

## GUINNESS PRO14 FINAL PREVIEWS

### Leinster Rugby v Scarlets, Aviva Stadium (Dublin) KO 18:00

As Leinster Rugby and Scarlets meet for the sixth time in a little over 12 months, the final chapter appears to be nowhere in sight as the two teams build on their modern-day rivalry.

Today's plot revolves around Leinster aiming to create a piece of history by completing a domestic and European double and Scarlets focused on retaining their Championship crown and claiming back-to-back titles.

But it is the sub-plots that make this fixture a classic in the making. Firstly, we have the architects of both teams that bring a worldview and mould it to fit their local values.

At Leinster, head coach Leo Cullen and senior coach Stuart Lancaster have maximised the talent pouring out of the province's academy and matched it well with the plethora of international talent among their established ranks. Competition for places is intense, the game plans are shrewd and the players are powered by a relentless motivation.

Power and finesse, this Leinster crop – the new European Champions – have it in spades.

Across the aisle in the opposing coach box and Wayne Pivac, the former police man from New Zealand, has some very able lieutenants in Stephen Jones (attack coach) and Byron Hayward (defence coach) have forged a smart, agile and daring team in Llanelli.

Scintillating play is Scarlets' calling card but it is based upon Kiwi values that ensure the opposition breakdown is raided at every opportunity and offloading ability is the main passport into the starting XV. There's also a steely bond among the team that is best manifested in their defence, as Leinster will attest to, the red line refused to buckle in the RDS Arena during last season's Guinness PRO12 Semi-Final.

Scarlets used that historic away win as a springboard to the title, Leinster used it as motivation to come back harder this season. When it mattered most in the Champions Cup Semi-Final in Dublin last month, Leinster blew the doors off but it's difficult to imagine Scarlets allowing lightning to strike twice.

The playing ranks of both sides can safely be described as elite. British & Irish Lions sprinkle both squads while many of the players are used to going at each other toe-to-toe in the Six Nations when Ireland and Wales face each other.

There are icons on both teams bidding farewell, too. Leinster captain Isa Nacewa is due to bow out ahead of retirement and back row Jordi Murphy is departing for Ulster. Scott Williams will play his last game for Scarlets before moving to Ospreys while John Barclay misses out through injury ahead of his switch to Edinburgh.

Scarlets also come into this game with their free-flowing style of play showing no signs of blunting. The Welsh region have scored over 100 points in their last three games while in comparison Leinster have not scored more than 16 points in any of the previous four outings. As for knock-out form, Leinster have won 50% of the last four Championship games while Scarlets are a perfect four from four.

Form guides, however, are only an accurate measure of the past and on an occasion such as the Guinness PRO14 Final nothing is certain beyond the prospect of a tantalising contest between two of the Championship's very best teams.

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Saturday 26 May

## LEINSTER RUGBY v SCARLETS

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 3.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 14<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Marius Mitrea (FIR), Mike Adamson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner:

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	S	Leinster scorers	Scarlets scorers
Fri 6 Nov 15	RDS Arena	19	15	Mike Ross(T) Ian Madigan(C/4P)	Dan Jones(C/P) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Gareth Owen(T)
Fri 25 Nov 16	Parc y Scarlets	29	38	Tom Daly(T) Adam Byrne(T) Andrew Porter(T) Isa Nacewa(3C/P) Richardt Strauss(T)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Rhys Patchell(5C) Ryan Elias(T) Steff Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Dan Jones(P) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 4 Mar 17	RDS Arena	45	9	Ross Byrne(5C) Rhys Ruddock(T) Ed Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(2T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Luke McGrath(2T)	Dan Jones(3P)
Fri 19 May 17	RDS Arena (SF)	15	27	Jack Conan(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Isa Nacewa(C/P)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(3C) Steff Evans(T) Gareth Davies(T) Liam Williams(2P)
Sat 17 Feb 18	RDS Arena	20	13	James Lowe(2T) Ciaran Frawley(C/P) Luke McGrath(T)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Dan Jones(C/2P)
Fri 9 Mar 18	Parc y Scarlets	10	10	Ross Byrne(C/P) Ed Byrne(T)	Paul Asquith(T) Dan Jones(C/P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31 Leinster won 18, Scarlets won 11 with 2 games drawn.

### Did you know?

- Leinster are seeking to become Guinness PRO14 Champions for the fifth time, and become the first non-English or French side to claim a domestic title and European Cup double in the same season.
- Leinster have played in seven previous Championship finals, winning three and losing four, just one of those was at Lansdowne Road/Aviva Stadium, beating Munster there 24-20 in 2001.
- The Leinstermen have won their last eight matches at Aviva Stadium in all tournaments since losing there to Toulon in the pool phase of the 2015/16 European Champions Cup.
- Leinster's only defeat in Dublin to a Welsh Region since February 2015 was in last season's semi-final, to today's opponents, Scarlets, at the RDS Arena.
- Scarlets, the defending Guinness PRO14 Champions, are bidding to win the title for a third time – only Leinster have ever retained the Championship title, having done so in 2013 and 2014.
- The Scarlets Region have played in just three previous finals in all competitions, losing to Munster at Lansdowne Road in the Celtic Cup final in 2005, and being beaten by Wasps at Twickenham in the Anglo-Welsh Cup final in 2006. Last season they overcame Munster in the PRO14 final at Aviva Stadium.
- Scarlets have lost on all four occasions they have visited Ireland in all tournaments this season.
- The two sides have met on three occasions this season, twice in the Guinness PRO14, with Leinster winning 20-13 at the RDS in February and drawing 10-all at Parc y Scarlets in March. Leinster also beat Scarlets 38-15 in the semi-final of the European Champions Cup at Aviva Stadium in April.
- The two sides have met three times before at Lansdowne Road/Aviva Stadium with Leinster victorious on each occasion including two regular season fixtures in the PRO14 in March 2005 and April 2006.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	14 Apr - Treviso (H) L 15-17	28 Apr - Dragons (A) W 33-8
	28 Apr - Connacht (A) L 10-47	5 May - Cheetahs (H) W 43-8 (PO)
	19 May - Munster (H) W16-15 (SF)	18 May - Warriors (A) W 28-13 (SF)

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<b>PRO14 2017/18</b>	Conf B: 1st - W14 D1 L6 - 70pts	Conf B: 2nd - W14 D1 L6 - 70pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WdIWLI (13pts)	WDIWIW (16pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	12 - Barry Daly	8 - Steff Evans
<b>Top points scorer</b>	116 - Ross Byrne	93 - Dan Jones

## LEINSTER v SCARLETS in GUINNESS PRO14 in 2017/18

### GUINNESS PRO14 – ROUND 15

17 FEBRUARY 2018

**LEINSTER (10) 20, SCARLETS (7) 13 (RDS Arena)**

Leinster: 15 Jordan Larmour; 14 Adam Byrne, 13 Rory O'Loughlin, 12 Noel Reid, 11 James Lowe(2T); 10 Ross Byrne, 9 Luke McGrath (capt)(T); 1 Ed Byrne, 2 Sean Cronin, 3 Michael Bent; 4 Ross Molony, 5 Scott Fardy; 6 Josh Murphy, 7 Jordi Murphy, 8 Max Deegan.

Bench: 16 Richardt Strauss, 17 Peter Dooley, 18 Oisín Heffernan, 19 Ian Nagle, 20 Will Connors, 21 Nick McCarthy, 22 Ciaran Frawley(C/P), 23 Barry Daly.

Replacements used: Frawley for O'Loughlin 14, McCarthy for L.McGrath 50, Strauss for Cronin 56, Dooley for E.Byrne 58, Nagle for Murphy 65, Daly for R.Byrne 70, Heffernan for Bent 75, Connors for Murphy 75.

