

## ROUND 19 – PREVIEWS

Last weekend's European Cup rugby saw two Guinness PRO14 sides come from behind to seal their Semi-Final berths. Leinster overcame Ulster, as the top two from Conference B clashed at Aviva Stadium and Munster scraped past Edinburgh in another all-PRO14 cracker at BT Murrayfield. The Guinness PRO14 returns this weekend with two matches on Friday, four on Saturday and one on Sunday.

In the Conference tables, Glasgow Warriors still hold a slight advantage over Munster in Conference A, while Pool B Leinster still plough on with their home Semi-Final already in the bag. It looks to be going right down to the wire for second place in Conference B. Benetton and Ulster should both be wary of Edinburgh Rugby as well as each other, especially as the latter two play each other in Round 20.

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](http://bitly.com/Glasgow2019) to get their hands on the best seats.

## Guinness PRO14 Final Series – How it Stands

**Quarter-Final 1:** Munster (A2) v Benetton Rugby (B3)

**Quarter-Final 2:** Ulster (B2) v Connacht (A3)

**Semi-Final 1:** Leinster (B1)\* v Munster or Benetton

**Semi-Final 2:** Glasgow Warriors\* (A1) v Ulster or Connacht **\*Qualified for Final Series**

**Champions Cup Play-Off:** Cardiff Blues (A4, 52 pts) v Edinburgh (B4, 47 pts)

## Pick of the Round – Scarlets (B5) v Edinburgh Rugby (B4)

*Live on Premier Sports 2 & DAZN 18:45*

Scarlets simply have to win to keep themselves in the running for Conference B second spot. Mathematically Edinburgh have some leeway but if Scarlets win, then they'd go above Edinburgh and the Scottish side would have three sides above them in the race for second spot going into the final two rounds. Fortunately for both Edinburgh and Scarlets, Ulster and Benetton are both facing top placed sides this weekend. A draw would be the ideal result for both Ulster and Benetton, severely hindering their threat from below, making it more of a two-team shootout for spot B2 in the final rounds.

These sides share a very close head to head record, Edinburgh just edging it 16-14 in their previous 31 meetings. Scotland's capital side also won their most recent meeting, 31-21 at Murrayfield in November. Interestingly, despite having lost two more of their previous matches, Scarlets have scored a massive 11 more tries than Edinburgh. So, when they beat Edinburgh, Scarlets seem to do so in style, and their losses tend to still be high-scoring, exciting affairs. All great omens for this weekend's battle.

Scarlets marginally edge the form guide entering this crucial match-up, they've won two out of their last three, most impressively defeating Munster two rounds ago. Edinburgh have won just one of their last three, but that was an even more impressive defeat of Leinster, 28-11 last time out.

## What's At Stake

The weekend kicks off with **Glasgow Warriors (A1) v Ulster (B2)** at the Scotstoun Stadium (live on Premier Sports 1, eir Sport 2, DAZN 19:35). Warriors have a Final Series berth secured but are battling Munster in the final three rounds for top spot in Conference A. Ulster have three clubs breathing down their necks battling it out for second and third spot in Conference B, but currently lead the charge by four points. Ulster prevailed 36-15 in Belfast last April, taking their head to head to 17-14, including some pretty titanic battles between these two great clubs.

The other Friday night kick off is across the Irish Sea in the city of Cork; **Munster (A2) v Cardiff Blues (A4)** (live on Premier Sports 2, eir Sport 1, S4C, DAZN and TG4, 19:35). Munster are looking to down Glasgow for top spot whilst Cardiff Blues aim to pip Connacht to the final Conference A Final Series spot.

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The higher placed side, Munster, has won 18 of their 31 previous match-ups, but Cardiff Blues came out on top, 37-13 in the Welsh capital last September. Blues come into this one in slightly better form, having beaten Scarlets, the Isuzu Southern Kings and Edinburgh in their last three Championship matches, whilst Munster lost to Scarlets in between victories over Ospreys and Zebre.

Saturday's PRO14 action commences with **Toyota Cheetahs (A6) v Ospreys (A5)** at the Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, South Africa (live on Premier Sports 2, Super Sport 1 & CSN, DAZN 16:30). In just three previous meetings the Cheetahs have won one to the Ospreys two. Most recently the Welsh side won 46-14 at home in September. There is little but pride riding on this one as Cheetahs are already out of the Final Series equation whilst Ospreys would need to win all three of their remaining games, and have neither Cardiff Blues nor Connacht pick up one win from their own three remaining matches.

