

ROUND 10 – PREVIEWS

Round 10 of the Guinness PRO14 is swiftly approaching and comes hot on the heels of a weekend filled with plenty of eye-catching results. Glasgow Warriors and Leinster Rugby continue to play scintillating rugby to top the Conferences, with big Round 9 wins, but just over their shoulders Munster Rugby and Scarlets are maintaining the heat.

The west Walians faced off against Ulster Rugby on Friday night and impressed in a 29-12 win to leapfrog the men from Belfast into second in Conference B, while Toyota Cheetahs and Dragons grabbed their second and third wins of the campaign, respectively. The 2018/19 season is well underway 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?

The round numbers hit double figures on Friday evening when **Munster (A2)** host **Edinburgh Rugby (B4)** in a repeat of last season's intense Semi-Final Qualifier. The match (live on Premier Sports 2, eir Sport 1, 19.35 and SuperSport 2, 21.35) will have to go some to replicate that knockout game from May of this year when Edinburgh came so close to a famous victory but eventually succumbed to a 20-16 defeat. Friday's game is to take place at Irish Independent Park and features a home side who have won their last three Guinness PRO14 matches, including last week's 32-7 victory at Zebre. Edinburgh lost out to Dragons 18-12 in Round 9 and will look to transfer their home form – where they're four from four – into a winning away performance.

At the same time on Friday, **Zebre (A7)** travel to take on **Ospreys (A4)** at the Liberty Stadium (live on Premier Sports 1, eir Sport 2, 19.35 and DAZN, 20.35) as both sides look to get back to winning ways. Ospreys and Zebre both won in Round 7 but have fallen to defeats in the subsequent two rounds and will fight out an intriguing battle. Wing Hanno Dirksen has scored in the last two for Ospreys and will be keen for a hat-trick but Zebre will put up a fight, welcoming back their large contingent of Italy players for the encounter.

On Saturday there's a cross-Conference, mid-table match-up on the cards that sees **Ulster Rugby (B3)** welcome **Cardiff Blues (A5)** to Kingspan Stadium (live on Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2, 15.00). Both teams are looking to bounce back from Round 9 defeats to push their way up the Conference tables and look well-matched opponents having drawn the last time this fixture was played in Belfast (24-24 in April 2017). The Blues lost out at Glasgow Warriors 40-15 last time out, with Jarrod Evans and Kristian Dacey touching down, while Dave Shanahan and Jonny Stewart both scored tries in Ulster's 29-12 defeat to Scarlets.

Also at 15:00 GMT on Saturday there's a fixture between two teams on the rise. **Toyota Cheetahs (A6)** and **Connacht (A3)** have both won twice in the last three rounds and come together in Bloemfontein (live on SuperSport 2, 17.00, Premier Sports 2 and eir sport 1, 15.00). Daniel Maartens was the hero for Cheetahs last time out as his double helped sink Benetton Rugby 31-25, with the South Africans just pipped by Munster in Round 8 (30-26) and overcoming the Blues 21-10 in Round 7. Connacht, meanwhile, have been impressive in their last two, downing Dragons 33-12 at the start of November and defeating the Isuzu Southern Kings 31-14 at the weekend, with fly-half Jack Carty delivering a man-of-the-match performance.

Dragons (B6) are at home once again in Round 10 and will look to take down Conference leaders **Leinster (B1)** at Rodney Parade on Saturday evening (live on Premier Sports 2, eir sport 1, 17.15). Jared Rosser's double edged Dragons to the win over Edinburgh last time out and the Welsh region are a force to be reckoned with at home, losing just one of their last four Guinness PRO14 matches at Rodney Parade – 23-15 to Blues in Round 6. Seven different try-scorers helped Leinster to a 52-7 victory over Ospreys on Friday; the men from Dublin have won their last seven Guinness PRO14 matches but have also won just once in their last four visits to Wales.

The final game of the round on Saturday sees the **Isuzu Southern Kings (B7)** take on **Benetton Rugby (B5)** in a crucial Conference B clash at Madibaz Stadium (live on Super Sport 2, 19.15, Free Sports, 17.15 and DAZN, 18:15). Since downing Glasgow Warriors in round four at home, it has been a tough time for the Kings who have lost five in a row in the league. Their Italian visitors are also in something of a rut, they have only won one of their last seven in the Guinness PRO14 and that was against the Kings at home in round 6, a comfortable 28-5 success. But the Italians will welcome back their internationals this weekend and hoping for a first away win since the opening round of the season.