Place Kicking: Ross Byrne 0 from 2 (Conv 0/2), Ciaran Frawley 2 from 2 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/1).

Scarlets: 15 Johnny McNicholl(T); 14 Tom Prydie, 13 Paul Asquith, 12 Steffan Hughes (capt), 11 Ioan Nicholas; 10 Dan Jones(C/2P), 9 Jonathan Evans; 1 Dylan Evans, 2 Ryan Elias, 3 Werner Kruger; 4 Steve Cummins, 5 David Bulbring; 6 Tadhg Beirne, 7 James Davies, 8 Joshua Macleod.

Bench: 16 Emyr Phillips, 17 Phil Price, 18 Simon Gardiner, 19 Lewis Rawlins, 20 Will Boyde, 21 Declan Smith, 22 Corey Baldwin, 23 Tom Williams.

Replacements used: Baldwin for McNicholl 12, Smith for J.Evans 50, Price for D.Evans 58, Rawlins for Cummins 58, T.Williams for Hughes 63, Gardiner for Kruger 68, E.Phillips for Elias 68, Boyde for Macleod 68.

Place Kicking: Dan Jones 3 from 4 (Conv 1/1, Pens 2/3).

Scoring sequence: 10' McNicholl (T) 0-5, D.Jones (C) 0-7, 19' Lowe (T) 5-7, 35' Lowe (T) 10-7, 41' L.McGrath (T) 15-7, Frawley (C) 17-7, 58' D.Jones (P) 17-10, 70' Frawley (P) 20-10, 80' D.Jones (P) 20-13.

Referee: John Lacey (Ireland) Attendance: 14916.

### GUINNESS PRO14 – ROUND 17

9 MARCH 2018

**SCARLETS (0) 10, LEINSTER (0) 10 (Parc y Scarlets)**

Scarlets: 15 Tom Williams; 14 Ioan Nicholas, 13 Paul Asquith(T), 12 Steffan Hughes (capt), 11 Ryan Conbeer; 10 Dan Jones(C/P), 9 Jonathan Evans; 1 Phil Price, 2 Ryan Elias, 3 Werner Kruger; 4 Steve Cummins, 5 David Bulbring; 6 Tadhg Beirne, 7 Joshua Macleod, 8 Will Boyde.

Bench: 16 Emyr Phillips, 17 Rhys Fawcett, 18 Simon Gardiner, 19 Josh Helps, 20 Lewis Rawlins, 21 Declan Smith, 22 Ioan Hughes, 23 Tom Varndell.

Replacements used: Rawlins for Cummins 56, Varndell for Conbeer 59, Gardiner for Kruger 59, E.Phillips for Elias 73, Fawcett for Price 75, Smith for J.Evans 75.

Place Kicking: Dan Jones 2 from 4 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/3).

Leinster: 15 Dave Kearney; 14 Barry Daly, 13 Rory O'Loughlin, 12 Noel Reid, 11 James Lowe; 10 Ross Byrne(C/P), 9 Nick McCarthy; 1 Ed Byrne(T), 2 Bryan Byrne, 3 Michael Bent; 4 Ross Molony, 5 Scott Fardy; 6 Josh Murphy, 7 Sean O'Brien (capt), 8 Jack Conan.

Bench: 16 James Tracy, 17 Peter Dooley, 18 Adam Coyle, 19 Mick Kearney, 20 Max Deegan, 21 Charlie Rock, 22 Ciaran Frawley, 23 Adam Byrne.

Replacements used: Deegan for O'Brien 27, Dooley for E.Byrne 56, Tracy for B.Byrne 56, M.Kearney for Murphy 64, A.Byrne for Daly 74.

Place Kicking: Ross Byrne 2 from 2 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/1).

Scoring sequence: 45' E.Byrne (T) 0-5, R.Byrne (C) 0-7, 65' Asquith (T) 5-7, D.Jones (C) 7-7, 73' R.Byrne (P) 7-10, 80' D.Jones (P) 10-10.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales)

Attendance: 9108.

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## LEINSTER IN GUINNESS PRO14 in 2017/18

NAME	APPS	ST	REP	SNU	CPT	MIN	T	C	PG	DG	PTS	YC	RC	W	D	L
Abdaladze, Vakh	2	-	2	-	-	34	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	2	-	-
Bent, Michael	16	10	6	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	6
Byrne, Adam	13	8	5	-	-	755	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	7	1	5
Byrne, Bryan	6	2	4	-	-	202	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	4	1	1
Byrne, Ed	16	6	10	-	-	599	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	1	4
Byrne, Ross	20	17	3	-	-	1282	-	37	14	-	116	-	-	13	1	6
Carbery, Joey	8	8	-	-	-	619	2	4	4	-	30	-	-	4	-	4
Conan, Jack	14	11	3	-	-	906	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	1	3
Connors, Will	3	2	1	-	-	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Coyle, Adam	1	-	1	1	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cronin, Sean	15	9	6	-	-	701	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-	4
Daly, Barry	15	11	4	-	-	907	12	-	-	-	60	-	-	9	1	5
Daly, Tom	1	1	-	-	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Deegan, Max	17	10	7	-	-	859	5	-	-	-	25	-	-	10	1	6
Dooley, Peter	9	2	7	-	-	285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	3
Doris, Caelan	1	-	1	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fardy, Scott	14	12	2	-	-	1000	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	1	3
Frawley, Ciaran	3	1	2	2	-	164	1	8	1	-	24	-	-	3	-	-
Furlong, Tadhg	7	6	1	-	-	353	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
Gibson-Park, J	15	10	5	-	-	730	4	-	-	-	20	-	-	9	-	6
Healy, Cian	9	4	5	-	-	358	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2
Heffernan, Oisín	1	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Henshaw, Robbie	3	3	-	-	-	240	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	-	-
Kearney, Dave	10	9	1	-	-	690	2	-	-	-	10	1	-	5	1	4
Kearney, Mick	14	5	9	-	-	461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	5
Kearney, Rob	4	4	-	-	-	267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Keenan, Hugo	1	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Larmour, Jordan	15	10	5	-	-	968	7	-	-	-	35	-	-	12	-	3
Leavy, Dan	7	5	2	-	-	392	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	6	-	1
Lowe, James	9	9	-	-	-	720	7	-	-	-	35	-	-	7	1	1
Marsh, Cathal	8	-	8	1	-	67	1	3	-	-	11	-	-	6	-	2
McCarthy, Nick	17	3	14	-	-	420	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	12	1	4
McFadden, Fergus	9	7	2	-	-	503	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	6	-	3
McGrath, Jack	10	10	-	-	4	518	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	3
McGrath, Luke	11	9	2	-	3	656	5	-	-	-	25	-	-	9	-	2
Molony, Ross	16	11	5	-	1	931	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	6
Mullin, Gavin	1	-	1	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Murphy, Jordi	14	13	1	-	-	977	2	-	-	-	10	1	-	10	-	4
Murphy, Josh	9	8	1	-	-	582	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	1	3
Nacewa, Isa	6	6	-	-	6	306	2	-	-	-	10	1	-	5	-	1
Nagle, Ian	7	4	3	-	-	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2
O'Brien, Conor	3	2	1	-	-	166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
O'Brien, Sean	4	4	-	-	2	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
O'Loughlin, Rory	19	15	4	-	-	1223	7	-	-	-	35	-	-	13	1	5
Porter, Andrew	15	6	9	-	-	590	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	5
Reid, Noel	16	13	3	-	-	945	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	1	5
Ringrose, Garry	5	5	-	-	-	344	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-
Rock, Charlie	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Ruddock, Rhys	6	5	1	-	1	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	
Ryan, James	5	4	1	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	
Sexton, Johnny	4	3	1	-	3	247	1	6	6	-	35	-	-	4	-	-	
Strauss, Richardt	7	2	5	-	1	191	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	3	
Timmins, Peadar	5	1	4	-	-	186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	
Toner, Devin	10	9	1	-	1	671	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	1	
Tracy, James	16	9	7	-	-	659	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	11	1	4	
van der Flier, Josh	8	6	2	-	-	504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	
Penalty Tries							3						21				
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26353</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>TOTALS AGAINST</b>							<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>				

