



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 (1)	▶	6	6	0	0	4	0	28	20	18	12	0	172	8	5	16	0	98	0	3	74
2	Munster (2)	▶	6	4	0	2	3	1	20	26	12	6	0	172	10	9	15	0	113	1	1	59
3	Toyota Cheetahs (3)	▶	6	3	0	3	3	1	16	25	19	12	0	199	29	18	8	0	205	4	0	-6
4	Zebre (4)	▶	6	2	0	4	2	1	11	18	15	9	0	147	21	19	10	0	173	2	1	-26
5	Cardiff Blues (7)	▲	6	2	0	4	1	1	10	11	10	13	0	114	19	16	11	0	160	3	1	-46
6	Connacht (5)	▼	6	1	0	5	2	2	8	12	6	10	0	102	14	9	10	0	118	1	0	-16
7	Ospreys (6)	▼	6	1	0	5	0	2	6	8	6	15	0	97	17	13	11	0	144	2	0	-47

GUINNESS PRO14		Record				Points			Attack				Defence									
Pos	CONFERENCE B	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Scarlets (1)	▶	6	5	0	1	4	1	25	27	24	6	0	201	9	5	15	0	100	1	1	101
2	Ulster (3)	▲	6	5	0	1	2	1	23	22	15	13	0	181	14	11	7	0	113	0	2	68
3	Leinster (2)	▼	6	5	0	1	3	0	23	22	17	8	0	170	10	6	13	0	103	1	1	67
4	Edinburgh Rugby (4)	▶	6	3	0	3	1	1	14	11	9	12	0	109	12	11	9	1	112	1	1	-3
5	Benetton Rugby (6)	▲	6	3	0	3	1	1	14	11	7	12	0	105	15	11	7	0	118	2	1	-13
6	Dragons (5)	▼	6	2	0	4	2	0	10	14	9	15	1	138	25	17	9	0	190	4	0	-52
7	Southern Kings (7)	▶	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	7	5	6	0	63	31	22	8	0	223	6	0	-160
TOTALS			42	42	0	42	28	12	208	234	172	149	1	1970	234	172	149	1	1970	28	12	

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).
- Seven European Clubs will be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments)
- The seven Clubs that qualify to participate in the 2018/19 EPCR Champions Cup will be made up of the following:
 - i. The three highest ranked European Clubs in each conference at the end of the League Stage (South African Clubs ineligible)
 - ii. The winner of a single play-off Match between the next highest ranked European Club in Conference A and the next highest ranked European Club in Conference B.
 - iii. The single play-off Match will be played at the home venue of the European Club that (as between the two participating Clubs) has the most League Points at the end of the League Stage. If level on points the normal deciding criteria will apply: Points Difference, Tries Scored, Try Difference, etc

The above sets out a summary of certain provisions of the Guinness PRO14 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 PRO14, reference must be made to the Guinness PRO14 Rules in their existing and entire form.



ROUND 6 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER			
(B)	CARDIFF BLUES	(10)43	DRAGONS (21)29 (B)
	Kristian Dacey(7)		Gavin Henson(3C/P)
	Matthew Morgan(45/ 73)		Adam Warren(3)
	Tom James(61)		Elliot Dee(11)
	Alex Cuthbert(66)		George Gasson(32)
	Jarrold Evans(70/5C/P)		Lloyd Fairbrother(80)
	Att: 8,178		
(b)	TOYOTA CHEETAHS	(17)26	GLASGOW WARRIORS (10)29 (B)
	Ernst Stapelberg(2C/4P)		Finn Russell(3C/P)
	Sergeal Petersen(12)		Callum Gibbins(33/ 53)
	Rosco Specman(40)		Henry Pyrgos(70)
	Att: 5,964		Rob Harley(77)
	ULSTER	(3)16	CONNACHT (5)8
	John Cooney(C/3P)		Jack Carty(P)
	Jacob Stockdale(57)		Tom McCartney(36)
	Att: 14,363		
	EDINBURGH RUGBY	(10)16	ZEBRE (5)15 (b)
	Duncan Weir(C/2P)		Johan Meyer(21)
	Jason Tovey(P)		Marcello Violi(62/C/P)
	Stuart McInally(29)		Att: 3,674
SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER			
(b)	OSPREYS	(9)18	SCARLETS (0)19
	Dan Biggar(6P)		Rhys Patchell(2C)
	Att: 12,093		Gareth Davies(43/ 50)
			Samson Lee(62)
	LEINSTER	(14)23	MUNSTER (7)17 (b)
	Johnny Sexton(2C/3P)		Ian Keatley(27/C)
	Rory O'Loughlin(17/ 35)		Keith Earls(48/ 79)
	Att: 46,374		
(B)	BENETTON RUGBY	(14)31	SOUTHERN KINGS (3)3
	Marty Banks(3P)		Pieter-Steyn de Wet(P)
	Ian McKinley(C)		Att: 4,700
	Angelo Esposito(32/ 75)		
	Marco Barbini(46)		
	Cherif Traore(80)		
<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>			



