

ROUND 20 – PREVIEWS

With only two full rounds left the focus is now fully on making the Final Series or Champions Cup Play-Off with 11 teams having something still to play for.

Munster and Cardiff Blues continue their travels in South Africa, Munster's victory over Southern Kings last weekend confirming the Irish Province a place in the Final Series alongside Glasgow Warriors from Conference A. Two of the top three teams in Conference B go head to head when Edinburgh face Scarlets at BT Murrayfield. A second consecutive loss for Edinburgh could leave the door open for Ulster, who have a game in hand, to qualify for the Final Series at the expense of the Scotsmen, leaders Leinster having already qualified.

The final stretch of the season promises to be intense before 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

Two former champions **Glasgow Warriors (A1)** and **Connacht (A6)** face each other at Scotstoun on Friday evening, (KO 19:35 BBCALBA/TG4), Warriors are still trying to secure home advantage in the Final Series, a win here could do just that.

Munster (A2) continue their travels in South Africa with a first visit to **Toyota Cheetahs (A3)** (KO19:35 SA / 18:35 IRE/UK SuperSport/SKY). With only seven points separating them in Conference A, this game could be classed as a real '10-pointer' with a win for either side having the benefits of denying their direct opponents the points, with home advantage in the Semi-Final Qualifier at stake.

Finally on Friday **Ulster (B4)** face **Ospreys (A5)** at Kingspan Stadium (KO19:35 BBCNI/BBCW). Victory over rivals, Edinburgh last weekend, and with a game still in hand, Ulster are making a late challenge for the Final Series, and another home win would help that cause whilst the focus for Ospreys, also with a game in hand, must be European qualification.

On Saturday **Zebre (A7)** host **Dragons (B6)** at Stadio Frattori in L'Aquila (KO 17:00 Italy / 16:00 IRE/UK, Eurosport) only the second game Zebre have taken away from Stadio Lanfranchi. Zebre are still searching for the win that would give them their best ever return in the Championship.

Leinster (B1) face a second Italian opponent in as many weeks when **Benetton Rugby (B5)** are the guests at the RDS Arena (KO 19:35, TG4). Having secured a place in the Final Series last round, Leinster will be trying earn a home Qualifier with the right result here whilst Benetton could set themselves a new record for wins in the Championship.

Southern Kings (B7) revert back to their usual home ground, Nelson Mandela Bay, for the fixture against **Cardiff Blues. (A4)** (19:35 SA / 18:35 IRE/UK, SuperSport/S4C). Whilst Kings cannot make the top three themselves, victory here would help their compatriots, Cheetahs, ease their way into the Final Series, conversely Blues will be looking to keep ahead of Ospreys, who have a game in hand, in the race for European qualification.

Pick of the Round

Edinburgh v Scarlets

Edinburgh (B3) face **Scarlets (B2)** at BT Murrayfield (KO 15:15, SKY) in a game where neither team can afford to slip up. A week after losing to another of their close rivals, Ulster, a loss here would have Edinburgh looking over their shoulders whilst victory would put pressure on the team ahead of them, Scarlets, in the race for a home Qualifier.

Opta Top Performers – Round 19

- **Most Tackles:** 20 Scott Otten (Ospreys) / Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)
- **Most Carries:** 18 Jean Deysel (Ulster) / Francois Venter (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Defenders Beaten:** 12 Willis Halaholo (Cardiff Blues)
- **Offloads:** 4 Jayden Hayward (Benetton)
- **Breaks:** 4 Darren Cave (Ulster)
- **Metres Made:** 181 Jeff Hassler (Ospreys)
- **Turnovers Won:** 4 Jean Deysel (Ulster)
- **Lineouts Stolen:** 2 Ben Toolis (Edinburgh) / Dave O'Callaghan (Munster)

