplinary Committee or Appeal Committee for incidents taking place in the League Stage;
- (h) if unresolved, the number of yellow cards received by Players for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- (i) if unresolved, the toss of a coin or as otherwise determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

For the purposes of this clause 3.1.4, what qualifies as a yellow card will be determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

The Knock-Out Stage

- The Clubs that rank in the top three positions in each of Conference A and Conference B respectively will qualify for the Knock-Out Stage.
- The Knock-Out Stage will be divided into two Quarter-Final Matches, two semi-final Matches and a Final Match.
- The Quarter-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked second in Conference A will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference B (QF1); and
- the Club ranked second in Conference B will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference A (QF2).
- The winners of the Quarter-Final Matches will proceed to the Semi-Final Matches. The Semi-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked first in Conference A will play at home against the winner of QF2; and
- the Club ranked first in Conference B will play at home against the winner of QF1.
- The winners of the semi-final Matches will proceed to the Final Match. The Final Match will be knock-out, played over one Match, at a venue designated by Celtic Rugby.
- Based on their final ranking at the end of the Championship some Clubs may be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments).

The above sets out a summary of certain provisions of the Guinness PRO12 Rules for information purposes only. As such these provisions may not be relied upon and for a full and proper understanding of the provisions and rules of the Guinness PRO12, reference must be made to the Guinness PRO12 Rules in their existing and entire form.

ROUND 4 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER			
(B)	GLASGOW WARRIORS	(20)37	MUNSTER (5)10
	Finn Russell(4C/3P)		Rory Scannell(15)
	Leo Sarto(4)		Chris Farrell(48)
	Lee Jones(36)		Att: 7,351
	Nick Grigg(45)		
	Scott Cummings(63)		
(B)	TOYOTA CHEETAHS	(19)38	LEINSTER (5)19
	Ernst Stapelberg(3C/4P)		Ross Byrne(2C)
	William Small-Smith(37)		Barry Daly(6/ 60/ 73)
	Torsten van Jaarsveld(44)		Att: 6,980
	Ox Nche(56)		
	Luther Obi(80)		
(B)	ULSTER	(33)52	DRAGONS (13)25
	Brett Herron(C)		Angus O'Brien(C)
	Stuart McCloskey(3)		Dorian Jones(C/2P)
	Peter Nelson(12/4C)		Rhys Buckley(35)
	Penalty Try(19)		Dane Blacker(57)
	Nick Timoney(25/ 49)		Will Talbot-Davies(80)
	Wiehahn Herbst(29)		Att: 12,291
	Jacob Stockdale(44)		
	Dave Shanahan(63)		
	BENETTON RUGBY	(13)16	OSPREYS (6)6
	Marty Banks(P)		Sam Davies(P)
	Ian McKinley(C/2P)		Dan Biggar(P)
	Francesco Minto(2)		Att: 3,500
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER			
(b)	CONNACHT	(3)15	CARDIFF BLUES (7)17
	Craig Ronaldson(P)		Steve Shingler(C/P)
	Darragh Leader(60/C)		Jarrod Evans(C)
	Shane Delahunt(75)		Willis Halaholo(38/ 78)
	Att: 4,659		
(B)	SCARLETS	(14)28	EDINBURGH RUGBY (8)8
	Leigh Halfpenny(4C)		Duncan Weir(P)
	Rhys Patchell(20)		Jason Harries(39)
	Gareth Davies(31)		Att: 8,088
	Werner Kruger(47)		
	Aaron Shingler(63)		
	SOUTHERN KINGS	(3)17	ZEBRE (22)43 (B)
	Pieter-Steyn de Wet(2C/P)		Serafin Bordoli(C)
	Godlen Masimla(51)		Carlo Canna(4C/P)
	Luvuyo Pupuma(57)		Tommaso Castello(4)
	Att: 4,062		Mattia Bellini(5)
			Renato Giammarioli(21)
			Tommaso Boni(48)
			Giulio Bisegni(67)
			Jacopo Sarto(79)

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

GUINNESS PRO14 MILESTONES IN ROUND 4

CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS (10)

Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues), Oupa Mohoje (Cheetahs), Pieter-Steyn de Wet, Freddie Ngoza (Kings), Andrew Deegan (Connacht), George Gasson, Joe Davies, Lennon Greggains, Thretton Palamo, Dane Blacker (Dragons).

100 GAMES

Justin Tipuric

SPECSAVERS FAIRPLAY LEAGUE 2017/18

The Specsavers Fairplay League rewards the best disciplinary record, with the club with the fewest disciplinary points - 1 point for each yellow card (YC) or Citing Commissioners warning (CCW), and 3 points for each red card (RC) or upheld proven citing complaint (PC) that results in a suspension - at the end of the regular season given £10,000 to spend on their youth development programme.