Pick of the round – Glasgow Warriors v Scarlets

All eyes will be on Scotstoun on Saturday night when two of the Championship's top sides in **Glasgow Warriors (A1)** and the **Scarlets (B2)** face off (live on Premier Sports 1, S4C, eir sport 2, 17:15). And revenge is on the menu for Dave Rennie's side who were brought crashing down to earth by the Welsh region on the same ground in last season's semi-final.

Scarlets remain the last team to win here in the Guinness PRO14 – indeed Glasgow have won 14 of their last 15 Championship clashes at home. But the Welsh side will need to halt their poor away form – they only have won once the road all season – and Scotstoun is a hard place to end a slide. The Warriors have only lost twice in the first nine rounds of games to open up an eight-point lead in Conference A and after Niko Matawalu inspired them past the Cardiff Blues last time out, they are looking to head back into Europe on a high.

Opta Top Performers – Round 9

Most tackles: 27 Lloyd Ashley (Ospreys)
Most Carries: 22 Luke Hamilton (Edinburgh Rugby)
Defenders Beaten: 7 Michael Makase (Isuzu Southern Kings) / Harri Millard (Cardiff Blues)
Offloads: 3 Berton Klassen (Isuzu Southern Kings) / Adam Byrne (Leinster Rugby)
Breaks: 3 Multiple Players
Metres Made: 146 Niko Matawalu (Glasgow Warriors)
Turnovers Won: 3 Multiple Players
Lineouts Steals: 1 Multiple Players

Opta Top Performers – Overall

Most tackles: 109 Nico Lee (Toyota Cheetahs)
Most Carries: 125 Bill Mata (Edinburgh Rugby)
Defenders Beaten: 30 Jordan Williams (Dragons Rugby)
Offloads: 15 Tom Farrell (Connacht Rugby)
Breaks: 15 Rabs Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs)
Metres Made: 658 Jordan Williams (Dragons)
Turnovers Won: 15 Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)
Lineouts Steals: 7 Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs)

Friday 30 November

OSPREYS RUGBY v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Cwengile Jadezweni (SARU, 2nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Quinton Immelman (SARU), Elgan Williams (WRU)

TMO: Ian Davies (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)



HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	O	Z	Ospreys scorers	Zebre scorers
Sun 6 Dec 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	39	22	Sam Davies(4C/2P) Jeff Hassler(T) Justin Tipuric(2T) Eli Walker(T) Jonathan Spratt(T)	Edoardo Padovani(C) Marcello Violi(T/C) Carlo Canna(P) Kayle van Zyl(2T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	Liberty Stadium	59	5	Dafydd Howells(T) Sam Davies(8C/P) Ashley Beck(T) Ben John(2T) Sam Parry(3T) Lloyd Ashley(T)	Tommaso d'Apice(T)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	40	10	Dafydd Howells(T) Luke Price(5C) Ashley Beck(T) Sam Parry(T) Dan Evans(3T)	Guglielmo Palazzani(C/P) Tommaso Boni(T)
Sat 2 Sep 17	Liberty Stadium	22	13	Sam Davies(C) Keelan Giles(2T) Ma'afu Fia(T) James Hook(C/P)	Carlo Canna(T/C/2P)
Sat 21 Apr 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	14	37	Sam Davies(2C) Reuben Morgan-Williams(T) Sam Cross(T)	George Fabio Biagi(T) Mattia Bellini(3T) Carlo Canna(2C/P) Giulio Bisegni(T) Gabriele di Giulio(T)
Sat 29 Sep 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	22	8	Luke Morgan(T) Sam Davies(C/D/4P)	Carlo Canna(P) Jimmy Tuivaiti(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 13, Ospreys won 11, Zebre won 2.

Did you know?

