

## ROUND 3 – PREVIEWS

Round 2 of the Guinness PRO14 continued the trend of games going down to the wire with two matches decided with last-gasp penalties, while just four teams are still unbeaten even at this early stage. For the first time in their history, Benetton Rugby have won their opening two games of the campaign, while Ospreys, Ulster and Glasgow Warriors are the other teams who have gone two from two. Round 3 will provide more mouth-watering fixtures in the Guinness PRO14 including Glasgow Warriors travelling to the Toyota Cheetahs, Scarlets entertaining Benetton and Munster playing host to high-flying Ospreys. The season may only be beginning but all sides will have their hopes on reaching the Guinness PRO14 Final on May 25 which will take place at Celtic Park – fans can book their places now by visiting [bitly.com/Glasgow2019](http://bitly.com/Glasgow2019) to get their hands on the best seats available.

### What's at Stake

The action begins at BT Murrayfield on Friday night as **Edinburgh** (B6) welcome **Connacht** (A3) (live on Premier Sports 1 & eir sport 2, 19:35) in a game that could be crucial in the race for a Guinness PRO14 Final Series spot. Edinburgh finished last season on fire but have lost each of their first two games, both on the road, against Ospreys and Ulster. They will be keen to put that right against a Connacht team who had won four straight games between the teams prior to last year's 29-22 Edinburgh success at the Sportsground. Connacht have also won on three of their last four visits to BT Murrayfield.

Saturday's action begins in West Wales where **Scarlets** (B5) host in-form **Benetton Rugby** (B1) at Parc y Scarlets (live on DAZN, 18:15, S4C & Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2, 17:15). The Scarlets come into the game in confident mood after their narrow win over champions Leinster last time out. That was some form of revenge for defeat in last year's final and was an important win after succumbing to Ulster in Round 1. Benetton, meanwhile, will still be bouncing from Tommaso Allan's last-gasp conversion that saw them beat Cardiff Blues and go top of Conference B. Their recent record against Welsh opposition is good, including victory over the Scarlets in Treviso in February.

**Leinster** (B3) return to Dublin on Saturday against the **Dragons** (B4) (live on Premier Sports 2 & eir sport 1, TG4, 17:15) with both teams having won one and lost one so far. Leinster have been virtually unbeatable at home in recent times, with Benetton the only side to come away from Dublin with a win of the last 15 teams to travel to the Irish capital. Dragons were victorious away to Leinster in 2015, their only away win against the Irish province but they come in with confidence following victory over the Kings. Bernard Jackman also returns to the team he played for as the Dragons director of rugby looks to get one over former teammate Leo Cullen.

The first game of the Guinness PRO14 season in South Africa will take place in Bloemfontein where **Toyota Cheetahs** (A7) entertain **Glasgow Warriors** (A2) (live on SuperSport 1, 19:30 & Free Sports 18:30). This was one of the games of last season as the Warriors became the first time to win away to the Cheetahs, earning a 29-26 success. The Warriors, under Dave Rennie, have made a strong start to the campaign with wins away to Connacht and at home to Munster to date. However they take on a Cheetahs side who were beaten just twice on their own patch in all of their debut year. This is also a clash between two of last year's Final Series teams in Conference A.

On Saturday evening **Zebre** (A5) entertain **Cardiff Blues** (A6) in Parma (live on DAZN, 20:35 & Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2, 19:35) with both teams looking to bounce back from defeats in Round 2. Zebre saw their four-match winning streak in the competition ended away to Connacht, while the Blues were downed by that last-gasp Allan conversion away in Benetton. John Mulvihill's team are still searching for a first win of the campaign, having come out on the wrong side of two heart-breaking finishes so far. Zebre will have fond memories of playing Cardiff Blues, it was against the Welsh side that they won their first-ever match in the competition.