Specsavers®		FAIRPLAY LEAGUE				
		YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Cardiff Blues	0	0	0	0	0
1	Glasgow Warriors	0	0	0	0	0
1	Scarlets	0	0	0	0	0
4	Southern Kings	1	0	0	0	1
4	Ulster	1	0	0	0	1
6	Dragons	2	0	0	0	2
6	Toyota Cheetahs	2	0	0	0	2
8	Leinster	3	0	0	0	3
9	Connacht	4	0	0	0	4
9	Munster	1	0	1	0	4
9	Ospreys	1	0	0	1	4
9	Zebre	3	1	0	0	4
13	Benetton	5	0	0	0	5
13	Edinburgh	2	0	1	0	5
TOTALS		25	1	2	1	35

RED CARDS (2)

Fineen Wycherley (Munster @ Glasgow Warriors, 22 Sep)

Michele Rizzo (Edinburgh @ Scarlets, 23 Sep)

PROVEN CITINGS LEADING TO SANCTIONS (1)

Ben John (Ospreys v Zebre, 2 Sept) cited under Law 10.4 (i) – Tackling the Jumper in the Air. Suspended for two weeks.

CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (1)

George Biagi (Zebre @ Ospreys, 2 Sept) dangerous tackle, Law 10.4.J

YELLOW CARDS (26)

Benetton (5)	Alberto de Marchi, Jayden Hayward, Engiel Makelara, Francesco Minto, Cherif Traore
Blues (0)	-
Connacht (4)	John Muldoon(2), Finlay Bealham, James Cannon
Cheetahs (2)	Aranos Coetzee, Henco Venter
Dragons (2)	Lloyd Fairbrother, Matthew Screech
Edinburgh (2)	Magnus Bradbury, Duncan Weir
Kings (1)	S'bura Sithole

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Round 5: 29 & 30 Sept 2017

Leinster (3)	Adam Byrne, Isa Nacewa, James Tracy
Munster (1)	Billy Holland
Ospreys (2)	Bradley Davies, Ben John*
Scarlets (0)	-
Ulster (1)	Rodney Ah You
Warriors (0)	-
Zebre (3)	George Fabio Biagi(2), Dave Sisi

*Note: Ben John yellow card not counted towards Specsavers Fairplay League.

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Gavin Henson	Dragons	3	240	0	1	11	1	38
2	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	3	238	0	10	6	0	38
3	Carlo Canna	Zebre	4	307	1	7	6	0	37
4	Ross Byrne	Leinster	4	285	0	11	5	0	37
5	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	4	294	0	7	7	0	35
6	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	4	308	2	9	2	0	34
7	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	2	156	0	10	4	0	32
8	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	3	217	1	9	3	0	32
9	John Cooney	Ulster	3	213	0	5	6	0	28
10	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	3+1	248	0	2	8	0	28
11	Jack Carty	Connacht	3	204	0	3	7	0	27
12	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	4	295	1	5	4	0	27
13	Alex Wootton	Munster	4	302	5	0	0	0	25
14	Sam Davies	Ospreys	2+2	245	0	3	5	0	21

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 287pts by Felipe Contepomi (Leinster) in 2005/06

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 TRY SCORERS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Tries	Home	Away	1st H	2nd H
1	Alex Wootton	Munster	4	302	5	5	0	3	2
2	Barry Daly	Leinster	1+2	133	4	1	3	1	3
3	Jean Kleyn	Munster	3	212	4	3	1	2	2
4	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	4	320	4	2	2	2	2
5	Mattia Bellini	Zebre	3+1	270	3	1	2	1	2
6	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	280	3	2	1	2	1
7	Lee Jones	Glasgow Warriors	4	320	3	1	2	1	2
8	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	4	320	3	2	1	2	1
9	William Small-Smith	Toyota Cheetahs	4	304	3	2	1	3	0
10	Jacob Stockdale	Ulster	3	231	3	2	1	0	3
11	Torsten van Jaarsveld	Toyota Cheetahs	2+2	199	3	3	0	0	3

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 14 by Tim Visser (Edinburgh) 2010/11

