

ROUND 15 – PREVIEWS

The Guinness PRO14 returns after a short break with a full programme during the first rest week of the Guinness Six Nations. The race for places in the Guinness PRO14 Finals Series is as tight as ever with two points separating four teams in Conference A, while that is also the case in Conference B.

In Conference A, Munster and Glasgow Warriors have a little breathing space ahead of the chasing pack, while only Leinster look safe in Conference B as teams target a place in the Finals Series. The focus is narrowing on 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.

What's at stake?

The action kicks off on Friday night when two teams right in Finals Series contention face off at Brewery Field in Bridgend when **Ospreys (A3)** host **Ulster (B5)** (live on Premier Sports 1 & eir Sport 2, 7:35pm). The Ospreys have been up and down in recent Guinness PRO14 fixtures, with their last game a low-scoring 9-3 defeat to the Glasgow Warriors. While they are still in the Conference A Finals Series spots, they have very little margin for error sitting just two points clear of the Toyota Cheetahs in sixth. Ulster, meanwhile, needed a late penalty try to snatch a home draw with Benetton last time out. That score could prove crucial come the end of the season, but only if Dan McFarland's can end a run of three straight defeats on the road in the Championship.

Also on Friday night, **Munster (A1)** will look to cement their position at the top of Conference A when they welcome the **Isuzu Southern Kings (B7)** to Irish Independent Park in Cork (live on Free Sports & eir Sport 1, 7:35pm & Super Sport 1, 9:35pm). Having won five in a row in all competitions, Munster come into the game in fine form against a Kings team still searching for a first win on the road in the competition. Munster haven't lost in 17 successive home games, with their last defeat in Cork coming all the way back in 2016 when Cardiff Blues were victorious there.

The final game of the night sees **Edinburgh (B3)** welcome the **Dragons (B6)** to BT Murrayfield (live on Premier Sports 2, 7:35pm). Richard Cockerill's side will be looking to bounce back from defeat away to the Southern Kings last time out, leaving them just one point clear of the Scarlets in the race for a top three finish. Prior to that, they had won seven in a row in all competitions, while the Scots have not lost at home since April. The Dragons, meanwhile, were narrowly denied at home to Munster last time out, and are still without a win in Scotland in the Championship since 2013.

The action continues on Saturday when two teams at opposite ends of their respective conferences meet in Viadana with **Zebre (A7)** entertaining **Leinster (B1)** (live on Eir Sport 1 & Premier Sports 2, 3:30pm & DAZN, 4:30pm). It will be the first time that Zebre have played a home game outside Parma, as they go to the Stadio Luigi Zaffanella, which formerly hosted Aironi's games in the competition. They face a Leinster team that have won all 11 meetings between the sides. Zebre have not won in the Guinness PRO14 since the end of October, losing home and away to the Toyota Cheetahs in their last two games.

A big game in Conference A sees **Connacht (A4)** welcome the **Toyota Cheetahs (A6)** to the Sportsground in Galway (live on TG4, Premier Sports 2, 5.30pm & Super Sport 1, 7:30pm). Only two points separate the teams, with Connacht having edged the previous meeting in Bloemfontein 21-17 at the start of December. The Cheetahs have since hit some form, winning their last two games on the road, but they have never managed three successive away wins in the Guinness PRO14. Connacht have stumbled a little in recent weeks, following a good start to the season, with just one win in their last four in the league.

Finally on Saturday evening **Cardiff Blues (A5)** play host to **Glasgow Warriors (A2)** at the Cardiff Arms Park (live on Eir Sport 2 & Premier Sports 1, 7:35pm & Super Sport 1 9:35pm). The Blues edged past Connacht last time out, and have won three of their last four in the league to stay right in the hunt for the Finals Series. Their only Guinness PRO14 defeat of the season at home came on the opening weekend

against Leinster, a record they will be keen to extend against the Warriors. After an exceptional start, Dave Rennie's side had stumbled a little over the Christmas period, but their hard-fought win over the Ospreys gave them a little more margin for error in Conference A.

