

ROUND 19 – PREVIEWS

After a terrific round of European action that saw three Guinness PRO14 teams reach the Champions Cup Semi-Finals, the focus returns to the Championship as 11 sides compete for Final Series and European Play-Off places.

Munster and Cardiff Blues travel to South Africa with so much still to be decided in Conference A and their fixtures with the Toyota Cheetahs will be crucial for all three sides. In Conference B, Edinburgh are looking to see off Ulster to earn their place in the Final Series and possibly leapfrog Scarlets in the process. The final stretch of the season has never promised so much and all of these teams have their minds set on reaching the Guinness PRO14 Final at Dublin's Aviva Stadium on May 26 (see www.ticketmaster.ie or www.pro14rugby.org/final).

Guinness PRO14 Final Series – How it Stands

Qualifier 1: Munster (A2) v Edinburgh (B3)

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

Ospreys (A5) go up against **Connacht (A6)** at Liberty Stadium (KO 19.35, S4C) where a win would give Ospreys a vital advantage in their battle with the Irish side to reach the Champions Cup Play-Off. Ospreys have a one-point lead over Connacht, but with a game in a hand a win here should prove pivotal to their Champions Cup hopes.

On Saturday **Leinster (B1)** face **Zebre (A7)** at the RDS Arena (KO 14:00, TG4) where a win will guarantee them a place in the Final Series and help in their bid to earn a home Semi-Final. The Italians come to Dublin searching for a fifth win of the season which would equal their best-ever return in the Championship.

There's a cracker in store in Bloemfontein (KO 15:00 SA / 14:00 UK, SuperSport / S4C) with **Toyota Cheetahs (A3)** facing **Cardiff Blues (A4)** with just five points between them. A win would all but guarantee Cheetahs a place in the Final Series, but Danny Wilson's men are in terrific form and are liable to upset any team they face at the moment.

Fresh from their European heroics **Scarlets (B2)** need a win against **Glasgow Warriors (A1)** at Parc y Scarlets (KO 16:15, Sky Sports) to keep the pressure on Leinster. This is a meeting between the 2015 and 2017 champions which could occur again in the Final Series as these two teams set their sights on lifting the trophy.

Benetton Rugby (B5) are just a point away from Ulster in the battle for the Champions Cup Play-Off place in Conference B and need a win here against **Dragons (B6)**. The game takes place in Treviso (KO 18:00 Italy / 17:00 UK, Eurosport) and a home victory would see Benetton equal their most-ever wins in a Championship season.

Southern Kings (B7) welcome **Munster (A2)** to the City of George where Outeniqua Park (19:35 SA / 18:35 IRE/UK, SuperSport) provides a stunning backdrop for the province's first visit to South Africa. Having beaten the Dragons and come close against Benetton, the Kings now face the ultimate test against one of European rugby's most storied outfits.

Pick of the Round

Edinburgh v Ulster Rugby

Edinburgh (B3) meet **Ulster (B4)** at BT Murrayfield (KO 19:35, BBC ALBA, BBC NI) where both teams' ambitions for this season and beyond are at stake. A win puts Edinburgh into the Guinness PRO14 Final Series for the first time and would show remarkable progress during Richard Cockerill's first year as head coach while adding to the feel-good factor in Scottish rugby. Defeat for Ulster would ensure their only route into the next season's Champions Cup can come via the Play-Off but with Benetton Rugby just a point behind them nothing can be assured.