GUINNESS PRO14 MILESTONES IN ROUND 6

CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS (5)

Nacho Brex, Tomas Baravalle (Benetton Rugby), Aaron Wainwright (Dragons), Luke Crosbie (Edinburgh), Tango Balekile (Kings),

150 GAMES

Dan Biggar

100 GAMES

Kieran Marmion

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	Glasgow Warriors	0	0	0	0	0
2	Scarlets	1	0	0	0	1
3	Cardiff Blues	2	0	0	0	2
4	Ulster	2	1	0	0	3
4	Southern Kings	3	0	0	0	3
4	Leinster	3	0	0	0	3
4	Toyota Cheetahs	3	0	0	0	3
8	Connacht	4	0	0	0	4
8	Dragons	4	0	0	0	4
8	Zebre	3	1	0	0	4
11	Munster	2	0	1	0	5
12	Ospreys	2	1	0	1	6
12	Benetton	6	0	0	0	6
12	Edinburgh	3	0	1	0	6
	TOTALS	38	3	2	1	50

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 (3)

Oliviero Fabiani (Zebre v Ulster, 30 Sept) grabbing, rolling/twisting around head/neck, (Law 10.4.E)

Rodney Ah You (Ulster @ Zebre, 30 Sept) dangerous/late tackle (Law 10.4.E)

Rhys Webb (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct) act contrary to good sportsmanship (Law 10.4.M)

YELLOW CARDS (39)

Benetton (6)	Alberto de Marchi, Angelo Esposito, Jayden Hayward, Engiel Makelara, Francesco Minto, Cherif Traore
Blues (2)	Taufa'ao Filise(2)
Connacht (4)	John Muldoon(2), Finlay Bealham, James Cannon

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Round 7: 27 & 28 Oct 2017

Cheetahs (3)	Aranos Coetzee, Torsten van Jaarsveld, Henco Venter
Dragons (4)	Leon Brown, Thomas Davies, Lloyd Fairbrother, Matthew Screech
Edinburgh (3)	Magnus Bradbury, Jamie Ritchie, Duncan Weir
Kings (3)	Bobby de Wee, S'bura Sithole, Entienne Swanepoel
Leinster (3)	Adam Byrne, Isa Nacewa, James Tracy
Munster (2)	Billy Holland, Niall Scannell
Ospreys (3)	Dimitri Arhip, Bradley Davies, Ben John*
Scarlets (1)	Tadhg Beirne
Ulster (2)	Rodney Ah You, Jean Deysel
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	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	4	313	0	15	10	0	60
2	Gavin Henson	Dragons	5	394	0	7	13	1	56
3	John Cooney	Ulster	5	357	0	7	12	0	50
4	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	4	297	2	13	4	0	48
5	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	4	318	0	13	7	0	47
6	Carlo Canna	Zebre	6	462	1	8	8	0	45
7	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	6	439	3	11	2	0	43
8	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	4+1	350	0	8	9	0	43
9	Jack Carty	Connacht	5	342	1	5	9	0	42
10	Ross Byrne	Leinster	4+2	300	0	12	5	0	39
11	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	3+2	232	1	8	5	0	36
12	Ian Keatley	Munster	3+1	234	1	9	3	0	32
13	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	3+1	178	0	2	9	0	31
14	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	4+2	334	1	6	4	0	29
15	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	3+3	320	0	2	8	0	28
16	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	3+1	233	0	1	8	0	26

