

## ROUND 7 – PREVIEWS

Two captivating rounds of European rugby are now done and dusted as the Guinness PRO14 flies back into view this weekend with a full schedule of games. Rounds 5 and 6 featured the first derby matches of the season and we're now into the second 'block' of games, with the plot thickening in both Conferences. Perhaps the result of Round 6 saw Connacht win away at Ulster for the first time since 1960, while the much-anticipated clash between Leinster and Munster saw Leo Cullen's men edge things 30-22.

Can Connacht win away again in Round 7? They travel to Ospreys in an intriguing match-up, while Munster and Glasgow Warriors meet at Thomond Park in a Saturday tea-time blockbuster. The 2018/19 campaign is well under way and 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](http://bitly.com/Glasgow2019) to get their hands on the best seats available.

### What's at Stake

If you have been missing the Guinness PRO14 action in recent weeks then Friday night brings the perfect remedy in the shape of four evening fixtures. The first of these sees the **Isuzu Southern Kings** (B7) host **Scarlets** (B2) at Madibaz Stadium in Port Elizabeth (live on Premier Sports 2, eir Sport 18.00, SuperSport 1, 19.00). The two sides have already met once this season, with Scarlets running out 54-14 winners at Parc y Scarlets, while last year they played out a thriller at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium as the west Walians edged things 34-30. Last time out Wayne Pivac's men had to battle to a 20-17 victory over Ospreys in a Welsh derby and the Kings were defeated 28-5 at Benetton Rugby. The South Africans' latest home fixture though was a 38-28 victory over Glasgow, and they'll be keen to resurrect that form once again.

An hour later on Friday **Zebre** (A6) host **Edinburgh Rugby** (B4) at the Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi (live on DAZN and Freesports 19.00). The match-up between these two sides looks to be a competitive one, with Edinburgh's overall record in Parma seeing them win three but lose two. Last time out in the Guinness PRO14 Edinburgh defeated the Toyota Cheetahs 37-21, but since then Richard Cockerill's men came a whisker short of beating Montpellier in France and then hit top gear against Toulon in Scotland. Zebre have their own European successes to build on, beating Bristol in the Challenge Cup last week, and have also defeated both the Kings and Cardiff Blues in Parma this season.

Less than 60 minutes later on Friday **Ulster Rugby** (B5) host **Dragons Rugby** (B6) at Kingspan Stadium (live on Premier Sports 1 and eir Sport 2 19.55). Ulster sit just above Dragons in Conference B and the two sides face off in what looks a difficult game to predict. After winning their first three Guinness PRO14 fixtures Ulster are without a win in three, but did impress in Round 1 of the Champions Cup against Leicester Tigers a few weeks ago. Meanwhile Dragons look to be improving week to week and since beating Zebre 16-5 in Round 4 have looked increasingly cohesive, their 54-17 Challenge Cup rout of Timisoara Saracens won't have done the club any damage.

The fourth Friday night kick-off sees **Connacht** (A5) travel to take on **Ospreys** (A2) (live on Premier Sports 2 and TG4 18.00). Instead of taking place at the Liberty Stadium this fixture is moved to Bridgend and Morganstone Brewery Field, the first Championship match to be hosted at the venue since Celtic Warriors beat Cardiff Blues there on 7 May 2004. Ospreys are three places higher in the Conference A table but also only three points to the better and Connacht will be desperate to get one over a conference rival, with a leapfrogging possible. The Galway-based side have the perfect template for victory on Friday with their away win at Ulster in Round 6, but Ospreys have won four Guinness PRO14 games already this season and represent stern opposition.

**Leinster** (B1) are on their travels on Saturday as they visit **Benetton's** (B3) Stadio Mongio (live on DAZN, eir Sport 1 and Premier Sports 1 15.00). The match features two of the Guinness PRO14's in-form sides as Benetton go in search of a fourth win of their campaign. Until recently Leinster could claim an incredible record against the Italian outfit, winning 29 games straight, but Benetton displayed their rapid improvements in April by beating the soon-to-be Guinness PRO14 champions 17-15 at the RDS. Both of these sides are also coming off the back of Guinness PRO14 victories, with Benetton beating the Kings 28-5 and Leinster downing Munster in Round 6.

