

ROUND 5 – PREVIEWS

The 2017/18 Guinness PRO14 season set new attacking records, with 861 tries scored, but with a scintillating Round 4 this year now under out belts new heights are being reached in the Championship. In the first 28 games of the season 168 tries have now been scored - the first time that the running average for a season has ever hit six tries per game in the entire history of the Championship.

Ulster Rugby's draw with the Toyota Cheetahs and the Southern Kings' victory over Glasgow Warriors mean's there are no more unbeaten sides in the competition, whilst Cardiff Blues' resounding 37-13 victory over Munster Rugby was one of the most eye-catching results of the round. Round 5 brings with it a whole host of fascinating fixtures including the season's first derby matches which take place in Ireland.

The season may still be in its early stages 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 to get their hands on the best seats available.

What's at Stake

The action begins on Friday night with a double helping of games, the first of which sees the **Toyota Cheetahs** (A7) travel to the Welsh capital to take on the **Cardiff Blues** (A6) at Cardiff Arms Park (live on Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2, 19:35 & SuperSport 1, 20:35). After finishing last season in hugely impressive fashion the Blues would have hoped for a better start to this campaign, falling to three straight defeats, but got their September flying last week with that big win over Munster. Willis Halaholo was the star of the show on Friday night, creating tries for Nick Williams and Tomos Williams before scoring his own impressive try, and looks to be a man to watch this week. Similarly to the Blues, the Cheetahs also ended a run of defeats but could only draw against Ulster – a 39-39 scoreline that thrilled the onlooking crowds. These two sides played out a pair of crackers last season (Blues won 25-20 in Cardiff, the Cheetahs won 29-27 in Bloemfontein).

The second match on Friday sees **Edinburgh Rugby** (B7) host **Benetton Rugby** (B4) at BT Murrayfield (live on Premier Sports 2 & eir sport 1, 19:35, DAZN 20:35). Richard Cockerill's men have one win from their first four but have faced a tough schedule, as exemplified by their trip to champions Leinster at the weekend, with the Irish province running out 31-7 winners. Edinburgh though have been competitive in all their games this season and can look to their Round 3 win over Connacht for inspiration. Edinburgh's opponents on Friday, Benetton, may have lost at Ospreys on Saturday (27-10) but have already beaten Dragons and the Blues this season, and also beat Edinburgh in dramatic fashion at Myreside last September.

The first of five fixtures on Saturday takes place at Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi where **Zebre** (A5) will take on **Ospreys** (A2) (live on DAZN, Premier Sports 1 & eir sport 2, 15:00). The Italian side have had an excellent start to their 2018/19 campaign, beating the Southern Kings in Round 1 and Cardiff Blues in Round 3, with Oliviero Fabiani and Mattia Bellini both registering with two tries so far. Zebre have won their last four home matches and their last three home games against Welsh opponents. The Ospreys, meanwhile, have also started strongly and are second in Conference A with three wins out of four.

Later on Saturday, **Scarlets** (B3) welcome the **Isuzu Southern Kings** (B6) to Parc y Scarlets (live on S4C, Premier Sports 2 18:30, & SuperSport 1, 19:30) looking to improve on their record of two wins from four. Last season's Guinness PRO14 finalists set high standards but have faced tough opponents, losing to Connacht and Ulster but beating Leinster and Benetton. Last time out was the 33-20 defeat to Connacht at the Sportsground and the Irish province were superb on the day, but Johnny McNicholl scored an excellent try for Scarlets. Meanwhile, the Kings enjoyed a dream Round 4 as they grabbed their first win by beating previously undefeated Glasgow Warriors 38-28 in South Africa. The Kings were magnificent on the day, with Harlon Klaasen's try, set up by midfield partner and namesake Berton Klaasen, a score of beauty.

In one of the later kick-offs on Saturday, **Glasgow Warriors** (A1) play host to **Dragons** (B5) at Scotstoun (live on Freesports, 19:35) and looking to bounce back from their defeat to the Kings. As was the case last season, Glasgow have started extremely well, picking up three wins to top their conference after four matches. A double for DTH van der Merwe helped the Warriors to a losing bonus point in South Africa whilst man of the moment – fly-half Adam Hastings – could return against Dragons. The Welsh region will be tough opponents and look to be picking up steam. They beat Zebre 16-5 in Round 4 and possess the top tackler in the Championship – skipper Cory Hill has made 49 without missing one – whilst Ross Moriarty made 19 on his own against Zebre.