**Key:** APPS-appearances, ST-starts, REP-replacement appearances, SNU-sub not used, CPT – captain, MINS – minutes played, YC – yellow cards, RC – red cards

## SCARLETS IN GUINNESS PRO14 in 2017/18

NAME	APPS	ST	REP	SNU	CPT	MINS	T	C	PG	DG	PTS	YC	RC	W	D	L
Asquith, Paul	16	10	6	-	-	905	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	11	1	4
Baldwin, Corey	4	1	3	-	-	189	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	3
Ball, Jake	6	6	-	-	-	414	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	1
Barclay, John	12	10	2	-	2	648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	1
Beirne, Tadhg	21	20	1	-	-	1561	7	-	-	-	35	1	-	15	1	5
Boyde, Will	22	15	7	-	-	1166	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	15	1	6
Bulbring, David	20	13	7	-	-	1138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	1	6
Conbeer, Ryan	3	2	1	-	-	128	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	1	1
Condy, Jack	1	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cummins, Steve	13	10	3	-	-	737	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	4
Davies, Aled	9	4	5	1	-	336	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	7	-	2
Davies, Gareth	12	12	-	-	-	715	5	-	-	-	25	-	-	11	-	1
Davies, James	13	13	-	-	-	991	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	9	-	4
Davies, Jonathan	4	3	1	1	-	251	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	-	1
Davies, Taylor	5	-	5	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
Elias, Ryan	22	14	8	-	-	1030	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	15	1	6
Evans, Dylan	13	8	5	-	-	606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	5
Evans, Jonathan	16	6	10	-	1	607	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	1	5
Evans, Rob	12	11	1	-	-	668	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-	1
Evans, Shaun	1	-	1	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Evans, Steff	13	13	-	-	-	997	8	-	-	-	40	-	1	11	-	2
Fawcett, Rhys	4	-	4	1	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
Gardiner, Simon	13	-	13	-	-	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	4
Grabham, Tom	1	1	-	-	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Halfpenny, Leigh	10	10	-	-	-	713	3	23	10	-	91	-	-	9	-	1
Helps, Josh	1	-	1	1	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hughes, Ioan	2	-	2	2	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hughes, Steffan	14	8	6	-	6	702	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	5
Jantjies, Herschel	1	-	1	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jones, Dan	16	10	6	-	-	839	4	20	11	-	93	-	-	10	1	5
Jones, Geraint Rhys	6	1	5	1	-	155	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	1
Jones, Wyn	10	3	7	-	-	339	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	1
Kruger, Werner	22	12	10	-	-	1078	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	15	1	6
Lee, Samson	11	11	-	-	-	597	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	9	-	2
Macleod, Josh	17	7	10	-	-	743	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	1	6

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McNicholl, Johnny	14	14	-	-	-	1042	6	-	-	-	30	-	-	10	-	4	
Nicholas, Ioan	10	10	-	2	-	749	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	5	1	4	
Owens, Ken	12	9	3	-	9	642	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	11	-	1	
Parkes, Hadleigh	14	14	-	-	-	1020	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	13	-	1	
Patchell, Rhys	15	14	1	-	-	1068	7	22	2	-	85	1	-	13	-	2	
Phillips, Emyr	7	-	7	-	-	97	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	1	2	
Phillips, Mike	2	1	1	-	-	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Price, Phil	6	1	5	-	-	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	
Price, Tom	3	-	3	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	
Prydie, Tom	10	9	1	-	-	712	3	-	1	-	18	-	-	7	-	3	
Rawlins, Lewis	17	9	8	-	-	754	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	5	
Rogers, Tom	1	-	1	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Shingler, Aaron	13	12	1	-	-	889	2	-	-	-	10	-	-	11	-	2	
Smith, Declan	5	-	5	-	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	
Varndell, Tom	3	2	1	-	-	181	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	2	
Williams, Morgan	3	-	3	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	
Williams, Scott	14	13	1	-	5	967	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	12	-	2	
Williams, Tom	5	3	2	-	-	249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	
Penalty Tries							1						7				
<b>TOTALS FOR</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27538</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>TOTALS AGAINST</b>							<b>46</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>				

**Key:** APPS-appearances, ST-starts, REP-replacement appearances, SNU-sub not used, CPT – captain, MINS – minutes played, YC – yellow cards, RC – red cards

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18 MAY 2018

**GLASGOW WARRIORS (3) 13, SCARLETS (21) 28 (Scotstoun Stadium)**

Glasgow Warriors: 15 Ruaridh Jackson; 14 Tommy Seymour, 13 Nick Grigg (sin bin 47-57)(T), 12 Sam Johnson, 11 DTH van der Merwe; 10 Finn Russell(P), 9 George Horne; 1 Jamie Bhatti, 2 Fraser Brown, 3 Zander Fagerson; 4 Tim Swinson, 5 Jonny Gray(T); 6 Matt Fagerson, 7 Callum Gibbins, 8 Ryan Wilson (capt).

Bench: 16 George Turner, 17 Alex Allan, 18 Siva Halanukonuka, 19 Rob Harley, 20 Chris Fusaro, 21 Henry Pyrgos, 22 Pete Horne, 23 Lee Jones.

Replacements used: Halanukonuka for Fagerson 26, Pyrgos for Horne 41, Horne for Pyrgos 49, Harley for Wilson 56, Allan for Bhatti 56, Horne for Russell 68, Turner for Brown 68, Pyrgos for Horne 68, Jones for Seymour 74, Fusaro for Swinson 74.

Place Kicking: Finn Russell 1 from 2 (Conv 0/1, Pens 1/1), Pete Horne 0 from 1 (Conv 0/1).

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

Bench: 16 Ryan Elias, 17 Wyn Jones, 18 Werner Kruger, 19 Lewis Rawlins, 20 Will Boyde, 21 Jonathan Evans, 22 Dan Jones, 23 Steffan Hughes.

Replacements used: Rawlins for Barclay 10, W.Jones for R.Evans 49, Kruger for Lee 56, J.Evans for G.Davies 62, Elias for Owens 65, Hughes for Parkes 74, Boyde for Cummins 74, D.Jones for Patchell 74.

Place Kicking: Rhys Patchell 4 from 4 (Conv 4/4).

Scoring sequence: 4' Patchell (T) 0-5, Patchell (C) 0-7, 14' Russell (P) 3-7, 17' G.Davies (T) 3-12, Patchell (C) 3-14, 32' R.Evans (T) 3-19, Patchell (C) 3-21, 48' Owens (T) 3-26, Patchell (C) 3-28, 60' Gray (T) 8-28, 73' Grigg (T) 13-28.

Referee: John Lacey (Ireland)

Attendance: 10000.

