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ROUND 13 - PREVIEWS

The Guinness PRO14 has plenty of storylines to offer in Round 13 with more Welsh and Irish derbies on the fixture list while the South African teams return to action after their winter break. The Festive Derbies drew bumper crowds with close to **150,000** attending during Rounds 11 and 12 across Italy, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Round 12 also saw a number of nail-biting finishes with Cardiff Blues v Scarlets, Leinster v Connacht and Zebre v Benetton going right down to the final play of the game.

This weekend the northern teams will look to cement their places before returning to European action while the Toyota Cheetahs and Southern Kings will face each other in back-to-back games after their trips Italy & Scotland.

What's at Stake

The **Southern Kings** return to Guinness PRO14 action with a trip to Scotland to face **Edinburgh** (BBC Alba, 19:25 & SuperSport 1, 21:30). Edinburgh will be buoyed by their Derby win over Glasgow Warriors in Round 11 and the Conference B side will be keenly aware that they could close the gap on 3rd placed Ulster. Although the Kings have been improving, Richard Cockerill's men are in form and chasing their 10th win out of 12 games in all competitions.

Champions **Scarlets** entertain **Dragons** (BBC 2 Wales, 19:30) having shown some serious grit in the previous Derby games with Ospreys and Cardiff Blues to stay on top of Conference B. Scarlets are just two points ahead of 2nd-placed Leinster and have not lost in their last 16 home games in the Championship. Dragons, however, will provide plenty of muscle in this contest having performed well in their past two Derbies despite those losses and if Wayne Pivac's team take their eye off the ball then the visitors may well spring a shock.

On Saturday, **Benetton Rugby** take on the **Toyota Cheetahs** (Eurosport Italia 2, 14.10 & SuperSport 1, 15:10) after two wins over Zebre. This out of Conference fixture will have an impact on both teams with the hosts trying to stay in touch with Edinburgh, who currently occupy the Champions Cup Play-Off place in Conference B, while the South Africans have some ground to make up on Munster who are second in Conference A. If Benetton can get a win here it will be their third consecutive Championship victory, a feat they last achieved in 2012.

Munster take on **Connacht** (TG4, 19:40) at Thomond Park and the home team need to regain momentum after losses to both Leinster and Ulster in recent rounds. The men in red have lost all four interprovincial Derbies in the Guinness PRO14 this season, including away to Connacht in the reverse fixture. History is against the Westerners with Connacht having won just two away Derby games in the history of the Championship, but Kieran Keane's team have improved over the past six weeks and they will draw inspiration from their 2015 victory at the Limerick ground.

Ospreys face Cardiff Blues in Swansea (Sky Sports 15:00, Ch 407 & S4C 15:00) and this will an intense match-up between two sides will plenty to play for. Despite a slow start to the season, Ospreys can still make up ground to get into the Champions Cup Play-Off position. The Blues will be keen to qualify automatically and their current hold on fourth place would be enough to make it into the Champions Cup if the Cheetahs (ineligible) finish above them.

Pick of the Round

Leinster v Ulster

This Conference B clash will have a bearing on the title ambitions of both teams with Leinster in second looking to stretch the gap between Ulster in third. After a record defeat to Connacht in Round 11, Ulster produced a record comeback against Munster in Round 12 and the stakes are high going into this game in Dublin (Sky Sports Main Event, Ch 401, 17:30, TG4 17:20 & BBC2 NI, 17:30). Leinster have back-to-back wins over Munster and Connacht and need another victory here to keep on the heels of 1st-placed Scarlets. This promises to be a fiery affair with so much at stake for both teams and their players, who are eager to impress ahead of Europe and the Six Nations.