The final fixture of the weekend sees a mouth-watering clash as **Cardiff Blues** (A3) travel to take on the **Cheetahs** (A7) in South Africa (live on Premier Sports 2, S4C 18.15 and SuperSport 19.15) in a repeat of one of the best games of last season. That April match at Toyota Stadium saw the Cheetahs triumph over the Blues 29-27 in a breath-taking, end-to-end game of rugby – these two sides also battled things out in Round 5 with the Blues

prevailing 24-21. Owen Lane was the hero last time out for the Cardiff-based side, scoring two tries to help win at Rodney Parade, but the Cheetahs came very close to beating the Blues in that Round 5 encounter and will fancy their chances on home turf.

## Pick of the Round

## Munster v Glasgow Warriors

Many will be looking forward to **Munster's** (A4) match-up with **Glasgow Warriors** (A1) on Saturday (live on Premier Sports 1, eir Sport 1, 17.15) – the 2000th game in the Championship. Just as they did last season, Glasgow have started their Guinness PRO14 campaign on fire, winning five from six to top Conference A and with a big win over Zebre last time out. Dave Rennie's men were also in good Champions Cup form at the weekend, downing Cardiff Blues 29-12 in Wales, and won't be daunted by a trip to Thomond Park. Munster are also coming off the back of Champions Cup success, beating Gloucester on Saturday, and have racked up an impressive 151 points at Thomond Park already this season in the Guinness PRO14 – tries will surely ensue.

## Opta Top Performers – Round 6

- **Most tackles: 25** Jarrad Butler (Connacht Rugby)
- **Most Carries: 21** Apisai Tauyavuca (Benetton Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 7** Luke Morgan (Ospreys)
- **Offloads: 3** Michele Lamaro (Benetton Rugby)
- **Breaks: 5** Adam Warren (Dragons)
- **Metres Made: 113** Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Turnovers Won: 7** Marcell Coetzee (Ulster Rugby)  
*\*Joint record holder with Scarlets' James Davies (v Edinburgh 2015)*
- **Lineouts Steals: 3** Federico Ruzza (Benetton Rugby)

## Opta Top Performers – Overall

- **Most tackles: 85** Nico Lee (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Most Carries: 81** Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 25** Adam Hastings (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Offloads: 11** Stuart McCloskey (Ulster Rugby)
- **Breaks: 10** Rabs Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs) / Jason Harries (Cardiff Blues)
- **Metres Made: 490** Jordan Williams (Dragons)
- **Turnovers Won: 10** Owen Watkin (Ospreys) / Ellis Jenkins (Cardiff Blues) / Marcell Coetzee (Ulster Rugby)
- **Lineouts Steals: 5** George Biagi (Zebre)

Friday 26 October

## OSPREYS RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Morganstone Brewery Field, Bridgend, 8.05pm *Live on*

**PREMIER SPORTS**

**TG4**

Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 25<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White (SRU), Mike English (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Gwyn Bowden (WRU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	O	C	Ospreys scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 24 Oct 15	Liberty Stadium	16	21	Sam Davies(2P) Dan Baker(T) Justin Tipuric(T)	Matt Healy(T) Jack Carty(2P) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/P)
Sat 27 Feb 16	Sportsground	22	30	Dan Baker(T) Rhys Webb(T) Sam Davies(2C/P) Ben John(T)	AJ MacGinty(T) Matt Healy(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C/3P) Bundee Aki(T)
Sat 10 Sep 16	Sportsground	32	11	Tyler Ardron(T) Sam Davies(3C/2P) Jeff Hassler(T) Rhys Webb(2T)	Eoin McKeon(T) Jack Carty(2P)
Sat 7 Jan 17	Liberty Stadium	29	7	Olly Cracknell(T) Nicky Smith(T) Sam Davies(3C/P) Dan Baker(T) Ashley Beck(T)	John Cooney(C) Sean O'Brien(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Sportsground	15	26	Dafydd Howells(T) Sam Davies(C/P) Reuben Morgan- Williams(T)	Tom Farrell(T) Eoghan Masterson(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C/4P)
Fri 6 Apr 18	Liberty Stadium	39	10	Scott Otten(T) Jeff Hassler(T) Ashley Beck(T) Dan Biggar(4C/2P) Hanno Dirksen(T) Dan Evans(T)	Jack Carty(P) Craig Ronaldson(T/C)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ospreys won 21, Connacht won 9.