19 MAY 2018

**LEINSTER (10) 16, MUNSTER (3) 15 (RDS Arena)**

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Leinster: 15 Joey Carbery(C/P); 14 Jordan Larmour, 13 Garry Ringrose, 12 Isa Nacewa (capt), 11 James Lowe; 10 Ross Byrne(2P), 9 Luke McGrath; 1 Jack McGrath, 2 Sean Cronin, 3 Tadhg Furlong; 4 Devin Toner, 5 James Ryan; 6 Rhys Ruddock, 7 Jordi Murphy, 8 Jack Conan(T).

Bench: 16 James Tracy, 17 Cian Healy, 18 Andrew Porter, 19 Scott Fardy, 20 Max Deegan, 21 Nick McCarthy, 22 Rory O'Loughlin, 23 Barry Daly.

Replacements used: Daly for R.Byrne 37, R.Byrne for Daly 41, O'Loughlin for Nacewa 41, Healy for J.McGrath 47, Tracy for Cronin 56, Porter for Furlong 56, Fardy for Ruddock 63, McCarthy for L.McGrath 78, Deegan for Murphy 80.

Place Kicking: Joey Carbery 2 from 3 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/2), Ross Byrne 2 from 3 (Pens 2/3).

Munster: 15 Simon Zebo; 14 Andrew Conway, 13 Sammy Arnold, 12 Rory Scannell, 11 Keith Earls(T); 10 JJ Hanrahan(P), 9 Conor Murray; 1 James Cronin, 2 Rhys Marshall, 3 John Ryan; 4 Jean Kleyn (sin bin 36-46), 5 Billy Holland; 6 Peter O'Mahony (capt), 7 Jack O'Donoghue, 8 CJ Stander.

Bench: 16 Niall Scannell, 17 Dave Kilcoyne, 18 Ciaran Parker, 19 Gerbrandt Grobler(T), 20 Robin Copeland, 21 Duncan Williams, 22 Ian Keatley(C), 23 Darren Sweetnam.

Replacements used: Copeland for O'Donoghue 11, Keatley for Hanrahan 41, Grobler for Holland 52, Kilcoyne for Cronin 53, N.Scannell for Marshall 60, Sweetnam for Arnold 70, Parker for J.Ryan 74.

Place Kicking: JJ Hanrahan 1 from 2 (Pens 1/2), Ian Keatley 1 from 2 (Conv 1/2).

Scoring sequence: 8' Conan (T) 5-0, Carbery (C) 7-0, 19' Hanrahan (P) 7-3, 21' R.Byrne (P) 10-3, 44' Earls (T) 10-8, 46' R.Byrne (P) 13-8, 77' Carbery (P) 16-8, 79' Grobler (T) 16-13, Keatley (C) 16-15.

Referee: Stuart Berry (South Africa) Attendance: 18930.

## PREVIOUS PRO14 CHAMPIONS...

	CHAMPIONS
2001/02	<b>Leinster</b>
2002/03	<b>Munster</b>
2003/04	<b>Llanelli Scarlets</b>
2004/05	<b>Ospreys</b>
2005/06	<b>Ulster</b>
2006/07	<b>Ospreys</b>
2007/08	<b>Leinster</b>
2008/09	<b>Munster</b>

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

**29 MAY 2010**

**LEINSTER (3) 12, OSPREYS (14) 17 (RDS Arena)**

Leinster: Rob Kearney; Shane Horgan, Brian O'Driscoll, Gordon D'Arcy, Isa Nacewa; Jonathan Sexton(4PG), Eoin Reddan; Stan Wright, John Fogarty, CJ van der Linde; Nathan Hines, Malcolm O'Kelly; Kevin McLaughlin, Shane Jennings (capt), Jamie Heaslip.

Bench: Richardt Strauss, Cian Healy, Trevor Hogan, Stephen Keogh, Paul O'Donohoe, Fergus McFadden, Girvan Dempsey.

Replacements used: St.Keogh for McLaughlin 30, Hogan for St.Keogh 42, Healy for van der Linde 48, R.Strauss for Jennings 67.

Ospreys: Lee Byrne(1T)(MoM); Tommy Bowe(1T), Andrew Bishop, James Hook, Shane Williams; Dan Biggar(2C, 1PG), Mike Phillips; Paul James, Huw Bennett, Adam Jones; Alun-Wyn Jones, Jonathan Thomas; Jerry Collins, Marty Holah, Ryan Jones (capt).

Bench: Ed Shervington, Ryan Bevington, Ian Gough, Filo Tiatia, Jamie Nutbrown, Gareth Owen, Nikki Walker.

Replacements used: Gough for Thomas 62, Tiatia for R.Jones 67, Bevington for James 71, Walker for Williams 71.

Scoring sequence: 20' Bowe (T) 0-5, Biggar (C) 0-7, 23' J.Sexton (PG) 3-7, 35' Byrne (T) 3-12, Biggar (C) 3-14, 45' J.Sexton (PG) 6-14, 48' Biggar (PG) 6-17, 62' J.Sexton (PG) 9-17, 71' J.Sexton (PG) 12-17.

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Referee: Chris White (England). Attendance: 19,500.

**28 MAY 2011**

## **MUNSTER (7) 19, LEINSTER (3) 9 (Thomond Park)**

Munster: Felix Jones; Doug Howlett(1T), Danny Barnes, Lifeimi Mafi, Keith Earls(1T); Ronan O'Gara(2C), Conor Murray; Marcus Horan, Damien Varley, John Hayes; Donncha O'Callaghan (sin bin 48-58), Paul O'Connell (capt); Donnacha Ryan, David Wallace(MoM), James Coughlan.

Bench: Mike Sherry, Wian du Preez, Stephen Archer, Denis Leamy, Niall Ronan, Peter Stringer, Paul Warwick, Johnne Murphy, Penalty Try:1.

Replacements used: du Preez for Horan 53, Sherry for Varley 59, Leamy for O'Callaghan 68, Warwick for Jones 75.

Leinster: Isa Nacewa; Shane Horgan, Brian O'Driscoll, Fergus McFadden, Luke Fitzgerald; Jonathan Sexton(3PG), Eoin Reddan; Heinke van der Merwe, Richardt Strauss, Mike Ross; Leo Cullen (capt), Nathan Hines; Sean O'Brien, Shane Jennings, Jamie Heaslip.

Bench: Aaron Dundon, Cian Healy, Stan Wright, Devin Toner, Kevin McLaughlin, Paul O'Donohoe, Ian Madigan, Eoin O'Malley.

Replacements used: Healy for van der Merwe 59, McLaughlin for O'Brien 59, Wright for Ross 69, Dundon for Jennings 70, O'Donohoe for Reddan 77.

Scoring sequence: 12' Howlett (T) 5-0, O'Gara (C) 7-0, 29' Sexton (PG) 7-3, 49' Sexton (PG) 7-6, 60' Sexton (PG) 7-9, 66' Earls (T) 12-9, 79' Penalty Try (T) 17-9, O'Gara (C) 19-9.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales). Attendance: 26,100.

**27 MAY 2012**

## **LEINSTER (17) 30, OSPREYS (9) 31 (RDS Arena)**

Leinster: 15 Rob Kearney; 14 Fergus McFadden, 13 Brian O'Driscoll, 12 Gordon D'Arcy, 11 Isa Nacewa(2T)(MoM); 10 Jonathan Sexton(3C/3P), 9 Eoin Reddan; 1 Heinke van der Merwe (sin bin 40-47), 2 Sean Cronin(T), 3 Mike Ross; 4 Leo Cullen (capt), 5 Devin Toner; 6 Kevin McLaughlin, 7 Shane Jennings, 8 Jamie Heaslip.

Bench: 16 Richardt Strauss, 17 Jack McGrath, 18 Nathan White (sin bin 72), 19 Brad Thorn, 20 Dominic Ryan, 21 John Cooney, 22 Ian Madigan, 23 Dave Kearney.

