

ROUND 17 – PREVIEWS

Round 17 of the Guinness PRO14 arrives after a weekend which saw the race for Finals Series spots get even tighter. Last weekend's results meant that champions Leinster became the first team to secure their place (with a home Semi-Final on offer next), while Munster and Glasgow Warriors won to keep setting the pace in Conference A. However behind them, the chase is as close as ever for the remaining places.

This weekend sees some huge games taking place, in particular with Benetton hosting Edinburgh and Connacht taking on the Ospreys. 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 weekend kicks off on Friday night with just the one game, as **Leinster (B1)** play host to the **Toyota Cheetahs (A6)** at the RDS (live on Premier Sports 1 and eir Sport 1, 19:35 and SuperSport 1 & DAZN, 20:35). Leinster's bonus-point win over the Isuzu Southern Kings last week, combined with other results meant that the 2017/18 champions are now mathematically assured of a place in the Finals Series, and another win would seal top spot in Conference B. The Cheetahs, by contrast, really need a win to stay in touch in the race for a top three spot in Conference A. However, they are still searching for a first win in Ireland, and face a Leinster team who have not lost at home since April 2018.

Saturday's action begins at the Sportsground as **Connacht (A4)** host the **Ospreys (A5)** (live on Premier Sports 1 and TG4, 14:45, DAZN 15:45). With just three points separating Cardiff Blues, Connacht and Ospreys in the race for a Finals Series spot, this could have huge implications for the end of season. The Ospreys were narrowly beaten by Munster last week and have now lost five in a row in all competitions to slip to fifth in Conference A. Connacht, meanwhile, have had some struggles of their own with just one win in their last four in the Championship but have not lost at home to a Welsh side since 2017.

Later on Saturday the **Scarlets (B5)** host **Munster (A1)** in a re-run of the 2017 Final, this time at Parc y Scarlets (live on Premier Sports 2, TG4, S4C and eir Sport 1, 17:00, DAZN 18:00). Last year's runners-up find themselves in a perilous position in the race for a Final Series spot, sitting fifth in Conference B. They are however only five points off Benetton in second, so that could all change in a single weekend. The Scarlets boast a fine home record, with just one defeat at Parc y Scarlets since 2016 in the Championship, and they got back to winning ways against the Cheetahs last time out. Munster, however, were victorious on their last trip to the Scarlets, winning in September 2016.

Glasgow Warriors (A2) will look to keep the pressure on Munster as they travel to Parma to take on **Zebre (A7)** (live on Free Sports, 17:15, DAZN, 18:15). The Warriors sit just a point back on Munster following last week's bonus-point success against Connacht, and now face a Zebre side who they have beaten in all 13 meetings between the sides. The Warriors were beaten on their last trip to Italy, away to Benetton, while Zebre beat the last Scottish opposition to come to Parma, Edinburgh.

The final game of Saturday is **Cardiff Blues (A3)** at home to the **Isuzu Southern Kings (B7)** (live on Premier Sports 2 19:35, DAZN 20:35, Super Sport 1, 21:35). The Blues came from behind to record a vital win away at Edinburgh last week, and moved into the top three in Conference A. They will be keen to consolidate that position against a Kings side whose only wins this season have come against Scottish opposition. The Blues have only been beaten once in their last four games, that thriller against Glasgow Warriors, and with their two play-off rivals facing each other earlier in the day, a win could open up some breathing room ahead of the loser in Galway.

Finally, on Sunday **Ulster (B3)** travel to the **Dragons (B6)** in need of a win at Rodney Parade (live on Premier Sports 2, 15:00, DAZN 16:00, Super Sport 1, 17:00). A big win over the Kings got Ulster back into the top three in Conference B, and they have the chance to cement that place in Wales. The Dragons have not beaten Irish opposition since 2017, although the last time the teams met at Rodney Parade, they played out a thrilling 32-32 draw. Ulster are on a good run having now won two in a row on the road, and will look to make it three straight away wins for the first time since 2016.

Pick of the Round – Benetton v Edinburgh

The pick of the games in Round 17 comes in Italy as **Benetton (B2)** host **Edinburgh (B4)** (live on Premier Sports 2, 15:00, DAZN, 16:00). A record win last time out against the Dragons consolidated Benetton's position in the top three, and they can give their chances of making a first Final Series spot a real boost this weekend. They host an Edinburgh team who are still right in the thick of things but will have to get the better of Benetton who have not lost

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in seven in the Championship. Edinburgh's record at the Stadio Monigo is played eight, won four, lost four. Their Finals Series hopes may end up being dependent on whether they can come away from this weekend with a winning record in Treviso.