### Did you know?

- Morganstone Brewery Field in Bridgend hosts its first Championship encounter since Celtic Warriors beat Cardiff Blues there on 7 May 2004.
- Ospreys two Guinness PRO14 defeats this season have both been away from home, at Munster in round 3 and at Scarlets in round 6.
- Ospreys have won their last eight home games in the Championship, with all of those matches being played at Liberty Stadium. This game has been moved to Bridgend, the first home game that Ospreys have taken out of Swansea in the Championship since Liberty Stadium was opened in September 2005.
- Connacht's record in the Guinness PRO14 this season could not be more uniform, lost, won, lost, won, lost, won – they have not won successive games in the Championship for almost twelve months.
- Connacht have won just once away from home since February: 22-15 against Ulster in Belfast in round 6.
- The Irishmen have played twice before at Brewery Field in the Championship, beating Bridgend there in September 2002 and losing to Celtic Warriors in February 2004.
- Ospreys only defeat in their last four encounters with Connacht was at Galway in February.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Connacht
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Sep - Treviso (H) W 27-10	22 Sep - Scarlets (H) W 33-20
	29 Sep - Zebre (A) W 22-8	29 Sep - Leinster (H) L 3-20
	6 Oct - Scarlets (A) L 17-20	5 Oct - Ulster (A) W 22-15
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 2nd - W4 D0 L2 - 18pts	Conf A: 5th - W3 D0 L3 - 15pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WWIWwl (18pts)	LWIIWLw (15pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	4 - George North	3 - Niyi Adeolokun
<b>Top points scorer</b>	59 - Sam Davies	54 - Jack Carty

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Friday 26 October

## ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v SCARLETS

At Madibaz Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 7pm.

Live on

**PREMIER SPORTS**

Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 73<sup>rd</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Stuart Berry (SARU), Paul Mente (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC

TMO: Sean Veldsman (SARU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	I	S	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 2 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	10	57	Yaw Penxe(T) Kurt Coleman(C/P)	Johnny McNicholl(2T) Rhys Patchell(T/4C) Jake Ball(T) Steff Evans(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Emyr Phillips(T) Leigh Halfpenny(T/3C/P)
Sun 26 Nov 17	Nelson Mandela Bay	30	34	Martin du Toit(T) Michael Makase(T) Oliver Zono(C/2P) Harlon Klaasen(T) Yaw Penxe(T) Kurt Coleman(C)	Tadhg Beirne(T) Dan Jones(T/4C/2P) Ioan Nicholas(T) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 29 Sep 18	Parc y Scarlets	14	54	Bjorn Basson(2T) Masixole Banda(2C)	Rhys Patchell(5C) Angus O'Brien(2C) Steff Evans(T) Simon Gardiner(T) Jonathan Davies(2T) Kieran Hardy(T) Paul Asquith(T) Ioan Nicholas(T) Dan Davis(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Scarlets won 3..

### Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings return to the scene of their only victory so far this season – Madibaz Stadium where they beat Glasgow Warriors in round 4.
- Kings record against Welsh opponents in the Guinness PRO14 is won one (at home to Dragons in March), lost seven.
- Scarlets have lost just once in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14: 20-33 at Connacht in round 4.
- Scarlets have lost the only two away games they have played in the Championship this season, both in Ireland, to Ulster and Connacht.
- Scarlets record against South African opponents in the PRO14 is won four, lost one - the defeat being to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in December.

COMPARISON	Kings	Scarlets
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Sep - Glasgow (H) W 38-28	22 Sep - Connacht (A) L 20-33
	29 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 14-54	29 Sep - Southern Kings (H) W 54-14
	6 Oct - Treviso (A) L 5-28	6 Oct - Ospreys (H) W 20-17
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L5 - 7pts	Conf B: 2nd - W4 D0 L2 - 19pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	ILLWII (7pts)	IWWIWW (19pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	3 - Yaw Penxe, Bjorn Basson	3 - Johnny McNicholl, Gareth Davies
<b>Top points scorer</b>	32 - Masixole Banda	39 - Leigh Halfpenny

## Friday 26 October

### ULSTER RUGBY v DRAGONS

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 7.55pm.

Live on

**PREMIER SPORTS**



Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 82<sup>nd</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Gianluca Gnechi (FIR), John Carvill (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Wayne Sheridan (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

#### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	U	D	Ulster scorers	Dragons scorers
Sun 8 Nov 15	Rodney Parade	19	12	Paddy Jackson(C/4P) Paul Marshall(T)	Dorian Jones(3P) Jason Tovey(P)
Fri 5 Feb 16	Kingspan Stadium	17	15	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Sean Reidy(T) Ian Humphreys(C) Penalty Try(T)	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Carl Meyer(T) Adam Hughes(T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	Kingspan Stadium	29	8	Rob Herring(T) Jacob Stockdale(T) Rob Lyttle(2T) Ruan Pienaar(T/2C)	Pat Howard(T) Nick Macleod(P)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Rodney Parade	27	17	Craig Gilroy(T) Paddy Jackson(C/P) John Andrew(T) Jared Payne(T) Ruan Pienaar(2C/P)	Ollie Griffiths(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/P) Rynard Landman(T)
Fri 22 Sep 17	Kingspan Stadium	52	25	Stuart McCloskey(T) Dave Shanahan(T) Jacob Stockdale(T) Nick Timoney(2T) Brett Herron(C) Peter Nelson(T/4C) Penalty Try(T) Wiehahn Herbst(T)	Angus O'Brien(C) Dorian Jones(C/2P) Dane Blacker(T) Rhys Buckley(T) Will Talbot-Davies(T)
Fri 1 Dec 17	Rodney Parade	32	32	Craig Gilroy(2T) Christian Leali'ifano(T/C/P) Paul Marshall(T) Penalty Try(T)	Matthew Screech(T) Angus O'Brien(T) Liam Belcher(T) Ashton Hewitt(2T) Gavin Henson(2C/P)

#### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ulster won 18, Dragons won 10 with 2 games drawn.

#### Did you know?

- Ulster Rugby's only win in their last five matches was at home to Leicester Tigers in the European Champions Cup on 13 October.
- The Ulstermen were defeated in their most recent match in the Guinness PRO14 at Kingspan Stadium but have not suffered successive home defeats in the Championship since December 2010.
- Dragons only victory in their last four games was in Romania against Timisoara Saracens in round 1 of the European Challenge Cup.
- Dragons two victories in the Guinness PRO14 this season were both at home, to Southern Kings in round 2 and Zebre in round 4.
- Dragons are in the midst of the worst ever away losing run in the history of the Championship, 35 successive defeats on their travels since beating Benetton in Italy in March 2015.
- Ulster have not lost to Dragons since a visit to Rodney Parade in March 2015, whilst the Welshmen have not been successful in Belfast since September 2008, although they did draw 22-all there in February 2010.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Dragons
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	21 Sep - Cheetahs (A) D 39-39	22 Sep - Zebre (H) W 16-5
	29 Sep - Munster (A) L 7-64	29 Sep - Glasgow (A) L 13-29
	5 Oct - Connacht (H) L 15-22	6 Oct - Cardiff Blues (H) L 15-23
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 5th - W3 D1 L2 - 16pts	Conf B: 6th - W2 D0 L4 - 9pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WWWdIL (16pts)	LWlWIL (9pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	2 - Dave Shanahan	2 - Dafydd Howells, Josh Lewis
<b>Top points scorer</b>	49 - John Cooney	29 - Josh Lewis

Friday 26 October

## ZEBRE RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma, 8pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 39<sup>th</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU), Andrea Piardi (FIR)  
 Citing Commissioner: Alberto Recaldini (FIR)  
 TMO: Stefano Roscini (FIR)



**FREE** SPORTS

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	Z	E	Zebre scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Fri 24 Apr 15	BT Murrayfield	0	37		Stuart McInally(T) Dougie Fife(T) Ross Ford(T) Roddy Grant(2T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(3C/2P)
Sat 24 Oct 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	19	11	Carlo Canna(C/4P) Dion Berryman(T)	Nathan Fowles(2P) Hamish Watson(T)
Fri 1 Apr 16	BT Murrayfield	0	29		Alex Toolis(T) Jason Tovey(3C/P) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T) Damien Hoyland(2T)
Fri 28 Oct 16	BT Murrayfield	19	14	Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(C/D/3P)	Ross Ford(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C) Blair Kinghorn(C) Murray McCallum(T)
Sat 31 Dec 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	19	24	Tommaso Boni(T) Carlo Canna(T/2C) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Will Helu(T) Duncan Weir(C/4P) Chris Dean(T)
Fri 6 Oct 17	Myreside	15	16	Johan Meyer(T) Marcello Violi(T/C/P)	Stuart McInally(T) Duncan Weir(C/2P) Jason Tovey(P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 11, Zebre won 4, Edinburgh won 7.