Pick of the Round – Benetton v Scarlets

A draw that could easily have been a win away to Ulster was enough to keep **Benetton (B2)** in second place ahead of their clash with the **Scarlets (B4)** (live on Eir Sport 2, Premier Sports 1 & S4C, 6:15pm, & DAZN 7:15pm). With so little between the four sides battling for two spots – Ulster and Edinburgh the others in contention – it is impossible to predict who will make it with any confidence. For Benetton, a second win over the Scarlets since 2013 would consolidate their hopes of finishing in the top three, and they face a Scarlets team who have won just once on the road in all competitions this season. Benetton are unbeaten in five in the Championship since a defeat to the Toyota Cheetahs back in November.

Opta Top Performers – Round 14

Most tackles: 27 Michele Lamaro (Benetton Rugby)

Most carries: 20 Viliame Mata (Edinburgh)

Defenders Beaten: 10 Monty Ioane (Benetton Rugby)

Offloads: 5 Giovanni Licata (Zebre)

Clean Breaks: 5 Monty Ioane (Benetton Rugby)

Metres made: 126 Mike Haley (Munster)

Turnovers Won: 3 Tim Swinson (Glasgow Warriors), CJ Velleman (Isuzu Southern Kings), Shane Lewis-Hughes (Cardiff Blues)

Lineout Steals: 2 Cillian Gallagher (Connacht)

Opta Top Performers – Overall

Most tackles: 171 Olly Cracknell (Ospreys)

Most Carries: 188 Bill Mata (Edinburgh)

Defenders beaten: 50 Duhan van der Merwe (Edinburgh)

Offloads: 22 Tom Farrell (Connacht)

Clean breaks: 24 Sibhale Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs)

Metres made: 930 Malcolm Jaer (Toyota Cheetahs)

Turnovers won: 19 Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)

Lineout Steals: 7 Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs)

Friday 15 February

EDINBURGH RUGBY v DRAGONS

At BT Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 42nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White (SRU), Paul Haycock (IRFU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Gary Gordon (SRU)

HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	E	D	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Dragons scorers
Sun 27 Mar 16	Rodney Parade	16	15	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/2P) Blair Kinghorn(P) Hamish Watson(T)	Hallam Amos(2T) Dorian Jones(C/P)
Sun 27 Nov 16	Rodney Parade	19	27	Duncan Weir(C) Chris Dean(T) Viliame Mata(T) Jason Tovey(C) Nasi Manu(T)	Angus O'Brien(T/3C/2P) Carl Meyer(T) Sam Hobbs(T)
Fri 28 Apr 17	Myreside	24	20	Grant Gilchrist(T) Jason Tovey(3C/P) Damien Hoyland(T) Blair Kinghorn(T)	Angus O'Brien(2C/2P) Carl Meyer(T) Pat Howard(T)
Fri 8 Sep 17	Myreside	35	18	Duncan Weir(3C/3P) Junior Rasolea(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T) Blair Kinghorn(T) Robbie Fruean(T)	Gavin Henson(D/5P)
Fri 23 Feb 18	Eugene Cross Park	25	12	Duncan Weir(T) Chris Dean(T) Neil Cochrane(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C/P) Cameron Fenton(T)	Dorian Jones(C) Rynard Landman(2T)
Sun 25 Nov 18	Rodney Parade	12	18	Jaco van der Walt(C) Dougie Fife(T) Darcy Graham(T)	Jason Tovey(C/2P) Jared Rosser(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Edinburgh won 16, Dragons won 14 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby's seven game winning run in all competitions ended in South Africa in round 14 with their 21-25 defeat to Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth.
- Edinburgh have won their last eleven home games in all tournaments since Ulster beat them at BT Murrayfield in the Guinness PRO14 last April.
- Dragons have won just once in the last five rounds of Guinness PRO14: 23-22 at home to Ospreys on 30 December.
- Dragons only two away victories in any tournament since April 2016 were both in the European Challenge Cup, at Enisei in Moscow in October 2017 and Timisoara Saracens in Romania a year later.
- Dragons most recent victory in Scotland was when they beat Glasgow at Scotstoun in November 2013.
- Dragons beat Edinburgh 18-12 at Rodney Parade in round 9 but have not achieved a season's double over the Scotsmen since 2011/12.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Dec - Glasgow (A) W 16-8	30 Dec - Ospreys (H) W 23-22
	5 Jan - Southern Kings (H) W 38-0	5 Jan - Scarlets (A) L 13-22
	26 Jan - Southern Kings (A) L 21-25	26 Jan - Munster (H) L 7-8
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 3rd - W7 D0 L7 - 36pts	Conf B: 6th - W4 D0 L10 - 19pts
PRO14 form	IIWwWI (15pts)	WLIWIL (10pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Duhan van der Merwe	4 - Jared Rosser
Top points scorer	76 - Simon Hickey	56 - Josh Lewis