**Zebre (A7) face Connacht (A3)** at Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi (live on eir Sport 1, TG4, DAZN 17:30). The two teams have done battle on 13 occasions, Connacht lead the head to head 10-3. September's meeting saw the dominant side triumph 32-13. Zebre have still not added to their three victories all season, whilst Connacht have beaten Benetton and Ospreys in recent rounds since losing to Glasgow in February. If Connacht win and Munster beat Cardiff Blues then the Galway-based side will have their best chance of sealing a Quarter-Final berth.

Two of the top three in Conference B do battle on Saturday as **Leinster (B1) play Benetton Rugby (B3)** (live on eir Sport 1, DAZN and TG4, 19:45). Leinster are well clear at the top of Conference B and Benetton will arrive with clear intentions on repeating last year's surprise win in Dublin. Leinster will be eager to build momentum after their European Cup win over Ulster and already this season Leinster have handled Benetton comfortably with a 31-3 victory in Treviso back in October.

The Sunday fixture will be played at the Madibaz Stadium in Port Elizabeth, South Africa (live on Free Sports, Super Sport 1 & CSN, eir Sport 2, DAZN 14:00SA/13:00GMT). This fixture between the **Isuzu Southern Kings (B6) v Dragons (B7)** will go a long way to deciding who avoids finishing bottom in Conference B. Only once in the past three meetings have the Kings prevailed, but Dragons edged a high-scoring match 27-22 at Rodney Parade last September.

## Opta Top Performers – Round 18

**Most tackles: 30** Mick Kearney (Leinster)  
**Most carries: 23** Bill Mata (Edinburgh)  
**Defenders Beaten: 12** Dan Evans (Ospreys)  
**Offloads: 3** Cory Allen (Ospreys)  
**Clean Breaks: 5** Dan Evans (Ospreys)  
**Metres made: 154** Dan Evans (Ospreys)  
**Turnovers Won: 3** multiple players  
**Lineout Steals: 1** multiple players

## Opta Top Performers – Overall

**Most tackles: 246** Tienie Burger (Kings)  
**Most Carries: 244** Bill Mata (Edinburgh)  
**Defenders beaten: 61** Duhan van der Merwe (Edinburgh)  
**Offloads: 28** Monty Ioane (Benetton)  
**Clean breaks: 28** Sibhale Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs)  
**Metres made: 1011** Malcolm Jaer (Toyota Cheetahs)  
**Turnovers won: 24** Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)  
**Lineout Steals: 7** Junior Pokomela (Toyota Cheetahs)

Friday 5 April

## GLASGOW WARRIORS v ULSTER RUGBY

At Scotstoun Stadium, 7.35pm.

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS

Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 23<sup>rd</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Mike Adamson, Ian Kenny (both SRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Graeme Marshall (SRU)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	G	U	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 22 May 15	Scotstoun Stadium (SF)	16	14	Stuart Hogg(P) Finn Russell(C/2P) DTH van der Merwe(T)	Chris Henry(T) Ruan Pienaar(3P)
Fri 12 Feb 16	Kingspan Stadium	10	13	Taqele Naiyaravoro(T) Lee Jones(T)	Paddy Jackson(C/P) Callum Black(T) Ruan Pienaar(P)
Fri 25 Mar 16	Scotstoun Stadium	27	17	Stuart Hogg(T/P) Finn Russell(C/4P) Tommy Seymour(T)	Paddy Jackson(2C/P) Iain Henderson(T) Stuart McCloskey(T)
Fri 23 Sep 16	Scotstoun Stadium	17	22	Gordon Reid(T) Finn Russell(2C/P) Tommy Seymour(T)	Paddy Jackson(T/2C/P) Darren Cave(T) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 18 Feb 17	Kingspan Stadium	17	37	Scott Cummings(2T) Brandon Thomson(T/C)	Sean Reidy(T) Jacob Stockdale(2T) Tommy Bowe(T) Ruan Pienaar(T/3C/2P)
Sat 21 Apr 18	Kingspan Stadium	15	36	Callum Gibbins(2T) Finn Russell(C/P)	Sean Reidy(T) Nick Timoney(2T) John Cooney(T/C/3P) Johnny McPhillips(C/P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Warriors won 14, Ulster won 17 with 1 game drawn.

### Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors have won their last five Guinness PRO14 matches since their defeat in Treviso on 5 January.
- The Warriors have lost only twice at Scotstoun this season, to Saracens in round 1 of the European Champions Cup and Edinburgh in round 12 of the PRO14.
- Glasgow's most recent home defeat in the Championship to an Irish province was when Munster visited Scotstoun in December 2016
- Ulster are unbeaten in their last five Guinness PRO14 matches since Leinster were victorious at the RDS Arena in early January.
- The Ulstermen have won their last two away games in Guinness PRO14, at Ospreys and at Dragons, but have not won three in a row on their travels since December 2012.
- Ulster have lost only one of their last five encounters with Glasgow since the 2015 Championship semi-final: 17-27 at Scotstoun in March 2016.
- Ulster have won on two of their last three visits to Scotland.

COMPARISON	Warriors	Ulster
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Feb - Connacht (H) W 43-17	23 Feb - Zebre (H) W 54-7
	2 Mar - Zebre (A) W 42-10	3 Mar - Dragons (A) W 28-15
	23 Mar - Cheetahs (H) W 35-17	23 Mar - Southern Kings (H) W 33-19
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 1st - W13 D0 L5 - 66pts	Conf B: 2nd - W11 D2 L5 - 54pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	IWwWwW (25pts)	IDwWwW (21pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	7 - George Horne	6 - Rob Herring
<b>Top points scorer</b>	73 - Adam Hastings	78 - John Cooney

Friday 5 APRIL

## MUNSTER RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

At Irish Independent Park, Cork, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 89<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Andrea Piardi Gianluca Gnecci (both FIR)

TMO: Stefano Penne (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)

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### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	M	C	Munster scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Fri 18 Mar 16	Cardiff Arms Park	28	37	Johnny Holland(C/P) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Mike Sherry(T) Ian Keatley(C/2P)	Rhys Patchell(T/4C/2P) Macauley Cook(T) Jarrod Evans(P) Matthew Rees(T) Garyn Smith(T)
Fri 9 Sep 16	Irish Independent Park	23	24	Dave Kilcoyne(T) Andrew Conway(T) Ian Keatley(2C/3P)	Gareth Anscombe(2C/P) Steve Shingler(C) Dan Fish(T) Tom James(2T)
Sat 4 Mar 17	Cardiff Arms Park	23	13	Francis Saili(T) Rory Scannell(2C/D/2P) Conor Oliver(T)	Aled Summerhill(T) Steve Shingler(C/2P)
Sat 30 Sep 17	Thomond Park	39	16	Conor Murray(T) Robin Copeland(T) JJ Hanrahan(2T) Ian Keatley(4C/2P) John Ryan(T)	Jarrold Evans(C/3P) Josh Turnbull(T)
Sat 17 Feb 18	Cardiff Arms Park	18	25	Tyler Bleyendaal(P) Chris Cloete(T) Stephen Fitzgerald(T) Ian Keatley(C/P)	Owen Lane(T) Macauley Cook(T) Lloyd Williams(T) Jarrod Evans(2C/2P)
Fri 21 Sep 18	Cardiff Arms Park	13	37	Andrew Conway(2T) Joey Carbery(P)	Willis Halaholo(T) Gareth Anscombe(4C/3P) Tomos Williams(2T) Nick Williams(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Munster won 18, Blues won 13.

### Did you know?

- Munster Rugby's only defeat in their last ten first team matches was on a visit to Scarlets in round 17 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Munster have won their last twelve home games in all competitions and are unbeaten in their last nineteen at home since Leinster were victorious at Thomond Park at Christmas 2017.
- The Munstermen have not been beaten in Cork since today's opponents, Cardiff Blues, won there by a single point in September 2016.
- Cardiff Blues only defeat in their last six first team matches was 34-38 at home to Glasgow in round 15 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Blues have won twice away from home in the Championship since October, at Scarlets in round 12 and at Edinburgh in round 16.
- Cardiff Blues have won their last two matches against Munster, but both were played at the Arms Park.
- The Blues have been victorious at Irish Independent Park on four previous occasions in the Guinness PRO14, no other visiting side has managed more than two wins there.

COMPARISON	Munster	Blues
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Feb - Ospreys (A) W 19-13	23 Feb - Edinburgh (A) W 19-17
	2 Mar - Scarlets (A) L 6-10	2 Mar - Southern Kings (H) W 26-19
	23 Mar - Zebre (H) W 31-12	22 Mar - Scarlets (H) W 41-17
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 2nd - W13 D0 L5 - 63pts	Conf A: 4th - W10 D0 L8 - 52pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	wwWwIW (24pts)	IWLwWW (20pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	5 - Rhys Marshall, Keith Earls, Andrew Conway, Darren Sweetnam	7 - Rey Lee-Lo, Owen Lane
<b>Top points scorer</b>	75 - Joey Carbery	112 - Gareth Anscombe

Saturday 6 April

## LEINSTER RUGBY v BENETTON RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 7.45pm.

Live on

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 176<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Ben Whitehouse, Gwyn Morris (both WRU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU).



