

ROUND 8 – PREVIEWS

The return of the Guinness PRO14 was marked by a number of eye-catching results and thrilling finishes, none more so than Rory Scannell's match-winning penalty against Glasgow Warriors. Elsewhere Dan Evans crossed in the final minute as the Ospreys edged Connacht while Zebre and Scarlets both overcame double-digit deficits to see off Edinburgh and the Isuzu Southern Kings respectively.

In Round 8 there is a pair of intriguing Welsh-Scottish match-ups on Friday night while the five intra-conference encounters this weekend could have a huge bearing on the final Guinness PRO14 Finals Series places. The 2018/19 campaign is well under way and every team has hopes of 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

On Friday night the **Ospreys** (A2) host **Glasgow Warriors** (A1) at the Liberty Stadium (live on Premier Sports 2 and eir Sport 1 19.35 and SuperSport 1 21.35) in a game that could have huge ramifications in the race for a Final Series position. It was a tale of two finishes last weekend for the sides as the Ospreys snatched victory against Connacht in the final minute, while Glasgow were undone at the death by Munster. The Ospreys come into the game on the back of a nine-match winning streak at home in the Championship but their last Guinness PRO14 loss at the Liberty Stadium was at the hands of the Warriors. On that occasion the Warriors ran out 47-6 winners, their only win at the venue in the last four years.

On Saturday **Benetton Rugby** (B5) play host to **Ulster** (B3) at the Stadio Monigo (live on Premier Sports 1 and eir Sport 1 15.15 and DAZN 16.15) in a crucial Conference B clash. Ulster will head into the game with confidence following their victory over the Dragons last weekend, while Benetton struggled for both possession and territory in their defeat to Leinster. Ulster have certainly had the wood over Benetton in the past, with the Italians' only victory in matches between the teams coming back in 2011. Both of last year's encounters were tight, with Ulster sneaking a 23-22 victory at home, while they held on for a 21-14 win on their last trip to the Stadio Monigo, having raced into a 21-0 lead.

The second game on Saturday sees **Connacht** (A5) welcome the **Dragons** (B6) to the Sportsground (live on Premier Sports 1, S4C and TG4 17.15) with both teams losing on the road last weekend. Connacht have been very strong at home this season, with their only defeat coming at the hands of Leinster, while the Dragons are still searching for a first away win of the campaign in the Championship, although they were victorious on their travels in Europe. The Dragons were 21-8 winners at Rodney Parade in the only meeting between the sides last season.

Sunday's action begins in South Africa when the **Isuzu Southern Kings** (B7) take on **Leinster** (B1) at Madibaz Stadium in Port Elizabeth (live on Premier Sports 1 and eir Sport 1 12.45 and SuperSport 1 14.45). The champions bounced back from European defeat to Toulouse with victory in Treviso last week and will look to strengthen their hold at the top of Conference B. The Kings, meanwhile, will be looking to bounce back after narrowly missing out on a second successive home win against the Scarlets last weekend. Both clashes at Madibaz Stadium so far have been high-scoring affairs with the Kings beating Glasgow Warriors before last Friday's narrow loss Wayne Pivac's side.

The action continues in Wales where the **Cardiff Blues** (A4) will be out for revenge against **Zebre** (A6) at the Cardiff Arms Park (live on Free Sports 14.45 and DAZN 15.45). When the two sides met earlier this season, it was the Blues who raced into a 21-0 lead only to see Zebre come from behind to win the game 26-24. Zebre have enjoyed some success against the Blues with their first-ever victory coming against the Welsh side, but they have not completed the double over the Blues since 2013/14. Two places and two points currently split the sides after seven rounds of action.

The second fixture of the weekend in South Africa sees a mouth-watering clash as **Toyota Cheetahs** (A7) entertain **Munster** (A3) in Bloemfontein (live on Premier Sports 2 and eir Sport 1 14.45 and SuperSport 1 16.45) in a clash between two of last year's Final Series sides. Last year Munster edged a tight game in South Africa but they face a Cheetahs team who broke their duck last week with a comfortable win over the Cardiff Blues. Munster are now third in Conference A and can consolidate their position with victory against the Cheetahs. The two teams have already met once this season, with Munster victorious 38-0 at home.