- Ospreys Rugby's only win in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was against Connacht at Bridgend on 26 October.
- The Welshmen's 20-29 reversal to Glasgow at Liberty Stadium in round 8 ended a nine-game home winning run in all competitions.
- Italian opponents have visited Liberty Stadium on 22 previous occasions in all competitions and lost them all.
- Zebre have won just one of their last six Guinness PRO14 fixtures: 34-16 at home to Edinburgh in round 7.
- The Italians have lost all five away games they have played this season in all tournaments, and have won just once before in Wales, on a trip to Cardiff Blues in September 2013.
- Zebre's only two previous victories over Ospreys were both in Parma, in May 2014 and April 2018.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Oct - Connacht (H) W 22-17	26 Oct - Edinburgh (H) W 34-16
	2 Nov - Glasgow (H) L 20-29	4 Nov - Cardiff Blues (A) L 0-37
	23 Nov - Leinster (A) L 7-52	25 Nov - Munster (H) L 7-32
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 4th - W5 D0 L4 - 23pts	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L6 - 15pts
PRO14 form	WwIWLI (14pts)	ILIWIL (5pts)
Top try scorer	4 - George North	2 - Carlo Canna, Oliviero Fabiani, Jimmy Tuivaiti, Mattia Bellini, Apisai Tauyavuca
Top points scorer	73 - Sam Davies	51 - Carlo Canna

Friday 30 November

MUNSTER RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Irish Independent Park, Cork, 7.35pm.

Live on



PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 170th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Adam Jones (WRU), Stuart Gaffikin (IRFU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)

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Date	Venue	M	E	Munster scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Sat 7 Nov 15	BT Murrayfield	16	14	Ian Keatley(C/3P) John Ryan(T)	Will Helu(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(3P)
Fri 29 Apr 16	Irish Independent Park	27	19	Johnny Holland(2C/P) Andrew Conway(T) Francis Saili(T) Rory Scannell(T) Simon Zebo(T)	Jason Tovey(T/C/3P) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(P)
Sat 24 Sep 16	Thomond Park	28	14	Conor Murray(2T) Tyler Bleyendaal(4C) Dave O'Callaghan(T) Conor Oliver(T)	Duncan Weir(C) Chris Dean(T) Blair Kinghorn(C) John Hardie(T)
Fri 3 Feb 17	Myreside	10	9	Tyler Bleyendaal(C/P) Ronan O'Mahony(T)	Jason Tovey(3P)
Fri 16 Mar 18	BT Murrayfield	6	12	JJ Hanrahan(2P)	Duhan van der Merwe(2T) Jaco van der Walt(C)
Sat 5 May 18	Thomond Park	20	16	Rhys Marshall(T) Keith Earls(T) JJ Hanrahan(2C/2P)	Nathan Fowles(T) Jaco van der Walt(C) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Munster won 25, Edinburgh won 7.

Did you know?

- Munster Rugby are unbeaten in their last five matches in all tournaments since Leinster beat them at Aviva Stadium in round 6 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Munstermen are also unbeaten in their last thirteen home games since losing out to Leinster at Thomond Park last December.
- Munster have won their last eight matches in Cork since Cardiff Blues beat them there by a single point in September 2016.
- Edinburgh Rugby's last fourteen matches in all tournaments have all been won by the home side on the day. The Scotsmen have not been victorious away from home since a trip to Connacht in March.
- Munster's only defeat in their last seven encounters with Edinburgh was 6-12 at BT Murrayfield in round 17 last season.
- Munster have lost just once at home to the Scotsmen since 2006:13-14 at Thomond Park in September 2014 whilst Edinburgh's only previous victory at Irish Independent Park was on their first ever visit in April 2004.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Oct - Glasgow (H) W 25-24	26 Oct - Zebre (A) L 16-34
	4 Nov - Cheetahs (A) W 30-26	2 Nov - Scarlets (H) W 31-21
	25 Nov - Zebre (A) W 32-7	25 Nov - Dragons (A) L 12-18
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 2nd - W6 D0 L3 - 29pts	Conf B: 4th - W4 D0 L5 - 22pts
PRO14 form	IWIIWww (19pts)	IWWIWI (16pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Rhys Marshall, Tommy O'Donnell	3 - Viliame Mata, Tom Brown, Darcy Graham
Top points scorer	45 - Joey Carbery	68 - Simon Hickey

Saturday 1 December

ULSTER RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 3pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 19th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Nigel Correll, Paul Haycock (both IRFU)

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)

