

ROUND 6 – PREVIEWS

Round 5 of the Guinness PRO14 brought the first set of derby matches this season and, as ever, we were not left disappointed on another weekend of thrilling rugby. Munster sent out a statement of intent with a comfortable home win against Ulster, while Leinster edged out a determined Connacht – and the two winners meet this weekend at Aviva Stadium in one of the most highly-anticipated matches of the season.

Round 6 has it all. Fierce rivalries across the Championship, fascinating match-ups and the guarantee of tries to end the first section of Championship matches before the teams prepare for European competition next week. We may be just a few weeks into the campaign but every team has 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 triple-header, the first of which sees the **Edinburgh** (B5) welcome **Toyota Cheetahs** (A7) to BT Murrayfield (live on Premier Sports 1, Free Sport 19:35 & SuperSport 1, 20:35). Having won just one of their first four games at the start of the new campaign, Richard Cockerill's side got back on track with a 31-30 victory over Benetton Rugby after holding off a second-half fightback from the Italians. Simon Hickey's accuracy from the tee ultimately proved vital, kicking a penalty and all four conversions, while Benetton missed four conversions. Meanwhile, Cheetahs fell agonisingly short of their first win against Cardiff Blues in an equally tight game, after Sibahle Maxwane and Benhard Janse van Rensburg had put them ahead. The two sides have only met once before, with Cheetahs defeating Edinburgh 33-13 in Bloemfontein last season.

The second match on Friday sees **Zebre** (A6) clash with **Glasgow Warriors** (A1) at Scotstoun Stadium (live on Premier Sports 2, 19:35). The hosts have only suffered one defeat in the first five rounds of the Guinness PRO14, bouncing back from their shock defeat against Isuzu Southern Kings to dispatch Dragons 29-13 last time out. Oli Kebble was the star man for Warriors, who have won their last 25 matches against Italian opponents. Zebre have just one win from their last four matches, slipping to a 22-8 defeat to Ospreys in Round 5, and the odds are stacked against them on Friday. Dave Rennie's outfit have won all 12 previous encounters between the two side, including two dominant victories last season (Warriors winning 68-7 at home and 40-20 at Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi).

An action-packed Friday night schedule will also see **Connacht** (A5) travel to the Kingspan Stadium to face **Ulster** (B3) in search of their first victory in Belfast since November 1960 (live on eir Sport 1 19:00 & Premier Sports 1, 19:35). Despite a promising start to the season, which included three wins and a draw, the hosts were subjected to their biggest ever defeat in Munster last weekend. Dan McFarland's troops will be desperate to get back to winning ways against a Connacht side that pushed Guinness PRO14 champions Leinster all the way in Round 5. A high penalty count cost them dearly, though, and their record away from home in inter-pro games does not inspire confidence, with just one win away from Galway in the Championship since April 2017.

Saturday's opening fixture sees **Scarlets** (B2) welcome **Ospreys** (A2) to Parc y Scarlets (live on Premier Sports 1 & eir sport 1, 15:00) in a battle between two in-form sides. Last season's Guinness PRO14 Finalists Scarlets have won three of five games this term to sit second in Conference B – with their defeats coming away to Connacht and Ulster. Ospreys' only defeat this season was a 49-13 reverse to Munster in Round 3 and they head to Llanelli off the back of 22-8 triumph over Zebre in Parma. Scarlets have a formidable record as hosts – being unbeaten in their last 24 Guinness PRO14 home games – and have also won their last nine fixtures against fellow Welsh regions in the Championship.

The other Welsh regional clash on Saturday sees **Dragons** (B6) on the hunt for a third win in six games as they play host to **Cardiff Blues** (A4) at Rodney Parade (live on Premier Sports 1 & eir sport 2 17:15). The Blues have the same two win-three loss record as their hosts but the five bonus points tallied in their opening fixtures mean they lie fourth in Conference A on 13 points. The Blues boast the joint-most turnovers in the Guinness PRO14 this season, Ellis Jenkins (8) in their ranks, while no-one has made more metres than Dragons flyer Jordan Williams' 425. After three consecutive defeats by two points or less to open the season, Blue are now protecting a two-game winning streak, while Dragons are seeking to finally end a 21-match losing run against fellow Welsh regions in the Championship.