The action continues on Sunday when **Isuzu Southern Kings** (B7) play host to **Ulster** (B2) (live on SuperSport 1, 14:15 & eir sport 2 & Premier Sports 1, 13:15) in Port Elizabeth. Ulster won a 79-point thriller the first time these two met in South African, at the Isaac Wolfson Stadium last November. They have picked up two late wins to start this campaign and face a Kings side who will take some confidence from their two bonus points in defeat to Dragons.

### Pick of the Round

### Munster v Ospreys

On Friday night, **Munster** (A4) will be looking to bounce back from last weekend's defeat to Glasgow Warriors when they host the **Ospreys** (A1) at Irish Independent Park in Cork (live on Premier Sports 2, TG4 & eir sport 1, 19:35). Munster have lost just once at home in any competition since February 2017 but they welcome an Ospreys team on a roll thanks to two straight wins over Edinburgh and the Cheetahs. This could turn out to be a crucial clash in the race for Final Series spots in Conference A even at this early stage in the season.

## EDINBURGH RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh 7.35pm  
 Referee: Ian Davies (WRU, 74<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Craig Evans (WRU), Ian Kenny (SRU)  
 Citing Commissioner: John Montgomery (SRU)  
 TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

Live on



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	E	C	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Connacht scorers
Fri 9 Jan 15	Sportsground	16	13	David Denton(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/3P)	Miah Nikora(C/2P) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 31 Oct 15	Sportsground	9	14	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2P) Blair Kinghorn(P)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Jack Carty(3P)
Fri 4 Mar 16	BT Murrayfield	23	28	Chris Dean(T) Cornell du Preez(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/2P) Damien Hoyland(T)	Eoin McKeon(T) AJ MacGinty(T/C) Jake Heenan(T) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C)
Fri 30 Sep 16	Sportsground	15	28	Mike Allen(T) Grant Gilchrist(T) Jason Tovey(C/P)	Jack Carty(C/2P) Quinn Roux(T) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Peter Robb(T)
Fri 7 Apr 17	Myreside	19	22	Duncan Weir(2C) Glenn Bryce(T) Penalty Try(T) Hamish Watson(T)	Eoin McKeon(T) Steve Crosbie(C/5P)
Fri 23 Mar 18	Sportsground	29	22	Duncan Weir(T/C/3P) Duhan van der Merwe(T) Jaco van der Walt(P) Dougie Fife(T)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(2C/P) Finlay Bealham(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Edinburgh won 15, Connacht won 13 with 2 games drawn.

### Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby have slipped to three successive Guinness PRO14 defeats but have not begun a PRO14 campaign with three straight losses since season 2010/11.
- Edinburgh have won their last two matches at BT Murrayfield, against Scarlets and Glasgow last April.
- Connacht had a bonus point victory at home to Zebre over the weekend but have not beaten any Scottish opponent since they visited Myreside in April 2017. The Irishmen have won only once on the road in the Championship since then, on a visit to Treviso last February.
- Edinburgh won the only clash between the two last season in Galway and have not achieved successive victories over Connacht since 2009.
- Connacht have won on three of their last four visits to BT Murrayfield.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Connacht
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	5 May - Munster (A) L 16-20 31 Aug - Ospreys (A) L 13-17 7 Sep - Ulster (A) L 29-30	28 Apr - Leinster (H) W 47-10 1 Sep - Glasgow (H) L 26-27 8 Sep - Zebre (H) W 32-13
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 6th - W0 D0 L2 - 2pts	Conf A: 3rd - W1 D0 L1 - 6pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	ll (2pts)	LW (6pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Blair Kinghorn, Tom Brown, James Johnstone	2 - Paul Boyle
<b>Top points scorer</b>	25 - Simon Hickey	23 - Jack Carty