Friday 15 February

MUNSTER RUGBY v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Irish Independent Park, Cork, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Andrea Piardi (FIR, competition debut)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU), Matteo Liperini (FIR)

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	M	I	Munster scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 7 Apr 18	Outeniqua Park	39	22	CJ Stander(T) Dave Kilcoyne(T) Dan Goggin(T) Niall Scannell(T) Rhys Marshall(T) Ian Keatley(3C/P) Calvin Nash(T)	Michael Makase(T) Masixole Banda(2C/P) Andy Ntsila(T) Stephan Greeff(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Munster won 1.

Did you know?

- Munster have won their last five matches in all competitions since losing to Ulster in Belfast in round 11 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Munstermen are unbeaten in their last 17 home games at their two venues in all tournaments, a run which includes one draw, against Ulster in April.
- Munster's most recent reversal at Irish Independent Park was by a solitary point to Cardiff Blues in September 2016.
- Isuzu Southern Kings have faced Irish provinces on nine previous occasions in the Guinness PRO14 and lost them all.
- The two side have met just once before with Munster winning 39-22 in George last April.

COMPARISON	Munster	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Dec - Leinster (H) W 26-17	18 Jan - Cheetahs (H) L 17-24
	5 Jan - Connacht (A) W 31-24	26 Jan - Edinburgh (H) W 25-21
	26 Jan - Dragons (A) W 8-7	2 Feb - Cheetahs (A) L 36-40
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 1st - W10 D0 L4 - 48pts	Conf B: 7th - W2 D0 L12 - 19pts
PRO14 form	wWlWww (24pts)	LLlLWw (8pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Keith Earls	7 - Yaw Penxe
Top points scorer	75 - Joey Carbery	96 - Masixole Banda

Friday 15 February

OSPREYS RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At Morganstone Brewery Field, Bridgend, 7.35pm. *Live on*

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Quinton Immelman (SARU, 17th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Ben Breakspear (both WRU),

TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)

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Date	Venue	O	U	Ospreys scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 4 Sep 15	Kingspan Stadium	6	28	Sam Davies(2P)	Rob Herring(T) Stuart McCloskey(T/C/2P) Luke Marshall(T) Wiehahn Herbst(T)
Sat 7 May 16	Liberty Stadium	26	46	Tom Grabham(2T) Dan Biggar(T/3C) Josh Matavesi(T)	Paddy Jackson(T/5C/2P) Stuart Olding(T) Rory Best(T) Chris Henry(T) Andrew Trimble(T) Franco van der Merwe(T)
Sat 1 Oct 16	Kingspan Stadium	7	9	Nicky Smith(T) Dan Biggar(C)	Paddy Jackson(3P)
Sat 29 Apr 17	Liberty Stadium	24	10	Tyler Ardron(T) Dan Biggar(3C/P) Tom Habberfield(T) Brendon Leonard(T)	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Jacob Stockdale(T)
Fri 13 Apr 18	Kingspan Stadium	0	8		Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(P)
Sun 20 May 18	Kingspan Stadium	17	35	Jeff Hassler(T) Dan Biggar(T/C) Alun Wyn Jones(T)	Craig Gilroy(2T) Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(3C/3P) Kieran Treadwell(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ospreys won 14 Ulster won 16.

Did you know?