Opta Top Performers – Round 18

- **Most tackles:** 20 Paul Schoeman (Toyota Cheetahs) / Ellis Jenkins (Cardiff Blues)
- **Most Carries:** 19 Tom Farrell (Connacht) / Charles Piutau
- **Defenders Beaten:** 8 Matthew Morgan (Cardiff Blues) / Jayden Hayward (Benetton Rugby)
- **Offloads:** 6 Aaron Shingler (Scarlets)
- **Breaks:** 4 Jayden Hayward (Benetton)
- **Metres Made:** 173 Clayton Blommetjies (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Turnovers Won:** 3 Chris Fusaro (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Lineouts Stolen:** 2 Scott Cummings (Glasgow Warriors)

Friday 6 April

EDINBURGH RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 164th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Wayne Davies (WRU), David Sutherland (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Kirk (SRU)

TMO: Sean Brickell (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

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

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Edinburgh won 11, Ulster won 19.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby's only defeat in the last nine rounds of Guinness PRO14 was 0-17 to Glasgow at Scotstoun on 30 December.
- Edinburgh's only defeat to an Irish province this season was 13-21 to Leinster at the RDS Arena in round 5.
- Ulster have slipped to three straight defeats in the Championship but have not lost four in a row in the PRO14 since 2011/12.
- The Ulstermen have not won away from home in any tournament since beating Harlequins at The Stoop in round 3 of the European Champions Cup.
- Ulster have won just once in their last six visits to Scotland: 22-17 at Glasgow in September 2016,
- The last six fixtures between the two teams have been evenly split with three wins apiece, whilst Ulster have not been victorious at BT Murrayfield since a 20-17 win in February 2015.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Feb - Dragons (A) W 25-12	16 Feb - Edinburgh (H) L 16-17
	16 Mar - Munster (H) W 12-6	24 Feb - Scarlets (A) L 10-34
	23 Mar - Connacht (A) W 29-22	24 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 17-35
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 3rd - W13 D0 L5 - 59pts	Conf B: 4th - W9 D1 L7 - 46pts
PRO14 form	WWWwwWw (27pts)	WIWLII (11pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	8 - Craig Gilroy
Top points scorer	67 - Duncan Weir	124 - John Cooney

Friday 6 April

OSPREYS RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 44th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrea Piardi (FIR), Craig Evans (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)

TMO: Neil Hennessy (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	O	C	Ospreys scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 16 May 15	Sportsground	24	20	Dan Biggar(T/3C/P) Ben John(T) Rhys Webb(T)	Denis Buckley(T) Jack Carty(2C/2P) Eoghan Masterson(T)
Sat 24 Oct 15	Liberty Stadium	16	21	Sam Davies(2P) Dan Baker(T) Justin Tipuric(T)	Matt Healy(T) Jack Carty(2P) Bunde Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/P)
Sat 27 Feb 16	Sportsground	22	30	Dan Baker(T) Rhys Webb(T) Sam Davies(2C/P) Ben John(T)	AJ MacGinty(T) Matt Healy(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C/3P) Bunde Aki(T)
Sat 10 Sep 16	Sportsground	32	11	Tyler Ardron(T) Sam Davies(3C/2P) Jeff Hassler(T) Rhys Webb(2T)	Eoin McKeon(T) Jack Carty(2P)
Sat 7 Jan 17	Liberty Stadium	29	7	Olly Cracknell(T) Nicky Smith(T) Sam Davies(3C/P) Dan Baker(T) Ashley Beck(T)	John Cooney(C) Sean O'Brien(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Sportsground	15	26	Dafydd Howells(T) Sam Davies(C/P) Reuben Morgan-Williams(T)	Tom Farrell(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C/4P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Ospreys won 20, Connacht won 9.

Did you know?

- Ospreys have won their last three encounters in the Guinness PRO14 – their best run for over 12 months.
- The Welshmen have won their last four matches at Liberty Stadium in the Championship since Glasgow beat them there in round 9.
- Connacht have won just twice in the last seven rounds of the Guinness PRO14: at home to Ospreys on 9 February and in Treviso two weeks later (Connacht's only away win in the Championship this season).
- Connacht have won three of their last five matches against Ospreys but the only time they have ever won at Liberty Stadium was 21-16 in October 2015.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	24 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 27-26	24 Feb - Treviso (A) W 22-19
	3 Mar - Zebre (A) 0-0	3 Mar - Cheetahs (A) L 25-26
	24 Mar - Leinster (H) W 32-18	23 Mar - Edinburgh (H) L 22-29
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 5th - W7 D0 L10 - 35pts	Conf A: 6th - W6 D0 L12 - 34pts
PRO14 form	wWlWWW (23pts)	lWlWlL (10pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Dan Evans	5 - Tom Farrell, Tiernan O'Halloran
Top points scorer	72 - Dan Biggar	115 - Jack Carty

Saturday 7 April

BENETTON RUGBY v DRAGONS

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 6pm.