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The Irish inter-pros get underway this weekend as **Munster** (A4) welcome **Ulster** (B2) to Thomond Park (live on eir sport 1 & Premier Sports 1, 19:35) looking for a third win at home this season. Johann van Graan's side were beaten in Cardiff last time out, but have taken a maximum ten points from their two games at home so far this season. Ulster are the only remaining unbeaten team this season, although they failed to win for the first time last week in a draw in Bloemfontein. Ulster's last win at Thomond Park came back in May 2014.

Pick of the Round

Connacht v Leinster

Conference B leaders **Leinster** (B1) travel to **Connacht** (A3) on Saturday (live on eir sport 1, TG4 & Premier Sport 1, 17:15) looking to make it four wins from five this season. Connacht picked up an impressive victory over the Scarlets at the Sportsground and will look to complete the double over last year's Guinness PRO14 finalists. Connacht won all three of their clashes with Irish opposition at home including against Leinster, the champions' only defeat to Irish opposition last season.

Opta Top Performers – Round 4

- **Most tackles: 23** Bobby de Wee (Isuzu Southern Kings) / Josh van der Flier (Leinster Rugby)
- **Most Carries: 22** Tiernan O'Halloran (Connacht Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 8** James Lowe (Leinster Rugby) / Bundee Aki (Connacht Rugby)
- **Offloads: 5** Ruaridh Jackson (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Breaks: 3** Multiple Players
- **Metres Made: 142** Tiernan O'Halloran (Connacht Rugby)
- **Turnovers Won: 4** Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys)
- **Lineouts Steals: 2** Cory Hill (Dragons)

Opta Top Performers – Overall

- **Most tackles: 67** Bobby de Wee (Isuzu Southern Kings)
- **Most Carries: 60** Marcell Coetzee (Ulster Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 19** Jordan Larmour (Leinster Rugby) / DTH van der Merwe (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Offloads: 10** Stuart McCloskey (Ulster Rugby)
- **Breaks: 9** Malcolm Jaer (Toyota Cheetahs) / Darren Sweetnam (Munster Rugby)
- **Metres Made: 401** Jordan Williams (Dragons)
- **Turnovers Won: 6** Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys)
- **Lineouts Steals: 2** Cory Hill (Dragons) / Junior Pokomela

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Friday 28 September

CARDIFF BLUES v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At Cardiff Arms Park, 7.35pm

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 105th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Joy Neville (IRFU), Gwyn Morris (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Charles (WRU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)



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Date	Venue	C	T	Cardiff Blues scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Sat 10 Feb 18	Cardiff Arms Park	25	20	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Ellis Jenkins(T) Jarrod Evans(2C/2P) Nick Williams(T)	Uzair Cassiem(T) Fred Zeilinga(2C/2P) Ox Nche(T)
Sat 7 Apr 18	Toyota Stadium	27	29	Willis Halaholo(T) Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2P) Steve Shingler(3C) Owen Lane(T)	Francois Venter(T) Niel Marais(2C/P) Penalty Try(T) Rabs Maxwane(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Blues won 1, Cheetahs won 1.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues obtained their first win of the new season with victory at home to Munster last weekend.
- The Blues only defeat at the Arms Park in any competition since February was by a single point to Leinster in the last minute of their opening weekend encounter in the Guinness PRO14.
- Toyota Cheetahs ended a four-game losing streak in the Guinness PRO14 with their 39-all draw at home to Ulster on Friday.
- Cheetahs overall record against Welsh Regions is an even won four, lost four.
- Cheetahs won only twice outside South Africa last season, at Zebre in October and at Dragons in March.
- The two teams met twice last season with each side winning its respective home game.