Opta Top Performers – Round 12

Tackles made: 34 Josh van der Flier (Leinster)
Carries: 21 Bundee Aki (Connacht)

Defenders beaten: 8 Charles Piutau (Ulster) / Bundee Aki (Connacht)

• Offloads: 7 James Lowe (Leinster)

Breaks: 3 Multiple Players

Metres made: 167 Matthew Morgan (Cardiff Blues)

• Turnovers won: 3 Max Deegan (Leinster)

Lineout steals: 1 Multiple Players



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EDINBURGH RUGBY v SOUTHERN KINGS

At Myreside Stadium, Edinburgh, 7.35pm. Live on BBCALBA

Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 17th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Mike Adamson, Sam Grove-White (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Beth Dickens (SRU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | E | S | Edinburgh Rugby scorers | Southern Kings scorers |
|--------------|-----------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Fri 1 Dec 17 | Nelson Mandela Bay | 48 | 21 | Jaco van der Walt(2C/P) Viliame Mata(T) Dougie Fife(T) Grant Gilchrist(T) Sam Hidalgo- Clyne(3T/3C) Fraser McKenzie(T) | Harlon Klaasen(T) Kurt Coleman(C/3P) Dries van Schalkwyk(T) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Edinburgh won 1.

- Edinburgh Rugby's four game winning run in all competitions ended with their 0-17 defeat to Glasgow Warriors at Scotstoun on 30 December – the first time Edinburgh had been nilled in the Guinness PRO14 for over three years.
- The Scotsmen's only defeat at home this season was when Benetton were the visitors in round 3 of the PRO14.
- Southern Kings have gleaned just four league points this season, gaining both a try bonus and a losing bonus in successive matches, at home to Ulster and Scarlets in November.
- The Kings were defeated on their only previous visit to Scotland: 13-43 to Glasgow at Scotstoun in round 7.
- The two sides have met once before, on 1 December in Port Elizabeth with Edinburgh victorious 48-21.

| COMPARISON | Edinburgh | Kings |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 1 Dec - Southern Kings (A) W 48-21 | 4 Nov - Ulster (H) L 36-43 |
| | 23 Dec - Glasgow (H) W 18-17 | 26 Nov - Scarlets (H) L 30-34 |
| | 30 Dec - Glasgow (A) L 0-17 | 1 Dec - Edinburgh (H) L 21-48 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf B: 4th - W7 D0 L5 - 32pts | Conf B: 7th - W0 D0 L10 - 4pts |
| PRO14 form | wWlwWl (18pts) | IIILLL (4pts) |
| Top try scorer | 6 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne | 4 - Yaw Penxe |
| Top points scorer | 50 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne | 20 - Yaw Penxe |



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SCARLETS v DRAGONS

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 7.35pm. Live on Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 75th competition game)



Assistant Referees: Andrea Piardi (FIR), Wayne Davies (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Gwyn Bowden (WRU)

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | S | D | Scarlets scorers | Dragons scorers |
|---------------|----------------------|----|----|---|--|
| Sun 5 Oct 14 | Parc y Scarlets | 26 | 13 | Steve Shingler(P) Kristian Phillips(T) Rhys Priestland(2C/3P) Gareth Owen(T) | Angus O'Brien(C) Jason Tovey(2P) Richie Rees(T) |
| Sat 25 Apr 15 | Principality Stadium | 29 | 10 | Harry Robinson(T) Scott Williams(T) Ken Owens(T) Rhys Priestland(3C/P) Liam Williams(T) | Tyler Morgan(T) Dorian Jones(C/P) |
| Fri 30 Oct 15 | Parc y Scarlets | 25 | 15 | James Davies(2T) Phil John(2T) Aled Thomas(C/P) | Jason Tovey(T/C/P) Sarel Pretorius(T) |
| Sat 30 Apr 16 | Principality Stadium | 34 | 20 | Steve Shingler(T/4C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Gareth Davies(T) Scott Williams(T) | Adam Warren(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/2P) Adam Hughes(T) |
| Sat 8 Oct 16 | Parc y Scarlets | 31 | 27 | Rhys Patchell(4C/P) Steff Evans(2T) Jonathan Evans(T) Liam Williams(T) | Adam Warren(2T) Hallam Amos(T) Angus O'Brien(C) Nick Macleod(C/P) Sarel Pretorius(T) |
| Sat 15 Apr 17 | Principality Stadium | 21 | 16 | Jonathan Davies(T) Dan Jones(2P) Liam Williams(T/C/P) | Angus O'Brien(C/3P) Adam Hughes(T) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 28, Scarlets won 23, Dragons won 5.