Opta Top Performers – Round 16

Most tackles: 29 Tienie Burger, Henry Brown (both Isuzu Southern Kings)

Most carries: 20 Ed Byrne (Leinster)

Defenders Beaten: 10 Keelan Giles (Ospreys)

Offloads: 7 Monty Ioane (Benetton)

Clean Breaks: 5 Paul Asquith (Scarlets)

Metres made: 139 Paul Asquith (Scarlets)

Turnovers Won: 4 Tadhg Beirne (Munster)

Lineout Steals: 2 Tadhg Beirne (Munster)

Opta Top Performers – Overall

Most tackles: 210 Olly Cracknell (Ospreys)

Most Carries: 221 Bill Mata (Edinburgh)

Defenders Beaten: 61 Duhan van der Merwe (Edinburgh)

Offloads: 24 Tom Farrell (Connacht)

Clean breaks: 27 Sibhale Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs)

Metres made: 996 Malcolm Jaer (Toyota Cheetahs)

Turnovers won: 23 Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)

Lineout Steals: 7 Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs), Tadhg Beirne (Munster), James King (Ospreys)

Friday 1 March

LEINSTER RUGBY v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 174th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Frank Murphy (IRFU), Wayne Davies (WRU)

TMO: Colin Stanley (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugene Ryan (IRFU)



HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	T	Leinster scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Fri 22 Sep 17	Toyota Stadium	19	38	Ross Byrne(2C) Barry Daly(3T)	Torsten van Jaarsveld(T) William Small-Smith(T) Luther Obi(T) Ox Nche(T) Ernst Stapelberg(3C/4P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1 Cheetahs won 1.

Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's only two defeats in Guinness PRO14 this season were both on the road, at Scarlets in round 2 and at Munster in round 12.
- Leinster's only defeat in their last twenty-six home games in all tournaments was 15-17 to Benetton at the RDS Arena in the PRO14 in April last year.
- Toyota Cheetahs have lost their last two matches, at Connacht and at Scarlets, since they beat Southern Kings in Bloemfontein a month ago.
- Cheetahs record on visits to Ireland is played five, lost five.
- The two sides have met just once before, at Bloemfontein in September 2017 where the home side won 38-19.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 Jan - Scarlets (H) W 22-17	2 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 40-36
	16 Feb - Zebre (A) W 40-24	16 Feb - Connacht (A) L 17-25
	22 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 59-19	24 Feb - Scarlets (A) L 21-43
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 1st - W14 D0 L2 - 68pts	Conf A: 6th - W6 D1 L9 - 36pts
PRO14 form	WlWwWw (24pts)	wwWwWl (19pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Max Deegan	12 - Rabs Maxwane
Top points scorer	82 - Ross Byrne	92 - Tian Schoeman

Saturday 2 March

CONNACHT RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At The Sportsground, Galway, 2.45pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

TG4

Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 88th competition game)

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

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU)

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

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Connacht won 9 Ospreys won 22.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby's only win in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 25-17 at home to Cheetahs in round 15.
- The Irishmen have lost only once at home in any tournament since September: 24-31 to Munster in the PRO14 in early January.
- No Welsh side has won at The Sportsground since Cardiff Blues were the visitors in September 2017.
- Ospreys Rugby have lost their last five fixtures in all tournaments since beating Blues 20-11 at Liberty Stadium in round 13 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Ospreys have won only once away from home this season: 22-8 at Zebre in late September.
- The Welshmen have lost their last ten visits to Irish provinces since beating Connacht in Galway in September 2016.
- Ospreys only defeat in their last five fixtures against Connacht was 15-26 at The Sportsground in February 2018.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Jan - Cardiff Blues (A) L 7-8	25 Jan - Glasgow (A) L 3-9
	16 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 25-17	15 Feb - Ulster (H) L 0-8
	22 Feb - Glasgow (A) L 17-43	22 Feb - Munster (H) L 13-19
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 4th - W8 D0 L8 - 42pts	Conf A: 5th - W8 D0 L8 - 39pts
PRO14 form	IWLWI (12pts)	WIWILL (11pts)
Top try scorer	5 - Cian Kelleher, Tom Farrell, Paul Boyle	7 - Luke Morgan
Top points scorer	119 - Jack Carty	124 - Sam Davies

Saturday 2 March

BENETTON RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 4pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 111th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Andrea Piardi (FIR), Kieran Barry (IRFU)

TMO: Alan Falzone (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: TBC.

