

GUINNESS PRO14 SEMI-FINAL PREVIEW

GLASGOW WARRIORS v SCARLETS

Friday, May 18, Scotstoun Stadium (KO 19:45) – Sky Sports Action, BBC ALBA, BBC Wales

To sum up the challenge awaiting the defending champions in Glasgow, consider this: out of a possible 50 match points Warriors have won 49 at Scotstoun this season. It is such incredible form that has made Glasgow Warriors' home a true fortress under new coach Dave Rennie and with their artificial surface the hosts know exactly how to step on the accelerator. But Scarlets made their name – and won last season's title – by playing a dashing brand of rugby that is predicated on fearless offloading and hunting like a pack at the breakdown.

Scarlets' tally of 158 turnovers in the Opta rankings, is second only to Cardiff Blues (169) and players like Tadhg Beirne and James Davies will be in position to punish any loose play by Glasgow Warriors. But in order to do that, Scarlets will have to try and restrain their hosts who led the Guinness PRO14 in metres gained and clean breaks.

For Scarlets the rejuvenation led by head coach Wayne Pivac over the past couple of seasons has created a team that pays little heed to the records of others. Last season Scarlets became the first team to ever win a Semi-Final away from home and that will provide so much belief in this fixture.

LEINSTER RUGBY v MUNSTER RUGBY

Saturday, May 19, RDS Arena (KO 15:15) – Sky Sports Action, TG4

If you wondered if the heat had cooled from this age-old rivalry then today's affair should prove the folly in that argument. Coming off their fourth European Cup title Leinster now aim to complete a double by winning the Guinness PRO14 while Munster are desperate to claim their first silverware since 2011 having lost two domestic finals in the past four years.

In Leinster their former players spoke of how Munster's European success sparked a drive within the blue province to be better, more consistent and to claim trophies at home and abroad. Since 2008, the year Munster won their last European Cup, Leinster have won the Championship three times and triumphed in Europe four times, five if you include their Challenge Cup win in 2013. Doubtless, Munster take little joy about fuelling Leinster's ambition – and success – and today's encounter provides the likes of Peter O'Mahony, Keith Earls, Conor Murray and CJ Stander with the opportunity to take on Europe's best and claim a scalp of their own.

Scarlets' Semi-Final win in Dublin last season was the first for an away team the Championship knock-out stages so history will provide no barrier to the men in red. Energy supplies may also be on their side having had two weeks lead-in to prepare whilst Leinster were busy in Bilbao dealing with an incredibly physical Racing 92 team.

ULSTER RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

Sunday, May 20, Kingspan Stadium (KO 15:05) – BBC NI, S4C

A new contest but a familiar prize at stake for two teams used to mixing it with Europe's elite year after year. For the first time the Guinness PRO14 hosts a Play-Off game for the final place in the European Champions Cup as a result of adopting a Conference format this season.

Ulster, represent Conference B as the highest-placed team not to automatically qualify for the Champions Cup while Ospreys have benefited from the performances of Cardiff Blues and the Toyota Cheetahs' EPCR ineligibility to represent Conference A. For both teams it has been a season of mixed fortunes, big results in Europe did not translate into qualification in for the knock-out stages while inconsistencies in the Guinness PRO14 prevented them reaching the Final Series – an expectancy in both Ulster and Ospreyia.

Littered with international quality, however, either side would be a fitting representative for the Championship in Europe's top competition next season. Both teams boast British & Irish Lions of Test class with Iain Henderson, Rory Best and Tommy Bowe among the Ulster ranks and Alun Wyn Jones, Dan Biggar and Justin Tipuric leading the way for Ospreys.

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Friday 18 May

GLASGOW WARRIORS v SCARLETS

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.45pm *Live on*



Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 70th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrew Brace, Frank Murphy (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	S	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Scarlets scorers
Fri 9 Jan 15	Scotstoun Stadium	22	7	Finn Russell(2C/P) Alex Dunbar(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Peter Murchie(T)	Rhys Priestland(C) Liam Williams(T)
Sat 5 Sep 15	Scotstoun Stadium	10	16	Glenn Bryce(T) Mike Cusack(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Dan Jones(2P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Sat 16 Apr 16	Parc y Scarlets	46	10	Henry Pyrgos(T) Finn Russell(2T/4C/P) Mark Bennett(T) Tommy Seymour(T) Lee Jones(2T)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Liam Williams(T)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Parc y Scarlets	3	27	Pete Horne(P)	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Jonathan Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Aaron Shingler(T)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Scotstoun Stadium	14	26	Rory Clegg(3P) Pat MacArthur(T)	Tom Williams(T/C) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(C/3P) Aled Thomas(P)
Sat 7 Apr 18	Parc y Scarlets	8	26	Henry Pyrgos(T) Pete Horne(P)	Rhys Patchell(2T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(C/3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Warriors won 14, Scarlets won 15.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors appear in their seventh semi-final since they were reintroduced in 2009.
- The Warriors have won their two previous semi-finals played at Scotstoun and lost the other four, which were all played away from home.
- Glasgow's only win in their last four matches was at home to Connacht in round 20.
- Warriors were the only side in the regular season with a 100 per cent home winning record in the Championship this campaign.
- Defending champions, Scarlets, have appeared in two previous Guinness PRO14 semi-finals, both away from home, losing to Ulster in 2013 and beating Leinster last season on their way to the title.
- Scarlets only defeat in their last four Guinness PRO14 matches was 14-52 on their most recent visit to Scotland, against Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in Round 20.
- Scarlets have won their last three matches against Glasgow including their only encounter this season at Parc y Scarlets in round 19.
- Scarlets overall record at Scotstoun in all competitions is an even won three, lost three.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	13 Apr - Connacht (H) W 35-22	14 Apr - Edinburgh (A) L 14-52
	21 Apr - Ulster (A) L 15-36	28 Apr - Dragons (A) W 33-8
	28 Apr - Edinburgh (A) L 19-24	5 May - Cheetahs (H) W 43-8
PRO14 2017/18	Conf A: 1st - W15 D1 L5 - 76pts	Conf B: 2nd - W14 D1 L6 - 70pts
PRO14 form	IWWII (11pts)	WDIWIW (16pts)
Top try scorer	9 - George Horne	8 - Steff Evans
Top points scorer	78 - Finn Russell	93 - Dan Jones