- Scarlets only loss since round 3 of the Guinness PRO14 was 21-28 to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein on 2 December.
- Scarlets have won their last sixteen home games in the Championship since Munster beat them at there in September 2016.
- Dragons are without a win in the last seven rounds of the Guinness PRO14, although they did draw 32-all at home to Ulster on 1 December.
- Dragons have not won away from home in the Championship since a trip to Treviso in March 2015.
- Dragons only success over a fellow Welsh region in the PRO14 since 2013 was on a visit to Cardiff Blues on Boxing Day 2014.
- Scarlets have lost only one of their last eighteen fixtures with Dragons in the Championship: 16-23 at Rodney Parade in September 2013 whilst Dragons only previous success on Scarlets soil since the regions were formed in 2003 was on their final visit to Stradey Park in September 2007.

| COMPARISON | Scarlets | Dragons |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Cheetahs (A) L 21-28 | 1 Dec - Ulster (H) D 32-32 |
| | 26 Dec - Ospreys (H) W 12-9 | 26 Dec - Cardiff Blues (H) L 17-22 |
| | 31 Dec - Cardiff Blues (A) W 14-11 | 31 Dec - Ospreys (H) L 9-22 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf B: 1st - W10 D0 L2 - 48pts | Conf B: 6th - W2 D1 L8 - 14pts |
| PRO14 form | WWwlWw (23pts) | IIIIDL (5pts) |
| Top try scorer | 5 - Steff Evans, Johnny McNicholl | 5 - Elliot Dee |
| Top points scorer | 58 - Leigh Halfpenny | 77 - Gavin Henson |



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BENETTON RUGBY v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 2.15pm. Live on Live on

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 11th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Stuart Gaffikin (IRFU), Gianluca Gnecchi (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Stefano Marrama (FIR)

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

First PRO14 meeting between the two teams.

- Benetton Rugby won both of their festive fixtures against near neighbours Zebre but have not won three in a row in the Guinness PRO14 since December 2012.
- The Italian's three home wins in the Championship this season were against Ospreys in round 4, Southern Kings in round 6 and Zebre in round 11.
- Toyota Cheetahs have lost just twice since round 2 in the Guinness PRO14, at home to Glasgow on 6
 October and away to Connacht on 4 November.
- Cheetahs beat Zebre 24-23 on their only previous visit to Italy in round 7.
- This is the two sides' first meeting.

| COMPARISON | Benetton | Cheetahs |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Leinster (H) L 10-36 | 4 Nov - Connacht (A) L 15-23 |
| | 23 Dec - Zebre (H) W 27-14 | 24 Nov - Edinburgh (H) W 33-13 |
| | 30 Dec - Zebre (A) W 20-16 | 2 Dec - Scarlets (H) W 28-21 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf B: 5th - W5 D0 L7 - 24pts | Conf A: 3rd - W6 D0 L4 - 29pts |
| PRO14 form | LIILWw (10pts) | WLwlWW (19pts) |
| Top try scorer | 7 - Angelo Esposito | 9 - Makazole Mapimpi |
| Top points scorer | 49 - Ian McKinley | 72 - Ernst Stapelberg |



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LEINSTER RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 5.35pm.

Live on Sky Sports TG 4 BBCSPORT N

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 96th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Joy Neville, Shane Kierans (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)

TMO: Peter Fitzgibbon (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | L | U | Leinster scorers | Ulster scorers |
|---------------|------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Fri 27 Nov 15 | RDS Arena | 8 | 3 | Sean Cronin(T) Johnny Sexton(P) | Paddy Jackson(P) |
| Sat 30 Apr 16 | Kingspan Stadium | 6 | 30 | Johnny Sexton(2P) | Paddy Jackson(T/2C/3P) Paul Marshall(C) Jared Payne(T) Penalty Try(T) |
| Fri 20 May 16 | RDS Arena (SF) | 30 | 18 | Sean Cronin(T) Jamie Heaslip(T) Johnny Sexton(3C/3P) Isa Nacewa(T) | Craig Gilroy(2T) Paddy Jackson(C/2P) |
| Sat 31 Dec 16 | RDS Arena | 22 | 7 | Luke McGrath(T) Rory O'Loughlin(2T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P) | Charles Piutau(T) Ruan Pienaar(C) |
| Sat 6 May 17 | Kingspan Stadium | 13 | 17 | Joey Carbery(C/2P) Penalty Try(T) | Paddy Jackson(2C/P) Andrew Trimble(T) Roger Wilson(T) |
| Sat 28 Oct 17 | Kingspan Stadium | 25 | 10 | Ross Byrne(C/2P) Cathal Marsh(C) Jordan Larmour(T) Luke McGrath(2T) | Sean Reidy(T) Christian Leali'ifano(C/P) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 34, Leinster won 25, Ulster won 7 with 2 games drawn.