FREE SPORTS

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Date	Venue	B	E	Benetton Rugby scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Fri 8 Jan 16	BT Murrayfield	13	28	Robert Barbieri(T) James Ambrosini(C/2P)	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2C/3P) Damien Hoyland(2T) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 7 Oct 16	BT Murrayfield	10	45	Tommaso Allan(C/P) Marco Fuser(T)	Tom Brown(2T) Jason Tovey(5C) Magnus Bradbury(T) Damien Hoyland(2T) Blair Kinghorn(T) Hamish Watson(T)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Stadio Monigo	21	6	Robert Barbieri(T) Angelo Esposito(T) Ian McKinley(C/3P)	Jason Tovey(2P)
Fri 15 Sep 17	Myreside	20	17	Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(2C/2P)	Duncan Weir(2C/P) Chris Dean(2T)
Sat 28 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	13	24	Angelo Esposito(T) Ian McKinley(C/2P)	Dougie Fife(2T) Jason Tovey(3C/P) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T)
Fri 28 Sep 18	BT Murrayfield	30	31	Marco Barbini(T) Luca Sperandio(3T) Tommaso Allan(C/P) Marco Fuser(T)	Duhan van der Merwe(T) Matt Scott(T) Dougie Fife(T) Simon Hickey(4C/P) Blair Kinghorn(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 17, Benetton won 6, Edinburgh won 11.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby are unbeaten in the Guinness PRO14 since November, a run which has seen them claim six wins and a draw.
- Benetton have won their last six home matches in all competitions since Ulster beat them at Stadio Monigo in early November.
- Edinburgh have lost two of their last three Guinness PRO14 matches, at Southern Kings and at home to Cardiff Blues.
- The Scotsmen have lost on three of their last five visits to Italy.
- Edinburgh have won their last two matches against Benetton whilst their overall records on visits to Stadio Monigo is an even won four, lost four.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Edinburgh
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 Jan - Ulster (A) D 17-17	26 Jan - Southern Kings (A) L 21-25
	16 Feb - Scarlets (H) W 25-19	15 Feb - Dragons (H) W 34-17
	23 Feb - Dragons (H) W 57-7	23 Feb - Cardiff Blues (H) L 17-19
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 2nd - W9 D1 L6 - 46pts	Conf B: 4th - W8 D0 L8 - 42pts
PRO14 form	wWWWdWW (23pts)	WwWIWL (20pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Luca Sperandio	8 - Duhan van der Merwe
Top points scorer	67 - Tommaso Allan	76 - Simon Hickey

Saturday 2 March

SCARLETS v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 5pm

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 31st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Whitehouse (WRU), Dave Sutherland (SRU)

TMO: Ian Davies (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Jeff Mark (WRU)



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Date	Venue	S	M	Scarlets scorers	Munster scorers
Fri 23 Oct 15	Parc y Scarlets	25	22	Tom Williams(T) Steve Shingler(5P) DTH van der Merwe(T)	Andrew Conway(T) Ian Keatley(C/D/4P)
Sat 7 May 16	Thomond Park	15	31	Steve Shingler(5P)	CJ Stander(T) Johnny Holland(3C) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Francis Saili(T) Rory Scannell(2T)
Sat 3 Sep 16	Parc y Scarlets	13	23	Rhys Patchell(C/2P) Gareth Davies(T)	James Cronin(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C/2P) Ronan O'Mahony(T) Ian Keatley(P)
Fri 24 Feb 17	Thomond Park	30	21	Johnny McNicholl(T) Tom Williams(T) Dan Jones(3C/3P) Hadleigh Parkes(T)	Jaco Taute(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C) Conor Oliver(T)
Sat 27 May 17	Aviva Stadium (TF)	46"	22	Rhys Patchell(3C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Tadhg Beirne(T) Gareth Davies(T) James Davies(T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Liam Williams(T/2C)	Andrew Conway(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(T/C/P) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(C)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Thomond Park	7	19	Rhys Patchell(C) Aled Davies(T)	Robin Copeland(T) James Hart(T) Ian Keatley(2C) Alex Wootton(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Scarlets won 11, Munster won 17 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Scarlets three game losing run in all tournaments ended with their 43-21 victory at home to Cheetahs last weekend.
- The Welshmen have been beaten just once in Guinness PRO14 at Parc y Scarlets since September 2016, by Cardiff Blues in December 2018.
- Munster's only defeat in the last ten rounds of the PRO14 was 12-19 at Ulster on 21 December. Munster have won their last four away games in all competitions since then.
- The two sides have met just once since the Scarlets won the 2017 Guinness PRO14 Final at Aviva Stadium: Munster winning 19-7 in Limerick in March 2018.
- The Munstermen won on their most recent visit to Parc y Scarlets in September 2016 to end a five-game winless streak at the venue.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 Jan - Leinster (A) L 17-22 16 Feb - Treviso (A) L 19-25 24 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 43-21	26 Jan - Dragons (A) W 8-7 15 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 43-0 22 Feb - Ospreys (A) W 19-13
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 5th - W8 D0 L8 - 41pts	Conf A: 1st - W12 D0 L4 - 57pts
PRO14 form	ILWIIW (12pts)	IWwwwWw (23pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Johnny McNicholl	5 - Keith Earls, Andrew Conway
Top points scorer	58 - Dan Jones	75 - Joey Carbery