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Saturday 19 May

LEINSTER RUGBY v MUNSTER RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 3.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 13th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Whitehouse, Craig Evans (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Dougie Hunter (SRU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	M	Leinster scorers	Munster scorers
Sun 27 Dec 15	Thomond Park	24	7	Jack McGrath(T) Ian Madigan(3C/P) Isa Nacewa(T) Zane Kirchner(T)	Rory Scannell(C) Robin Copeland(T)
Sat 2 Apr 16	Aviva Stadium	16	13	Johnny Sexton(T/C/3P)	Johnny Holland(T/C/2P)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Aviva Stadium	25	14	Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Johnny Sexton(C/2P) Isa Nacewa(2T/C)	Jaco Taute(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C) Peter O'Mahony(T)
Mon 26 Dec 16	Thomond Park	17	29	Isa Nacewa(2C/P) Zane Kirchner(T) Richardt Strauss(T)	CJ Stander(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C/P) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Simon Zebo(T)
Sat 7 Oct 17	Aviva Stadium	23	17	Rory O'Loughlin(2T) Johnny Sexton(2C/3P)	Keith Earls(2T) Ian Keatley(T/C)
Tue 26 Dec 17	Thomond Park	34	24	Robbie Henshaw(T) Ross Byrne(3C/2P) Jordan Larmour(T) Dan Leavy(T) Penalty Try(T)	Andrew Conway(2T) Conor Murray(T) Ian Keatley(T/2C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 33, Leinster won 20, Munster won 13.

Did you know?

- Following Leinster's impressive victory in the European Champions Cup final last weekend they are still on target to become the first side to achieve a Guinness PRO14/European Cup double in the same season.
- Leinster have played in eight previous Celtic League/PRO Rugby semi-finals with their only defeat being last season to Scarlets (the only home semi-final defeat in Championship history).
- Leinster's only victory in the last 5 rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 41-6 at home to Zebre in round 19.
- The Leinstermen lost 15-17 to Benetton Rugby at the RDS Arena in round 20, their first home defeat in the Championship since last season's semi-final, whilst they have never lost successive games at the venue.
- Leinster have lost only twice at the RDS Arena to a fellow Irish province – to Munster in September 2008 and Ulster in March 2013.
- Munster have played in eight previous Championship semi-finals, winning five and losing three, the three defeats all being in their only three away semi-finals.
- Munster have not been defeated in the Guinness PRO14 since they visited Edinburgh on 16 March.
- Overall the two provinces have met on 153 occasions since their first fixture in March 1877, with Leinster having the edge by 95 to 47 with eleven games drawn.
- Leinster have won both Guinness PRO14 encounters this season.
- Munster's only previous victory at the RDS Arena was 18-0 on 28 September 2008 whilst their only victory over Leinster since then in Dublin was 34-23 at Aviva Stadium in October 2014.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	7 Apr - Zebre (H) W 41-6	13 Apr - Cheetahs (A) W 19-17
	14 Apr - Treviso (H) L 15-17	28 Apr - Ulster (H) D 24-24
	28 Apr - Connacht (A) L 10-47	5 May - Edinburgh (H) W 20-16
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 1st - W14 D1 L6 - 70pts	Conf A: 2nd - W13 D1 L7 - 69pts
PRO14 form	WdIWLI (13pts)	WIWwwD (20pts)
Top try scorer	12 - Barry Daly	8 - Alex Wootton
Top points scorer	110 - Ross Byrne	98 - Ian Keatley

CHAMPIONS CUP PLAY-OFF

Sunday 20 May

ULSTER RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 3.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 78th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Mike Adamson (SRU), Gianluca Gneccchi (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)

TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	U	O	Ulster scorers	Ospreys scorers
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)
Fri 13 Apr 18	Kingspan Stadium	8	0	Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(P)	

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Ulster won 15, Ospreys won 14.