Pick of the Round

Edinburgh v Scarlets

On Friday evening **Edinburgh** (B4) welcome conference high-flyers **Scarlets** (B2) to BT Murrayfield (live on Premier Sports 1 and eir Sport 2 19.35). Games between the sides have tended to go the way of the home team over the last six matches, with the Scarlets' last win at BT Murrayfield coming in 2013. Richard Cockerill's side have won six in a row at BT Murrayfield in all competitions, with their last loss coming to Ulster back in April. The game will also see Ben O'Keefe become the third New Zealander to referee a game in the Championship.

Opta Top Performers – Round 7

- **Most tackles: 23** Jacopo Bianchi (Zebre)
- **Most Carries: 19** Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby) / Dan Evans (Ospreys)
- **Defenders Beaten: 7** Jordan Williams (Dragons) / Kieran Treadwell (Ulster) / Rob Kearney (Leinster) / Nick Grigg (Glasgow Warriors) / Darcy Graham (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Offloads: 4** Mattia Bellini (Zebre)
- **Breaks: 4** Adam Byrne (Leinster) / Nick Grigg (Glasgow Warriors) / Robert Baloucoune (Ulster Rugby) / Henry Speight (Ulster Rugby)
- **Metres Made: 136** Dan Evans (Ospreys)
- **Turnovers Won: 4** Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)
- **Lineouts Steals: 2** Peter O'Mahony (Munster) / Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs)

Opta Top Performers – Overall

- **Most tackles: 87** Nico Lee (Toyota Cheetahs)
- **Most Carries: 100** Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby)
- **Defenders Beaten: 25** Adam Hastings (Glasgow Warriors)
- **Offloads: 14** Mattia Bellini (Zebre)
- **Breaks: 13** Rabs Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs) / Jason Harries (Cardiff Blues)
- **Metres Made: 547** Jordan Williams (Dragons)
- **Turnovers Won: 12** Marcell Coetzee (Ulster Rugby)
- **Lineouts Steals: 6** Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs)

Friday 2 November

EDINBURGH RUGBY v SCARLETS

At BT Murrayfield Stadium, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Ben O'Keeffe (NZRFU, first competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White, David Sutherland (both SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Minto (SRU)

TMO: Neil Patterson (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	E	S	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Scarlets scorers
Fri 12 Feb 16	Parc y Scarlets	21	22	Nathan Fowles(2P) Alex Toolis(T) Cornell du Preez(T) Greig Tonks(C/P)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Morgan Allen(T) Aled Thomas(4P)
Sun 28 Feb 16	BT Murrayfield	24	23	Ben Toolis(T) Phil Burleigh(T) Blair Kinghorn(C/4P)	James Davies(T) Aled Thomas(C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Fri 9 Sep 16	BT Murrayfield	20	9	Duncan Weir(2C/2P) Mike Allen(T) Magnus Bradbury(T)	Rhys Patchell(3P)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Parc y Scarlets	10	26	Duncan Weir(C/P) Phil Burleigh(T)	Wyn Jones(T) Rhys Patchell(2T/3C) James Davies(T)
Sat 23 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	8	28	Duncan Weir(P) Jason Harries(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(4C) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 14 Apr 18	BT Murrayfield	52	14	Duncan Weir(C) Nathan Fowles(T) Duhan van der Merwe(2T) Mark Bennett(T) Magnus Bradbury(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T/5C) Blair Kinghorn(T) Luke Crosbie(T)	Dan Jones(T/2C) Tom Vardell(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Edinburgh won 15, Scarlets won 14 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Ben O'Keeffe becomes only the third New Zealand referee to take charge of a Championship fixture, the others being Kelvin Deaker in November 2006 and Paul Williams last February.
- Edinburgh Rugby's last ten matches in the Guinness PRO14 have all been won by the home side on the day.
- The Scotsmen have won their last six matches in all tournaments at BT Murrayfield since losing there to Ulster in April.
- Scarlets only defeat in the last rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was to Connacht in Galway on 22 September.
- Scarlets only defeat in their last seven fixtures against Scottish opponents came in this equivalent fixture at BT Murrayfield last season.
- The last six encounters between the two sides have all gone with home field advantage with Scarlets most recent success at BT Murrayfield coming in September 2013.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Treviso (H) W 31-30	29 Sep - Southern Kings (H) W 54-14
	5 Oct - Cheetahs (H) W 37-21	6 Oct - Ospreys (H) W 20-17
	26 Oct - Zebre (A) L 16-34	26 Oct - Southern Kings (A) W 41-34
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 4th - W3 D0 L4 - 16pts	Conf B: 2nd - W5 D0 L2 - 24pts
PRO14 form	IWIIWWI (15pts)	WWIWWw (23pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Blair Kinghorn, Darcy Graham, Duhan van der Merwe	3 - Gareth Davies, Johnny McNicholl
Top points scorer	64 - Simon Hickey	54 - Jack Carty