COMPARISON	Blues	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	8 Sep - Treviso (A) L 25-27 15 Sep - Zebre (A) L 24-26 21 Sep - Munster (H) W 37-13	8 Sep - Ospreys (A) L 14-46 15 Sep - Glasgow (H) L 24-52 21 Sep - Ulster (H) D 39-39
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 6th - W1 D0 L3 - 9pts	Conf A: 7th - W0 D1 L3 - 4pts
PRO14 form	LIW (9pts)	IILD (4pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Rey Lee-Lo, Tomos Williams, Jason Harries	2 - William Small-Smith, Malcolm Jaer, Rabs Maxwane
Top points scorer	40 - Gareth Anscombe	15 - Tian Schoeman

Friday 28 September

EDINBURGH RUGBY v BENETTON RUGBY

At BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 168th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Elgan Williams (WRU), Keith Allen (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Minto (SRU)

TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)



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Date	Venue	E	B	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 12 Sep 15	Stadio Monigo	27	24	Sam Beard(T) Phil Burleigh(T) Greig Tonks(3C/2P) Damien Hoyland(T)	Duncan Naude(T) Jayden Hayward(C/4P) Andrea Praticchetti(T)
Fri 8 Jan 16	BT Murrayfield	28	13	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2C/3P) Damien Hoyland(2T) Penalty Try(T)	Robert Barbieri(T) James Ambrosini(C/2P)
Fri 7 Oct 16	BT Murrayfield	45	10	Tom Brown(2T) Jason Tovey(5C) Magnus Bradbury(T) Damien Hoyland(2T) Blair Kinghorn(T) Hamish Watson(T)	Tommaso Allan(C/P) Marco Fuser(T)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Stadio Monigo	6	21	Jason Tovey(2P)	Robert Barbieri(T) Angelo Esposito(T) Ian McKinley(C/3P)
Fri 15 Sep 17	Myreside	17	20	Duncan Weir(2C/P) Chris Dean(2T)	Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(2C/2P)
Sat 28 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	24	13	Dougie Fife(2T) Jason Tovey(3C/P) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T)	Angelo Esposito(T) Ian McKinley(C/2P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 16, Edinburgh won 10, Benetton won 6.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby's only victory in their last five Guinness PRO14 encounters was against Connacht at BT Murrayfield in round 3.
- The Scotsmen have won their last three matches at BT Murrayfield since Ulster beat them there in April.
- Just two Italian sides have beaten Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield – Benetton in October 2012 and Zebre in October 2016.
- Benetton have slipped to successive defeats in the Guinness PRO14, but both were on trips to Wales.
- The Italians have won just once in their last eleven visits to Scotland: 20-17 against Edinburgh at Myreside twelve months ago.
- Benetton have beaten Edinburgh just twice in their last eight fixtures.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	7 Sep - Ulster (A) L 29-30 14 Sep - Connacht (H) W 17-10 22 Sep - Leinster (A) L 7-31	8 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) W 27-25 15 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 29-38 22 Sep - Ospreys (A) L 10-27
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L3 - 6pts	Conf B: 4th - W2 D0 L2 - 9pts
PRO14 form	IIWI (6pts)	wVII (9pts)
Top try scorer	1 - Magnus Bradbury, Duhan van der Merwe, Pierre Schoeman, James Johnstone, Tom Brown, Blair Kinghorn	3 - Braam Steyn
Top points scorer	25 - Simon Hickey	37 - Tommaso Allan

Saturday 29 September

ZEBRE RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma, 4pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Frank Murphy (17th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Eddie Hogan-O'Connell (IRFU), Vincenzo Schipani (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Maurizio Vancini (FIR)

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)



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Date	Venue	Z	O	Zebre scorers	Ospreys scorers
Sat 7 Nov 15	Liberty Stadium	3	36	Carlo Canna(P)	Sam Davies(C) Dan Biggar(2C) Josh Matavesi(T) Sam Parry(T) Justin Tipuric(T) Eli Walker(2T) Jonathan Spratt(T)
Sun 6 Dec 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	22	39	Edoardo Padovani(C) Marcello Violi(T/C) Carlo Canna(P) Kayle van Zyl(2T)	Sam Davies(4C/2P) Jeff Hassler(T) Justin Tipuric(2T) Eli Walker(T) Jonathan Spratt(T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	Liberty Stadium	5	59	Tommaso d'Apice(T)	Dafydd Howells(T) Sam Davies(8C/P) Ashley Beck(T) Ben John(2T) Sam Parry(3T) Lloyd Ashley(T)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	40	Guglielmo Palazzani(C/P) Tommaso Boni(T)	Dafydd Howells(T) Luke Price(5C) Ashley Beck(T) Sam Parry(T) Dan Evans(3T)
Sat 2 Sep 17	Liberty Stadium	13	22	Carlo Canna(T/C/2P)	Sam Davies(C) Keelan Giles(2T) Ma'afu Fia(T) James Hook(C/P)
Sat 21 Apr 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	37	14	George Fabio Biagi(T) Mattia Bellini(3T) Carlo Canna(2C/P) Giulio Bisegni(T) Gabriele di Giulio(T)	Sam Davies(2C) Reuben Morgan-Williams(T) Sam Cross(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 12, Zebre won 2, Ospreys won 10.