Did you know?

- This is the first time that either team have had to try to qualify for the European Champions Cup through a play-off match.
- Ulster are the only side to have played in the Champions Cup every year since its inception in 1995/96 and who have never played a game in the Challenge Cup.
- Ulster are unbeaten in their last four matches since their 17-35 reversal to Cardiff Blues at the Arms Park in round 18.
- Ulster lost just twice in Belfast this season, to Leinster in round 7 and Edinburgh by a single point in round 15.
- Ospreys have lost two of their last three matches but did beat Cardiff Blues 26-23 at Principality Stadium on 'Judgement Day' in round 21.
- The Welshmen have lost on their last seven visits to an Irish province since beating Connacht in Galway in September 2016.
- Ulster's only defeat in their last five fixtures with Ospreys was 10-24 at Liberty Stadium in April 2017, whilst the last occasion that Ospreys won in Belfast was 16-12 in February 2013.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	13 Apr - Ospreys (H) W 8-0	13 Apr - Ulster (A) L 0-8
	21 Apr - Glasgow (H) W 36-15	21 Apr - Zebre (A) L 14-37
	28 Apr - Munster (A) D 24-24	28 Apr - Cardiff Blues (A) W 26-23
PRO14 2017/18	Conf B: 4th - W12 D2 L7 - 62pts	Conf A: 5th - W9 D0 L12 - 44pts
PRO14 form	llwWWd (16pts)	WWWllw (18pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Craig Gilroy	5 - Dan Evans
Top points scorer	160 - John Cooney	107 - Dan Biggar

ALL THE PREVIOUS SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

SEASON	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
2001/02	Leinster 35	Glasgow Warriors 13	Lansdowne Road
	Munster 15	Ulster 9	Lansdowne Road
2002/03	Munster 42	Ulster 10	Thomond Park
	Neath 32	Cardiff 10	The Gnoll
2009/10	Ospreys 20	Glasgow Warriors 5	Liberty Stadium
	Leinster 16	Munster 6	RDS Arena
2010/11	Leinster 18	Ulster 3	RDS Arena
	Munster 18	Ospreys 11	Thomond Park
2011/12	Ospreys 45	Munster 10	Liberty Stadium
	Leinster 19	Glasgow Warriors 15	RDS Arena
2012/13	Ulster 28	Scarlets 17	Kingspan Stadium
	Leinster 17	Glasgow Warriors 15	RDS Arena
2013/14	Glasgow Warriors 16	Munster 15	Scotstoun Stadium
	Leinster 13	Ulster 9	RDS Arena
2014/15	Glasgow Warriors 16	Ulster 14	Scotstoun Stadium
	Munster 21	Ospreys 18	Thomond Park
2015/16	Leinster 30	Ulster 18	RDS Arena
	Connacht 16	Glasgow Warriors 11	Sportsground
2016/17	Leinster 15	Scarlets 27	RDS Arena
	Munster 23	Ospreys 3	Thomond Park

SEMI-FINAL RECORDS 2001-17

Semi-finals were first played in 2002 and 2003, and reintroduced in 2010.

TEAM MATCH RECORDS

Highest Score:	(45) Ospreys 45, Munster 10	2012
Biggest Victory:	(35) Ospreys 45, Munster 10	2012
Lowest Score:	(3) Ulster 3, Leinster 18	2011
	(3) Ospreys 3, Munster 23	2017
Closest Match:	(1) Glasgow 16, Munster 15	2014
Most Combined Points:	(55) Ospreys 45, Munster 10	2012
Lowest Combined Points:	(21) Leinster 18, Ulster 3	2011
Most Tries:	(5) Munster 42, Ulster 10	2003
	(5) Ospreys 45, Munster 10	2012
Most Conversions:	(4) Munster 42, Ulster 10	2003
	(4) Ospreys 45, Munster 10	2012
Most Penalty Goals:	(5) Munster 15, Ulster 9	2001
Most Drop Goals:	(1) Munster 6, Leinster 16	2010

INDIVIDUAL MATCH RECORDS IN ONE SEMI-FINAL MATCH

Most Points:	25	Dan Biggar	Ospreys v Munster	2012
Most Tries:	2	Danny Barnes	Munster v Ospreys	2012
	2	Craig Gilroy	Ulster v Leinster	2016
Most Conversions:	4	Dan Biggar	Ospreys v Munster	2012
Most Penalty Goals:	5	Ronan O'Gara	Munster v Ulster	2001
Most Drop Goals:	1	Ronan O'Gara	Munster v Leinster	2010
Quickest Try:	3 mins	Ian Keatley	Munster v Ospreys	2012

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CAREER RECORDS IN SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

Most Points:	58	Johnny Sexton	Leinster
Most Tries:	2	by six players	
Most Conversions:	7	Dan Biggar	Ospreys
Most Penalty Goals:	16	Johnny Sexton	Leinster
Most Drop Goals:	1	Ronan O'Gara	Munster