BEST GUINNESS PRO14 KICKERS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	16	16	100.00%	223/2332232	10/10	6/6	Last 16
2	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	11	11	100.00%	222/3232222	9/9	2/2	Last 11
3	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	12	13	92.31%	22/3322/2222	9/10	3/3	Last 12
4	Jack Carty	Connacht	10	11	90.91%	333/23223/3c	3/4	7/7	Missed last 1
5	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	10	11	90.91%	33/23333p/23	2/2	8/9	Last 2
6	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	9	10	90.00%	p22/2332/233	5/5	4/5	Last 9
7	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	14	16	87.50%	22/33332c22	10/12	4/4	Last 2
8	Gavin Henson	Dragons	12	14	85.71%	3333/c233p3	1/2	11/12	Last 1
9	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	14	17	82.35%	23c2/p223/3c	7/9	7/8	Missed last 1
10	Ross Byrne	Leinster	16	22	72.73%	22/2c22/cp22	11/14	5/8	Last 2
11	Carlo Canna	Zebre	13	18	72.22%	3cp2/2c2322	7/9	6/9	Last 4
12	John Cooney	Ulster	11	16	68.75%	3/2p22/3333c	5/9	6/7	Missed last 1
13	Tyler Bleyendaal	Munster	6	15	40.00%	2/pp32c33/cp	3/9	3/6	Missed last 2

Qual: 10 place kicks 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.

GUINNESS PRO14 RECORD CENTRE INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	20 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep)
Most tries	4 - Mike Mullins (Munster @ Caerphilly, 11 Sep 01)	4 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep)
	4 - Lee Abdul (Blues v Ospreys, 25 Oct 03)	
	4 – Jamie Robinson (Blues v Borders, 27 Feb 04)	
	4 – Tommy Seymour (Warriors v Leinster, 10 Sep 16)	
	4 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep 17)	
Most conversions	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	7 – Ernst Stapelberg (Cheetahs v Zebre, 16 Sep)
Most penalty goals	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	5 – Gavin Henson (Dragons @ Edinburgh, 8 Sep)
Most drop goals	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 – Gavin Henson (Dragons @ Edinburgh, 8 Sep)
Fastest try	18 secs – Nathan Brew (Dragons @ Blues, 27 Dec 05)	68 secs – <i>Francesco Minto</i> (<i>Benetton v Ospreys, 22 Sep</i>)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	25 mins – <i>Nick Timoney</i> (<i>Ulster v Dragons, 22 Sep</i>)

TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	57-10 Scarlets v Kings (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	43-17 Zebre @ Kings (<i>Nelson Mandela Bay, 23 Sep</i>)
Highest aggregate of points in game	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	93pts – Cheetahs 54, Zebre 39 (Toyota Stadium, 16 Sep)
Biggest home win	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	47pts – Scarlets 57, Kings 10 (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	31pts – Zebre 10, Scarlets 41 (Stadio Lanfranchi, 9 Sep)
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	15,144 – Munster v Cheetahs (Thomond Park, 9 Sep)

Note: 2017/18 Season bests set or equalled this past round shown in *italics*.

APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Dan Biggar (1,474)
1,000 points:	-
500 points:	Sam Davies (450), James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (417)
Record:	1,582 points – Dan Parks (Glasgow Warriors, Cardiff Blues & Connacht)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Andrew Trimble (47), Tom James (42), Craig Gilroy (40)
25 tries:	Stuart Hogg (23), Matt Healy (21), Steff Evans (21), Nikola Matawalu (21), Dave Kearney (21)
Record:	66 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Jason Tovey (149), Dan Evans (149), Dan Biggar (148), Lewis Evans (142), Devin Toner (142), Jamie Heaslip (141), Alun Wyn Jones (141)
100 games:	Chris Fusaro (99), Ryan Wilson (99), Kieran Marmion (98), Alberto de Marchi (98), Denis Buckley (96), Bradley Davies (95), Scott Baldwin (95)
Record:	239 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Parks	1582	John Muldoon	239	John Muldoon	17006	Tommy Bowe	66
Dan Biggar	1474	Phil John	196	John Barclay	12702	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1329	Matthew Rees	192	Tommy Bowe	12064	DTH van der Merwe	50
Ronan O’Gara	940	Ross Ford	189	Alastair Kellock	11767	Andrew Trimble	47
Felipe Contepomi	877	Michael Swift	184	Dan Parks	11400	Tom James	42
Jason Tovey	828	John Barclay	182	Andrew Trimble	11388	Craig Gilroy	40
Chris Paterson	810	Ian Keatley	178	Ross Ford	11304	Shane Horgan	39
Duncan Weir	804	Isaac Boss	175	Ian Keatley	11016	Fionn Carr	37
David Humphreys	786	Alastair Kellock	174	Dan Evans	10785	Nikki Walker	36
Rhys Priestland	770	Dougie Hall	174	Roger Wilson	10579	Simon Zebo	35

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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