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Friday 13 April

GLASGOW WARRIORS v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 13th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: David Wilkinson, Jonny Erskine (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Beth Dickens (SRU)
 TMO: Simon McDowell (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	C	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Connacht scorers
Fri 11 Sep 15	Scotstoun Stadium	33	32	Glenn Bryce(T) Rob Harley(T) Rory Clegg(3C/4P) Scott Cummings(T)	Danie Poolman(T) Nepia Fox-Matamua(T) John Cooney(T) Jack Carty(3C/2P) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 7 May 16	Sportsground	7	14	Gordon Reid(T) Finn Russell(C)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) AJ MacGinty(C) Shane O'Leary(C) Bundee Aki(T)
Sat 21 May 16	Sportsground (SF)	11	16	Duncan Weir(2P) Leone Nakarawa(T)	AJ MacGinty(C/3P) Niyi Adeolokun(T)
Sat 3 Sep 16	Sportsground	41	5	Henry Pyrgos(3C/P) Stuart Hogg(T) Sila Puafisi(T) Rory Clegg(C) Tim Swinson(T) Tommy Seymour(2T) Sean Lamont(T)	Niyi Adeolokun(T)
Sat 25 Mar 17	Scotstoun Stadium	35	24	Pete Horne(P) Ali Price(T) Finn Russell(T/3C/2P) Corey Flynn(T) Sean Lamont(T)	John Cooney(P) Niyi Adeolokun(T) John Muldoon(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/3P)
Sat 2 Sep 17	Sportsground	18	12	Pete Horne(C/2P) Ali Price(T) Lee Jones(T)	Jack Carty(4P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Warriors won 20, Connacht won 9 with 3 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors have suffered only three defeats in the Guinness PRO14 this campaign, although two of those have come in their last three matches.
- Warriors only two home defeats this season were both in the European Champions Cup, to Leinster and Montpellier. They have a 100 percent nine wins from nine record in the Championship, gaining 44 league points at Scotstoun themselves whilst allowing their opponents zero.
- Connacht have lost their last three Guinness PRO14 fixtures since their 22-19 victory in Treviso in round 16; Connacht's only away victory in the Championship this season.
- The Irishmen have lost both matches they have played against Scottish opposition this campaign.
- Connacht's only two victories over Warriors since 2011 both came in their Championship winning season of 2015/16.
- Connacht's most recent victory on Glasgow soil came at Firhill on September 2010.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Feb - Munster (A) L 10-21	3 Mar - Cheetahs (A) L 25-26
	23 Mar - Zebre (H) W 68-7	23 Mar - Edinburgh (H) L 22-29
	7 Apr - Scarlets (A) L 8-26	6 Apr - Ospreys (A) L 10-39
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 1st - W14 D1 L3 - 70pts	Conf A: 6th - W6 D0 L13 - 34pts
PRO14 form	wdWlWl (17pts)	WLwlLI (10pts)
Top try scorer	9 - George Horne	5 - Tiernan O'Halloran, Tom Farrell
Top points scorer	69 - Finn Russell	118 - Jack Carty

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Friday 13 April

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 7.35pm. *Live on*



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Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 21st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Lloyd Linton (SRU), Ben Crouse (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Marius van Rensburg (SARU)

TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)

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Date	Venue	T	M	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 9 Sep 17	Thomond Park	18	51	William Small-Smith(T) Henco Venter(T) Robbie Petzer(C/2P)	Chris Farrell(T) Ian Keatley(4C/P) Jean Kleyn(T) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Alex Wootton(4T) Simon Zebo(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Munster won 1.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have won their last three matches, against Connacht, Dragons and Blues, but have not won four in a row since the 2013 Super Rugby campaign.
- The South African's only defeat in Bloemfontein this season was at the hands of Glasgow in round 6.
- Munster's only loss in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 6-12 in Edinburgh on 16 March.
- The Munstermen's 39-22 victory over Southern Kings in George last weekend ended a run of four successive away defeats in all competitions.
- The two sides have met just once before with Munster winning 51-18 in Limerick in round 2.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	3 Mar - Connacht (H) W 26-25 23 Mar - Dragons (A) W 29-17 7 Apr - Cardiff Blues (H) W 29-27	16 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 6-12 24 Mar - Scarlets (H) W 19-7 7 Apr - Southern Kings (A) W 39-22
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 3rd - W11 D0 L8 - 57pts	Conf A: 2nd - W12 D0 L7 - 63pts
PRO14 form	lllWwW (17pts)	WIWIWw (20pts)
Top try scorer	10 - Makazole Mapimpi	8 - Alex Wootton
Top points scorer	86 - Fred Zeilinga	98 - Ian Keatley