Live on **EUROSPORT**

Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 33rd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Joy Neville, Robert O'Sullivan (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Roberto Carra (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	B	D	Benetton Rugby scorers	Dragons scorers
Sat 28 Mar 15	Stadio Monigo	17	32	Enrico Bacchin(T) Jayden Hayward(2C/P) Penalty Try(T)	Hallam Amos(T) Jonathan Evans(T) Tom Prydie(2T/3C/2P)
Fri 23 Oct 15	Rodney Parade	12	19	Jayden Hayward(4P)	Jason Tovey(C/4P) Nic Cudd(T)
Fri 19 Feb 16	Stadio Monigo	19	17	Jayden Hayward(2C) Angelo Esposito(T) Ludovico Nitoglia(T) Filo Paulo(T)	Hallam Amos(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/P) Cory Hill(T)
Fri 23 Sep 16	Stadio Monigo	27	11	Tommaso Allan(3C/2P) Tommaso Benvenuti(T) Marco Fuser(T) Filo Paulo(T)	Angus O'Brien(2P) Rynard Landman(T)
Fri 6 Jan 17	Rodney Parade	8	26	Tommaso Allan(P) Tito Tebaldi(T)	Angus O'Brien(C/D/3P) Dorian Jones(C) Lewis Evans(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)
Sun 18 Feb 18	Rodney Parade	18	15	Ian McKinley(C) Monty Ioane(T) Marty Banks(2P) Alberto Sgarbi(T)	Jared Rosser(T) Liam Belcher(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 15, Benetton won 8, Dragons won 7.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby have lost just twice in the last eight rounds of the Guinness PRO14, at home to Connacht in round 16 and away in Cardiff in round 17.
- The most recent Welsh region to have won in Treviso in the PRO14 was Cardiff Blues in November 2016.
- Dragons have slipped to four straight defeats in the Guinness PRO14 since their 15-all draw at home to Glasgow on 9 February, whilst they have not won in the Championship since beating Southern Kings at Rodney Parade in round 5.
- Dragons have won only once on the road in any competition since April 2016, against Enisei in Moscow in October.
- The Italians have lost only once to the Dragons in their last four meetings: 8-26 at Rodney Parade in January 2017.
- Dragons only victory in seven previous visits to Treviso in the PRO14 was 32-17 in March 2015.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	24 Feb - Connacht (H) L 19-22	23 Feb - Edinburgh (H) L 12-25
	16 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 25-31	2 Mar - Southern Kings (A) L 13-45
	24 Mar - Southern Kings (A) W 36-35	23 Mar - Cheetahs (H) L 17-29
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 5th - W9 D0 L9 - 45pts	Conf B: 6th - W2 D2 L14 - 17pts
PRO14 form	WWwLlw (21pts)	IDLLIL (3pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Monty Ioane, Angelo Esposito	6 - Elliot Dee
Top points scorer	83 - Marty Banks	77 - Gavin Henson

Saturday 7 April

LEINSTER RUGBY v ZEBRE RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 2pm.