The final game of the weekend is an intriguing Saturday evening clash between **Benetton** (B4) and **Isuzu Southern Kings** (B7) at Stadio Monigo (live on DAZN, Super Sport 1 20:00 & Free Sports, 19:00). The Italian side are looking to bounce back from a heart-wrenching loss to Edinburgh Rugby last time out, where Luca Sperandio's spectacular hat-trick wasn't enough to stop them falling to a 31-30 defeat. They have slipped to three straight losses in the Guinness PRO14 – their worst run since last December – but have won all three previous games against South African opponents, while the Kings are still seeking their first-ever away victory in the competition.

Pick of the Round

Leinster v Munster

Conference B leaders **Leinster** (B1) welcome **Munster** (A3) to the Aviva Stadium on Saturday (live on eir sport 1 & Premier Sports 2, 18:00), looking to make it five wins from six this season. Both teams are coming off inter-pro wins in Round 5, although they couldn't have been more contrasting, as Leinster edged a low-scoring affair with Connacht 20-3 while Munster ran in nine tries to overwhelm Ulster 64-7. The Leinstermen have won their last nine matches at Aviva Stadium in all tournaments, since Toulon beat them there in December 2015, while Munster have only won once in the last seven fixtures between the sides.

Opta Top Performers – Round 5

- **Most tackles: 28** Sebastian Negri (Benetton Rugby)
- **Most Carries: 28** Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 11** Adam Hastings (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Offloads: 4** Mattia Bellini (Zebre) / Thomas Farrell (Connacht)
- **Breaks: 5** Alex Wootton (Munster) / Huw Jones (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Metres Made: 111** Alex Wootton (Munster)
- **Turnovers Won: 4** Peter O'Mahony (Munster)
- **Lineouts Steals: 2** James King (Ospreys)

Opta Top Performers – Overall

- **Most tackles: 77** Bobby de Wee (Isuzu Southern Kings)
- **Most Carries: 62** Nico Lee (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Defenders Beaten: 22** Adam Hastings (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Offloads: 10** Multiple players
- **Breaks: 9** Multiple players
- **Metres Made: 425** Jordan Williams (Dragons)
- **Turnovers Won: 8** Owen Watkin (Ospreys) / Ellis Jenkins (Cardiff Blues)
- **Lineouts Steals: 2** Multiple players

Round 6: 5 & 6 October 2018

Friday 5 October

EDINBURGH RUGBY v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, 7.35pm
 Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 81st competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Manuel Bottino (FIR), Ian Kenny (SRU)
 Citing Commissioner: John Kirk (SRU)
 TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)

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HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	E	T	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Fri 24 Nov 17	Toyota Stadium	13	33	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T/C/2P)	Makazole Mapimpi(T) Tian Meyer(T) Fred Zeilinga(4C) Craig Barry(T) Rynier Bernardo(T) Junior Pokomela(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Cheetahs won 1.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby's last eight matches have all gone the way of the home side on the day.
- Edinburgh have not been defeated at home since Ulster visited BT Murrayfield in the Guinness PRO14 on 6 April.
- Toyota Cheetahs are without a win in their last six Guinness PRO14 matches since beating Isuzu Southern Kings in Round 21 last season.
- Cheetahs have not won outside South Africa since they visited Dragons in March.
- Cheetahs were defeated on their only previous visit to Scotland, 23-37 at Glasgow in February.
- The two sides have only met once before with Cheetahs victorious in Bloemfontein in round 9 last season.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	14 Sep - Connacht (H) W 17-10 22 Sep - Leinster (A) L 7-31 28 Sep - Treviso (H) W 31-30	15 Sep - Glasgow (H) L 24-52 21 Sep - Ulster (H) D 39-39 28 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 21-24
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 5th - W2 D0 L3 - 11pts	Conf A: 7th - W0 D1 L4 - 5pts
PRO14 form	IIWIIW (11pts)	IILDI (5pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Blair Kinghorn, Duhan van der Merwe	3 - Rabs Maxwane
Top points scorer	36 - Simon Hickey	21 - Tian Schoeman

Friday 5 October

GLASGOW WARRIORS v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm.