Round 8: 2 – 4 Nov 2018

Friday 2 November

OSPREYS RUGBY v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 40th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Kieran Barry (IRFU), Craig Evans (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)

TMO: Jon Mason (WRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	O	G	Ospreys scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Sun 1 Nov 15	Scotstoun Stadium	19	31	Dan Baker(T) Dan Biggar(C/4P)	Duncan Weir(C/3P) Taquele Naiyaravoro(T) Alex Allan(T) Greg Peterson(T) Sean Lamont(T)
Sun 31 Jan 16	Liberty Stadium	20	20	Sam Davies(2C/2P) Eli Walker(T) Dan Evans(T)	Duncan Weir(2C/2P) Gordon Reid(T) Rory Hughes(T)
Fri 25 Nov 16	Scotstoun Stadium	22	5	Tom O'Flaherty(T) Dan Baker(T) Ashley Beck(T) Tom Habberfield(T) Josh Matavesi(C)	Junior Bulumakau(T)
Sun 26 Feb 17	Liberty Stadium	26	15	Tyler Ardron(T) Luke Price(3C) Keelan Giles(T) Josh Matavesi(T) Kieron Fonotia(T)	Corey Flynn(T) Peter Murchie(T) Brandon Thomson(C/P)
Sat 9 Sep 17	Scotstoun Stadium	10	31	Sam Davies(C/P) Dan Evans(T)	Leo Sarto(T) Finn Russell(4C/P) Adam Ashe(T) Alex Dunbar(2T)
Sun 26 Nov 17	Liberty Stadium	6	47	Sam Davies(2P)	Leo Sarto(T) Adam Hastings(T/6C) George Turner(T) Scott Cummings(T) George Horne(2T) Brandon Thomson(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Ospreys won 14, Warriors won 14 with 3 games drawn

Did you know?

- Ospreys Rugby's only defeat in their last four Guinness PRO14 matches was 17-20 at Scarlets in round 6.
- Ospreys have won their last nine home games in the Championship since Glasgow beat them at Liberty Stadium almost twelve months ago.
- Glasgow Warriors last four matches in the Guinness PRO14 have all been won by the home side on the day; their most recent success on the road in the Championship was against Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in round 3.
- Glasgow's only defeat in Wales on their last five trips in all competitions was at Scarlets in round 19 last season.
- The Warriors achieved a season's double over Ospreys last year reversing the trend of 2016/17.
- Glasgow's victory at Liberty Stadium last November was their first at the venue for four years.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Sep - Zebre (A) W 22-8	29 Sep - Dragons (H) W 29-13
	6 Oct - Scarlets (A) L 17-20	5 Oct - Zebre (H) W 36-8
	26 Oct - Connacht (H) W 22-17	27 Oct - Munster (A) L 24-25
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 2nd - W5 D0 L2 - 23pts	Conf A: 1st - W5 D0 L2 - 27pts
PRO14 form	WlWwIW (19pts)	WwIWwI (22pts)
Top try scorer	4 - George North	4 - George Horne
Top points scorer	61 - Sam Davies	45 - Adam Hastings

Saturday 3 November

BENETTON RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 4pm.