HOW THEY FINISHED

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)	▶	21	15	1	5	12	2	76	81	62	27	0	614	38	24	42	0	366	1	3	248
2	Munster (2)	▶	21	13	1	7	10	5	69	78	49	26	0	568	42	31	29	0	361	3	2	207
3	Toyota Cheetahs (3)	▶	21	12	0	9	10	5	63	75	59	38	0	609	68	49	37	1	554	6	4	55
4	Cardiff Blues (4)	▶	21	11	0	10	5	5	54	56	45	44	0	502	59	42	32	1	482	8	7	20
5	Ospreys (5)	▶	21	9	0	12	5	3	44	44	29	35	1	390	60	44	33	0	487	7	3	-97
6	Connacht (6)	▶	21	7	0	14	5	6	39	53	35	36	0	445	54	36	44	1	477	4	2	-32
7	Zebre (7)	▶	21	7	0	14	4	4	36	50	31	31	1	408	78	59	27	0	593	10	3	-185

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	Leinster (1)	▶	21	14	1	6	10	2	70	83	57	22	0	601	46	32	25	1	374	6	3	227
2	Scarlets (2)	▶	21	14	1	6	9	3	70	69	56	23	0	528	43	24	34	0	365	4	4	163
3	Edinburgh Rugby (3)	▶	21	15	0	6	7	1	68	62	43	31	1	494	44	34	28	1	375	4	7	119
4	Ulster (4)	▶	21	12	2	7	8	2	62	68	43	36	0	538	61	43	28	1	482	6	5	56
5	Benetton Rugby (5)	▶	21	11	0	10	6	5	55	51	32	32	0	415	55	39	32	0	451	5	7	-36
6	Dragons (6)	▶	21	2	2	17	4	4	20	43	27	32	3	378	94	63	22	0	672	15	0	-294
7	Southern Kings (7)	▶	21	1	0	20	4	3	11	48	37	20	0	378	119	85	20	0	829	20	0	-451
TOTALS			147	143	4	143	99	50	737	861	605	433	6	6868	861	605	433	6	6868	99	50	

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;

- (c) 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;
- (d) if unresolved, the number of tries scored by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- (e) if unresolved, the number of points scored on the field of play by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- (f) 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

IN CASE OF A TIE

Extra Time and Place Kicking Competition (Abbreviated Rules)

In the event of a tie at full time in a Guinness PRO14 Semi-Final Qualifier, Semi-Final or the Guinness PRO14 Final then extra-time will be played, consisting of two periods, each of 10 minutes. If the score is still tied after extra-time, the Team that has scored the most tries in the match will be deemed the winner.

If the Teams are still tied on points and tries at the end of extra-time then the winner will be determined by a Place Kick Competition. In the event that a Place Kick Competition is required, each Team will nominate three goal

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kickers who will take six place kicks between them from different positions along the 22 metre and 10 metre lines.

The Team with the most place kicks scored will be the winner. If the Teams are tied at the end of their six kicks, then sudden death will apply. Only players in the playing area at the final whistle of extra-time may be nominated for the Place Kick Competition.

No substituted players or players who have been shown a red card may take part at any time including any player who has received a yellow card and who remains in the sin bin at the time of the final whistle of extra-time.

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.

SEMI-FINALS QUALIFIER DETAILS

5 MAY 2018

MUNSTER (7) 20, EDINBURGH RUGBY (6) 16 (Thomond Park)

Munster: 15 Simon Zebo; 14 Andrew Conway, 13 Sammy Arnold, 12 Rory Scannell, 11 Keith Earls(T); 10 JJ Hanrahan(2C/2P), 9 Conor Murray; 1 James Cronin, 2 Rhys Marshall(T), 3 Stephen Archer; 4 Jean Kleyn, 5 Billy Holland; 6 Peter O'Mahony (capt), 7 Jack O'Donoghue, 8 CJ Stander.

Bench: 16 Mike Sherry, 17 Dave Kilcoyne, 18 Ciaran Parker, 19 Gerbrandt Grobler, 20 Robin Copeland, 21 James Hart, 22 Ian Keatley, 23 Darren Sweetnam.

Replacements used: Parker for Archer 17, Sweetnam for Conway 31, Conway for Sweetnam 38, Sweetnam for Conway 41, Grobler for Kleyn 52, Copeland for Stander 61, Kilcoyne for Cronin 61, Sherry for Marshall 70.

Place Kicking: JJ Hanrahan 4 from 5 (Conv 2/2, Pens 2/3).

Edinburgh Rugby: 15 Blair Kinghorn; 14 Dougie Fife, 13 Mark Bennett, 12 Chris Dean, 11 Duhan van der Merwe; 10 Jaco van der Walt(C), 9 Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(3P); 1 Jordan Lay, 2 Stuart McInally (capt), 3 Simon Berghan; 4 Ben Toolis, 5 Grant Gilchrist; 6 Lewis Carmichael, 7 Magnus Bradbury, 8 Viliame Mata.

Bench: 16 Neil Cochrane, 17 Allan Dell, 18 Willem Nel, 19 Ally Miller, 20 Cornell du Preez, 21 Nathan Fowles(T), 22 Duncan Weir, 23 James Johnstone.