### Did you know?

- Zebre Rugby's victory at home to Bristol in round 2 of the European Challenge Cup ended a four-game losing run in all tournaments.
- Zebre's only home defeat since February was 8-22 to Ospreys in Parma in round 5 of the PRO14 this season.
- The Italian's only victory in their last eleven fixtures against Scottish opponents was to Edinburgh at Murrayfield in October 2016.
- Edinburgh's only defeat in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 7-31 to reigning champions Leinster at the RDS Arena in round 4.
- The Scotsmen have won their last three encounters with Italian opponents.
- Edinburgh's overall record in Parma is won three, lost two.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Edinburgh
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Sep - Dragons (A) L 5-16	22 Sep - Leinster (A) L 7-31
	29 Sep - Ospreys (H) L 8-22	28 Sep - Treviso (H) W 31-30
	5 Oct - Glasgow (A) L 8-36	5 Oct - Cheetahs (H) W 37-21
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 6th - W2 D0 L4 - 10pts	Conf B: 4th - W3 D0 L3 - 16pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WIWILI (10pts)	IIWIWW (16pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	2 - Apisai Tauyavuca, Oliviero Fabiani, Mattia Bellini, Jimmy Tuivaiti	2 - Blair Kinghorn, Duhan van der Merwe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	32 - Carlo Canna	53 - Simon Hickey

Saturday 27 October

## BENETTON RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 4pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 50<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Craig Evans (WRU), Andrea Spadoni (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Stefano Marrama (FIR)

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	B	L	Benetton Rugby scorers	Leinster scorers
Sun 1 Nov 15	Stadio Monigo	3	27	Jayden Hayward(P)	Ben Te'o(T) Jack McGrath(T) Jack Conan(T) Fergus McFadden(C/P) Johnny Sexton(C) Isa Nacewa(T)
Sat 7 May 16	RDS Arena	19	50	Marco Lazzaroni(T) Enrico Bacchin(T) Jayden Hayward(2C) Matteo Muccignat(T)	Noel Reid(T) Jack McGrath(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Johnny Sexton(T/C) Isa Nacewa(T/4C) Richardt Strauss(2T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	RDS Arena	8	20	Tommaso Allan(P) Marco Fuser(T)	James Tracy(T) Joey Carbery(2T) Fergus McFadden(C/P)
Sun 12 Feb 17	Stadio Monigo	14	40	Ian McKinley(2C) Filo Paulo(T) Andrea Praticchetti(T)	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(5C) Bryan Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(T) Dave Kearney(2T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Stadio Monigo	10	36	Tommaso Allan(C/P) Nacho Brex(T)	James Lowe(2T) Ross Byrne(4C/P) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T)
Sat 14 Apr 18	RDS Arena	17	15	Luca Bigi(T) Tommaso Allan(T/C) Federico Ruzza(T)	Barry Daly(T) Joey Carbery(C/P) Richardt Strauss(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 16, Benetton won 2, Leinster won 13 with 1 game drawn.

### Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby's 28-5 victory at home to Southern Kings in round 6 ended a three-game losing run in the Guinness PRO14.
- The Italians have won their last three home games in all tournaments but have not won four in a row at Stadio Monigo since 2013.
- Leinster's only defeat in their last eight Guinness PRO14 fixtures was 21-23 at Scarlets in round 2.
- Leinster were defeated 17-15 by Benetton at the RDS in April to end a 29-game unbeaten run against Italian opponents in the Championship.
- Benetton's only other victory over the Leinsterman was 29-13 at Stadio Monigo in September 2010.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Leinster
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Sep - Ospreys (A) L 10-27	22 Sep - Edinburgh (H) W 31-7
	28 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 30-31	29 Sep - Connacht (A) W 20-3
	6 Oct - Southern Kings (H) W 28-5	6 Oct - Munster (H) W 30-22
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 3rd - W3 D0 L3 - 16pts	Conf B: 1st - W5 D0 L1 - 24pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	wWlllW (16pts)	wlWWW (24pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	3 - Braam Steyn, Luca Sperandio	4 - James Lowe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	46 - Tommaso Allan	36 - Johnny Sexton