Live on

Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 26th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Blain (SRU), Gabriel Chirnoaga (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Maurizio Vancini (FIR)

TMO: Stefano Penne (FIR)



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Date	Venue	B	U	Benetton Rugby scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 2 Oct 15	Kingspan Stadium	7	48	Sam Christie(T) Jayden Hayward(C)	Craig Gilroy(2T) Stuart McCloskey(3C/P) Sean Reidy(T) Pete Browne(T) Dan Tuohy(T) Paul Marshall(T) Peter Nelson(2C) Lewis Stevenson(T)
Sat 30 Jan 16	Stadio Monigo	13	32	Braam Steyn(T) Jayden Hayward(C/2P)	Rory Scholes(T) Stuart Olding(T/C) Sean Reidy(T) Darren Cave(T) Ian Humphreys(2C/2P)
Sat 10 Sep 16	Stadio Monigo	11	22	Tommaso Allan(2P) Tommaso Benvenuti(T)	Rob Herring(T) Luke Marshall(T) Ruan Pienaar(T/2C/P)
Fri 3 Mar 17	Kingspan Stadium	7	19	Ian McKinley(C) Filo Paulo(T)	Sean Reidy(T) Charles Piutau(T) Jared Payne(T) Ruan Pienaar(2C)
Sat 9 Sep 17	Stadio Monigo	14	21	Federico Ruzza(T) Ian McKinley(T/2C)	Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(3C) Andrew Trimble(2T)
Fri 24 Nov 17	Kingspan Stadium	22	23	Tommaso Allan(C/4P) Marty Banks(P) Robert Barbieri(T)	John Cooney(C/2P) Christian Leali'ifano(C/P) Tommy Bowe(T) Andrew Trimble(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 16, Benetton won 1, Ulster won 14 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby's only victory in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was at home to Isuzu Southern Kings on 6 October.
- The Italian's three game winning run at Stadio Monigo in all tournaments ended with the visit of Leinster on Saturday.
- Benetton have now lost their last eight home games played against Irish provinces.
- Ulster ended a three-game winless sequence in the Guinness PRO14 with their home win over Dragons on Friday.
- Ulster's only away win in any competition this season was against Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth in round Three.
- The Ulstermen's only defeat in their last thirteen fixtures against Italian opponents was to Zebre in Parma in September 2017.
- Ulster have met Benetton on 22 previous occasions in all tournaments with the Italian's only victory coming in Belfast in October 2011.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 30-31	29 Sep - Munster (A) L 7-64
	6 Oct - Southern Kings (H) W 28-5	5 Oct - Connacht (H) L 15-22
	27 Oct - Leinster (H) L 3-31	26 Oct - Dragons (H) W 36-18
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 5th - W3 D0 L4 - 16pts	Conf B: 3rd - W4 D1 L2 - 21pts
PRO14 form	WIIWL (12pts)	WwdLLW (17pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Luca Sperandio, Braam Steyn	3 - Dave Shanahan
Top points scorer	46 - Tommaso Allan	49 - John Cooney