Replacements used: Dell for Lay 52, Nel for Berghan 52, Fowles for Hidalgo-Clyne 56, du Preez for Mata 62, Weir for van der Walt 64, Cochrane for McInally 70, Johnstone for Dean 76.

Place Kicking: Jaco van der Walt 1 from 1 (Conv 1/1), Sam Hidalgo-Clyne 3 from 3 (Pens 3/3).

Scoring sequence: 9' Marshall (T) 5-0, Hanrahan (C) 7-0, 19' Hidalgo-Clyne (P) 7-3, 25' Hidalgo-Clyne (P) 7-6, 43' Earls (T) 12-6, Hanrahan (C) 14-6, 52' Hanrahan (P) 17-6, 56' Hidalgo-Clyne (P) 17-9, 59' Fowles (T) 17-14, van der Walt (C) 17-16, 73' Hanrahan (P) 20-16.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales)

Attendance: 10205.

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SCARLETS (24) 43, TOYOTA CHEETAHS (3) 8 (Parc y Scarlets)

Scarlets: 15 Leigh Halfpenny(T/2C/P); 14 Tom Prydie(T), 13 Scott Williams, 12 Hadleigh Parkes, 11 Steff Evans(2T); 10 Rhys Patchell (sin bin 80)(3C), 9 Gareth Davies; 1 Rob Evans, 2 Ken Owens (capt), 3 Samson Lee; 4 Lewis Rawlins, 5 Steve Cummins; 6 Tadhg Beirne, 7 James Davies(T), 8 John Barclay.

Bench: 16 Ryan Elias, 17 Wyn Jones, 18 Werner Kruger, 19 Aaron Shingler, 20 Will Boyde, 21 Jonathan Evans(T), 22 Dan Jones, 23 Steffan Hughes.

Replacements used: D.Jones for Halfpenny 35, J.Evans for G.Davies 44, W.Jones for R.Evans 46, Kruger for Lee 52, Boyde for Barclay 55, Elias for Owens 60, Shingler for Beirne 64, Hughes for S.Williams 66.

Place Kicking: Leigh Halfpenny 3 from 4 (Conv 2/2, Pens 1/2), Rhys Patchell 3 from 5 (Conv 3/4, Pens 0/1).

Toyota Cheetahs: 15 Clayton Blommetjies(T); 14 William Small-Smith, 13 Francois Venter (capt), 12 Niel Marais, 11 Rabs Maxwane; 10 Johan Goosen(P), 9 Tian Meyer; 1 Ox Nche, 2 Torsten van Jaarsveld, 3 Aranos Coetzee; 4 Carl Wegner, 5 Rynier Bernardo; 6 Paul Schoeman, 7 Oupa Mohoje, 8 Uzair Cassiem.

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Bench: 16 Jacques du Toit, 17 Charles Marais, 18 Tom Botha, 19 Reniel Hugo, 20 Henco Venter, 21 Zee Mkhabela, 22 Clinton Swart, 23 Lloyd Greeff.

Replacements used: Hugo for Bernardo 47, C.Marais for Nche 50, H.Venter for Cassiem 57, du Toit for van Jaarsveld 59, Greeff for Goosen 64, Mkhabela for Meyer 64, Botha for Coetzee 66, Swart for Small-Smith 73, Meyer for Mkhabela 74.

Place Kicking: Johan Goosen 1 from 2 (Conv 0/1, Pens 1/1).

Scoring sequence: 6' St.Evans (T) 5-0, Halfpenny (C) 7-0, 16' Halfpenny (P) 10-0, 17' Halfpenny (T) 15-0, Halfpenny (C) 17-0, 22' Goosen (P) 17-3, 37' St.Evans (T) 22-3, Patchell (C) 24-3, 45' Prydie (T) 29-3, Patchell (C) 31-3, 55' Jas.Davies (T) 36-3, Patchell (C) 38-3, 61' J.Evans (T) 43-3, 76' Blommetjies (T) 43-8.

Referee: George Clancy (Ireland)

Attendance: 7105.

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 21 week regular season given £10,000 to spend on their youth development programme.

Specsavers		FAIRPLAY LEAGUE				
		YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Scarlets	1	0	1	0	4
2	Glasgow Warriors	5	0	0	0	5
2	Leinster	5	0	0	0	5
4	Ulster	6	1	0	0	7
5	Connacht	8	0	0	0	8
6	Dragons	8	1	0	0	9
7	Toyota Cheetahs	11	0	0	0	11
8	Ospreys	7	2	0	1	12
8	Southern Kings	12	0	0	0	12
8	Zebre	8	1	1	0	12
8	Edinburgh	6	0	2	0	12
12	Cardiff Blues	12	1	1	0	16
13	Benetton	17	0	0	0	17
14	Munster	10	0	3	0	19
	TOTALS	116	6	8	1	149

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GILBERT GOLDEN BOOT

The Gilbert Golden Boot is awarded to the kicker who has successfully converted the highest percentage of place kicks during the 21 week regular season. The minimum criteria is 30 attempts at goal.