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ULSTER RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 7.35pm. *Live on* **BBC SPORT NI**
 Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 34th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Joy Neville, John Carvill (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Murray Whyte (IRFU)
 TMO: Kevin Beggs (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	U	O	Ulster scorers	Ospreys scorers
Fri 21 Nov 14	Kingspan Stadium	25	16	Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Darren Cave(2T) Ian Humphreys(C) Franco van der Merwe(T)	Sam Davies(C/3P) Martin Roberts(T)
Sat 20 Dec 14	Liberty Stadium	20	31	Rob Herring(T) Tommy Bowe(T) Ian Humphreys(2C/2P)	Dan Biggar(T/4C/P) Hanno Dirksen(T) Rhys Webb(2T)
Fri 4 Sep 15	Kingspan Stadium	28	6	Rob Herring(T) Stuart McCloskey(T/C/2P) Luke Marshall(T) Wiehahn Herbst(T)	Sam Davies(2P)
Sat 7 May 16	Liberty Stadium	46	26	Paddy Jackson(T/5C/2P) Stuart Olding(T) Rory Best(T) Chris Henry(T) Andrew Trimble(T) Franco van der Merwe(T)	Tom Grabham(2T) Dan Biggar(T/3C) Josh Matavesi(T)
Sat 1 Oct 16	Kingspan Stadium	9	7	Paddy Jackson(3P)	Nicky Smith(T) Dan Biggar(C)
Sat 29 Apr 17	Liberty Stadium	10	24	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Jacob Stockdale(T)	Tyler Ardron(T) Dan Biggar(3C/P) Tom Habberfield(T) Brendon Leonard(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 28, Ulster won 14, Ospreys won 14.

Did you know?

- Ulster's 32-20 victory over Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in round 19 ended their three game losing streak.
- The Ulstermen have lost just twice in Belfast in any competition this season, both in the PRO14, to Leinster in round 7 and Edinburgh in round 15.
- Just one Welsh region has been victorious at Kingspan Stadium in the last five years: Scarlets by a single point in February 2016.
- Ospreys are the best side in the Guinness PRO14 on current form having picked up 24 league points from their last six matches.
- Ospreys only defeat in the last seven rounds of the Championship was to Connacht in Galway in round 14.
- Ospreys have not beaten an Irish province on their own turf since a trip to Connacht in September 2016.
- The Welshmen's 24-10 victory at Liberty Stadium the last time the two teams met ended a three game losing run to the Ulstermen.
- Ospreys only win in their last seven visits to Belfast since 2010 was 16-12 on 8 February 2013.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	24 Feb - Scarlets (A) L 10-34	24 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 27-26
	24 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 17-35	24 Mar - Leinster (H) W 32-18
	6 Apr - Edinburgh (A) W 32-20	6 Apr - Connacht (H) W 39-10
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 4th - W10 D1 L7 - 51pts	Conf A: 5th - W8 D0 L10 - 40pts
PRO14 form	IWLlW (11pts)	WlWWW (24pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Craig Gilroy	5 - Dan Evans
Top points scorer	141 - John Cooney	86 - Dan Biggar

Saturday 14 April

EDINBURGH RUGBY v SCARLETS

At BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 3.15pm. *Live on*

Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 11th competition game)

Assistant Referees: David Sutherland, Dunx McClement (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Kirk (SRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

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Date	Venue	E	S	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 28 Mar 15	Parc y Scarlets	26	15	David Denton(T) Phil Burleigh(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2C/4P)	Steve Shingler(5P)
Fri 12 Feb 16	Parc y Scarlets	21	22	Nathan Fowles(2P) Alex Toolis(T) Cornell du Preez(T) Greig Tonks(C/P)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Morgan Allen(T) Aled Thomas(4P)
Sun 28 Feb 16	BT Murrayfield	24	23	Ben Toolis(T) Phil Burleigh(T) Blair Kingham(C/4P)	James Davies(T) Aled Thomas(C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Fri 9 Sep 16	BT Murrayfield	20	9	Duncan Weir(2C/2P) Mike Allen(T) Magnus Bradbury(T)	Rhys Patchell(3P)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Parc y Scarlets	10	26	Duncan Weir(C/P) Phil Burleigh(T)	Wyn Jones(T) Rhys Patchell(2T/3C) James Davies(T)
Sat 23 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	8	28	Duncan Weir(P) Jason Harries(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(4C) Werner Kruger(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Edinburgh won 14, Scarlets won 14 with 1 game drawn