Saturday 2 March

ZEBRE RUGBY v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi. Parma, 6.15pm.

Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 43rd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Johnny Erskine (IRFU), Luca Trentin (FIR)

TMO: Stefano Roscini (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: TBC

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Date	Venue	Z	G	Zebre scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 29 Apr 16	Scotstoun Stadium	10	70	Tommaso Boni(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)	Duncan Weir(T/10C) Taquele Naiyaravoro(T) Ali Price(T) Adam Ashe(T) Greg Peterson(T) Glenn Bryce(2T) Leone Nakarawa(3T)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	28	33	Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(2C/3P) Oliviero Fabiani(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Leonardo Sarto(T) Rory Clegg(2C/3P) Sean Lamont(2T) Fraser Brown(T)
Fri 14 Apr 17	Scotstoun Stadium	10	45	Kurt Baker(T) Kayle van Zyl(T)	Pete Horne(5C) Sam Johnson(T) Rob Harley(T) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) Peter Murchie(T) Matt Smith(2T)
Sat 6 Jan 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	20	40	Marcello Violi(P) Carlo Canna(C) Renato Giammarioli(T) Maxime Mbanda(T) Tommaso d'Apice(T)	Finn Russell(4C) Matt Fagerson(T) Nick Grigg(T) George Horne(T) Penalty Try(T) Lee Jones(2T)
Fri 23 Mar 18	Scotstoun Stadium	7	68	Carlo Canna(T/C)	Henry Pyrgos(T) Callum Gibbins(T) Adam Hastings(8C) DTH van der Merwe(2T) Zander Fagerson(T) Ruaridh Jackson(2T) Lelia Masaga(T) Penalty Try(T) Lee Jones(T)
Fri 5 Oct 18	Scotstoun Stadium	8	36	Marcello Violi(P) Apisai Tauyavuca(T)	Pete Horne(T) Huw Jones(T) Adam Hastings(4C/P) Greg Peterson(T) George Turner(T) George Horne(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 13, Warriors won 13.

Did you know?

- Zebre Rugby have lost their last nine Guinness PRO14 encounters since beating Edinburgh in Parma in October.
- All four of Zebre's home wins against Scottish opponents have been against Edinburgh.
- Glasgow Warriors have won their last three PRO14 matches since their defeat in Treviso in round 13.
- Warriors have won four times on the road in the Championship this season, at Connacht in round 1, Toyota Cheetahs in round 3, Ospreys in round 8 and Cardiff Blues in round 15.
- Glasgow's only two defeats in Guinness PRO14 on visits to Italy were both on trips to Treviso, in April 2011 and January 2019.
- The two sides have met on thirteen previous occasions with Warriors winning them all.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Jan - Cheetahs (A) L 28-61	25 Jan - Ospreys (H) W 9-3
	16 Feb - Leinster (H) L 24-40	16 Feb - Cardiff Blues (A) W 38-34
	23 Feb - Ulster (A) L 7-54	22 Feb - Connacht (H) W 43-17
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L13 - 18pts	Conf A: 2nd - W11 D0 L5 - 56pts
PRO14 form	LILILI (3pts)	ILIWwW (15pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Carlo Canna, Apisai Tauyavuca, Francois Brummer	7 - George Horne
Top points scorer	78 - Carlo Canna	57 - Brandon Thomson

Saturday 2 March

CARDIFF BLUES v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Cardiff Arms Park, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: Joy Neville (IRFU, 4th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones (WRU) Mark Patton (IRFU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Thomas (WRU)