Replacements used: White for Ross 15, McGrath for McLaughlin 40, Thorn for Cullen 45, McLaughlin for McGrath 47, Strauss for Cronin 56, Cronin for Strauss 66, Ryan for Jennings 74, D.Kearney for Toner 78.

Ospreys: 15 Richard Fussell; 14 Hanno Dirksen, 13 Andrew Bishop, 12 Ashley Beck(T), 11 Shane Williams(2T); 10 Dan Biggar(2C/4P), 9 Rhys Webb; 1 Paul James, 2 Richard Hibbard, 3 Adam Jones; 4 Alun-Wyn Jones (capt), 5 Ian Evans; 6 Ryan Jones, 7 Justin Tipuric, 8 Joe Bearman.

Bench: 16 Scott Baldwin, 17 Ryan Bevington, 18 Aaron Jarvis, 19 James King, 20 Tom Smith, 21 Kahn Fotuali'i, 22 Matthew Morgan, 23 Tom Isaacs.

Replacements used: Fotuali'i for Webb 55, King for Evans 55, Baldwin for Hibbard 74, Jarvis for A.Jones 74, Bevington for James 74.

Scoring sequence: 8' Biggar (P) 0-3, 11' Sexton (P) 3-3, 22' Biggar (P) 3-6, 26' Cronin (T) 8-6, Sexton (C) 10-6, 34' Biggar (P) 10-9, 35' Nacewa (T) 15-9, Sexton (C) 17-9, 42' Beck (T) 17-14, Biggar (C) 17-16, 44' Sexton (P) 20-16, 51' Sexton (P) 23-16, 59' Williams (T) 23-21, 61' Nacewa (T) 28-21, Sexton (C) 30-21, 73' Biggar (P) 30-24, 78' Williams (T) 30-29, Biggar (C) 30-31.

Referee: Romain Poite (France). Attendance: 18,500.

**25 MAY 2013**

## **ULSTER (6) 18, LEINSTER (13) 24 (RDS Arena)**

Ulster: 15 Jared Payne; 14 Andrew Trimble, 13 Darren Cave, 12 Stuart Olding, 11 Tommy Bowe; 10 Paddy Jackson, 9 Ruan Pienaar(6P); 1 Tom Court, 2 Rory Best, 3 John Afoa; 4 Johann Muller (capt), 5 Dan Tuohy; 6 Robbie Diack (sin bin 44-53), 7 Chris Henry, 8 Nick Williams.

Bench: 16 Rob Herring, 17 Callum Black, 18 Declan Fitzpatrick, 19 Iain Henderson, 20 Mike McComish, 21 Paul Marshall, 22 Mike Allen, 23 Peter Nelson.



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Replacements used: Henderson for Diack 64, Allen for Olding 64, Black for Court 73.

Leinster: 15 Isa Nacewa (sin bin 47-56); 14 Fergus McFadden, 13 Brian O'Driscoll, 12 Ian Madigan, 11 Andrew Conway; 10 Jonathan Sexton(C/4P), 9 Isaac Boss; 1 Cian Healy, 2 Richardt Strauss, 3 Mike Ross; 4 Leo Cullen (capt), 5 Devin Toner; 6 Kevin McLaughlin, 7 Shane Jennings(T)(MoM), 8 Jamie Heaslip(T).

Bench: 16 Sean Cronin, 17 Jack McGrath, 18 Jamie Hagan, 19 Quinn Roux, 20 Rhys Ruddock, 21 John Cooney, 22 Andrew Goodman, 23 Dave Kearney.

Replacements used: Cronin for Strauss 29, Strauss for Cronin 40, Roux for Toner 73, Hagan for Ross 75, McGrath for Healy 77.

Scoring sequence: 3' Jennings (T) 0-5, Sexton (C) 0-7, 8' Sexton (P) 0-10, 24' Pienaar (P) 3-10, 34' Sexton (P) 3-13, 36' Pienaar (P) 6-13, 40' Sexton (P) 6-16, 45' Sexton (P) 6-19, 47' Pienaar (P) 9-19, 51' Pienaar (P) 12-19, 56' Pienaar (P) 15-19, 63' Heaslip (T) 15-24, 69' Pienaar (P) 18-24.

Referee: John Lacey (Ireland). Attendance: 18,500.

## 31 MAY 2014

### LEINSTER (14) 34, GLASGOW WARRIORS (12) 12 (RDS Arena)

Leinster: 15 Rob Kearney; 14 Fergus McFadden, 13 Brian O'Driscoll, 12 Gordon D'Arcy(T), 11 Zane Kirchner(2T); 10 Jimmy Gopperth(4C/2P), 9 Eoin Reddan; 1 Cian Healy, 2 Sean Cronin(MoM), 3 Mike Ross; 4 Devin Toner, 5 Mike McCarthy; 6 Rhys Ruddock, 7 Shane Jennings(T), 8 Jamie Heaslip (capt).

Bench: 16 Aaron Dundon, 17 Jack McGrath, 18 Marty Moore, 19 Leo Cullen, 20 Sean O'Brien, 21 Isaac Boss, 22 Ian Madigan, 23 Darragh Fanning.

Replacements used: Madigan for O'Driscoll 9, Moore for Ross 50, O'Brien for Jennings 55, Cullen for McCarthy 60, McGrath for Healy 67, Dundon for Cronin 74, Boss for Reddan 76, Fanning for R.Kearney 78.

Glasgow Warriors: 15 Peter Murchie; 14 Sean Maitland, 13 Alex Dunbar, 12 Pete Horne, 11 Tommy Seymour; 10 Finn Russell(4P), 9 Chris Cusiter; 1 Gordon Reid, 2 Dougie Hall, 3 Jon Welsh; 4 Jonny Gray, 5 Alastair Kellock (capt); 6 Rob Harley, 7 Chris Fusaro, 8 Josh Strauss.

Bench: 16 Pat MacArthur, 17 Ryan Grant, 18 Moray Low, 19 Tim Swinson, 20 Leone Nakarawa, 21 Nikola Matawalu, 22 Ruaridh Jackson, 23 Sean Lamont.

Replacements used: MacArthur for Hall 24, Nakarawa for Fusaro 25, Jackson for Horne 39, Horne for Jackson 41, Matawalu for Cusiter 44, Grant for Reid 45, Swinson for Kellock 50, M.Low for Welsh 55, Lamont for Dunbar 55, Jackson for Russell 67.

Scoring sequence: 4' Russell (P) 0-3, 13' Russell (P) 0-6, 17' Kirchner (T) 5-6, Gopperth (C) 7-6, 35' Russell (P) 7-9, 38' Jennings (T) 12-9, Gopperth (C) 14-9, 40' Russell (P) 14-12, 60' Gopperth (P) 17-12, 65' Gopperth (P) 20-12, 74' Kirchner (T) 25-12, Gopperth (C) 27-12, 76' D'Arcy (T) 32-12, Gopperth (C) 34-12.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales). Attendance: 19,500.

## 30 MAY 2015

### MUNSTER (10) 13, GLASGOW WARRIORS (21) 31 (Kingspan Stadium)

Munster: 15 Felix Jones; 14 Keith Earls, 13 Andrew Smith(T), 12 Denis Hurley (capt), 11 Simon Zebo; 10 Ian Keatley(C/2P), 9 Duncan Williams; 1 Dave Kilcoyne, 2 Eusebio Guinazu, 3 BJ Botha; 4 Billy Holland, 5 Paul O'Connell; 6 Donnacha Ryan, 7 Paddy Butler, 8 CJ Stander.