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Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 13th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Lloyd Linton, Hollie Davidson (both SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Minto (SRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	Z	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Zebre scorers
Fri 8 Apr 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	43	14	Pete Horne(2T) Duncan Weir(3C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Finn Russell(C) Alex Dunbar(T) Fraser Brown(T) Jerry Yanuyanutawa(T)	Guglielmo Palazzani(T) Leo Sarto(T) Carlo Canna(2C)
Fri 29 Apr 16	Scotstoun Stadium	70	10	Duncan Weir(T/10C) Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Adam Ashe(T) Greg Peterson(T) Glenn Bryce(2T) Leone Nakarawa(3T)	Tommaso Boni(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	33	28	Leo Sarto(T) Rory Clegg(2C/3P) Sean Lamont(2T) Fraser Brown(T)	Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(2C/3P) Oliviero Fabiani(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)
Fri 14 Apr 17	Scotstoun Stadium	45	10	Pete Horne(5C) Sam Johnson(T) Rob Harley(T) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) Peter Murchie(T) Matt Smith(2T)	Kurt Baker(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)
Sat 6 Jan 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	40	20	Finn Russell(4C) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) George Horne(T) Penalty Try(T) Lee Jones(2T)	Marcello Violi(P) Carlo Canna(C) Renato Giammarioli(T) Maxime Mbanda(T) Tommaso d'Apice(T)
Fri 23 Mar 18	Scotstoun Stadium	68	7	Henry Pyrgos(T) Callum Gibbins(T) Adam Hastings(8C) DTH van der Merwe(2T) Zander Fagerson(T) Ruaridh Jackson(2T) Lelia Masaga(T) Penalty Try(T) Lee Jones(T)	Carlo Canna(T/C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 12, Warriors won 12.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors only defeat in the first five rounds of the Guinness PRO14 came on their trip to Isuzu Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth two weeks ago.
- The Scotsmen have lost only once at Scotstoun in the Championship since May 2017, last season's semi-final to Scarlets.
- Glasgow have won their last 25 matches against Italian opponents.
- Zebre's only win in their last four Guinness PRO14 matches was 26-24 at home to Cardiff Blues on 15 September.
- The Italians have won just once away from home since February 22-17 at local rivals Benetton in round 21 last season.
- Zebre have won just one of their last ten fixtures against Scottish opponents, beating Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in October 2016.
- Glasgow Warriors have won all twelve previous matches they have played against Zebre.

COMPARISON	Glasgow	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	15 Sep - Cheetahs (A) W 52-24 22 Sep - Southern Kings (A) L 28-38 29 Sep - Dragons (H) W 29-13	15 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) W 26-24 22 Sep - Dragons (A) L 5-16 29 Sep - Ospreys (H) L 8-22
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 1st - W4 D0 L1 - 20pts	Conf A: 6th - W2 D0 L3 - 10pts
PRO14 form	wWwW (20pts)	WIWIL (10pts)
Top try scorer	3 - DTH van der Merwe	2 - Oliviero Fabiani, Jimmy Tuivaiti, Mattia Bellini
Top points scorer	34 - Adam Hastings	32 - Carlo Canna

Friday 5 October

ULSTER RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 7.35pm.

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Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 38th competition game)

Assistant Referees: George Clancy, Sean Gallagher (both IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Wigglesworth (IRFU)