Did you know?

- All four of Zebre Rugby's fixtures this season have been won by the home side on the day.
- Zebre have won their last four home games (one taken to L'Aquila) their best ever home sequence in the Championship.
- Zebre have won their last three home games against Welsh opponents.
- Ospreys only defeat this season was at Munster in round 3 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Welshmen's only victory in their last eight "away" games in all tournaments was against Cardiff Blues at "Judgement Day" in April.
- Ospreys have lost on their last three visits to Italy.
- Zebre won the most recent encounter between the two sides in Parma in April to double their tally of victories against Ospreys, the other win being at the same venue in 2014.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	8 Sep - Connacht (A) L 13-32	8 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 46-14
	15 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) W 26-24	14 Sep - Munster (A) L 13-49
	22 Sep - Dragons (A) L 5-16	22 Sep - Treviso (H) W 27-10
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 5th - W2 D0 L2 - 10pts	Conf A: 2nd - W3 D0 L1 - 13pts
PRO14 form	WIIW (10pts)	WWIW (13pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Oliviero Fabiani, Mattia Bellini	3 - George North, Justin Tipuric
Top points scorer	29 - Carlo Canna	40 - Sam Davies

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CONNACHT RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At The Sportsground, Galway, 5.15pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 72nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrew Brace, Stuart Gaffikin (both IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)

TMO: Simon McDowell (IRFU)



Date	Venue	C	L	Connacht scorers	Leinster scorers
Sat 26 Mar 16	Sportsground	7	6	AJ MacGinty(C) Kieran Marmion(T)	Ian Madigan(2P)
Sat 28 May 16	BT Murrayfield (TF)	20	10	Matt Healy(T) Tiernan O'Halloran(T) AJ MacGinty(C/P) Niyi Adeolokun(T)	Sean Cronin(T) Johnny Sexton(C/P)
Sat 29 Oct 16	RDS Arena	13	24	Jack Carty(C) Shane Delahunt(T) Craig Ronaldson(2P)	Adam Byrne(T) Barry Daly(T) Isa Nacewa(C/4P)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Sportsground	24	37	Danie Poolman(T) Dave Heffernan(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/4P)	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(3C/2P) Barry Daly(T) Rhys Ruddock(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T) Zane Kirchner(T)
Mon 1 Jan 18	RDS Arena	18	21	Matt Healy(T) Jack Carty(C/2P) Finlay Bealham(T)	Max Deegan(T) Luke McGrath(T) Johnny Sexton(C/3P)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Sportsground	47	10	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Caolin Blade(T) Jack Carty(4C) Kieran Marmion(2T) Niyi Adeolokun(2T) Bundee Aki(T) John Muldoon(C) Craig Ronaldson(C)	Barry Daly(T) Joey Carbery(C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Connacht won 9, Leinster won 23.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby's last three games have all been won by the home side on the day.
- Connacht have lost just one of their last four home games in Galway in the Guinness PRO14, and that was by a solitary point to Glasgow in the opening round this season.
- Connacht beat all three of their fellow Irish provinces in Galway last season for the first time ever.
- Leinster's only defeat in the Guinness PRO14 since April was 21-23 at Scarlets in round 2.
- The Leinstermen have won just once away from home in the Championship in the calendar year of 2018, and that was by the narrowest of margins at Cardiff on the opening evening of the new season.
- Leinster played against their fellow Irish provinces on seven occasions last season with the only defeat being in Galway in April.
- Connacht are attempting to achieve successive victories over Leinster for the first time since May 2016.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	8 Sep - Zebre (H) W 32-13	8 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 21-23
	14 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 10-17	15 Sep - Dragons (H) W 52-10
	22 Sep - Scarlets (H) W 33-20	22 Sep - Edinburgh (H) W 31-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 3rd - W2 D0 L2 - 11pts	Conf B: 1st - W3 D0 L1 - 16pts
PRO14 form	LWlW (11pts)	wlWW (16pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Niyi Adeolokun	3 - Jamison Gibson-Park
Top points scorer	46 - Jack Carty	26 - Johnny Sexton