- Ospreys Rugby last six matches in Guinness PRO14 have all been won by the home side on the day.
- Ospreys only home defeat in the Championship since November 2017 was when Glasgow visited Liberty Stadium last November.
- Ospreys have played two previous PRO14 encounters at Morganstone Brewery Field, beating Celtic Warriors there in October 2003 (an away game) and overcoming Connacht 22-17 last October.
- Ulster Rugby are unbeaten in their last three matches in all tournaments since tripping up to Leinster at the RDS Arena on 5 January.
- The Ulstermen have lost their last three away games in Guinness PRO14 since beating Benetton in Treviso in round 8
- Ulster have lost just one of their last eight fixtures against Welsh Regions in all competitions.
- Ulster's only loss in their last six encounters with Ospreys was 10-24 at Liberty Stadium in April 2017.
- Ulster have visited Bridgend just once before, beating Celtic Warriors there 28-0 in March 2004.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	30 Dec - Dragons (A) L 22-23	28 Dec - Connacht (A) L 12-21
	5 Jan - Cardiff Blues (H) W 20-11	5 Jan - Leinster (A) L 7-40
	25 Jan - Glasgow (A) L 3-9	25 Jan - Treviso (H) D 17-17
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 3rd - W8 D0 L6 - 38pts	Conf B: 5th - W7 D2 L5 - 35pts
PRO14 form	IWWIWI (15pts)	IWWIID (10pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Luke Morgan	5 - Dave Shanahan
Top points scorer	124 - Sam Davies	62 - John Cooney

Saturday 16 February

BENETTON RUGBY v SCARLETS

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 6.15pm

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 21st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Gianluca Gnechi (FIR), Mark Patton (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



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Date	Venue	B	S	Benetton Rugby scorers	Scarlets scorers
Fri 4 Mar 16	Parc y Scarlets	15	24	Jayden Hayward(C/P) Robert Barbieri(2T)	Steff Evans(2T) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(C/P) Aled Thomas(2C)
Sat 1 Oct 16	Stadio Monigo	6	22	Tommaso Allan(2P)	Rhys Patchell(C/P) Steff Evans(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Aled Thomas(C) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 8 Apr 17	Parc y Scarlets	5	51	Ornel Gega(T)	Tom Price(T) Steff Evans(2T) Aled Davies(T) DTH van der Merwe(3T) Dan Jones(2C/P) Ken Owens(T) Aled Thomas(2C)
Fri 3 Nov 17	Parc y Scarlets	8	20	Ian McKinley(T/P)	Scott Williams(T) Dan Jones(T/2C/2P)
Sun 11 Feb 18	Stadio Monigo	22	12	Monty Ioane(3T) Tito Tebaldi(C) Marco Zanon(T)	Tadhg Beirne(T) Dan Jones(C) Corey Baldwin(T)
Sat 15 Sep 18	Parc y Scarlets	29	38	Nicola Quaglio(T) Tommaso Allan(T/3C/P) Simone Ferrari(T) Monty Ioane(T)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Ed Kennedy(T) Gareth Davies(2T) Tom Prydie(T) Kieron Fonotia(T) Leigh Halfpenny(4C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 17, Benetton won 5, Scarlets won 12.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby are unbeaten in their last five Guinness PRO14 matches since losing to Toyota Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in November.
- The Italians have lost just twice at home in the Championship this season, to Irish provinces Leinster and Ulster in round 7 and 8.
- Scarlets only win in their last five Guinness PRO14 matches was 22-13 at home to Dragons on 5 January.
- Scarlets have won only once away from home in any competition this season, 41-34 over Isuzu Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth in round 7.
- Benetton's only victory over Scarlets since 2013 was 22-12 at Stadio Monigo in this equivelar fixture in round 14 last season.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Dec - Zebre (H) W 28-10	29 Dec - Cardiff Blues (H) L 5-34
	5 Jan - Glasgow (H) W 20-17	5 Jan - Dragons (H) W 22-13
	25 Jan - Ulster (A) D 17-17	25 Jan - Leinster (A) L 17-22
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 2nd - W7 D1 L6 - 37pts	Conf B: 4th - W7 D0 L7 - 35pts
PRO14 form	lwwWWd (20pts)	WILLWI (11pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Braam Steyn, Hame Faiva	5 - Johnny McNicholl, Kieran Hardy
Top points scorer	67 - Tommaso Allan	54 - Dan Jones

Saturday 16 February

CARDIFF BLUES v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Cardiff Arms Park, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 110th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Whitehouse (WRU), Jonny Erskine (IRFU)

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: John Charles (WRU)