- Leinster Rugby have lost only once in any tournament since the end of September: 21-31 at Glasgow in round 8 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Leinstermen have lost just once at home in the Guinness PRO14 since February 2015: 15-27 at the RDS Arena to Scarlets in last season's semi-final.
- Ulster Rugby have lost just one of their last seven matches in all competitions: 16-44 to Connacht in Galway on 23 December, whilst their only victory away to a fellow Irish province since April 2015 was on a trip to Connacht in December 2015.
- Leinster have lost only one of their last four fixtures with Ulster: 13-17 in Belfast last May.
- The Ulstermen have won just once in fourteen previous visits to the RDS Arena: 22-18 in March 2013.
- Overall the two provinces have met on 153 previous occasions with Leinster having the edge by 78 wins to 60 with 15 draws.

| COMPARISON | Leinster | Ulster |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Treviso (A) W 36-10 | 1 Dec - Dragons (A) D 32-32 |
| | 26 Dec - Munster (A) W 34-24 | 23 Dec - Connacht (A) L 16-44 |
| | 1 Jan - Connacht (H) W 21-18 | 1 Jan - Munster (H) W 24-17 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf B: 2nd - W9 D0 L2 - 42pts | Conf B: 3rd - W7 D1 L3 - 35pts |
| PRO14 form | WwlWww (23pts) | WLwWdl (16pts) |
| Top try scorer | 5 - Rory O'Loughlin | 5 - Andrew Trimble |
| Top points scorer | 86 - Ross Byrne | 71 - John Cooney |



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MUNSTER RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Thomond Park, Limerick, 7.45pm Live on Referee: David Wilkinson (IRFU, 56th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher, Nigel Correll (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU)

TMO: Kevin Beggs (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | M | С | Munster scorers | Connacht scorers |
|---------------|--------------|----|----|---|--|
| Sat 28 Mar 15 | Thomond Park | 42 | 20 | Duncan Casey(T) Andrew Smith(T) Keith Earls(T) JJ Hanrahan(3C) Billy Holland(T) Denis Hurley(T) Ian Keatley(3C) Simon Zebo(T) | Jack Carty(2P) Shane O'Leary(T) Miah Nikora(T/2C) |
| Sat 28 Nov 15 | Thomond Park | 12 | 18 | Niall Scannell(T) Ian Keatley(C) Penalty Try(T) | Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/2P) |
| Sat 16 Apr 16 | Sportsground | 14 | 35 | Johnny Holland(2C) Mike Sherry(T) Simon Zebo(T) | Finlay Bealham(T) Shane O'Leary(3C/3P) Niyi Adeolokun(2T) Penalty Try(T) |
| Sat 31 Dec 16 | Sportsground | 16 | 9 | Rhys Marshall(T) Ian Keatley(C/D/2P) | Jack Carty(3P) |
| Sat 6 May 17 | Thomond Park | 50 | 14 | James Cronin(T) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Andrew Conway(2T) Francis Saili(T) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(6C/P) Conor Oliver(T) | Naulia Dawai(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C) |
| Fri 27 Oct 17 | Sportsground | 16 | 20 | JJ Hanrahan(P) Ian Keatley(C/2P) Simon Zebo(T) | Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(C/2P) Craig Ronaldson(C) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Munster won 25, Connacht won 5 with 1 game drawn.