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SCARLETS v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 6.30pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU, 11th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Mark Patton (IRFU), Simon Rees (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Jeff Mark (WRU)

TMO: Sean Brickell (WRU)



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Date	Venue	S	I	Scarlets scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 2 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	57	10	Johnny McNicholl(2T) Rhys Patchell(T/4C) Jake Ball(T) Steff Evans(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Emyr Phillips(T) Leigh Halfpenny(T/3C/P)	Yaw Penxe(T) Kurt Coleman(C/P)
Sun 26 Nov 17	Nelson Mandela Bay	34	30	Tadhg Beirne(T) Dan Jones(T/4C/2P) Ioan Nicholas(T) Werner Kruger(T)	Martin du Toit(T) Michael Makase(T) Oliver Zono(C/2P) Harlon Klaasen(T) Yaw Penxe(T) Kurt Coleman(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Scarlets won 2.

Did you know?

- All four of Scarlets games this season have been won by the home side on the day.
- The Welshmen are unbeaten at Parc y Scarlets in the Guinness PRO14 since Munster were the visitors in September 2016.
- Scarlets record against South African opponents in the Championship is won three lost one.
- Isuzu Southern Kings doubled their tally of wins in the Guinness PRO14 with victory over Glasgow in Port Elizabeth on Saturday.
- Kings have lost all twelve previous away games they have played in the Guinness PRO14 with their most recent success outside South Africa being on a trip to Buenos Aires to face the Jaguares in Super Rugby in June 2017.
- Scarlets won both encounter against Kings last season with a bonus point.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	8 Sep - Leinster (H) W 23-21 15 Sep - Treviso (H) W 38-29 22 Sep - Connacht (A) L 20-33	8 Sep - Dragons (A) L 22-27 16 Sep - Ulster (H) L 7-28 22 Sep - Glasgow (H) W 38-28
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 3rd - W2 D0 L2 - 10pts	Conf B: 6th - W1 D0 L3 - 7pts
PRO14 form	IWWI (10pts)	IILW (7pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Gareth Davies	2 - Martin du Toit, Mike Willemse, Yaw Penxe
Top points scorer	29 - Leigh Halfpenny	28 - Masixole Banda

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GLASGOW WARRIORS v DRAGONS

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm.

Live on

FREE SPORTS

Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 17th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Mike Adamson, Dunx McClement (both SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Beth Dickens (SRU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

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Date	Venue	G	D	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Dragons scorers
Sun 30 Nov 14	Scotstoun Stadium	19	15	Duncan Weir(C/4P) Penalty Try(T)	Geraint Rhys Jones(5P)
Fri 16 Oct 15	Scotstoun Stadium	29	15	Chris Fusaro(T) Rory Clegg(3C/P) Junior Bulumakau(T) Zander Fagerson(T) Simone Favaro(T)	Jason Tovey(C/P) Ashton Hewitt(T) Rynard Landman(T)
Thu 25 Feb 16	Rodney Parade	18	15	Duncan Weir(T/C/2P) Alex Dunbar(T)	Angus O'Brien(5P)
Fri 30 Sep 16	Rodney Parade	26	17	Alex Allan(T) Finn Russell(2C/4P) Corey Flynn(T)	Jack Dixon(T) Sam Hobbs(T) Nick Macleod(2C/P)
Sat 4 Mar 17	Scotstoun Stadium	47	17	Pete Horne(T/6C) Ratu Tagive(T) Rory Hughes(T) Mark Bennett(T) Nick Grigg(2T) Lee Jones(T)	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Tyler Morgan(T) Dorian Jones(C) Rynard Landman(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Rodney Parade	15	15	Adam Hastings(C/P) George Horne(T) Brandon Thomson(T)	Liam Belcher(T) Jared Rosser(T) Zane Kirchner(C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Glasgow won 13, Dragons won 13 with 3 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors suffered a first defeat of the new Guinness PRO14 campaign against Southern Kings in South Africa last weekend.
- The Warriors only defeat at Scotstoun in the Championship since the start of last season was against Scarlets in the semi-final last May.
- Warriors are winless in their last three encounters with Welsh regions.
- Dragons have won two of their last three Guinness PRO14 fixtures but their only victory on the road in any competition since April 2016 came on a trip to Moscow to face Enisei last October.
- Dragons only win in their last eleven encounters with Scottish opponents was at home to Edinburgh in November 2016 whilst they have not been successful in Scotland since beating Glasgow at Scotstoun in November 2013.
- Dragons have not beaten the Warriors since doing so by the narrowest of margins, 24-23, at Rodney Parade in February 2014.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	7 Sep - Munster (H) W 25-10	8 Sep - Southern Kings (H) W 27-22
	15 Sep - Cheetahs (A) W 52-24	15 Sep - Leinster (A) L 10-52
	22 Sep - Southern Kings (A) L 28-38	22 Sep - Zebre (H) W 16-5
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 1st - W3 D0 L1 - 15pts	Conf B: 5th - W2 D0 L2 - 9pts
PRO14 form	wWwl (15pts)	LWlW (9pts)
Top try scorer	3 - DTH van der Merwe	2 - Dafydd Howells
Top points scorer	30 - Adam Hastings	22 - Josh Lewis