Friday 14 September

## MUNSTER RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Irish Independent Park, Cork, 7.35pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 16<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher, Paul Haycock (both IRFU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Wayne Sheridan (IRFU)  
 TMO: Simon McDowell (IRFU)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	M	O	Munster scorers	Ospreys scorers
Sun 14 Feb 16	Irish Independent Park	17	21	Francis Saili(T) Robin Copeland(T) Ian Keatley(C) Duncan Williams(T)	Sam Davies(T/C/3P) Owen Watkin(T)
Fri 4 Nov 16	Irish Independent Park	33	0	Dave Kilcoyne(2T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(4C) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Robin Copeland(T)	
Sat 18 Feb 17	Liberty Stadium	25	23	Dave Kilcoyne(T) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C/2P) Francis Saili(T)	Sam Davies(2C/3P) Hanno Dirksen(T) Kieron Fonotia(T)
Sat 20 May 17	Thomond Park (SF)	23"	3	Andrew Conway(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C/2P) Francis Saili(T) Simon Zebo(T)	Dan Biggar(P)
Sat 16 Sep 17	Liberty Stadium	21	16	Darren Sweetnam(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C/3P) Jean Kleyn(T)	Sam Davies(C/3P) James Hook(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Irish Independent Park	36	10	Jack O'Donoghue(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Sammy Arnold(T) Rory Scannell(T) Chris Cloete(T) Ian Keatley(4C/P)	Jeff Hassler(T) Will Jones(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 34, Munster won 18, Ospreys won 15 with 1 game drawn.

### Did you know?

- Munster's last four Guinness PRO14 encounters have been won by the home side on the day, whilst they have only lost once at home in any competition since February 2017: to Leinster at Christmas 2017.
- Munster's most recent defeat in Cork was by a single point to Cardiff Blues in September 2016.
- Ospreys have won both games in the Guinness PRO14 so far, at home to Edinburgh and Cheetahs.
- The Welshmen won just twice away from home in the Championship last season, at Dragons and at the Blues, whilst the last time they were successful outside of Wales in the PRO14 was on a trip to Edinburgh in March 2017.
- Munster have lost just one of their last eight fixtures with Ospreys: 17-21 at Cork in February 2016.
- Ospreys record at Irish Independent Park is won two, lost five.

COMPARISON	Munster	Ospreys
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	19 May - Leinster (A) L 15-16 1 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 38-0 7 Sep - Glasgow (A) L 10-25	20 May - Ulster (A) L 17-35 31 Aug - Edinburgh (H) W 17-13 8 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 46-14
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 4th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts	Conf A: 1st - W2 D0 L0 - 9pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WI (5pts)	WW (9pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Dave O'Callaghan, Tommy O'Donnell, JJ Hanrahan, Darren Sweetnam, Rhys Marshall, Rory Scannell, Dave Kilcoyne	3 - George North
<b>Top points scorer</b>	16 - JJ Hanrahan	15 - George North

Saturday 15 September

## SCARLETS v BENETTON RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 5.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 73<sup>rd</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Mike Adamson (SRU), Simon Mills (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Charles (WRU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	S	B	Scarlets scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 5 Dec 15	Stadio Monigo	22	20	Steve Shingler(P) Morgan Allen(2T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Aled Thomas(2C)	Edoardo Gori(T) Sam Christie(2T) Jayden Hayward(C/P)
Fri 4 Mar 16	Parc y Scarlets	24	15	Steff Evans(2T) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(C/P) Aled Thomas(2C)	Jayden Hayward(C/P) Robert Barbieri(2T)
Sat 1 Oct 16	Stadio Monigo	22	6	Rhys Patchell(C/P) Steff Evans(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Aled Thomas(C) Werner Kruger(T)	Tommaso Allan(2P)
Sat 8 Apr 17	Parc y Scarlets	51	5	Tom Price(T) Steff Evans(2T) Aled Davies(T) DTH van der Merwe(3T) Dan Jones(2C/P) Ken Owens(T) Aled Thomas(2C)	Ornel Gega(T)
Fri 3 Nov 17	Parc y Scarlets	20	8	Scott Williams(T) Dan Jones(T/2C/2P)	Ian McKinley(T/P)
Sun 11 Feb 18	Stadio Monigo	12	22	Tadhg Beirne(T) Dan Jones(C) Corey Baldwin(T)	Monty Ioane(3T) Tito Tebaldi(C) Marco Zanon(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 16, Scarlets won 11, Benetton won 5.