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Date	Venue	U	C	Ulster scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Fri 27 Mar 15	Kingspan Stadium	36	17	Craig Gilroy(T) Ian Humphreys(C) Paul Marshall(T) Ruan Pienaar(C/4P) Louis Ludik(2T)	Gareth Anscombe(2C/P) Alex Cuthbert(T) Tom Isaacs(T)
Fri 23 Oct 15	Kingspan Stadium	24	17	Stuart McCloskey(T) Ian Humphreys(2C) Paul Marshall(T) Nick Williams(T) Andrew Trimble(T)	Rhys Patchell(4P) Josh Navidi(T)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Cardiff Arms Park	13	23	Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Craig Gilroy(T)	Rhys Patchell(T/2C/3P) Aled Summerhill(T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	Cardiff Arms Park	35	22	Kyle McCall(T) Stuart McCloskey(T) Charles Piutau(T) Chris Henry(T) Ruan Pienaar(5C) Louis Ludik(T)	Willis Halaholo(T) Steve Shingler(P) Kristian Dacey(T) Alex Cuthbert(T) Nicky Robinson(2C)
Fri 7 Apr 17	Kingspan Stadium	24	24	Paddy Jackson(T/3C/P) Luke Marshall(T) Penalty Try(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(2T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Sam Warburton(T)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Cardiff Arms Park	17	35	Dave Shanahan(T) John Cooney(4P)	Kristian Dacey(T) Jarrod Evans(T/3C/3P) Dillon Lewis(T) Blaine Scully(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 29, Ulster won 15, Blues won 13 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Ulster Rugby have won just twice in the last seven rounds of the Guinness PRO14, at home to Dragons and away in Treviso in rounds 7 and 8.
- The Ulstermen have lost only once in Belfast since February: 15-22 to Connacht in round 6.
- Only one Welsh team has won at Kingspan Stadium since February 2013: Scarlets by a single point in the PRO14 in February 2016.
- Cardiff Blues two defeats in their last six Guinness PRO14 matches were both away from home, to Cheetahs in round 7 and to Glasgow in round 9.
- The Blues have not been victorious outside Wales in The Championship since a visit to Southern Kings in April.
- The last three encounters between the two sides have been evenly split with one win apiece, plus a draw, whilst Blues most recent victory in Belfast was in April 2010, although they did draw there last April.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Oct - Dragons (H) W 36-18	27 Oct - Cheetahs (A) L 10-21
	3 Nov - Treviso (A) W 15-10	4 Nov - Zebre (H) W 37-0
	23 Nov - Scarlets (A) L 12-29	23 Nov - Glasgow (A) L 15-40
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 3rd - W5 D1 L3 - 25pts	Conf A: 5th - W4 D0 L5 - 22pts
PRO14 form	d LWwl (13pts)	WWWlWI (18pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Dave Shanahan	5 - Rey Lee-Lo
Top points scorer	49 - John Cooney	57 - Gareth Anscombe

Saturday 1 December

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 5pm.

Live on

FREE SPORTS

Referee: Dan Jones (WRU, 20th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Craig Evans (WRU), Ben Crouse (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Christopher Boucher (SARU)



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Date	Venue	T	C	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 4 Nov 17	Sportsground	15	23	Makazole Mapimpi(T) Fred Zeilinga(C) Ernst Stapelberg(P) Shaun Venter(T)	Steve Crosbie(P) Jack Carty(C) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Tom McCartney(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/2P)
Sat 3 Mar 18	Toyota Stadium	26	25	Uzair Cassiem(T) Niel Marais(2C/4P) Rabs Maxwane(T)	Matt Healy(2T) Eoin Griffin(T) Jack Carty(2C/2P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 2, Cheetahs won 1, Connacht won 1.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have won two of their last three Guinness PRO14 matches, both at home, to Cardiff in round 7 and Benetton in round 9.
- Cheetahs only two victories over Irish provinces in the PRO14 were both in Bloemfontein, to Leinster in September 2017 and Connacht in March 2018.
- Connacht have won their last two Guinness PRO14 matches but have not won three in a row in the Championship since March 2017.
- Connacht have not won successive away matches since February 2017.
- The two sides have met on two previous occasions with each team winning its respective home game last season in the PRO14.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Oct - Cardiff Blues (H) W 21-10	26 Oct - Ospreys (A) L 17-22
	4 Nov - Munster (H) L 26-30	3 Nov - Dragons (H) W 33-12
	24 Nov - Treviso (H) W 31-25	25 Nov - Southern Kings (A) W 31-14
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 6th - W2 D1 L6 - 16pts	Conf A: 3rd - W5 D0 L4 - 26pts
PRO14 form	DIIWLW (15pts)	WLwlWw (19pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Rabs Maxwane	3 - Cian Kelleher, Niyi Adeolokun, Paul Boyle
Top points scorer	45 - Tian Schoeman	70 - Jack Carty