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby's 20-32 reversal at home to Ulster last weekend ended a six game winning run in the Guinness PRO14 and was their first Championship defeat of 2018.
- The Scotsmen have lost their last two games at BT Murrayfield, to Cardiff Blues in the quarter-final of the European Challenge Cup, and to Ulster.
- Scarlets have picked up only twelve league points from their last six matches, only five other sides have tallied fewer in that period. Four of those points were gained last weekend with their home victory over Glasgow.
- Scarlets have lost their last three away games in the Guinness PRO14 but have not lost four in a row in the Championship since season 2014/15.
- The last five encounters between the two sides have all been won by the home side on the day whilst Scarlets most recent victory at BT Murrayfield was in September 2013.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	16 Mar - Munster (H) W 12-6	9 Mar - Leinster (H) D 10-10
	23 Mar - Connacht (A) W 29-22	24 Mar - Munster (A) L 7-19
	6 Apr - Ulster (H) L 20-32	7 Apr - Glasgow (H) W 26-8
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 3rd - W13 D0 L6 - 59pts	Conf B: 2nd - W13 D1 L5 - 65pts
PRO14 form	WwwWwL (22pts)	lIWDIW (12pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	6 - Rhys Patchell, Johnny McNicholl
Top points scorer	80 - Duncan Weir	84 - Dan Jones

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LEINSTER RUGBY v BENETTON RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 7.35pm.

Live on **TG4**

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 45th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Aled Evans (WRU), Johnny Peek (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

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Date	Venue	L	B	Leinster scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Fri 8 May 15	RDS Arena	10	0	Jimmy Gopperth(P) Jamie Heaslip(T) Ian Madigan(C)	
Sun 1 Nov 15	Stadio Monigo	27	3	Ben Te'o(T) Jack McGrath(T) Jack Conan(T) Fergus McFadden(C/P) Johnny Sexton(C) Isa Nacewa(T)	Jayden Hayward(P)
Sat 7 May 16	RDS Arena	50	19	Noel Reid(T) Jack McGrath(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Johnny Sexton(T/C) Isa Nacewa(T/4C) Richardt Strauss(2T)	Marco Lazzaroni(T) Enrico Bacchin(T) Jayden Hayward(2C) Matteo Muccignat(T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	RDS Arena	20	8	James Tracy(T) Joey Carbery(2T) Fergus McFadden(C/P)	Tommaso Allan(P) Marco Fuser(T)
Sun 12 Feb 17	Stadio Monigo	40	14	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(5C) Bryan Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(T) Dave Kearney(2T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)	Ian McKinley(2C) Filo Paulo(T) Andrea Praticchetti(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Stadio Monigo	36	10	James Lowe(2T) Ross Byrne(4C/P) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T)	Tommaso Allan(C/P) Nacho Brex(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 15, Leinster won 13, Benetton won 1 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's only defeat in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 18-32 at Ospreys on 24 March.
- The Leinsterman's only home defeat in any competition in their last 37 games since December 2015 was to Scarlets in last season's PRO12 semi-final.
- Benetton have lost just twice in the last nine rounds of the Guinness PRO14, at home to Connacht in round 16 and away in Cardiff in round 17.
- The Italians have already won ten of their Championship matches this season equalling their best ever tally set in season 2012/13.
- Leinster's only defeat to Benetton in 15 previous encounters in the PRO14 was on their very first meeting in the Championship in September 2010.
- Italian sides have faced Leinster in Dublin on 17 previous occasions in all competitions but never won.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	9 Mar - Scarlets (A) D 10-10 24 Mar - Ospreys (A) L 18-32 7 Apr - Zebre (H) W 41-6	16 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 25-31 24 Mar - Southern Kings (A) W 36-35 7 Apr - Dragons (H) W 29-27
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 1st - W14 D1 L4 - 69pts	Conf B: 5th - W10 D0 L9 - 50pts
PRO14 form	IWWdIW (18pts)	WwLlWw (21pts)
Top try scorer	10 - Barry Daly	8 - Monty Ioane
Top points scorer	110 - Ross Byrne	83 - Marty Banks

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SOUTHERN KINGS v CARDIFF BLUES

At Nelson Mandela Bay, Port Elizabeth, 7.35pm. *Live on*



Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU, 9th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Quinton Immelman, Ruhan Meiring (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Nomsebenzie Tsotsobe (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

First PRO14 meeting between the two teams.