### Did you know?

- Scarlets beat Leinster 23-21 at Parc y Scarlets last weekend and are unbeaten at the venue in their last twenty-two Guinness PRO14 matches since Munster beat them there in September 2016.
- Benetton have lost just one of their last six Guinness PRO14 encounters: 17-22 at home to Zebre in the final round of last season.
- This is the first time that Benetton have begun a campaign with two straight victories.
- The Italians have won five of their last six fixtures against Welsh opponents and have been victorious on two of their last three visits to Wales.
- Benetton's victory over Scarlets at Stadio Monigo last February ended a run of eleven straight defeats to the West Walians in all competitions.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Benetton
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	26 May - Leinster (N) L 32-40	28 Apr - Zebre (H) L 17-22
	1 Sep - Ulster (A) L 13-15	1 Sep - Dragons (A) W 21-17
	8 Sep - Leinster (H) W 23-21	8 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) W 27-25
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 5th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts	Conf B: 1st - W2 D0 L0 - 8pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	IW (5pts)	wW (8pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Rhys Patchell, Gareth Davies, Ken Owens	2 - Braam Steyn, Alessandro Zanni
<b>Top points scorer</b>	13 - Leigh Halfpenny	23 - Tommaso Allan

## LEINSTER RUGBY v DRAGONS

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 5.15pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 11<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Joy Neville, Mark Patton (both IRFU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)  
 TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

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### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	D	Leinster scorers	Dragons scorers
Sat 3 Oct 15	RDS Arena	37	13	Cathal Marsh(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Fergus McFadden(3C/3P) Isa Nacewa(2T/C)	Jason Tovey(C/2P) Sarel Pretorius(T)
Fri 29 Jan 16	Rodney Parade	13	23	Fergus McFadden(C/2P) Luke McGrath(T)	Jason Tovey(T/2C/D/2P) Ashton Hewitt(T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	RDS Arena	28	15	Jack Conan(T) Peter Dooley(T) Joey Carbery(T) Ross Molony(T) Isa Nacewa(4C)	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Pat Howard(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)
Fri 24 Feb 17	Rodney Parade	54	22	Jack Conan(2T) Ross Byrne(7C) James Tracy(T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Luke McGrath(2T) Ross Molony(T) Hayden Triggs(T)	Matthew Screech(T) Dorian Jones(2C/P) Adam Hughes(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)
Sat 2 Sep 17	Rodney Parade	39	16	Ross Byrne(2C/2P) Cathal Marsh(T/C) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Jordan Larmour(T) Dan Leavy(T) Penalty Try(T)	Gavin Henson(3P) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 24 Nov 17	RDS Arena	54	10	Ross Byrne(5C) Max Deegan(T) Cathal Marsh(C) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Josh Murphy(T) Jordan Larmour(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T) Penalty Try(T) Isa Nacewa(2T)	James Benjamin(T) Gavin Henson(C/D)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Leinster won 21, Dragons won 9.

### Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's four game winning run in all competitions ended at Scarlets last weekend.
- Leinster's only defeat in their last fifteen home matches in all tournaments was to Benetton at the RDS Arena in round 20 of the Guinness PRO14 last season.
- Dragons victory over Isuzu Southern Kings in round 2 ended a seventeen-game winless run in the Guinness PRO14.
- Dragons most recent away win in the Championship was on a visit to Treviso in March 2015.
- Leinster have won their last four encounters with Dragons whilst the Welshmen's only previous success on Leinster soil was with a 16-14 victory at the RDS Arena in February 2015.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Dragons
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	26 May - Scarlets (N) W 40-32	28 Apr - Scarlets (H) L 8-33
	31 Aug - Cardiff Blues (A) W 33-32	1 Sep - Treviso (H) L 17-21
	8 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 21-23	8 Sep - Southern Kings (H) W 27-22
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 3rd - W1 D0 L1 - 6pts	Conf B: 4th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	wl (6pts)	LW (5pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	2 - Bryan Byrne	1 - Rhodri Williams, Dafydd Howells, Josh Lewis, Aaron Wainwright, Ollie Griffiths
<b>Top points scorer</b>	16 - Ross Byrne	19 - Josh Lewis