Saturday 3 November

CONNACHT RUGBY v DRAGONS

At The Sportsground, Galway, 5.15pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 14th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Johnny Erskine, Rob O'Sullivan (both IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: John Cole (IRFU)
 TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	C	D	Connacht scorers	Dragons scorers
Sun 22 Feb 15	Rodney Parade	30	25	Jack Carty(2C/P) Mick Kearney(T) Eoghan Masterson(T) Darragh Leader(C/2P) Craig Ronaldson(T)	Jack Dixon(T) Hallam Amos(2T) Tom Prydie(2C/2P)
Fri 4 Sep 15	Sportsground	29	23	Danie Poolman(T) Nepia Fox-Matamua(T) Jack Carty(C/4P) Fionn Carr(T)	Tom Prydie(P) James Thomas(T) Jason Tovey(2C/2P) Sarel Pretorius(T)
Thu 11 Feb 16	Rodney Parade	26	21	Matt Healy(T) Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Eoghan Masterson(T) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C)	Angus O'Brien(C/2P) Adam Hughes(T) Jason Tovey(P) Ashton Hewitt(T)
Fri 4 Nov 16	Rodney Parade	16	21	Jack Carty(C/3P) Niyi Adeolokun(T)	Angus O'Brien(C/2D/P) Ashton Hewitt(2T)
Sat 18 Feb 17	Sportsground	14	9	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Caolin Blade(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C)	Angus O'Brien(3P)
Fri 15 Sep 17	Rodney Parade	8	21	Jack Carty(P) Quinn Roux(T)	Elliot Dee(T) Hallam Amos(T) Gavin Henson(C/3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Connacht won 18, Dragons won 11.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby's only defeat in the last four home games in all competitions was to Leinster in round 5 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Connacht have won their last two home games against Welsh regions, beating Ospreys in February and Scarlets in September.
- Dragons are without a win in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Zebre at Rodney Parade in round 4, whilst their last four away wins since March 2015 have all come in the European Challenge Cup.
- Dragons have won two of their last three fixtures against Connacht following on from a sequence of seven straight defeats to the Irishmen.
- Dragons only previous victory at the Sportsground came on their first ever visit in May 2004.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Sep - Leinster (H) L 3-20	29 Sep - Glasgow (A) L 13-29
	5 Oct - Ulster (A) W 22-15	6 Oct - Cardiff Blues (H) L 15-23
	26 Oct - Ospreys (A) L 17-22	26 Oct - Ulster (A) L 18-36
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 5th - W3 D0 L4 - 16pts	Conf B: 6th - W2 D0 L5 - 9pts
PRO14 form	WIWLwl (15pts)	WIWILI (8pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Niyi Adeolokun	2 - Josh Lewis, Dafydd Howells
Top points scorer	61 - Jack Carty	29 - Josh Lewis

Sunday 4 November

CARDIFF BLUES v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Cardiff Arms Park, 2.45pm.

Live on

FREE SPORTS



Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 106th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Stuart Gaffikin (IRFU), Mike English (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Thomas (WRU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

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

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 13, Blues won 9, Zebre won 4.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues defeat to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein last weekend ended a run of three straight victories in the Guinness PRO14.
- The Blues only defeat in their last seven Championship matches at Cardiff Arms Park was by a single point to Leinster in round 1 this season.
- Zebre have won their last two matches, both at home, to Bristol in the European Challenge Cup and Edinburgh in the PRO14.
- The Italians' solitary home defeat in the last seven matches in all tournaments was to Ospreys in the PRO14 in September.
- The Italians have visited Wales on 23 previous occasions and won just once, at Cardiff Arms Park against The Blues in September 2013.
- Zebre have already beaten Cardiff Blues this season, 26-24 in Parma and have only once before achieved a season's double over the Welsh region – in 2013/14

COMPARISON	Cardiff	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Cheetahs (H) W 24-21	29 Sep - Ospreys (H) L 8-22
	6 Oct - Dragons (A) W 23-15	5 Oct - Glasgow (A) L 8-36
	27 Oct - Cheetahs (A) L 10-21	26 Oct - Edinburgh (H) W 34-16
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 4th - W3 D0 L4 - 17pts	Conf A: 6th - W3 D0 L4 - 15pts
PRO14 form	IIWWWI (15pts)	IWILIW (10pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Rey Lee-Lo	2 - Carlo Canna, Oliviero Fabiani, Apisai Tauyavuca, Jimmy Tuivaiti, Mattia Bellini
Top points scorer	57 - Gareth Anscombe	51 - Carlo Canna

Sunday 4 November

ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Madibaz Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 2.45pm.