- Munster Rugby have lost their last two matches, both in the Guinness PRO14, at home to Leinster and away to Ulster. They have not lost three in a row in the Championship since December 2015.
- Munster have lost all four matches they have played against fellow Irish provinces this season.
- Connacht Rugby's 18-21 defeat to Leinster in Dublin on New Year 's Day ended a three game winning run in all competitions.
- Connacht have not won away from home in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Edinburgh at Myreside on 7
 April, whilst their only two wins away from home against a fellow Irish province in the history of the
 Championship were against Leinster in 2002 and Munster 2015.
- Connacht have the slight edge in meetings between the two provinces leading by four wins to three in fixtures since the New Year 2015, prior to this Connacht had only beaten Munster five times in eighty years.

| COMPARISON | Munster | Connacht |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Ospreys (H) W 36-10 | 2 Dec - Zebre (A) L 10-24 |
| | 26 Dec - Leinster (H) L 24-34 | 23 Dec - Ulster (H) W 44-16 |
| | 1 Jan - Ulster (A) L 17-24 | 1 Jan - Leinster (A) L 18-21 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf A: 2nd - W7 D0 L4 - 37pts | Conf A: 5th - W4 D0 L7 - 23pts |
| PRO14 form | IIWwWL (18pts) | IWWIIW (15pts) |
| Top try scorer | 7 - Alex Wootton | 4 - Tiernan O'Halloran |
| Top points scorer | 60 - Ian Keatley | 77 - Jack Carty |



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OSPREYS RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

Live on **Sky** Sports At Libery Stadium, Swansea, 3.15pm. Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 160th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Adam Jones (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Charles (WRU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | 0 | С | Ospreys scorers | Cardiff Blues scorers |
|---------------|----------------------|----|----|---|---|
| Sun 12 Oct 14 | Liberty Stadium | 26 | 15 | Dan Biggar(2C/4P) Dan Evans(T) Rhys Webb(T) | Rhys Patchell(C/P) Kristian Dacey(T) Lloyd Williams(T) |
| Sat 25 Apr 15 | Principality Stadium | 31 | 23 | Tom Grabham(T) Dan Biggar(T/4C/P) Ben John(T) Dan Evans(T) | Gareth Anscombe(C/3P) Gareth Davies(C) Josh Navidi(T) Dan Fish(T) |
| Sat 28 Nov 15 | Liberty Stadium | 13 | 6 | Sam Davies(C/2P) Alun Wyn Jones(T) | Jarrod Evans(2P) |
| Sat 30 Apr 16 | Principality Stadium | 40 | 27 | James King(T) Sam Underhill(T) Dan Biggar(5C) Hanno Dirksen(2T) Rhys Webb(2T) | Gareth Anscombe(C/5P) Aled Summerhill(T) Josh Navidi(T) |
| Fri 7 Oct 16 | Liberty Stadium | 46 | 24 | Sam Davies(3C/P) Dan Biggar(C) Ben John(T) Josh Matavesi(T) Eli Walker(2T) Dimitri Arhip(T) Alun Wyn Jones(T) Dan Evans(T) | Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Kristian Dacey(T) Tom James(T) |
| Sat 15 Apr 17 | Principality Stadium | 17 | 35 | Sam Davies(2C/P) Paul James(T) Dan Evans(T) | Gareth Anscombe(T/5C) Kristian Dacey(T) Lloyd Williams(T) Nick Williams(T) Taufa'ao Filise(T) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 28, Ospreys won 19, Blues won 8 with 1 game drawn.

- Ospreys Rugby's 22-9 victory at Dragons on New Year's Eve ended a four game losing run in the Guinness PRO14; in fact Ospreys have won just twice in the Championship since the opening weekend and both were against Dragons.
- Ospreys two PRO14 victories this season at Liberty Stadium were against Zebre in round 1 and Dragons in round 7.
- Cardiff Blues record in the last ten rounds of the Guinness PRO14 is an even won five, lost five.
- Blues have won just twice away from home in the Championship this season, at Connacht in round 4 and at Dragons in round 11.
- Blues won their most recent fixture against Ospreys 35-17 at Principality Stadium on "Judgement Day V" in April to end an eleven game losing run to Ospreys in the PRO14.
- Cardiff Blues only previous victory at Liberty Stadium in the Championship was on their very first visit in December 2005.