Saturday 1 December

GLASGOW WARRIORS v SCARLETS

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 5.15pm. *Live on*

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 18th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Kieran Barry (IRFU), Dunx McClement (SRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: John Montgomery (SRU)



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Date	Venue	G	S	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 5 Sep 15	Scotstoun Stadium	10	16	Glenn Bryce(T) Mike Cusack(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Dan Jones(2P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)
Sat 16 Apr 16	Parc y Scarlets	46	10	Henry Pyrgos(T) Finn Russell(2T/4C/P) Mark Bennett(T) Tommy Seymour(T) Lee Jones(2T)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Liam Williams(T)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Parc y Scarlets	3	27	Pete Horne(P)	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Jonathan Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Aaron Shingler(T)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Scotstoun Stadium	14	26	Rory Clegg(3P) Pat MacArthur(T)	Tom Williams(T/C) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(C/3P) Aled Thomas(P)
Sat 7 Apr 18	Parc y Scarlets	8	26	Henry Pyrgos(T) Pete Horne(P)	Rhys Patchell(2T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(C/3P)
Fri 18 May 18	Scotstoun Stadium (SF)	13	28	Finn Russell(P) Jonny Gray(T) Nick Grigg(T)	Rhys Patchell(T/4C) Gareth Davies(T) Rob Evans(T) Ken Owens(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Warriors won 14, Scarlets won 16.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors have lost just once in the first five rounds of the Guinness PRO14, at Munster on 27 October.
- The only team to have beaten Warriors at Scotstoun in their last fifteen Championship matches was Scarlets in last season's semi-final.
- Scarlets have lost just once in the last five rounds of the Guinness PRO14: 21-31 at Edinburgh on 2 November.
- Scarlets have won just once away from home in any tournament this season, over Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth on 26 October.
- Scarlets have won their last four fixtures against Glasgow since the Warriors 46-10 win at Parc y Scarlets in April 2016.
- Glasgow have only ever lost eleven home games at Scotstoun in the PRO14 and four of those have been to Scarlets.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Oct - Munster (A) L 24-25 2 Nov - Ospreys (A) W 29-20 23 Nov - Cardiff Blues (H) W 40-15	26 Oct - Southern Kings (A) W 41-34 2 Nov - Edinburgh (A) L 21-31 23 Nov - Ulster (H) W 29-12
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 1st - W7 D0 L2 - 37pts	Conf B: 2nd - W6 D0 L3 - 29pts
PRO14 form	IWWWlWW (23pts)	IWWWlW (19pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Nikola Matawalu	4 - Johnny McNicholl
Top points scorer	45 - Adam Hastings	39 - Leigh Halfpenny

Saturday 1 December

DRAGONS v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Rodney Parade, Newport 5.15pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Lloyd Linton (SRU, 26th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White (SRU), Dewi Phillips (WRU)

TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)



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Date	Venue	D	L	Dragons scorers	Leinster scorers
Fri 29 Jan 16	Rodney Parade	23	13	Jason Tovey(T/2C/D/2P) Ashton Hewitt(T)	Fergus McFadden(C/2P) Luke McGrath(T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	RDS Arena	15	28	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Pat Howard(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Jack Conan(T) Peter Dooley(T) Joey Carbery(T) Ross Molony(T) Isa Nacewa(4C)
Fri 24 Feb 17	Rodney Parade	22	54	Matthew Screech(T) Dorian Jones(2C/P) Adam Hughes(T) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Jack Conan(2T) Ross Byrne(7C) James Tracy(T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Luke McGrath(2T) Ross Molony(T) Hayden Triggs(T)
Sat 2 Sep 17	Rodney Parade	16	39	Gavin Henson(3P) Penalty Try(T)	Ross Byrne(2C/2P) Cathal Marsh(T/C) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Jordan Larmour(T) Dan Leavy(T) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 24 Nov 17	RDS Arena	10	54	James Benjamin(T) Gavin Henson(C/D)	Ross Byrne(5C) Max Deegan(T) Cathal Marsh(C) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Josh Murphy(T) Jordan Larmour(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T) Penalty Try(T) Isa Nacewa(2T)
Sat 15 Sep 18	RDS Arena	10	52	Jordan Williams(T) Arwel Robson(C) Josh Lewis(P)	Noel Reid(C) Tadhg Furlong(T) Scott Fardy(T) Sean Cronin(T) Jamison Gibson-Park(2T) Jordan Larmour(T) Johnny Sexton(6C/P) Josh van der Flier(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Dragons won 9, Leinster won 22.