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Saturday 15 September

## TOYOTA CHEETAHS V GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 7.30pm.

Live on

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 16<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andy Brace (IRFU), Cwengile Jadezweni (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC

TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)



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### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	T	G	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 6 Oct 17	Toyota Stadium	26	29	Rosco Specman(T) Sergeal Petersen(T) Ernst Stapelberg(2C/4P)	Henry Pyrgos(T) Callum Gibbins(2T) Finn Russell(3C/P) Rob Harley(T)
Fri 16 Feb 18	Scotstoun Stadium	23	37	Malcolm Jaer(T) Clayton Blommetjies(T) Niel Marais(2C/3P)	Henry Pyrgos(T) Adam Hastings(3C/2P) Nikola Matawalu(T) Siua Halanukonuka(T) George Horne(T) Ruaridh Jackson(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Warriors won 2.

### Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have lost their last three Guinness PRO14 encounters and have never lost four in a row in the Championship.
- The South Africans lost only twice in Bloemfontein last season, to Glasgow in round 6 and Munster in round 20.
- Glasgow Warriors have won their opening two games on the road, in Ireland to Connacht and Munster – they won their opening six games last season.
- The Warriors won all three games they played against South African opposition last season.
- Glasgow beat Cheetahs 29-26 last season in Bloemfontein and 37-23 at Scotstoun in the return fixture.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Warriors
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	5 May - Scarlets (A) L 8-43	18 May - Scarlets (H) L 13-28
	1 Sep - Munster (A) L 0-38	1 Sep - Connacht (A) W 27-26
	8 Sep - Ospreys (A) L 14-46	7 Sep - Munster (H) W 25-10
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 7th - W0 D0 L2 - 0pts	Conf A: 2nd - W2 D0 L0 - 9pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	ll (0pts)	wW (9pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Rabs Maxwane, Jasper Wiese	2 - Adam Ashe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	5 - Rabs Maxwane	17 - Stuart Hogg

Saturday 15 September

## ZEBRE RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, 8.35pm.

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 104<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Jonny Erskine (IRFU), Matteo Lipperini,(FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Francesco Grillo (FIR)

TMO: Stefano Roscini (FIR)

Live on

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### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	Z	C	Zebre scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Sun 6 Sep 15	Cardiff Arms Park	13	61	Ulrich Beyers(T/C) Maicol Azzolini(2P)	Rhys Patchell(3T/C) Aled Summerhill(2T) Gareth Davies(C) Josh Navidi(2T) Dan Fish(C) Tom James(T) Josh Turnbull(3T)
Sat 31 Oct 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	26	15	Johan Meyer(T) Carlo Canna(3C) Kayle van Zyl(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(2T)	Rhys Patchell(C/P) Tom James(T) Adam Thomas(T)
Sat 24 Sep 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	21	23	Guglielmo Palazzani(T) Edoardo Padovani(P) Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(P) Giulio Bisegni(T)	Steve Shingler(C/2P) Matthew Morgan(T) Tom James(T) Blaine Scully(T)
Fri 28 Apr 17	Cardiff Arms Park	24	30	Guglielmo Palazzani(C) Carlo Canna(2C/P) Maxime Mbanda(T) Penalty Try(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Gareth Anscombe(T/3C/3P) Aled Summerhill(T) Tomos Williams(T)
Sat 4 Nov 17	Cardiff Arms Park	8	37	Guglielmo Palazzani(T) Carlo Canna(P)	Willis Halaholo(T) Steve Shingler(3C/2P) Matthew Morgan(T) Lloyd Williams(T) Tom James(T) Matthew Rees(T)
Sun 25 Feb 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	7	10	Guglielmo Palazzani(C) Giovanbattista Venditti(T)	Owen Lane(T) Jarrod Evans(C/P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 12, Zebre won 3, Blues won 9.