Bench: 16 Duncan Casey, 17 James Cronin, 18 Stephen Archer, 19 Sean Dougall, 20 Jack O'Donoghue, 21 Cathal Sheridan, 22 JJ Hanrahan, 23 Ronan O'Mahony.

Replacements used: Dougall for Butler 11, Butler for Dougall 20, Hanrahan for Keatley 57, R.O'Mahony for Zebo 57, O'Donoghue for Holland 61, J.Cronin for Kilcoyne 61, Archer for Botha 61, Casey for Guinazu 63, Sheridan for Williams 72, Dougall for Butler 72.

Glasgow Warriors: 15 Stuart Hogg; 14 Tommy Seymour, 13 Richie Vernon, 12 Peter Horne, 11 DTH van der Merwe(T); 10 Finn Russell(T/4C), 9 Henry Pyrgos(T); 1 Gordon Reid, 2 Dougie Hall, 3 Rossouw de Klerk; 4 Leone Nakarawa(MoM), 5 Jonny Gray; 6 Rob Harley(T), 7 Ryan Wilson, 8 Josh Strauss (capt).

Bench: 16 Fraser Brown, 17 Jerry Yanuyanutawa, 18 Jon Welsh, 19 Alastair Kellock, 20 Chris Fusaro, 21 Nikola Matawalu, 22 Duncan Weir(P), 23 Sean Lamont.

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Replacements used: Welsh for de Klerk 53, Fusaro for Harley 61, Brown for Hall 63, Lamont for Hogg 63, Kellock for Nakarawa 67, Weir for Russell 67, Matawalu for van der Merwe 71, Yanuyanutawa for Reid 78.

Scoring sequence: 9' Harley (T) 0-5, Russell (C) 0-7, 24' Keatley (P) 3-7, 26' van der Merwe (T) 3-12, Russell (C) 3-14, 32' Pyrgos (T) 3-19, Russell (C) 3-21, 38' A.Smith (T) 8-21, Keatley (C) 10-21, 49' Keatley (P) 13-21, 59' Russell (T) 13-26, Russell (C) 13-28, 74' Weir (P) 13-31.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales). Attendance: 17,057.

## 28 MAY 2016

### CONNACHT (15) 20, LEINSTER (0) 10 (BT Murrayfield)

Connacht: 15 Tiernan O'Halloran(T); 14 Niyi Adeolokun(T), 13 Robbie Henshaw, 12 Bundee Aki, 11 Matt Healy(T); 10 Aj MacGinty(C/P), 9 Kieran Marmion; 1 Ronan Loughney, 2 Tom McCartney, 3 Finlay Bealham; 4 Ultan Dillane, 5 Aly Muldowney; 6 Eoin McKeon, 7 Jake Heenan, 8 John Muldoon (capt)(MoM).

Bench: 16 Dave Heffernan, 17 JP Cooney, 18 Rodney Ah You, 19 Andrew Browne, 20 Sean O'Brien, 21 John Cooney, 22 Shane O'Leary, 23 Peter Robb.

Replacements used: O'Brien for E.McKeon 41, Jo.Cooney for Marmion 61, Browne for Dillane 62, Robb for Jo.Cooney 65, O'Leary for O'Halloran 69, Ah You for Loughney 69, Heffernan for McCartney 72, O'Halloran for O'Leary 72.

Place Kicking: Aj MacGinty 2 from 5 (Conv 1/3, Pens 1/2).

Leinster: 15 Rob Kearney; 14 Dave Kearney, 13 Garry Ringrose, 12 Ben Te'o, 11 Luke Fitzgerald; 10 Johnny Sexton(C/P), 9 Eoin Reddan; 1 Jack McGrath, 2 Richardt Strauss, 3 Mike Ross; 4 Ross Molony, 5 Mick Kearney; 6 Rhys Ruddock, 7 Jordi Murphy, 8 Jamie Heaslip (capt).

Bench: 16 Sean Cronin(T), 17 Peter Dooley, 18 Tadhg Furlong, 19 Hayden Triggs, 20 Jack Conan, 21 Luke McGrath, 22 Ian Madigan, 23 Zane Kirchner.

Replacements used: Triggs for M.Kearney 17, Cronin for Strauss 41, Furlong for Ross 41, L.McGrath for Reddan 58, Kirchner for R.Kearney 61, Conan for Molony 63, Dooley for J.McGrath 72, Madigan for D.Kearney 76.

Place Kicking: Johnny Sexton 2 from 2 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/1).

Scoring sequence: 13' O'Halloran (T) 5-0, MacGinty (C) 7-0, 22' Adeolokun (T) 12-0, 28' MacGinty (P) 15-0, 44' Sexton (P) 15-3, 57' Healy (T) 20-3, 67' Cronin (T) 20-8, Sexton (C) 20-10.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales). Attendance: 34,550.

## 27 MAY 2017

### MUNSTER RUGBY (10) 22, SCARLETS (29) 46 (Aviva Stadium)

Munster: 15 Simon Zebo; 14 Andrew Conway(T), 13 Francis Saili, 12 Rory Scannell, 11 Keith Earls(T); 10 Tyler Bleyendaal(T/C/P), 9 Conor Murray; 1 Dave Kilcoyne, 2 Niall Scannell, 3 John Ryan; 4 Donnacha Ryan, 5 Billy Holland; 6 Peter O'Mahony (capt), 7 Tommy O'Donnell, 8 CJ Stander.

Bench: 16 Rhys Marshall, 17 Brian Scott, 18 Stephen Archer, 19 Jean Deysel, 20 Jack O'Donoghue, 21 Duncan Williams, 22 Ian Keatley(C), 23 Jaco Taute.

Replacements used: Taute for R.Scannell 5, R.Scannell for Taute 12, Taute for R.Scannell 28, Je.Deysel for O'Donnell 45, Archer for J.Ryan 46, O'Donoghue for Holland 53, Marshall for N.Scannell 55, Keatley for Zebo 61, Scott for Kilcoyne 68, Williams for Murray 72.

Place Kicking: Tyler Bleyendaal 2 from 2 (Conv 1/1, Pens 1/1), Ian Keatley 1 from 2 (Conv 1/2).

Scarlets: 15 Johnny McNicholl; 14 Liam Williams(T/2C), 13 Jonathan Davies, 12 Scott Williams, 11 Steff Evans(T); 10 Rhys Patchell(3C/2P), 9 Gareth Davies(T); 1 Rob Evans, 2 Ryan Elias, 3 Samson Lee; 4 Lewis Rawlins, 5 Tadhg Beirne(T); 6 Aaron Shingler(MoM), 7 James Davies(T), 8 John Barclay (capt).

Bench: 16 Emyr Phillips, 17 Wyn Jones, 18 Werner Kruger, 19 David Bulbring, 20 Will Boyde, 21 Jonathan Evans, 22 Hadleigh Parkes, 23 DTH van der Merwe(T).

Replacements used: Kruger for Lee 28, W.Jones for R.Evans 52, J.Evans for G.Davies 52, Parkes for Patchell 55, van der Merwe for St.Evans 57, Boyde for Barclay 62, Bulbring for Rawlins 62, E.Phillips for Elias 72.

Place Kicking: Liam Williams 2 from 2 (Conv 2/2), Rhys Patchell 5 from 6 (Conv 3/4, Pens 2/2).