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Date	Venue	C	I	Cardiff Blues scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 14 Apr 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	45	12	Willis Halaholo(T) Kirby Myhill(2T) Alex Cuthbert(T) Seb Davies(T) Jarrod Evans(5C) Blaine Scully(T) Josh Turnbull(T)	Ntabeni Dukisa(T) Masixole Banda(C) Lindo Welemu(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Cardiff won 1.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues only defeat in their last four matches in all competitions was 34-38 at home to Glasgow Warriors in round 15 of the Guinness PRO14. It was only the second defeat Blues had suffered at The Arms Park this season – the other being against Leinster in round 1.
- Isuzu Southern Kings have not won since beating Edinburgh 25-21 in Port Elizabeth on 26 January.
- Southern Kings have visited Wales on five previous occasions in the Championship and lost them all.
- The two sides have met just once before in the Guinness PRO14 with the Welshmen claiming an away win at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium last April.

COMPARISON	Blues	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Jan - Connacht (H) W 8-7 16 Feb - Glasgow (H) L 34-38 23 Feb - Edinburgh (A) W 19-17	2 Feb - Cheetahs (A) L 36-40 15 Feb - Munster (A) L 0-43 22 Feb - Leinster (A) L 19-59
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 3rd - W8 D0 L8 - 42pts	Conf B: 7th - W2 D0 L14 - 19pts
PRO14 form	Ww WLw (19pts)	ILWIII (7pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Rey Lee-Lo	7 - Yaw Penxe
Top points scorer	96 - Gareth Anscombe	96 - Masixole Banda

Sunday 3 March

DRAGONS v ULSTER RUGBY

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 3pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 22nd competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Gareth John (WRU)
 TMO: Sean Brickell (WRU)
 Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)

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Date	Venue	D	U	Dragons scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 5 Feb 16	Kingspan Stadium	15	17	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Carl Meyer(T) Adam Hughes(T)	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Sean Reidy(T) Ian Humphreys(C) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	Kingspan Stadium	8	29	Pat Howard(T) Nick Macleod(P)	Rob Herring(T) Jacob Stockdale(T) Rob Lyttle(2T) Ruan Pienaar(T/2C)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Rodney Parade	17	27	Ollie Griffiths(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/P) Rynard Landman(T)	Craig Gilroy(T) Paddy Jackson(C/P) John Andrew(T) Jared Payne(T) Ruan Pienaar(2C/P)
Fri 22 Sep 17	Kingspan Stadium	25	52	Angus O'Brien(C) Dorian Jones(C/2P) Dane Blacker(T) Rhys Buckley(T) Will Talbot-Davies(T)	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)
Fri 1 Dec 17	Rodney Parade	32	32	Matthew Screech(T) Angus O'Brien(T) Liam Belcher(T) Ashton Hewitt(2T) Gavin Henson(2C/P)	Craig Gilroy(2T) Christian Leali'ifano(T/C/P) Paul Marshall(T) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 26 Oct 18	Kingspan Stadium	18	36	Huw Taylor(T) Jason Tovey(C/2P) Jarryd Sage(T)	Henry Speight(T) Stuart McCloskey(2T) Dave Shanahan(T) Michael Lowry(T) Johnny McPhillips(4C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Dragons won 10, Ulster won 19 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Dragons have lost their last four fixtures since beating Timisoara Saracens at Rodney Parade in the European Challenge Cup on 11 January.
- Dragons have lost three of their last five home games in the Guinness PRO14 whilst they have not beaten an Irish province at any venue since they defeated Connacht in Newport in September 2017.
- Ulster are unbeaten in their last five fixtures in all competitions since losing at Leinster in round 13 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Ulster have won their last two away games, at Leicester Tigers and at Ospreys, but have not won three in a row on their travels since January 2016.
- Ulster are unbeaten in their last seven encounters with Dragons since the Men from Gwent's 26-22 victory at Rodney Parade in March 2015, a sequence which also includes a 32-all draw, the last time the sides met in Newport.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	26 Jan - Munster (H) L 7-8	25 Jan - Treviso (H) D 17-17
	15 Feb - Edinburgh (A) L 17-34	15 Feb - Ospreys (A) W 8-0
	23 Feb - Treviso (A) L 7-57	23 Feb - Zebre (H) W 54-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 6th - W4 D0 L12 - 19pts	Conf B: 3rd - W9 D2 L5 - 44pts
PRO14 form	IWILII (6pts)	WIIDwW (15pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Jared Rosser	6 - Rob Herring
Top points scorer	63 - Josh Lewis	65 - John Cooney