TMO: Ollie Hodges (IRFU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	U	C	Ulster scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 26 Dec 15	Sportsground	10	3	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Nick Williams(T)	AJ MacGinty(P)
Fri 1 Apr 16	Kingspan Stadium	18	10	Craig Gilroy(T) Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Rory Best(T)	Caolin Blade(T) Shane O'Leary(C/P)
Fri 7 Oct 16	Sportsground	25	30	Craig Gilroy(T) Paddy Jackson(2C/2P) Rory Best(T) Jared Payne(T)	Jack Carty(T/2C/2P) James Connolly(T) Cian Kelleher(2T)
Fri 23 Dec 16	Kingspan Stadium	23	7	Paddy Jackson(2C/3P) Stuart McCloskey(T) Clive Ross(T)	Jack Carty(T/C)
Fri 6 Oct 17	Kingspan Stadium	16	8	Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(C/3P)	Jack Carty(P) Tom McCartney(T)
Sat 23 Dec 17	Sportsground	16	44	Craig Gilroy(T) Rob Lyttle(T) John Cooney(2P)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Jarrad Butler(T) Jack Carty(4C/2P) Eoghan Masterson(T) Bundee Aki(T) Ultan Dillane(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ulster won 24, Connacht won 5 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Ulster Rugby suffered their biggest ever defeat in Munster last weekend but at Kingspan Stadium their only loss since last October was by the narrowest of margins to Edinburgh in February.
- Connacht's three most recent victories in the Guinness PRO14 have all been since the end of April, and all at Galway.
- Connacht have won just once away from home in the Championship since April 2017: 22-19 in Treviso in February 2018.
- Connacht have only once won away from home against a fellow Irish province in the last sixteen years, 18-12 at Munster in November 2015.
- The last five matches between the two sides have all been won by the home side on the day whilst Connacht have not been victorious in Belfast since November 1960.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	16 Sep - Southern Kings (A) W 28-7	14 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 10-17
	21 Sep - Cheetahs (A) D 39-39	22 Sep - Scarlets (H) W 33-20
	29 Sep - Munster (A) L 7-64	29 Sep - Leinster (H) L 3-20
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 3rd - W3 D1 L1 - 15pts	Conf A: 5th - W2 D0 L3 - 11pts
PRO14 form	WWwdl (15pts)	LWlWL (11pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Dave Shanahan	3 - Niyi Adeolokun
Top points scorer	44 - John Cooney	49 - Jack Carty

Saturday 6 October

SCARLETS v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 3pm.

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Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 169th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Adam Jones, Simon Rees (both WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Jeff Mark (WRU)

TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	S	O	Scarlets scorers	Ospreys scorers
Sat 26 Dec 15	Parc y Scarlets	26	27	Aled Davies(T) John Barclay(T) Aled Thomas(2C/4P)	Dan Biggar(3C/2P) Eli Walker(T) Hanno Dirksen(T) Alun Wyn Jones(T)
Sat 26 Mar 16	Liberty Stadium	25	16	DTH van der Merwe(T) Dan Jones(C/2P) Aled Thomas(4P)	Sam Davies(C/3P) Josh Matavesi(T)
Tue 27 Dec 16	Liberty Stadium	9	19	Rhys Patchell(3P)	Dan Biggar(C/4P) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 6 May 17	Parc y Scarlets	40	17	Aaron Shingler(T) Johnny McNicholl(T) Rhys Patchell(3C/3P) Steff Evans(T) Jonathan Davies(T) Will Boyde(T)	Keelan Giles(T) Dan Baker(T) Dan Biggar(C/P) Dan Evans(C)
Sat 7 Oct 17	Liberty Stadium	19	18	Rhys Patchell(2C) Samson Lee(T) Gareth Davies(2T)	Dan Biggar(6P)
Tue 26 Dec 17	Parc y Scarlets	12	9	Steff Evans(T) Josh Macleod(T) Leigh Halfpenny(C)	Sam Davies(3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Scarlets won 11, Ospreys won 18 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Scarlets have lost just one of their last four Guinness PRO14 encounters: 20-33 in Connacht in round 4.
- Scarlets are unbeaten in their last 24 home games in the Championship, only Leinster have had two longer sequences of success at home.
- Scarlets have won their last nine fixtures against fellow Welsh regions in the Championship.
- Ospreys only defeat this season was in Munster in round 3.
- Ospreys won their most recent away game 22-8 over Zebre, but have not won successive away games in the Guinness PRO14 since March 2017.
- Ospreys only defeat in their last six matches against fellow Welsh regions was in this equivalent fixture at Parc y Scarlets in round 11 last season.
- Ospreys most recent victory over Scarlets was at Liberty Stadium in December 2016 whilst they have not triumphed in Llanelli since Boxing Day 2015.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	15 Sep - Treviso (H) W 38-29	14 Sep - Munster (A) L 13-49
	22 Sep - Connacht (A) L 20-33	22 Sep - Treviso (H) W 27-10
	29 Sep - Southern Kings (H) W 54-14	29 Sep - Zebre (A) W 22-8
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 2nd - W3 D0 L2 - 15pts	Conf A: 2nd - W4 D0 L1 - 17pts
PRO14 form	IWWIW (15pts)	WWIWw (17pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Gareth Davies	3 - George North, Justin Tipuric
Top points scorer	29 - Leigh Halfpenny	57 - Sam Davies

Saturday 6 October

DRAGONS v CARDIFF BLUES

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 5.15pm.