Live on **TG4**

Referee: Ian Davies (WRU, 72nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Simon Rees (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	Z	Leinster scorers	Zebre scorers
Sat 11 Oct 14	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	20	3	Jimmy Gopperth(C) Ian Madigan(T/C/2P) Luke McGrath(T)	Luciano Orquera(P)
Fri 20 Feb 15	RDS Arena	29	8	Dominic Ryan(T) Sean Cronin(T) Luke Fitzgerald(T) Jimmy Gopperth(T/3C/P)	Hennie Daniller(T) Mirco Bergamasco(P)
Fri 12 Feb 16	RDS Arena	52	0	Adam Byrne(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Cathal Marsh(3C) Sean Cronin(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Isa Nacewa(T/3C)	
Sun 28 Feb 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	27	10	Dominic Ryan(T) Dan Leavy(T) Luke McGrath(T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P) Adam Byrne(T)	Federico Ruzza(T) Ian McKinley(C/P)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	33	10	Jack Conan(T) Tom Daly(T) Adam Byrne(3T) Isa Nacewa(4C)	Carlo Canna(C/P) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)
Fri 6 Jan 17	RDS Arena	70	6	Ross Byrne(4C) Cian Healy(T) Jamie Heaslip(T) Garry Ringrose(2T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Sean O'Brien(T) Rory O'Loughlin(3T) Johnny Sexton(6C)	Edoardo Padovani(2P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 10, Leinster won 10.

Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's record in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14 is won two, drawn one, lost two.
- The Leinstermen have won all twelve home games they have played in all tournaments this season, whilst their only home defeat since December 2015 was to Scarlets in last season's PRO14 semi-final.
- Leinster's solitary Championship defeat against an Italian side was in their first such meeting in Treviso in September 2010.
- Zebre have won just one of their last seven Guinness PRO14 encounters: 19-11 in Connacht in round 15 – their only away win at an Irish province.
- Leinster have won all ten previous matches they have played against Zebre outscoring their opponents by 51 tries to eight.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 64-7	25 Feb - Cardiff Blues (H) L 7-10
	9 Mar - Scarlets (A) D 10-10	3 Mar - Ospreys (H) 0-0
	24 Mar - Ospreys (A) L 18-32	23 Mar - Glasgow (A) L 7-68
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 1st - W13 D1 L4 - 64pts	Conf A: 7th - W4 D0 L13 - 22pts
PRO14 form	WlWdl (18pts)	LLlWl (6pts)
Top try scorer	10 - Barry Daly	5 - Mattia Bellini
Top points scorer	104 - Ross Byrne	100 - Carlo Canna

Saturday 7 April

SCARLETS v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 4.15pm.

Live on

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 100th competition game)

Assistant Referees: David Wilkinson (IRFU) Gwyn Morris (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	S	G	Scarlets scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 21 Nov 14	Parc y Scarlets	19	9	Steve Shingler(C/4P) Rory Pitman(T)	Pete Horne(3P)
Fri 9 Jan 15	Scotstoun Stadium	7	22	Rhys Priestland(C) Liam Williams(T)	Finn Russell(2C/P) Alex Dunbar(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Peter Murchie(T)
Sat 5 Sep 15	Scotstoun Stadium	16	10	Aaron Shingler(T) Dan Jones(2P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)	Glenn Bryce(T) Mike Cusack(T)
Sat 16 Apr 16	Parc y Scarlets	10	46	Steve Shingler(C/P) Liam Williams(T)	Henry Pyrgos(T) Finn Russell(2T/4C/P) Mark Bennett(T) Tommy Seymour(T) Lee Jones(2T)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Parc y Scarlets	27	3	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Jonathan Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Aaron Shingler(T)	Pete Horne(P)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Scotstoun Stadium	26	14	Tom Williams(T/C) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(C/3P) Aled Thomas(P)	Rory Clegg(3P) Pat MacArthur(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 28, Scarlets won 14, Warriors won 14.

Did you know?