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	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	6	473	5	4	1	3	2
2	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	6	470	5	3	2	3	2
3	Torsten van Jaarsveld	Toyota Cheetahs	4+2	327	5	5	0	2	3
4	Alex Wootton	Munster	5+1	418	5	5	0	3	2
5	Mattia Bellini	Zebre	5+1	390	4	2	2	1	3
6	Barry Daly	Leinster	2+2	206	4	1	3	1	3
7	Elliot Dee	Dragons	5	375	4	3	1	3	1
8	Angelo Esposito	Benetton Rugby	6	470	4	2	2	2	2
9	Jean Kleyn	Munster	4	292	4	3	1	2	2
10	Jacob Stockdale	Ulster	4	311	4	3	1	0	4
11	Hallam Amos	Dragons	5	400	3	3	0	3	0
12	Chris Dean	Edinburgh Rugby	4	280	3	2	1	2	1
13	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	5	273	3	1	2	1	2
14	Lee Jones	Glasgow Warriors	5	379	3	1	2	1	2
15	Rory O'Loughlin	Leinster	5+1	463	3	2	1	2	1
16	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	6	439	3	3	0	2	1
17	Sergeal Petersen	Toyota Cheetahs	6	480	3	2	1	1	2
18	William Small-Smith	Toyota Cheetahs	6	464	3	2	1	3	0
19	Steff Evans	Scarlets	6	480	3	2	1	1	2
20	Andrew Trimble	Ulster	4	290	3	0	3	3	0

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	20	21	95.24%	32232/3222c	13/14	7/7	Missed last 1
2	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	11	12	91.67%	233c/333333	2/3	9/9	Last 6
3	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	10	11	90.91%	33/23333p/23	2/2	8/9	Last 2
4	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	17	19	89.47%	2222/2c2232	13/15	4/4	Last 4
5	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	13	15	86.67%	23/23p2c222	8/9	5/6	Last 3
6	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	25	29	86.21%	232c/232333	15/19	10/10	Last 6
7	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	17	20	85.00%	2/p223/3c/233	8/10	9/10	Last 3
8	Gavin Henson	Dragons	20	24	83.33%	23c22p/2223	7/9	13/15	Last 4
9	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	10	12	83.33%	2/2332/233/c2	6/7	4/5	Last 1
10	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	8	10	80.00%	p332c/23232	4/5	4/5	Last 5
11	John Cooney	Ulster	19	24	79.17%	3c/2333/3332	7/11	12/13	Last 8
12	Jack Carty	Connacht	14	18	77.78%	3/3c/232cc/c3	5/9	9/9	Last 1
13	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	13	17	76.47%	2222/ppcc22	11/13	2/4	Last 2
14	Ross Byrne	Leinster	17	23	73.91%	2/2c22/cp22/2	12/15	5/8	Last 3
15	Ian Keatley	Munster	12	17	70.59%	2c/233222c/2	9/14	3/3	Last 1
16	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	9	13	69.23%	33c2p/333cc	1/4	8/9	Missed last 2
17	Carlo Canna	Zebre	16	25	64.00%	322/3p3p2/pc	8/11	8/14	Missed last 2
18	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)	6 – <i>Dan Biggar</i> (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct)
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)	81 secs – Francesco Minto (Benetton v Ospreys, 22 Sep)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	25 mins – Nick Timoney (Ulster v Dragons, 22 Sep)

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 (Nelson Mandela Bay, 23 Sep)
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)	46,374 – <i>Leinster v Munster</i> (Aviva Stadium, 7 Oct)

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



APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Ian Keatley (1,350)
1,000 points:	Jason Tovey (944)
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 (48), Tom James (43), Craig Gilroy (40)
25 tries:	Stuart Hogg (23), Steff Evans (22), Matt Healy (21), Nikola Matawalu (21), Dave Kearney (21)
Record:	66 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Devin Toner (144), Alun Wyn Jones (143), Lewis Evans (142), Josh Turnbull (142), Jamie Heaslip (141), Billy Holland (141)
100 games:	Alberto de Marchi (99), Denis Buckley (98), Bradley Davies (96), Scott Baldwin (95), Emyr Phillips (95), Tito Tebaldi (95)
Record:	240 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Parks	1582	John Muldoon	240	John Muldoon	17079	Tommy Bowe	66
Dan Biggar	1502	Phil John	196	John Barclay	12702	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1350	Matthew Rees	194	Tommy Bowe	12124	DTH van der Merwe	50
Ronan O’Gara	940	Ross Ford	189	Alastair Kellock	11767	Andrew Trimble	48
Felipe Contepomi	877	Michael Swift	184	Andrew Trimble	11468	Tom James	43
Jason Tovey	844	John Barclay	182	Dan Parks	11400	Craig Gilroy	40
Duncan Weir	812	Ian Keatley	180	Ross Ford	11304	Shane Horgan	39
Chris Paterson	810	Isaac Boss	175	Ian Keatley	11140	Fionn Carr	37
David Humphreys	786	Alastair Kellock	174	Dan Evans	10945	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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