Scoring sequence: 7' Bleyendaal (P) 3-0, 9' L.Williams (T) 3-5, 19' Patchell (P) 3-8, 20' St.Evans (T) 3-13, Patchell (C) 3-15, 27' G.Davies (T) 3-20, Patchell (C) 3-22, 31' Beirne (T) 3-27, Patchell (C) 3-29, 40' Bleyendaal (T) 8-29,

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Bleyendaal (C) 10-29, 45' Patchell (P) 10-32, 70' van der Merwe (T) 10-37, L.Williams (C) 10-39, 75' Conway (T) 15-39, 78' Earls (T) 20-39, Keatley (C) 22-39, 80' Jas.Davies (T) 22-44, L.Williams (C) 22-46.

Referee: Nigel Owens (Wales).

Attendance: 44,566.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RECORDS 2001-17

### TEAM MATCH RECORDS

Highest Score:	(46) Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Biggest Victory:	(24) Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Lowest Score:	(9) Leinster 9, Munster 19	2011
Closest Match:	(1) Ospreys 31, Leinster 30	2012
Most Combined Points:	(68) Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Lowest Combined Points:	(28) Leinster 9, Munster 19	2011
Largest Attendance:	44,556 Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Most 1 <sup>st</sup> half points:	(29) Scarlets 29, Munster 10	2017
Least 1 <sup>st</sup> half Points:	(3) Leinster 3, Ospreys 14	2010
	(3) Leinster 3, Munster 7	2011
Most 2 <sup>nd</sup> half Points:	(22) Ospreys (9)31, Leinster (17)30	2012
Least 2 <sup>nd</sup> half Points:	(0) Glasgow (12)12, Leinster (14)34	2014
Most Tries:	(6) Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Most Conversions:	(5) Scarlets 46, Munster 22	2017
Most Penalty Goals:	(6) Ulster 18, Leinster 24	2013
Most Drop Goals:	(1) Neath 17, Munster 37	2003

### INDIVIDUAL MATCH RECORDS IN THE FINAL

Most Points:	18	Ruan Pienaar	Ulster v Leinster	2013
Most Tries:	2	Isa Nacewa	Leinster v Ospreys	2012
	2	Shane Williams	Ospreys v Leinster	2012
	2	Zane Kirchner	Leinster v Glasgow	2014
Most Conversions:	4	Jimmy Gopperth	Leinster v Glasgow	2014
	4	Finn Russell	Glasgow v Munster	2015
Most Penalty Goals:	6	Ruan Pienaar	Ulster v Leinster	2013
Most Drop Goals:	1	Lee Jarvis	Neath v Munster	2003
Quickest Try:	3 mins	Shane Jennings	Leinster v Ulster	2013
Youngest Finalist:	20y34d	Matthew Morgan	Ospreys v Leinster	2012
Youngest Starter:	20y75d	Stuart Olding	Ulster v Leinster	2013
Youngest Captain:	26y 250d	Alun Wyn Jones	Ospreys v Leinster	2012
Youngest Points Scorer:	20y225d	Dan Biggar	Ospreys v Leinster	2010
Youngest Try Scorer:	21y330d	Adam Jones	Neath v Munster	2003
Oldest Finalist:	38y360d	Filo Tiatia	Ospreys v Leinster	2010
Oldest Starter:	37y207d	John Hayes	Munster v Leinster	2011
Oldest Captain:	35y 136d	Leo Cullen	Leinster v Ulster	2013
Oldest Points Scorer:	35y90d	Shane Williams	Ospreys v Leinster	2012
Oldest Try Scorer:	35y90d	Shane Williams	Ospreys v Leinster	2012
Most finals refereed:	5	Nigel Owens	2011, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017	

### INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS IN THE FINAL

Most Starts:	6	Jamie Heaslip	Leinster
Most Apps as a Rep:	3	Jack McGrath	Leinster
Most Minutes Played:	480	Jamie Heaslip	Leinster
Most Points:	55	Jonathan Sexton	Leinster
Most Tries:	2	Shane Williams	Ospreys
	2	Isa Nacewa	Leinster

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	2	Shane Jennings	Leinster
	2	Zane Kirchner	Leinster
	2	Sean Cronin	Leinster
	2	DTH van der Merwe	Glasgow & Scarlets
	2	Keith Earls	Munster
Most Conversions:	5	Jonathan Sexton	Leinster
Most Penalty Goals:	15	Jonathan Sexton	Leinster
Most Drop Goals:		none	

## Scored a Try in two SEPARATE finals

Gordon D'Arcy	(Leinster 2001 & 2014)
Shane Jennings	(Leinster 2013 & 2014)
Sean Cronin	(Leinster 2012 & 2016)
DTH van der Merwe	(Glasgow 2015 & Scarlets 2017)
Keith Earls	(Munster 2011 & 2017)

## Brothers in a Final

Dave & Rob Kearney	(Leinster 2012 & 2016)
James & Jonathan Davies	(Scarlets 2017)
Rory & Niall Scannell	(Munster 2017)

## Final for Two Separate Teams

Tommy Bowe	(Ospreys 2010* & Ulster 2013)
John Cooney	(Leinster 2012 & 2013*, and Connacht 2016*)
DTH van der Merwe	(Glasgow 2015* & Scarlets 2017*)
Andrew Conway	(Leinster 2013* & Munster 2017)

\* winner

## Man of the Match in the Final

2001/02	Shane Horgan (Leinster)
2002/03	Alan Quinlan (Munster)
2009/10	Lee Byrne (Ospreys)
2010/11	David Wallace (Munster)
2011/12	Isa Nacewa (Leinster)
2012/13	Shane Jennings (Leinster)
2013/14	Sean Cronin (Leinster)
2014/15	Leone Nakarawa (Glasgow)
2015/16	John Muldoon (Connacht)
2016/17	Aaron Shingler (Scarlets)

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## 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		P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
		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;
- if unresolved, the difference between the total points scored and the total points conceded on the field of play for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of tries scored by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of points scored on the field of play by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the difference between the number of tries scored and the number of tries conceded by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;

- (g) if unresolved, the number of Players suspended by a Disciplinary Committee or Appeal Committee for incidents taking place in the League Stage;
- (h) if unresolved, the number of yellow cards received by Players for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- (i) if unresolved, the toss of a coin or as otherwise determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

For the purposes of this clause 3.1.4, what qualifies as a yellow card will be determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

## The Knock-Out Stage

- The Clubs that rank in the top three positions in each of Conference A and Conference B respectively will qualify for the Knock-Out Stage.
- The Knock-Out Stage will be divided into two Quarter-Final Matches, two semi-final Matches and a Final Match.
- The Quarter-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked second in Conference A will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference B (QF1); and
- the Club ranked second in Conference B will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference A (QF2).
- The winners of the Quarter-Final Matches will proceed to the Semi-Final Matches. The Semi-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked first in Conference A will play at home against the winner of QF2; and
- the Club ranked first in Conference B will play at home against the winner of QF1.
- The winners of the semi-final Matches will proceed to the Final Match. The Final Match will be knock-out, played over one Match, at a venue designated by Celtic Rugby.
- Based on their final ranking at the end of the Championship some Clubs may be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments).
- Seven European Clubs will be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments)
- The seven Clubs that qualify to participate in the 2018/19 EPCR Champions Cup will be made up of the following:
  - i. The three highest ranked European Clubs in each conference at the end of the League Stage (South African Clubs ineligible)
  - ii. The winner of a single play-off Match between the next highest ranked European Club in Conference A and the next highest ranked European Club in Conference B.
  - iii. The single play-off Match will be played at the home venue of the European Club that (as between the two participating Clubs) has the most League Points at the end of the League Stage. If level on points the normal deciding criteria will apply: Points Difference, Tries Scored, Try Difference, etc

## 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 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

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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.

**5 MAY 2018**

### **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.

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).

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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.