- Scarlets only victory in their last five Guinness PRO14 matches was 34-10 at home to Ulster in round 16.
- The Welshmen are unbeaten in their last 19 Championship matches at Parc y Scarlets since Munster beat them there in the opening round last season – although they did draw 10-all there with Leinster in their most recent game at the venue.
- Glasgow Warriors have lost just one of their last six Guinness PRO14 fixtures: 10-21 to Munster in Cork in round 16.
- The Scotsmen's only away win in any competitions since November was 40-20 at Zebre in round 13 of the PRO14.
- The Warriors are unbeaten in their last six matches against Welsh provinces.
- Scarlets have won their last two matches against Glasgow but have only once before achieved three in a row against the Scotsmen, between 2010 and 2012.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	24 Feb - Ulster (H) W 34-10 9 Mar - Leinster (H) D 10-10 24 Mar - Munster (A) L 7-19	16 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 37-23 23 Feb - Munster (A) L 10-21 23 Mar - Zebre (H) W 68-7
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 2nd - W12 D1 L5 - 61pts	Conf A: 1st - W14 D1 L2 - 70pts
PRO14 form	WIIWDI (13pts)	WwdWIW (21pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Johnny McNicholl	9 - George Horne
Top points scorer	84 - Dan Jones	69 - Finn Russell

Saturday 7 April

SOUTHERN KINGS v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Outeniqua Park, George, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 19th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Quinton Immelman (SARU), Ruhan Meiring (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Nomsebenzie Tsotsobe (SARU)

TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

First PRO14 meeting between the two teams.

Did you know?

- Outeniqua Park becomes the 43rd different venue to host a Championship encounter.
- Southern Kings only victory so far in their inaugural Guinness PRO14 campaign came in round 17 at home to Dragons, in round 18 they lost by a single point to Treviso at the same venue.
- Kings have lost all five previous matches they have played against Irish provinces with their only two league points in those games coming in the same match versus Ulster in November.
- Munster have lost their last four away games in all competitions since beating Leicester 25-16 at Welford Road in round 4 of the European Champions cup.
- Munster's only previous encounter with a South African side in the PRO14 was when they beat Cheetahs 51-18 at Thomond Park on 9 September.

COMPARISON	Kings	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Feb - Leinster (A) L 7-64	23 Feb - Glasgow (H) W 21-10
	2 Mar - Dragons (H) W 45-13	16 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 6-12
	24 Mar - Treviso (H) L 35-36	24 Mar - Scarlets (H) W 19-7
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L17 - 11pts	Conf A: 2nd - W11 D0 L7 - 58pts
PRO14 form	IIIIWL (7pts)	WWIWIW (20pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Yaw Penxe	8 - Alex Wootton
Top points scorer	39 - Kurt Coleman	89 - Ian Keatley

Round 19: 6 & 7 April 2018

Saturday 7 April

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v CARDIFF BLUES

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 3pm.

Live on



Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 20th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU) Ben Crouse (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Marius van Rensburg (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	T	C	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Sat 10 Feb 18	Cardiff Arms Park	20	25	Fred Zeilinga(2C/2P) Uzair Casseim(T), Ox Nche(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Jarrod Evans(2C/2P) Ellis Jenkins(T) Nick Williams(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Blues won 1.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have won their last two Guinness PRO14 matches, at home to Connacht and away at Dragons.
- Cheetahs only defeat in Bloemfontein this campaign was 26-29 to Glasgow on 6 October.
- Cardiff Blues have won their last five Guinness PRO14 matches but have not won six in a row in the Championship since 2010.
- The Blues have won three times on the road in the Championship this season, at Connacht in round 4, at Dragons in round 11 and at Zebre in round 16.
- Cardiff Blues beat the Cheetahs 25-20 at the Arms Park in round 14, the regions only previous fixture with a South African side in the PRO14.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	24 Feb - Ospreys (A) L 26-27	25 Feb - Zebre (A) W 10-7
	3 Mar - Connacht (H) W 26-25	16 Mar - Treviso (H) W 31-25
	23 Mar - Dragons (A) W 29-17	24 Mar - Ulster (H) W 35-17
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 3rd - W10 D0 L8 - 52pts	Conf A: 4th - W10 D0 L8 - 47pts
PRO14 form	WIIWw (17pts)	IWWwWW (23pts)
Top try scorer	10 - Makazole Mapimpi	5 - Owen Lane
Top points scorer	86 - Fred Zeilinga	117 - Jarrod Evans