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Fred Zeilinga	Toyota Cheetahs	35	41	85.37%	22222/2332/2	24/27	11/14	Last 23
2	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	27	32	84.38%	3/3c/233322c	17/21	10/11	Missed last 1
3	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	48	57	84.21%	332/2222c2c	27/33	21/24	Missed last 1
4	Dan Jones	Scarlets	31	37	83.78%	3222/pp23/22	20/23	11/14	Last 4
5	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	29	35	82.86%	2333/3c33/3p	15/20	14/15	Missed last 1
6	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	33	40	82.50%	22/pp/32c/22c	21/26	12/14	Missed last 1
7	Sam Davies	Ospreys	25	31	80.65%	2/2c/32232/22	11/14	14/17	Last 7
8	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	25	31	80.65%	2/2222c2222	21/26	4/5	Last 4
9	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	26	33	78.79%	3323/332/2c/3	11/16	15/17	Last 1
10	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	37	47	78.72%	22c/p/323p23	17/25	20/22	Last 2
11	John Cooney	Ulster	55	71	77.46%	2332/3c/3233	25/38	30/33	Last 4
12	Gavin Henson	Dragons	28	37	75.68%	2/23cc2c/3p2	13/18	15/19	Last 1
13	Ian Keatley	Munster	39	52	75.00%	2/c22/3cc222	29/41	10/11	Last 3
14	Jack Carty	Connacht	50	67	74.63%	3p/c32/222c2	24/36	26/31	Last 1
15	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	30	42	71.43%	c33c32/2c22	21/28	9/14	Last 2
16	Ross Byrne	Leinster	49	69	71.01%	3/3c/2cc2c2c	37/52	12/17	Missed last 1
17	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	30	43	69.77%	2/332/c22223	12/23	18/20	Last 5
18	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	24	35	68.57%	3/c/2333/2223	16/24	8/11	Last 8
19	Carlo Canna	Zebre	43	67	64.18%	2/ccc23c2/cc	20/35	23/32	Missed last 2

Qual: 30 place kicks at goal

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RED CARDS (8)

Fineen Wycherley (Munster @ Glasgow Warriors, 22 Sep)

Michele Rizzo (Edinburgh @ Scarlets, 23 Sep)

Andrew Conway (Munster @ Connacht, 27 Oct)

Taufa'ao Filise (Blues @ Warriors, 1 Dec)

Simon Berghan (Edinburgh v Warriors, 23 Dec)

Johan Meyer (Zebre @ Benetton, 23 Dec)

Steff Evans (Scarlets v Ospreys, 26 Dec)

Sammy Arnold (Munster @ Ulster, 1 Jan)

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 (6)

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)

James Thomas (Dragons @ Ospreys, 27 Oct)

Olly Cracknel (Ospreys v Dragons, 27 Oct) striking an opponent (Law 10.4.A)

Matthew Rees (Cardiff Blues @ Dragons, 26 Dec) playing an opponent without the ball (Law 10.4.F)

YELLOW CARDS (117)

Benetton (17)	Andrea Bronzini(2), Francesco Minto(2), Nacho Brex, Dean Budd, Alberto de Marchi, Angelo Esposito, Hame Faiva, Jayden Hayward, Tommaso Iannone, Engiel Makelara, Federico Ruzza, Tito Tebaldi, Cherif Traore, Torsten van Jaarsveldt, Shaun Venter
Blues (12)	Alex Cuthbert(2), Taufa'ao Filise(2), Brad Thyer(2), Nick Williams(2), Kirby Myhill, Owen Lane, Matthew Rees, Olly Robinson
Connacht (8)	John Muldoon(2), Finlay Bealham, James Cannon, Eoin Griffin, Eoghan Masterson, Tiernan O'Halloran, Quinn Roux
Cheetahs (11)	Aranos Coetzee(2), Craig Barry, Justin Basson, Rynier Bernardo, Clayton Blommetjies, Charles Marais, Junior Pokomela, Torsten van Jaarsveld, Francois Venter, Henco Venter
Dragons (8)	Jack Dixon(2), Leon Brown, Chris Coleman, Thomas Davies, Lloyd Fairbrother, Angus O'Brien, Matthew Screech
Edinburgh (6)	Magnus Bradbury, Cornell du Preez, Jason Harries, Fraser McKenzie, Jamie Ritchie, Duncan Weir
Kings (12)	Schalk Ferreira(2), Yaw Penxe(2), Tango Balekile, Eital Bredenkamp, Bobby de Wee, Jacques Nel, Pieter Scholtz, S'bura Sithole, Joe Smith, Entienne Swanepoel
Leinster (5)	Adam Byrne, Dave Kearney, Jordi Murphy, Isa Nacewa, James Tracy
Munster (10)	Robin Copeland(2), Sammy Arnold, Andrew Conway, Gerbrand Grobler, Billy Holland, Jack O'Donoghue, Niall Scannell, Fineen Wycherley, Simon Zebo
Ospreys (8)	Dimitri Arhip, Bradley Davies, Hanno Dirksen, Dan Evans, Jeff Hassler, Ben John*, Will Jones, Brendon Leonard
Scarlets (2)	Tadhg Beirne, Thys Patchell
Ulster (6)	Rodney Ah You, Jean Deysel, Wiehahn Herbst, Louis Ludik, Luke Marshall, Andy Warwick
Warriors (5)	Alex Allan, Scott Cummings, Alex Dunbar, Chris Fusaro, Rob Harley
Zebre (8)	Carlo Canna(2), George Fabio Biagi(2), Maxime Mbanda, Tommaso Boni, Rory Parata, Dave Sisi