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Referee: Ian Davies (WRU, 75th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Gwyn Morris, Gareth Newman (both WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Dennis Jones (WRU)

TMO: Sean Brickell (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	D	C	Dragons scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Sun 27 Dec 15	Rodney Parade	20	21	Dorian Jones(D/3P) Jason Tovey(P) Ashton Hewitt(T)	Rhys Patchell(C/3P) Tom James(T) Penalty Try(T)
Sun 17 Apr 16	Cardiff Arms Park	8	28	Dorian Jones(P) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(T/2C/3P) Josh Turnbull(T)
Mon 26 Dec 16	Cardiff Arms Park	16	27	Angus O'Brien(C/3P) Ashton Hewitt(T)	Steve Shingler(T/3C/2P) Josh Navidi(T) Kristian Dacey(T)
Sat 6 May 17	Constructaquote Stadium (Virginia Park)	24	26	Sam Beard(T) Angus O'Brien(C/2P) Carl Meyer(T/2P)	Willis Halaholo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2C/4P) Matthew Morgan(T)
Fri 6 Oct 17	Cardiff Arms Park	29	43	Adam Warren(T) Elliot Dee(T) George Gasson(T) Lloyd Fairbrother(T) Gavin Henson(3C/P)	Kristian Dacey(T) Matthew Morgan(2T) Alex Cuthbert(T) Jarrod Evans(T/5C/P) Tom James(T)
Tue 26 Dec 17	Rodney Parade	17	22	Lloyd Fairbrother(T) Gavin Henson(C/P) Penalty Try(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2C/P) Aled Summerhill(T) Tom James(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Dragons won 8, Blues won 22.

Did you know?

- Dragons last four matches have all been won by the home side on the day.
- Dragons have won their last two matches at Rodney Parade, against Southern Kings and Zebre, but have not won three in a row at home in the Guinness PRO14 since October 2015.
- Dragons have lost their last twenty-one fixtures against fellow Welsh regions in the Championship since beating the Blues at Cardiff Arms Park at Christmas 2014.
- Cardiff Blues have won their last two games, both at home to Munster and Cheetahs, but have not won three in a row in the Championship since last March.
- Blues have won just one of their last four away games in the PRO14, 45-12 at Southern Kings in April.
- The Blues only win in their last five fixtures against fellow Welsh regions in the Championship came in this equivalent fixture at Rodney Parade on Boxing Day last year.
- Dragons most recent victory over Cardiff Blues came in the quarter final of the European Challenge Cup at Rodney Parade in April 2015.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	15 Sep - Leinster (A) L 10-52 22 Sep - Zebre (H) W 16-5 29 Sep - Glasgow (A) L 13-29	15 Sep - Zebre (A) L 24-26 21 Sep - Munster (H) W 37-13 28 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 24-21
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 6th - W2 D0 L3 - 9pts	Conf A: 4th - W2 D0 L3 - 13pts
PRO14 form	LWIFI (9pts)	LIIWW (13pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Dafydd Howells	3 - Rey Lee-Lo
Top points scorer	24 - Josh Lewis	49 - Gareth Anscombe

Saturday 6 October

LEINSTER RUGBY v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Aviva Stadium, Dublin, 6pm.