Saturday 27 October

## MUNSTER RUGBY v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick, 5.15pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Dan Jones (WRU, 18<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Elgan Williams (WRU), Chris Busby (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	M	G	Munster scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 19 Feb 16	Rugby Park	24	27	Dave Kilcoyne(2T) Mike Sherry(T) Ian Keatley(3C/P)	Duncan Weir(T/2C/P) Sila Puafisi(2T) Glenn Bryce(T)
Fri 2 Dec 16	Scotstoun Stadium	16	15	Andrew Conway(T) Ian Keatley(C/D/2P)	Pete Horne(P) Ali Price(T) Mark Bennett(T) Rory Clegg(C)
Sat 8 Apr 17	Irish Independent Park	10	7	James Cronin(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C) Rory Scannell(P)	Stuart Hogg(T) Finn Russell(C)
Fri 22 Sep 17	Scotstoun Stadium	10	37	Chris Farrell(T) Rory Scannell(T)	Leo Sarto(T) Finn Russell(4C/3P) Scott Cummings(T) Nick Grigg(T) Lee Jones(T)
Fri 23 Feb 18	Irish Independent Park	21	10	James Cronin(T) Niall Scannell(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C/3P)	Adam Hastings(C/P) George Horne(T)
Fri 7 Sep 18	Scotstoun Stadium	10	25	Rhys Marshall(T) Joey Carbery(C) JJ Hanrahan(P)	Pete Horne(P) Callum Gibbins(T) Stuart Hogg(T/2C/P) Adam Ashe(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 33, Munster won 19, Warriors won 13 with 1 game drawn.

### Did you know?

- This game will be 2000<sup>th</sup> match in the history of the Championship since the first kicked off between Bridgend and Pontypridd at Brewery Field on 17 August 2001.
- Munster Rugby's last eight games in the Guinness PRO14 have all been won by the home side on the day and evenly split at four wins apiece.
- The Munstermen are unbeaten in their last twelve games in all tournaments since Leinster beat them at Thomond Park last December.
- Glasgow Warriors only defeat so far this season in the Guinness PRO14 was 28-38 to Isuzu Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth in round 4.
- The Warriors have lost only two of their last eight encounters with Irish provinces in the Championship, both away from home, to Munster and Ulster.
- The last four fixtures between the two sides have all gone the way of home field advantage whilst Glasgow's most recent victory on Munster soil was 22-5 at Thomond Park in April 2014.

COMPARISON	Munster	Warriors
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	21 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 13-37	22 Sep - Southern Kings (A) L 28-38
	29 Sep - Ulster (H) W 64-7	29 Sep - Dragons (H) W 29-13
	6 Oct - Leinster (A) L 22-30	5 Oct - Zebre (H) W 36-8
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 4th - W3 D0 L3 - 15pts	Conf A: 1st - W5 D0 L1 - 25pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WIIWII (15pts)	wWwWWW (25pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	3 - Tommy O'Donnell, Rhys Marshall	3 - DTH van der Merwe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	45 - Joey Carbery	45 - Adam Hastings



Saturday 6 October

## TOYOTA CHEETAHS v CARDIFF BLUES

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 7.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 24<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referees: Quinton Immelman (SARU), Ruhan Meiring (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

PREMIER SPORTS

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	T	C	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Sat 10 Feb 18	Cardiff Arms Park	20	25	Uzair Cassiem(T) Fred Zeilinga(2C/2P) Ox Nche(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Ellis Jenkins(T) Jarrod Evans(2C/2P) Nick Williams(T)
Sat 7 Apr 18	Toyota Stadium	29	27	Francois Venter(T) Niel Marais(2C/P) Penalty Try(T) Rabs Maxwane(2T)	Willis Halaholo(T) Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2P) Steve Shingler(3C) Owen Lane(T)
Fri 28 Sep 18	Cardiff Arms Park	21	24	Tian Schoeman(3C) Walt Steenkamp(T) Benhard Janse van Rensburg(T) Rabs Maxwane(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Olly Robinson(T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Lloyd Williams(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Cheetahs won 2, Blues won 1.

### Did you know?

- The only time that Toyota Cheetahs have avoided defeat this season was in the 39-all draw at home against Ulster in round 4.
- Cheetahs have lost their last three encounters with Welsh regions but have won all three previous matches against Welsh opponents in Bloemfontein.
- Cardiff Blues four game winning run in all tournaments ended on Sunday with their home defeat to Glasgow Warriors in the European Champions Cup.
- The Blues have won their last two away games in all competitions but have not won three in succession on the road in the same season since 2014/15.
- All three previous encounters between the two sides have been won by the home team on the day whilst the Blues only loss to a South African side in the Championship was at Bloemfontein in April.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Blues
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	21 Sep - Ulster (H) D 39-39 28 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 21-24 5 Oct - Edinburgh (A) L 21-37	21 Sep - Munster (H) W 37-13 28 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 24-21 6 Oct - Dragons (A) W 23-15
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 7th - W0 D1 L5 - 5pts	Conf A: 3rd - W3 D0 L3 - 17pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	lILDll (5pts)	LIlWWw (17pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	5 - Rabs Maxwane	3 - Rey Lee-Lo
<b>Top points scorer</b>	27 - Tian Schoeman	57 - Gareth Anscombe