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Date	Venue	C	G	Cardiff Blues scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Sun 6 Mar 16	Scotstoun Stadium	20	27	Rhys Patchell(C/P) Ellis Jenkins(T) Macauley Cook(T) Dan Fish(T)	Duncan Weir(3C/2P) Gordon Reid(T) Tim Swinson(T) Simone Favaro(T)
Fri 16 Sep 16	Cardiff Arms Park	23	19	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2C/2P) Steve Shingler(P) Alex Cuthbert(T)	Pete Horne(T) Ali Price(T) Stuart Hogg(T) Rory Clegg(2C)
Sat 7 Jan 17	Scotstoun Stadium	15	29	Steve Shingler(C/P) Blaine Scully(T) Rhun Williams(T)	Finn Russell(3C/P) James Malcolm(T) Pat MacArthur(T) Peter Murchie(2T)
Sat 16 Sep 17	Cardiff Arms Park	19	20	Steve Shingler(C/4P) Tom James(T)	Henry Pyrgos(T) Finn Russell(2C/2P) Lee Jones(T)
Fri 1 Dec 17	Scotstoun Stadium	16	40	Macauley Cook(T) Jarrod Evans(C/3P)	Pete Horne(5C) Leonardo Sarto(T) Sam Johnson(T) Nikola Matawalu(T) Alex Dunbar(T) Ruaridh Jackson(T) Samu Vunisa(T)
Fri 23 Nov 18	Scotstoun Stadium	15	40	Kristian Dacey(T) Jarrod Evans(T/C/P)	Pete Horne(5C) Callum Gibbins(T) Rory Hughes(T) Adam Ashe(T) Nikola Matawalu(2T) Tommy Seymour(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Cardiff won 11, Glasgow won 20.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues have lost just once in the last four rounds of Guinness PRO14: 11-20 to Ospreys at Liberty Stadium on 5 January.
- Blues only defeat at the Arms Park in the Championship this season came on the opening weekend at the end of August by a single point to champions Leinster.
- Glasgow Warriors 9-3 victory at home to Ospreys in round 14 ended a three-game losing run in the Guinness PRO14.
- Warriors have lost their last three away games in all tournaments since their 42-22 victory in Lyon in round 3 of the European Champions Cup.
- The Scotsmen have won all seven games played against Welsh regions in all competitions this season.
- Glasgow have lost only one of their last fifteen fixtures against Cardiff Blues in Guinness PRO14: 19-23 at the Arms Park in September 2016, whilst The Blues only previous victory at Scotstoun was 9-7 in the European Champions Cup in December 2013.

COMPARISON	Cardiff	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Dec - Scarlets (A) W 34-5	29 Dec - Edinburgh (H) L 8-16
	5 Jan - Ospreys (A) L 11-20	5 Jan - Treviso (A) L 17-20
	26 Jan - Connacht (H) W 8-7	25 Jan - Ospreys (H) W 9-3
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 5th - W7 D0 L7 - 36pts	Conf A: 2nd - W9 D0 L5 - 46pts
PRO14 form	llWwlW (14pts)	WWlLiW (14pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Rey Lee-Lo	6 - George Horne
Top points scorer	96 - Gareth Anscombe	57 - Adam Hastings

Saturday 16 February

CONNACHT RUGBY v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At The Sportsground, Galway, 5.30pm.

Live on

FREE SPORTS



Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 173rd competition game)

Assistant Referees: John Lacey (IRFU), Mike English (WRU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	C	T	Connacht scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Sat 4 Nov 17	Sportsground	23	15	Steve Crosbie(P) Jack Carty(C) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Tom McCartney(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/2P)	Makazole Mapimpi(T) Fred Zeilinga(C) Ernst Stapelberg(P) Shaun Venter(T)
Sat 3 Mar 18	Toyota Stadium	25	26	Matt Healy(2T) Eoin Griffin(T) Jack Carty(2C/2P)	Uzair Cassiem(T) Niel Marais(2C/4P) Rabs Maxwane(T)
Sat 1 Dec 18	Toyota Stadium	21	17	David Horwitz(2P) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(C/P) Gavin Thornbury(T)	Tian Schoeman(C) Malcolm Jaer(T) Joseph Dweba(T) Shaun Venter(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Connacht won 2, Cheetahs won 1