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Referee: Ben Whitehouse (49th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Mike English (both WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Wigglesworth (IRFU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	M	Leinster scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 2 Apr 16	Aviva Stadium	16	13	Johnny Sexton(T/C/3P)	Johnny Holland(T/C/2P)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Aviva Stadium	25	14	Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Johnny Sexton(C/2P) Isa Nacewa(2T/C)	Jaco Taute(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C) Peter O'Mahony(T)
Mon 26 Dec 16	Thomond Park	17	29	Isa Nacewa(2C/P) Zane Kirchner(T) Richardt Strauss(T)	CJ Stander(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C/P) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Simon Zebo(T)
Sat 7 Oct 17	Aviva Stadium	23	17	Rory O'Loughlin(2T) Johnny Sexton(2C/3P)	Keith Earls(2T) Ian Keatley(T/C)
Tue 26 Dec 17	Thomond Park	34	24	Robbie Henshaw(T) Ross Byrne(3C/2P) Jordan Larmour(T) Dan Leavy(T) Penalty Try(T)	Andrew Conway(2T) Conor Murray(T) Ian Keatley(T/2C)
Sat 19 May 18	RDS Arena (SF)	16	15	Jack Conan(T) Ross Byrne(2P) Joey Carbery(C/P)	Keith Earls(T) Gerbrandt Grobler(T) JJ Hanrahan(P) Ian Keatley(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 34, Leinster won 21, Munster won 13.

Did you know?

- Leinster's only defeat in their last seven Guinness PRO14 matches was 21-23 at Scarlets on 8 September.
- The Leinstermen have won their last nine matches at Aviva Stadium in all tournaments since Toulon beat them there in December 2015.
- Leinster's only loss in their last eight fixtures against fellow Irish provinces was to Connacht in Galway in April.
- Munster's last seven matches have all gone the way of the home side on the day whilst their only victory at Lansdowne Road/Aviva Stadium in their last eleven visits against all opponents in all tournaments was 34-23 over Leinster in the PRO14 in October 2014.
- Leinster's only loss in their last seven encounters with Munster was 17-29 at Thomond Park on St Stephen's Day 2016.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	15 Sep - Dragons (H) W 52-10	14 Sep - Ospreys (H) W 49-13
	22 Sep - Edinburgh (H) W 31-7	21 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 13-37
	29 Sep - Connacht (A) W 20-3	29 Sep - Ulster (H) W 64-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 1st - W4 D0 L1 - 20pts	Conf A: 3rd - W3 D0 L2 - 15pts
PRO14 form	wWWW (20pts)	WIIW (15pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Jamison Gibson-Park	3 - Tommy O'Donnell, Rhys Marshall
Top points scorer	36 - Johnny Sexton	38 - Joey Carbery

Saturday 6 October

BENETTON RUGBY v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 8pm.

Referee: Craig Evans (WRU, 3rd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Wayne Davies (WRU), Matteo Liperini (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Gabriele Pezzano

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)

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HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	B	I	Benetton Rugby scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 7 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	31	3	Marco Barbini(T) Cherif Traore(T) Marty Banks(3P) Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(C)	Pieter-Steyn de Wet(P)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	36	35	Braam Steyn(T) Marco Lazzaroni(T) Tommaso Iannone(T) Tomas Baravalle(T) Marty Banks(T/4C/P)	Luzuko Vulindlu(T) Ruaan Lerm(T) Masixole Banda(2C) Kurt Coleman(2C) Berton Klaasen(T) Godlen Masimla(T) Penalty Try(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Benetton won 2.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby have slipped to three straight defeats in the Guinness PRO14, their worst sequence since last December.
- The Italians have won all three previous matches they have played against South African opponents.
- Isuzu Southern Kings only win since March was 38-28 over Glasgow Warriors in Port Elizabeth in round 4 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Kings have lost all thirteen previous away games they have played in the Championship.
- The two sides have met twice before with Benetton victorious, with a try bonus point, on both occasions.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	15 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 29-38	16 Sep - Ulster (H) L 7-28
	22 Sep - Ospreys (A) L 10-27	22 Sep - Glasgow (H) W 38-28
	28 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 30-31	29 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 14-54
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 4th - W2 D0 L3 - 11pts	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L4 - 7pts
PRO14 form	wVIII (11pts)	lILWI (7pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Luca Sperandio, Braam Steyn	3 - Bjorn Basson
Top points scorer	42 - Tommaso Allan	32 - Masixole Banda