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

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TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	John Cooney	Ulster	16+2	1192	4	25	30	0	160
2	Carlo Canna	Zebre	18	1339	4	20	23	1	132
3	Jack Carty	Connacht	17+2	1190	1	24	26	0	131
4	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	12+3	829	2	27	21	0	127
5	Ross Byrne	Leinster	16+3	1206	0	37	12	0	110
6	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	10+2	807	2	17	20	1	107
7	Ian Keatley	Munster	10+5	789	2	29	10	0	98
8	Dan Jones	Scarlets	10+5	833	4	20	11	0	93
9	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	10	713	3	23	10	0	91
10	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	14+6	891	7	16	8	0	91
11	Fred Zeilinga	Toyota Cheetahs	8+4	667	1	24	11	0	86
12	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	5+8	540	3	11	15	1	85
13	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	12+4	923	1	12	18	0	83
14	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	9+2	708	0	21	12	0	78
15	Gavin Henson	Dragons	9	687	0	13	15	2	77
16	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	11+4	943	2	18	10	0	76
17	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	6	422	0	15	14	0	72
18	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	13+1	994	6	18	2	0	72
19	Sam Davies	Ospreys	12+8	1173	1	11	14	0	69
20	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	8+7	778	1	17	10	0	69
21	Niel Marais	Toyota Cheetahs	10+2	796	1	13	10	0	61

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	Barry Daly	Leinster	11+3	903	12	5	7	6	6
2	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	13	1033	10	6	4	4	6
3	George Horne	Glasgow Warriors	8+4	571	9	4	5	4	5
4	Mattia Bellini	Zebre	14+1	1097	8	6	2	3	5
5	Craig Gilroy	Ulster	9	636	8	5	3	3	5
6	Monty Ioane	Benetton Rugby	11	878	8	6	2	5	3
7	Steff Evans	Scarlets	12	917	8	6	2	4	4
8	Duhan van der Merwe	Edinburgh Rugby	14	1102	8	7	1	4	4
9	Alex Wootton	Munster	15+1	1157	8	6	2	3	5
10	Tadhg Beirne	Scarlets	19+1	1481	7	2	5	1	6
11	Angelo Esposito	Benetton Rugby	9	692	7	5	2	3	4
12	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	14+6	891	7	2	5	2	5
13	Lee Jones	Glasgow Warriors	14+1	1061	7	3	4	2	5
14	Jordan Larmour	Leinster	9+5	888	7	4	3	2	5
15	James Lowe	Leinster	8	640	7	5	2	4	3
16	Rory O'Loughlin	Leinster	15+3	1183	7	4	3	4	3
17	Jared Rosser	Dragons	13+3	1067	7	3	4	5	2