Did you know?

- Southern Kings solitary victory in the Guinness PRO14 was 45-13 at home to Dragons in round 17.
- All of the Kings 11 league points this season have come in home games.
- Cardiff Blues five game winning run in the Guinness PRO14 ended with a last minute penalty try defeat to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein last weekend.
- The Blues have won three times on the road this season in the Championship, against Connacht in round 4, Dragons in round 11 and Zebre in round 16.
- The two sides have never met before in the Championship.

COMPARISON	Kings	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Dragons (H) W 45-13	16 Mar - Treviso (H) W 31-25
	24 Mar - Treviso (H) L 35-36	24 Mar - Ulster (H) W 35-17
	7 Apr - Munster (H) L 22-39	7 Apr - Cheetahs (A) L 27-29
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L18 - 11pts	Conf A: 4th - W10 D0 L9 - 48pts
PRO14 form	IIIWLL (7pts)	WWwWWI (23pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Yaw Penxe	6 - Owen Lane
Top points scorer	39 - Kurt Coleman	117 - Jarrod Evans

Saturday 14 April

ZEBRE RUGBY v DRAGONS

At Stadio Fattori, L'Aquila, 5pm.

Live on **EUROSPORT**

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 101st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Nigel Correll (IRFU), Manuel Bottino (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Francesco Grillo (FIR)

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	Z	D	Zebre scorers	Dragons scorers
Sun 21 Dec 14	Rodney Parade	11	25	Kelly Haimona(2P) Andrea Manici(T)	Ross Wardle(T) Hallam Amos(T) Tom Prydie(2C/2P) Rynard Landman(T)
Sun 1 Mar 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	23	17	Jacopo Sarto(T) Matteo Praticetti(T) Mirco Bergamasco(2C/3P)	Jack Dixon(T) Tom Prydie(C) T.Rhys Thomas(T) Nic Cudd(T)
Fri 11 Sep 15	Rodney Parade	0	13		Ed Jackson(T) Jason Tovey(C/2P)
Sat 7 May 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	47	22	Kelly Haimona(T) Leo Sarto(T) Carlo Canna(5C/4P) Bruno Postiglioni(T) Oliviero Fabiani(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)	Hallam Amos(T) Angus O'Brien(P) Geraint Rhys Jones(2C) Rynard Landman(2T)
Fri 9 Sep 16	Rodney Parade	6	11	Carlo Canna(2P)	Pat Howard(T) Nick Macleod(2P)
Sat 8 Apr 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	29	14	Edoardo Padovani(T) Johan Meyer(T) Carlo Canna(3C/P) Federico Ruzza(T) Derick Minnie(T)	Angus O'Brien(2C) Cory Hill(T) Adam Hughes(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 10, Zebre won 3, Dragons won 6 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Stadio Fattori in L'Aquila becomes the 44th different venue to be used for a PRO14 encounter. This is only the second occasion that Zebre have moved a game away from Parma, losing 22-41 to Leinster at Reggio nell'Emilia in April 2013.
- Zebre have won only once since round 10 of the Championship: 19-11 in Connacht on 16 February.
- Dragons are without a win in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Southern Kings in Newport on 30 September, although they have drawn two fixtures since, both at home, to Ulster in round 10 and Glasgow in round 14.
- The Welshmen have not won on the road in the Guinness PRO14 since a trip to Treviso in March 2015.
- The last six matches between the two sides have all been won by the home side on the day whilst Dragons only victory away to Zebre came in February 2013 in Parma.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 Feb - Cardiff Blues (H) L 7-10	2 Mar - Southern Kings (A) L 13-45
	23 Mar - Glasgow (A) L 7-68	23 Mar - Cheetahs (H) L 17-29
	7 Apr - Leinster (A) L 6-41	7 Apr - Treviso (A) L 27-29
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 7th - W4 D0 L14 - 22pts	Conf B: 6th - W2 D2 L15 - 18pts
PRO14 form	LlwlLl (5pts)	DLLlLl (4pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Mattia Bellini	6 - Elliot Dee
Top points scorer	106 - Carlo Canna	77 - Gavin Henson