		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
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>149</b>



## 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

## 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 (119)

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 (11)	Robin Copeland(2), Sammy Arnold, Andrew Conway, Gerbrand Grobler, Billy Holland, Jean Kleyn, 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 (6)	Alex Allan, Scott Cummings, Alex Dunbar, Chris Fusaro, Nick Grigg, 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	17+2	1269	4	28	33	0	175
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	17+3	1282	0	37	14	0	116
6	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	11+2	887	3	18	20	1	114
7	Ian Keatley	Munster	10+6	829	2	30	10	0	100
8	Dan Jones	Scarlets	10+6	839	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	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	14+1	1068	7	22	2	0	85
13	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	5+8	540	3	11	15	1	85
14	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	12+4	923	1	12	18	0	83
15	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	10+2	776	0	21	13	0	81
16	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	12+4	983	2	18	11	0	79
17	Gavin Henson	Dragons	9	687	0	13	15	2	77
18	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	6	422	0	15	14	0	72
19	Sam Davies	Ospreys	13+8	1253	1	11	14	0	69
20	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	8+8	790	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+4	907	12	5	7	6	6
2	Craig Gilroy	Ulster	10	716	10	7	3	4	6
3	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	13	1033	10	6	4	4	6
4	George Horne	Glasgow Warriors	9+4	630	9	4	5	4	5
5	Mattia Bellini	Zebre	14+1	1097	8	6	2	3	5
6	Monty Ioane	Benetton Rugby	11	878	8	6	2	5	3
7	Steff Evans	Scarlets	13	997	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	20+1	1561	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+2	1067	7	3	4	2	5
14	Jordan Larmour	Leinster	10+5	968	7	4	3	2	5
15	James Lowe	Leinster	9	720	7	5	2	4	3
16	Rory O'Loughlin	Leinster	15+4	1223	7	4	3	4	3
17	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	14+1	1068	7	5	2	4	3
18	Jared Rosser	Dragons	13+3	1067	7	3	4	5	2
19	Jacob Stockdale	Ulster	13	1031	7	5	2	0	7

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

# GUINNESS PRO14 PREVIEW 2017/18

Final Saturday 26 May, 2018



## 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	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	48	57	84.21%	332/2222c2c	27/33	21/24	Missed last 1
8	Dan Jones	Scarlets	31	37	83.78%	3222/pp23/22	20/23	11/14	Last 4
9	Jason Tovey	Edinburgh Rugby	15	18	83.33%	2/p3233222/p	8/8	7/10	Missed last 1
10	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	29	35	82.86%	2333/3c33/3p	15/20	14/15	Missed last 1
11	Masixole Banda	Southern Kings	14	17	82.35%	p2c32/2/2332	7/8	7/9	Last 7
12	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	27	33	81.82%	3c/233322c/c	17/22	10/11	Missed last 2
13	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	34	42	80.95%	pp/32c/22c/3c	21/27	13/15	Missed last 1
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	Christian Leali'ifano	Ulster	11	14	78.57%	222/32/3cc2c	7/10	4/4	Missed last 1
20	John Cooney	Ulster	61	78	78.21%	233/3c22332	28/42	33/36	Last 5
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	Craig Ronaldson	Connacht	16	21	76.19%	323/3p3c/c/2/2	7/9	9/12	Last 2
24	Gavin Henson	Dragons	28	37	75.68%	2/23cc2c/3p2	13/18	15/19	Last 1
25	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	24	32	75.00%	p/p222c/2222	22/26	2/6	Last 4
26	Ciaran Frawley	Leinster	9	12	75.00%	22c2222cc2	8/11	1/1	Last 1
27	Jack Carty	Connacht	50	67	74.63%	3p/c32/222c2	24/36	26/31	Last 1
28	Ian Keatley	Munster	40	54	74.07%	22/3cc222/c2	30/43	10/11	Last 1
29	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	38	52	73.08%	23p23/p2pcc	18/28	20/24	Missed last 3
30	Joey Carbery	Leinster	8	11	72.73%	3/2c3/3p2/2p3	4/5	4/6	Last 1
31	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	18	25	72.00%	p/3c/2/2/2cp/2c	11/15	7/10	Missed last 1
32	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	33	46	71.74%	32/2c22/2p32	23/30	10/16	Last 2
33	Oliver Zono	Southern Kings	10	14	71.43%	322/c332/2p2	7/10	3/4	Last 1
34	Ross Byrne	Leinster	51	72	70.83%	2cc2c2c/33p	37/52	14/20	Missed last 1
35	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	30	43	69.77%	2/332/c22223	12/23	18/20	Last 5
36	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	29	42	69.05%	223/2p233/3p	18/26	11/16	Missed last 1
37	Carlo Canna	Zebre	43	67	64.18%	2/ccc23c2/cc	20/35	23/32	Missed last 2
38	Johnny McPhillips	Ulster	6	10	60.00%	cc/c/2c3/2322	4/8	2/2	Last 5
39	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	13	22	59.09%	2c/2c/c2/c3c/2	9/18	4/4	Last 1
40	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
<b>Most points</b>	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	22 – Jason Tovey (Edinburgh v Ospreys, 4 Nov)
<b>Most tries</b>	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)	
<b>Most conversions</b>	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	8 – Adam Hastings (Warriors v Zebre, 23 Mar)
<b>Most penalty goals</b>	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	6 – Dan Biggar (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct)
<b>Most drop goals</b>	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 on six occasions Gavin Henson (twice)
<b>Fastest try</b>	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar 18)	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar)
<b>Quickest bonus point try</b>	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
<b>Most points in a home game</b>	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	68-7 Warriors v Zebre (Scotstoun, 23 Mar)
<b>Most points in an away game</b>	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	48-21 Edinburgh @ Kings (Nelson Mandela Bay, 1 Dec)
<b>Highest aggregate of points in game</b>	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	93pts – Cheetahs 54, Zebre 39 (Toyota Stadium, 16 Sep)
<b>Biggest home win</b>	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	61pts – Warriors 68, Zebre 7 (Scotstoun, 23 Mar)
<b>Biggest away win</b>	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	41pts – Ospreys 6, Warriors 47 (Liberty Stadium, 26 Nov)
<b>Best attendance (regular season)</b>	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 (1,418)
1,000 points:	Jason Tovey (875), Duncan Weir (854)
500 points:	Sam Davies (498), James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (439)
Record:	1,585 points – Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Tom James (45)
25 tries:	Nikola Matawalu (24), Matt Healy (24), Tiernan O'Halloran (24), Luke McGrath (22), Dave Kearney (22), Dan Biggar (22), Jeff Hassler (22)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Lewis Evans (149), Sean Cronin (147), Rob Harley (147), Ken Owens (145)
100 games:	Sam Parry (99), Emyr Phillips (99), Simon Zebo (98), Kristian Dacey (96), John Ryan (95), Robin Copeland (95), Andrea de Marchi (94), Eoin McKeon (94)
Record:	254 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

## CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Biggar	1585	John Muldoon	254	John Muldoon	18030	Tommy Bowe	67
Dan Parks	1582	Matthew Rees	202	John Barclay	13101	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1418	Phil John	196	Tommy Bowe	12625	DTH van der Merwe	54
Ronan O'Gara	940	Ian Keatley	192	Dan Evans	11968	Andrew Trimble	50
Felipe Contepomi	877	John Barclay	190	Alastair Kellock	11767	Craig Gilroy	50
Jason Tovey	875	Ross Ford	189	Andrew Trimble	11755	Tom James	45
Duncan Weir	854	Michael Swift	184	Ian Keatley	11735	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	10921	Nikki Walker	36

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