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

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BEST GUINNESS PRO14 KICKERS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Kurt Coleman	Southern Kings	17	19	89.47%	p/2222322/22	12/13	5/6	Last 9
2	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne	Edinburgh Rugby	24	27	88.89%	2222/222/333	16/19	8/8	Last 11
3	Marcello Violi	Zebre	14	16	87.50%	3/3/23/3c/3333	6/7	8/9	Last 4
4	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	20	23	86.96%	c233c22/222	10/12	10/11	Last 5
5	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	12	14	85.71%	333/33c32/c2	6/8	6/6	Last 1
6	Fred Zeilinga	Toyota Cheetahs	35	41	85.37%	22222/2332/2	24/27	11/14	Last 23
7	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	27	32	84.38%	3/3c/233322c	17/21	10/11	Missed last 1
8	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	48	57	84.21%	332/2222c2c	27/33	21/24	Missed last 1
9	Dan Jones	Scarlets	31	37	83.78%	3222/pp23/22	20/23	11/14	Last 4
10	Jason Tovey	Edinburgh Rugby	15	18	83.33%	2/p3233222/p	8/8	7/10	Missed last 1
11	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	29	35	82.86%	2333/3c33/3p	15/20	14/15	Missed last 1
12	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	33	40	82.50%	22/pp/32c/22c	21/26	12/14	Missed last 1
13	Masixole Banda	Southern Kings	14	17	82.35%	p2c32/2/2332	7/8	7/9	Last 7
14	Arwel Robson	Dragons	17	21	80.95%	2/c22233p/3c	8/10	9/11	Missed last 1
15	Sam Davies	Ospreys	25	31	80.65%	2/2c/32232/22	11/14	14/17	Last 7
16	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	25	31	80.65%	2/2222c2222	21/26	4/5	Last 4
17	Niel Marais	Toyota Cheetahs	23	29	79.31%	c/3c22/32c22	13/18	10/11	Last 2
18	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	26	33	78.79%	3323/332/2c/3	11/16	15/17	Last 1
19	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	37	47	78.72%	22c/p/323p23	17/25	20/22	Last 2
20	Christian Leali'ifano	Ulster	11	14	78.57%	222/32/3cc2c	7/10	4/4	Missed last 1
21	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	21	27	77.78%	22/33/3223p3	8/11	13/16	Last 1
22	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	14	18	77.78%	2c22/cc2/223	8/11	6/7	Last 4
23	John Cooney	Ulster	55	71	77.46%	2332/3c/3233	25/38	30/33	Last 4
24	Craig Ronaldson	Connacht	16	21	76.19%	323/3p3c/c/2/2	7/9	9/12	Last 2
25	Gavin Henson	Dragons	28	37	75.68%	2/23cc2c/3p2	13/18	15/19	Last 1
26	Ian Keatley	Munster	39	52	75.00%	2/c22/3cc222	29/41	10/11	Last 3
27	Ciaran Frawley	Leinster	9	12	75.00%	22c2222cc2	8/11	1/1	Last 1
28	Jack Carty	Connacht	50	67	74.63%	3p/c32/222c2	24/36	26/31	Last 1
29	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	18	25	72.00%	p/3c/2/2/2cp/2c	11/15	7/10	Missed last 1
30	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	33	46	71.74%	32/2c22/2p32	23/30	10/16	Last 2
31	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	20	28	71.43%	2/22/2p/p222c	18/22	2/6	Missed last 1
32	Oliver Zono	Southern Kings	10	14	71.43%	322/c332/2p2	7/10	3/4	Last 1
33	Ross Byrne	Leinster	49	69	71.01%	3/3c/2cc2c2c	37/52	12/17	Missed last 1
34	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	28	40	70.00%	3/2223/2p233	18/26	10/14	Last 3
35	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	30	43	69.77%	2/332/c22223	12/23	18/20	Last 5
36	Carlo Canna	Zebre	43	67	64.18%	2/ccc23c2/cc	20/35	23/32	Missed last 2
37	Johnny McPhillips	Ulster	6	10	60.00%	cc/c/2c3/2322	4/8	2/2	Last 5
38	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	13	22	59.09%	2c/2c/c2/c3c/2	9/18	4/4	Last 1
39	Tyler Bleyendaal	Munster	11	21	52.38%	33/cp/3/323c3	4/11	7/10	Last 1

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)	22 – Jason Tovey (Edinburgh v Ospreys, 4 Nov)
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)	8 – Adam Hastings (Warriors v Zebre, 23 Mar)
Most penalty goals	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	6 – Dan Biggar (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct)
Most drop goals	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 on six occasions Gavin Henson (twice)
Fastest try	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar 18)	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	22 mins – Dave Kearney (Leinster v Kings, 23 Feb)

TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	68-7 Warriors v Zebre (Scotstoun, 23 Mar)
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	48-21 Edinburgh @ Kings (Nelson Mandela Bay, 1 Dec)
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)	61pts – Warriors 68, Zebre 7 (Scotstoun, 23 Mar)
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	41pts – Ospreys 6, Warriors 47 (Liberty Stadium, 26 Nov)
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	46,374 – Leinster v Munster (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 (1,416)
1,000 points:	Jason Tovey (875), Duncan Weir (854)
500 points:	Sam Davies (498), James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (439)
Record:	1,582 points – Dan Parks (Glasgow Warriors, Cardiff Blues & Connacht)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Craig Gilroy (48), Tom James (45)
25 tries:	Nikola Matawalu (24), Matt Healy (24), Tiernan O'Halloran (24), Luke McGrath (22), Dave Kearney (22)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Lewis Evans (149), Devin Toner (149), Sean Cronin (146), Rob Harley (146), Ken Owens (144)
100 games:	Sam Parry (99), Emyr Phillips (99), Simon Zebo (97), Kristian Dacey (96), Andrea de Marchi (94), John Ryan (94), Eoin McKeon (94), Robin Copeland (94), Jonathan Davies (93)
Record:	254 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Parks	1582	John Muldoon	254	John Muldoon	18030	Tommy Bowe	67
Dan Biggar	1578	Matthew Rees	202	John Barclay	13091	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1416	Phil John	196	Tommy Bowe	12625	DTH van der Merwe	54
Ronan O'Gara	940	Ian Keatley	191	Dan Evans	11968	Andrew Trimble	50
Felipe Contepomi	877	Ross Ford	189	Alastair Kellock	11767	Craig Gilroy	48
Jason Tovey	875	John Barclay	189	Andrew Trimble	11755	Tom James	45
Duncan Weir	854	Michael Swift	184	Ian Keatley	11695	Shane Horgan	39
Chris Paterson	810	Isaac Boss	175	Dan Parks	11400	Fionn Carr	37
David Humphreys	786	Alastair Kellock	174	Ross Ford	11304	Simon Zebo	37
Rhys Priestland	770	Dougie Hall/ Tommy Bowe	174	Dan Biggar	10841	Nikki Walker	36

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