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	L	B	Leinster scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 7 May 16	RDS Arena	50	19	Noel Reid(T) Jack McGrath(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Johnny Sexton(T/C) Isa Nacewa(T/4C) Richardt Strauss(2T)	Marco Lazzaroni(T) Enrico Bacchin(T) Jayden Hayward(2C) Matteo Muccignat(T)
Fri 2 Sep 16	RDS Arena	20	8	James Tracy(T) Joey Carbery(2T) Fergus McFadden(C/P)	Tommaso Allan(P) Marco Fuser(T)
Sun 12 Feb 17	Stadio Monigo	40	14	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(5C) Bryan Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(T) Dave Kearney(2T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)	Ian McKinley(2C) Filo Paulo(T) Andrea Praticchetti(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Stadio Monigo	36	10	James Lowe(2T) Ross Byrne(4C/P) Jordi Murphy(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T)	Tommaso Allan(C/P) Nacho Brex(T)
Sat 14 Apr 18	RDS Arena	15	17	Barry Daly(T) Joey Carbery(C/P) Richardt Strauss(T)	Luca Bigi(T) Tommaso Allan(T/C) Federico Ruzza(T)
Sat 27 Oct 18	Stadio Monigo	31	3	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(3C) Andrew Porter(T) Joe Tomane(T) James Tracy(T) Conor O'Brien(T)	Antonio Rizzi(P)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 17, Leinster won 14, Benetton won 2 with 1 game drawn.

### Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby's only defeat in their last nine first team matches was 11-28 to Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in round 18 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The only team to have beaten Leinster in Dublin since May 2017 was Benetton Rugby almost twelve months ago.
- Benetton Rugby's nine game unbeaten run in all competitions ended with their 14-29 reversal at Connacht in the last round of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Italians have not beaten an Irish opponent so far this season, although they did draw 17-all on their visit to Ulster in round 14.
- Leinster's only two defeats to Benetton were at the Stadio Monigo in September 2010 and at the RDS Arena on 14 April 2018.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Benetton
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Feb - Southern Kings (H) W 59-19	23 Feb - Dragons (H) W 57-7
	1 Mar - Cheetahs (H) W 19-7	2 Mar - Edinburgh (H) W 18-10
	22 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 11-28	22 Mar - Connacht (A) L 14-29
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 1st - W15 D0 L3 - 72pts	Conf B: 3rd - W10 D1 L7 - 50pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WWWWWI (23pts)	WdWWWI (19pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	6 - Conor O'Brien, Sean Cronin, Max Deegan	6 - Luca Sperandio
<b>Top points scorer</b>	86 - Ross Byrne	67 - Tommaso Allan

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Saturday 6 April

## SCARLETS v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 6.45pm

Live on

PREMIER SPORTS



Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 113<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Joy Neville, Eddie Hogan O'Connell (both IRFU)

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)

### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	S	E	Scarlets scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Sun 28 Feb 16	BT Murrayfield	23	24	James Davies(T) Aled Thomas(C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T)	Ben Toolis(T) Phil Burleigh(T) Blair Kinghorn(C/4P)
Fri 9 Sep 16	BT Murrayfield	9	20	Rhys Patchell(3P)	Duncan Weir(2C/2P) Mike Allen(T) Magnus Bradbury(T)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Parc y Scarlets	26	10	Wyn Jones(T) Rhys Patchell(2T/3C) James Davies(T)	Duncan Weir(C/P) Phil Burleigh(T)
Sat 23 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	28	8	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(4C) Werner Kruger(T)	Duncan Weir(P) Jason Harries(T)
Sat 14 Apr 18	BT Murrayfield	14	52	Dan Jones(T/2C) Tom Vardell(T)	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)
Fri 2 Nov 18	BT Murrayfield	21	31	Johnny McNicholl(T) Paul Asquith(T) Dan Jones(3C) Morgan Williams(T)	Tom Brown(2T) Pierre Schoeman(T) Viliame Mata(2T) Juan Pablo Socino(C) Simon Hickey(2C)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