| COMPARISON | Ospreys | Blues |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Munster (A) L 10-36 | 1 Dec - Glasgow (A) L 16-40 |
| | 26 Dec - Scarlets (A) L 9-12 | 26 Dec - Dragons (A) W 22-17 |
| | 31 Dec - Dragons (A) W 22-9 | 31 Dec - Scarlets (H) L 11-14 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf A: 7th - W2 D0 L9 - 12pts | Conf A: 4th - W5 D0 L7 - 24pts |
| PRO14 form | LWILII (7pts) | IWWIwL (14pts) |
| Top try scorer | 2 - Ma'afu Fia, Dan Evans, Keelan Giles | 4 - Willis Halaholo, Matthew Morgan, |
| | | Tom James |
| Top points scorer | 44 - Dan Biggar | 61 - Jarrod Evans |



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BBC ALBA

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ZEBRE RUGBY v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma, 4.30pm. Live on LIVE on

Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 31st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Eddie Hogan-O'Connell (IRFU), Manuel Bottino (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Maurizio Vancini (FIR)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

| Date | Venue | Z | G | Zebre scorers | Glasgow Warriors scorers |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----|----|---|--|
| Sun 15 Feb 15 | Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi | 10 | 54 | Luciano Orquera(C/P) Filippo Cristiano(T) | Connor Braid(2C) Pete Horne(2T/5C) Fraser Lyle(T) Will Bordill(T) Tim Swinson(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Peter Murchie(2T) |
| Fri 6 Mar 15 | Scotstoun Stadium | 5 | 26 | Dion Berryman(T) | Connor Braid(C) Pete Horne(2C) Chris Fusaro(T) Kevin Bryce(T) DTH van der Merwe(2T) |
| Fri 8 Apr 16 | Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi | 14 | 43 | Guglielmo Palazzani(T) Leo Sarto(T) Carlo Canna(2C) | Pete Horne(2T) Duncan Weir(3C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Finn Russell(C) Alex Dunbar(T) Fraser Brown(T) Jerry Yanuyanutawa(T) |
| Fri 29 Apr 16 | Scotstoun Stadium | 10 | 70 | Tommaso Boni(T) Kayle van Zyl(T) | Duncan Weir(T/10C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Adam Ashe(T) Greg Peterson(T) Glenn Bryce(2T) Leone Nakarawa(3T) |
| Sat 8 Oct 16 | Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi | 28 | 33 | Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(2C/3P) Oliviero Fabiani(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T) | Leo Sarto(T) Rory Clegg(2C/3P) Sean Lamont(2T) Fraser Brown(T) |
| Fri 14 Apr 17 | Scotstoun Stadium | 10 | 45 | Kurt Baker(T) Kayle van Zyl(T) | Pete Horne(5C) Sam Johnson(T) Rob Harley(T) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) Peter Murchie(T) Matt Smith(2T) |

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 10, Warriors won 10.

- Zebre Rugby's only victory since the end of September was 24-10 at home to Connacht in round 10 in the Guinness PRO14.
- The Italians have beaten a Scottish opponent just once since 2015: 19-14 against Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in October 2016.
- Glasgow Warriors only defeat in the Guinness PRO14 this season was by a single point to Edinburgh at Murrayfield on 23 December.
- The Warriors have lost three of their last four away games in all competitions, but have not lost to an Italian opponent since Benetton visited Firhill in September 2011.
- The two sides have met on ten previous occasions with Glasgow victorious in each instance.

| COMPARISON | Zebre | Warriors |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Last 3 PRO14 results: | 2 Dec - Connacht (H) W 24-10 | 1 Dec - Cardiff Blues (H) W 40-16 |
| | 23 Dec - Treviso (A) L 14-27 | 23 Dec - Edinburgh (A) L 17-18 |
| | 30 Dec - Treviso (H) L 16-20 | 30 Dec - Edinburgh (H) W 17-0 |
| | | |
| PRO14 2017/18 | Conf A: 6th - W3 D0 L9 - 17pts | Conf A: 1st - W11 D0 L1 - 53pts |
| PRO14 form | LILWIL (6pts) | WWwWIW (25pts) |
| Top try scorer | 5 - Mattia Bellini | 5 - George Horne |
| Top points scorer | 87 - Carlo Canna | 61 - Finn Russell |