### Did you know?

- Zebre Rugby's four match winning run in the Guinness PRO14 ended with their defeat to Connacht last weekend.
- Zebre have won their last three home games (two in Parma and one in L'Aquila) but have never won four in a row at home.
- Cardiff Blues have lost their last three Guinness PRO14 matches but won four times on the road last season in the Championship.
- The Blues 25-27 defeat in Treviso last weekend ended an eight-game winning run against Italian opponents.
- Zebre's only victory over the Blues since 2014 was in Parma in October 2015.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Blues
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	28 Apr - Treviso (A) W 22-17	28 Apr - Ospreys (H) L 23-26
	31 Aug - Southern Kings (H) W 32-16	31 Aug - Leinster (H) L 32-33
	8 Sep - Connacht (A) L 13-32	8 Sep - Treviso (A) L 25-27
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 5th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts	Conf A: 6th - W0 D0 L2 - 3pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	W1 (5pts)	L1 (3pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Jimmy Tuivaiti, Apisai Tauyavuca, Oliviero Fabiani, Mattia Bellini, Giulio Bisegni	2 - Rey Lee-Lo, Jason Harries
<b>Top points scorer</b>	18 - Carlo Canna	21 - Jarrod Evans

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Sunday 16 September

## ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v ULSTER RUGBY

At Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth 2.15pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: Sam Grove-White (SRU, 2<sup>nd</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Ben Whitehouse (WRU), Ruhan Meiring (SARU)  
 Citing Commissioner: TBC  
 TMO: Johan Greeffe (SARU)

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### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	I	U	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Ulster scorers
Sat 4 Nov 17	Isaac Wolfson Stadium	36	43	Michael Makase(T) Oliver Zono(3C/P) Yaw Penxe(2T) Kurt Coleman(C) Berton Klaasen(2T)	Sean Reidy(T) Clive Ross(T) John Cooney(T/C) John Andrew(2T) Christian Leali'ifano(3C) Andrew Trimble(T) Robbie Diack(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Kingspan Stadium	10	59	Masixole Banda(P) Harlon Klaasen(T) Benhard Janse van Rensburg(C)	Craig Gilroy(3T) Stuart McCloskey(T) Rob Lyttle(2T) John Cooney(7C) Kieran Treadwell(T) Darren Cave(T) Johnny McPhillips(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2 Ulster won 2.

### Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings have lost their last six Guinness PRO14 matches since beating Dragons in Port Elizabeth in March, they did however tally two league points in their defeat at Dragons last weekend.
- Ulster are unbeaten in their last seven Guinness PRO14 encounters and are bidding to win their opening three matches for a third successive season.
- The Ulstermen have won just once on the road in any tournament since last December: 32-20 in Edinburgh in April.
- Ulster won all three games they played against South African opponents last season, two against Kings, a 43-36 victory at Isaac Wolfson Stadium and in the return leg in Belfast 59-10.

COMPARISON	Kings	Ulster
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	28 Apr - Cheetahs (H) L 20-29 31 Aug - Zebre (A) L 16-32 8 Sep - Dragons (A) L 22-27	20 May - Ospreys (H) W 35-17 1 Sep - Scarlets (H) W 15-13 7 Sep - Edinburgh (H) W 30-29
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 7th - W0 D0 L2 - 2pts	Conf B: 2nd - W2 D0 L0 - 8pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	ll (2pts)	WW (8pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	1 - Mikey Botha, Godlen Masimla, Bjorn Basson, Mike Willemse, Yaw Penxe	1 - Craig Gilroy, Will Addison, John Cooney
<b>Top points scorer</b>	13 - Masixole Banda	35 - John Cooney