Did you know?

- Dragons 18-12 victory over Edinburgh on Sunday ended a four-game losing run in the Guinness PRO14.
- Dragons have lost just one of their last four home games in the Championship: 15-23 to Blues in round 6.
- The Welshmen have recorded only two victories against Irish provinces in their last twenty such encounters – both at home to Connacht, in 2016 and 2017.
- Leinster have won their last seven Guinness PRO14 matches since Scarlets beat them in Llanelli on 8 September.
- The Leinstermen have won just once in their last four visits to Wales and that was by a single point in 65 at Cardiff Blues in the opening round this season.
- Leinster have won their last five fixtures against Dragons since the Men from Gwent's 23-13 victory at Rodney Parade in January 2016.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Oct - Ulster (A) L 18-36	27 Oct - Treviso (A) W 31-3
	3 Nov - Connacht (A) L 12-33	4 Nov - Southern Kings (A) W 38-31
	25 Nov - Edinburgh (H) W 18-12	23 Nov - Ospreys (H) W 52-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 6th - W3 D0 L6 - 13pts	Conf B: 1st - W8 D0 L1 - 39pts
PRO14 form	WILIIW (8pts)	WwWwwW (28pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Jared Rosser	4 - Bryan Byrne, Jamison Gibson-Park, James Lowe
Top points scorer	29 - Josh Lewis	36 - Johnny Sexton

Saturday 1 December

ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v BENETTON RUGBY

At Madibaz Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 7.15pm.

Live on



Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU, 12th competition game)

Assistant Referees: George Clancy (IRFU), Ruhan Meiring (SARU)

TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Wilhelm de Villiers (SARU)

FREE SPORTS

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Date	Venue	I	B	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 7 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	3	31	Pieter-Steyn de Wet(P)	Marco Barbini(T) Cherif Traore(T) Marty Banks(3P) Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(C)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	35	36	Luzuko Vulindlu(T) Ruaan Lerm(T) Masixole Banda(2C) Kurt Coleman(2C) Berton Klaasen(T) Godlen Masimla(T) Penalty Try(T)	Braam Steyn(T) Marco Lazzaroni(T) Tommaso Iannone(T) Tomas Baravalle(T) Marty Banks(T/4C/P)
Sat 6 Oct 18	Stadio Monigo	5	28	Yaw Penxe(T)	Luca Bigi(T) Tommaso Allan(2C) Penalty Try(2T) Dewaldt Duvenage(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Benetton won 3.

Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings have lost their last five Guinness PRO14 matches since their 38-28 victory over Glasgow at Madibaz Stadium in round 4.
- The Kings have played five previous games against Italian opponents and lost them all.
- Benetton Rugby's only win in their last seven Guinness PRO14 encounters was 28-5 at home to Southern Kings in round 6.
- The Italians have not won away from home since beating Dragons at Rodney Parade in round 1.
- The two sides have met on three previous occasions with the Italians winning all three, although the only previous clash in South Africa the margin of victory was just one point in a 71-point thriller in March.

COMPARISON	Kings	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Oct - Scarlets (H) L 34-41	27 Oct - Leinster (H) L 3-31
	4 Nov - Leinster (H) L 31-38	3 Nov - Ulster (H) L 10-15
	25 Nov - Connacht (H) L 14-31	24 Nov - Cheetahs (A) L 25-31
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 7th - W1 D0 L8 - 11pts	Conf B: 5th - W3 D0 L6 - 18pts
PRO14 form	WIIILL (9pts)	IIWLLI (9pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Yaw Penxe	3 - Luca Sperandio, Braam Steyn
Top points scorer	66 - Masixole Banda	51 - Tommaso Allan