Live on



Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 25th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Crouse, Paul Mente (both SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Willhelm de Villiers (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

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Date	Venue	I	L	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Leinster scorers
Sat 16 Sep 17	Nelson Mandela Bay	10	31	Ntabeni Dukisa(C) Masixole Banda(P) Jacques Nel(T)	Noel Reid(T) Jack Conan(T) Ross Byrne(3C) Joey Carbery(T) Dave Kearney(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)
Fri 23 Feb 18	RDS Arena	7	64	Martin du Toit(C) Mike Willemse(T)	James Lowe(T) Ciaran Frawley(T/7C) Barry Daly(2T) Bryan Byrne(2T) Dave Kearney(T) Nick McCarthy(2T) Jordan Larmour(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Leinster won 2.

Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings only victory so far this season was against Glasgow Warriors at the Madibaz Stadium in round 4.
- Southern Kings record against Irish provinces in the PRO14 is played seven, lost seven.
- Leinster Rugby's only defeat in the Guinness PRO14 since April was 21-23 at Scarlets in round 2.
- Leinster have twice before visited South Africa, beating the Kings across town at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium but losing to Cheetahs up in Bloemfontein, both in September 2017.
- The two sides have met twice before with Leinster victorious with maximum points on both occasions.

COMPARISON	Kings	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 14-54	29 Sep - Connacht (A) W 20-3
	6 Oct - Treviso (A) L 5-28	6 Oct - Munster (H) W 30-22
	26 Oct - Scarlets (H) L 34-41	27 Oct - Treviso (A) W 31-3
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L6 - 9pts	Conf B: 1st - W6 D0 L1 - 29pts
PRO14 form	ILWILL (9pts)	IWWWwWw (24pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Yaw Penxe, Bjorn Basson	4 - James Lowe
Top points scorer	51 - Masixole Banda	36 - Johnny Sexton

Sunday 4 November

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 4.45pm.

Live on



Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 83rd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Cwengile Jadezweni, Ruhan Meiring (both SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Christopher Boucher (SARU)

TMO: Sean Veldsman (SARU)

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Date	Venue	T	M	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 9 Sep 17	Thomond Park	18	51	William Small-Smith(T) Henco Venter(T) Robbie Petzer(C/2P)	Chris Farrell(T) Ian Keatley(4C/P) Jean Kleyn(T) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Alex Wootton(4T) Simon Zebo(T)
Fri 13 Apr 18	Toyota Stadium	17	19	Tian Meyer(T) Johan Goosen(2C/P) Clayton Blommetjies(T)	Conor Murray(T/P) JJ Hanrahan(C/3P)
Sat 1 Sep 18	Thomond Park	0	38		Dave Kilcoyne(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Rory Scannell(T) Dave O'Callaghan(T) JJ Hanrahan(T/4C) Tommy O'Donnell(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Munster won 3.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs obtained their first victory of the 2018/19 campaign with their home win over Cardiff Blues last weekend.
- Cheetahs have lost only two of their last nine encounters played in Bloemfontein.
- The South Africans have lost just once to an Irish province at Toyota Stadium, against Munster in April.
- Munster's only defeat in their last five matches in all competitions was away to Leinster in round 6 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Munster have not won away from home in any tournament since they visited Bloemfontein in April.
- The two sides have met on three previous occasions with the Munstermen victorious every time.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Cardiff Blues (A) L 21-24	29 Sep - Ulster (H) W 64-7
	5 Oct - Edinburgh (A) L 21-37	6 Oct - Leinster (A) L 22-30
	27 Oct - Cardiff Blues (H) W 21-10	27 Oct - Glasgow (H) W 25-24
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 7th - W1 D1 L5 - 9pts	Conf A: 3rd - W4 D0 L3 - 19pts
PRO14 form	ILDIIW (9pts)	IWIWIW (14pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Rabs Maxwane	3 - Rhys Marshall, Tommy O'Donnell
Top points scorer	35 - Rabs Maxwane	45 - Joey Carbery