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby's only win in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 21-12 at home to Ulster on 28 December.
- Connacht have lost just once at The Sportsground in any competition since September: 24-31 to Munster in round 13 of the PRO14.
- Toyota Cheetahs have won their last two away games, at Zebre and at Southern Kings, but have not won three in succession on their travels since March 2013 when they were playing in Super Rugby.
- Cheetahs are without a win in their last five matches against Irish provinces, since beating Connacht in Bloemfontein in March 2018. The South Africans record on visits to Ireland in Guinness PRO14 is played four lost four.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Dec - Ulster (H) W 21-12	18 Jan - Southern Kings (A) W 24-17
	5 Jan - Munster (H) L 24-31	26 Jan - Zebre (H) W 61-28
	26 Jan - Cardiff Blues (A) L 7-8	2 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 40-36
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 4th - W7 D0 L7 - 38pts	Conf A: 6th - W6 D1 L7 - 36pts
PRO14 form	wwlWLI (17pts)	WLwwWW (25pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Cian Kelleher	10 - Rabs Maxwane
Top points scorer	109 - Jack Carty	84 - Tian Schoeman

Saturday 16 February

ZEBRE RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Stadio Zaffanella, Viadana, 3.30pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Ian Davies (WRU, 76th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Marius Mitrea (FIR), Jason Morris (WRU)

TMO: Stefano Penne (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	Z	L	Zebre scorers	Leinster scorers
Fri 20 Feb 15	RDS Arena	8	29	Hennie Daniller(T) Mirco Bergamasco(P)	Dominic Ryan(T) Sean Cronin(T) Luke Fitzgerald(T) Jimmy Gopperth(T/3C/P)
Fri 12 Feb 16	RDS Arena	0	52		Adam Byrne(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Cathal Marsh(3C) Sean Cronin(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Isa Nacewa(T/3C)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	27	Federico Ruzza(T) Ian McKinley(C/P)	Dominic Ryan(T) Dan Leavy(T) Luke McGrath(T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P) Adam Byrne(T)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	33	Carlo Canna(C/P) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Jack Conan(T) Tom Daly(T) Adam Byrne(3T) Isa Nacewa(4C)
Fri 6 Jan 17	RDS Arena	6	70	Edoardo Padovani(2P)	Ross Byrne(4C) Cian Healy(T) Jamie Heaslip(T) Garry Ringrose(2T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Sean O'Brien(T) Rory O'Loughlin(3T) Johnny Sexton(6C)
Sat 7 Apr 18	RDS Arena	6	41	Carlo Canna(2P)	James Lowe(2T) Ross Byrne(3C) Max Deegan(2T) Vakh Abdaladze(T) Bryan Byrne(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 11, Leinster won 11.

Did you know?

- Zebre take their first home game away from Parma to Viadana at the Stadio Zaffanella having hosted its most recent Guinness PRO14 fixture in May 2012 when Aironi lost to Ospreys there.
- Zebre Rugby have not won since beating Enisei home and away in the European Challenge Cup in December, whilst their most recent victory in the Guinness PRO14 was at home to Edinburgh at the end of October.
- Leinster's only defeat in any competition since October was 17-26 to Munster in Limerick on 29 December.
- Leinster have lost only once to an Italian side since September 2010: 15-17 at home to Benetton last April.
- The two sides have met on eleven previous occasions with Leinster winning them all.
- Leinster have played twice before in Viadana, beating Aironi there 20-8 in April 2011 and 22-6 in March 2012.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	29 Dec - Treviso (A) L 10-28 6 Jan - Cheetahs (H) L 12-27 26 Jan - Cheetahs (A) L 28-61	29 Dec - Munster (A) L 17-26 5 Jan - Ulster (H) W 40-7 25 Jan - Scarlets (H) W 22-17
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L11 - 17pts	Conf B: 1st - W12 D0 L2 - 58pts
PRO14 form	LILILI (2pts)	WwWlWW (24pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Apisai Tauyavuca, Carlo Canna	5 - Sean Cronin, Bryan Byrne, James Lowe, Jamison Gibson-Park
Top points scorer	74 - Carlo Canna	53 - Ross Byrne