MUNSTER RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Dan Jones (WRU, 17th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Ian Davies (WRU), Nigel Correll (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)
 TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	M	U	Munster scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 30 Oct 15	Thomond Park	32	28	Andrew Conway(T) Robin Copeland(T) Denis Hurley(T) Ian Keatley(2C/P) Gerhard van den Heever(T) Simon Zebo(T)	Craig Gilroy(2T) Paddy Jackson(C/D/P) Dan Tuohy(T) Nick Williams(T)
Sat 2 Jan 16	Kingspan Stadium	9	7	Ian Keatley(D/2P)	Paddy Jackson(C) Louis Ludik(T)
Fri 28 Oct 16	Kingspan Stadium	15	14	Jaco Taute(T) Rory Scannell(T/C/D)	Paddy Jackson(2C) Rob Lyttle(T) Charles Piutau(T)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Thomond Park	22	20	Tyler Bleyendaal(C) Dave O'Callaghan(T) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(C/P) Angus Lloyd(T)	Paddy Jackson(2C/2P) Luke Marshall(T) Rory Best(T)
Mon 1 Jan 18	Kingspan Stadium	17	24	Niall Scannell(2T) Penalty Try(T)	Craig Gilroy(2T) Rob Lyttle(T) John Cooney(2C) Darren Cave(T)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Thomond Park	24	24	Brian Scott(T) Robin Copeland(T) JJ Hanrahan(3C/P) Duncan Williams(T)	Stuart McCloskey(T) Rory Best(2T) Johnny McPhillips(3C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 33, Munster won 17, Ulster won 14 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Munster Rugby's last six matches in the Guinness PRO14 have all gone the way of the home side.
- The Munstermen's only home defeat in any competition since February 2017 was to Leinster at Thomond Park at Christmas 2017.
- Munster faced fellow Irish provinces on seven occasions last season and won only one: 39-13 against Connacht in Limerick in January.
- Ulster's are unbeaten in their last nine Guinness PRO14 encounters since the Blues beat them in Cardiff in March, a sequence which now includes two drawn matches.
- The Ulstermen have won their last five fixtures in Belfast since Edinburgh beat them there 17-16 with an injury time drop goal from Duncan Weir in February 2018.
- Ulster's only two victories over fellow Irish provinces last season were both at Kingspan Stadium, against Connacht and Munster, whilst they have not been victorious away from home against an Irish province since a visit to Connacht in December 2015.
- Munster failed to achieve a victory over Ulster in either of their two fixtures last season, something that had not happened since 2013/14.
- Ulster's most recent victory at Thomond Park was in May 2014.

COMPARISON	Munster	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	7 Sep - Glasgow (A) L 10-25	7 Sep - Edinburgh (H) W 30-29
	14 Sep - Ospreys (H) W 49-13	16 Sep - Southern Kings (A) W 28-7
	21 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 13-37	21 Sep - Cheetahs (A) D 39-39
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 4th - W2 D0 L2 - 10pts	Conf B: 2nd - W3 D1 L0 - 15pts
PRO14 form	WIWI (10pts)	WWwd (15pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Rhys Marshall	2 - Dave Shanahan
Top points scorer	20 - Joey Carbery	44 - John Cooney