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

### Did you know?

- Scarlets last six matches in the Guinness PRO14 have all been won by the home side on the day.
- The Welshmen's only loss at Parc y Scarlets in the Guinness PRO14 since the opening day of the 20016/17 season was to Cardiff Blues on 29 December 2018.
- Scarlets have lost both matches they have played against Scottish opponents this season.
- Edinburgh Rugby have won just two of their last five fixtures in the Guinness PRO14 but have won just once away from home in the Championship this season: 16-8 at Glasgow on 29 December.
- Edinburgh have won just twice in their last nine visits to Wales.
- The home side has won the last seven fixtures between the two teams whilst Edinburgh's most recent victory at Parc y Scarlets came in March 2015.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Edinburgh
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	24 Feb - Cheetahs (H) W 43-21	23 Feb - Cardiff Blues (H) L 17-19
	2 Mar - Munster (H) W 10-6	2 Mar - Treviso (A) L 10-18
	22 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 17-41	22 Mar - Leinster (H) W 28-11
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 5th - W9 D0 L9 - 45pts	Conf B: 4th - W9 D0 L9 - 47pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WIIWWI (15pts)	WIWLIW (17pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	8 - Johnny McNicholl	8 - Duhan van der Merwe
<b>Top points scorer</b>	58 - Dan Jones	78 - Simon Hickey

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Saturday 6 April

## TOYOTA CHEETAHS v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 5.30pm.

Live on

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Referee: John Lacey (IRFU, 79<sup>th</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU) Ben Crouse (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Christopher Boucher (SARU)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	T	O	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Ospreys scorers
Fri 29 Sep 17	Toyota Stadium	44	25	Torsten van Jaarsveld(2T) William Small-Smith(C) Makazole Mapimpi(2T) Francois Venter(T) Paul Schoeman(T) Ernst Stapelberg(3C/2P)	Dan Biggar(2C/2P) Kieron Fonotia(T) Dan Evans(T) Rhys Webb(T)
Sat 24 Feb 18	Liberty Stadium	26	27	Torsten van Jaarsveld(T) Charles Marais(C) Nico Lee(T) Craig Barry(T) Reniel Hugo(T) Niel Marais(2C)	Sam Davies(3C/2P) Ifan Phillips(T) Ashley Beck(T) Sam Cross(T)
Sat 8 Sep 18	Liberty Stadium	14	46	Tian Schoeman(2C) Rabs Maxwane(T) Jasper Wiese(T)	Scott Otten(T) Sam Davies(4C/P) George North(T) Justin Tipuric(2T) Alex Jeffries(T) Alun Wyn Jones(2T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Cheetahs won 1, Ospreys won 2.

### Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have lost their last four matches in the Guinness PRO14, but all were played away from home.
- Cheetahs have lost just twice in Bloemfontein since September, both by four points against Irish provinces, to Munster in round 8 and Connacht in round 10.
- The South African's only victory against a Welsh opponent this season was 21-10 at home to Cardiff Blues on 27 October.
- Ospreys six game losing run in all tournaments ended with their 29-20 victory at home to Dragons in the latest round of Guinness PRO14.
- Ospreys have won only once away from home in any competition this season, at Zebre in round 5 of the PRO14.
- The two sides have met on three previous occasions in the Guinness PRO14 with all going the way of home field advantage.
- Ospreys only previous trip to South Africa in the Championship ended in a 25-44 defeat to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in September 2017.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Ospreys
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	24 Feb - Scarlets (A) L 21-43	22 Feb - Munster (H) L 13-19
	1 Mar - Leinster (A) L 7-19	2 Mar - Connacht (A) L 5-46
	23 Mar - Glasgow (A) L 17-35	23 Mar - Dragons (H) W 29-20
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 6th - W6 D1 L11 - 36pts	Conf A: 5th - W9 D0 L9 - 44pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WWIII (10pts)	WILLIW (11pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	13 - Rabs Maxwane	7 - Luke Morgan
<b>Top points scorer</b>	96 - Tian Schoeman	126 - Sam Davies

## ZEBRE RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Stadio Lanfranchi, Parma, 6.30pm.

Live on

Referee: Ben Blain (SRU, 2<sup>nd</sup> competition game)

Assistant Referee: Keith Allen (SRU), Andrea Spadoni (FIR)

TMO: Andrew McMenemy (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	Z	C	Zebre scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 20 Feb 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	34	51	Kelly Haimona(T/4C/2P) Johan Meyer(T) Federico Ruzza(T) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Matt Healy(3T) AJ MacGinty(3C/2P) Kieran Marmion(T) Niyi Adeolokun(2T) Craig Ronaldson(3C/P)
Fri 3 Mar 17	Sportsground	3	33	Guglielmo Palazzani(P)	Tiernan O'Halloran(2C) Naulia Dawai(T) John Cooney(C) Niyi Adeolokun(T) John Muldoon(T) Penalty Try(T) Craig Ronaldson(C) Lewis Stevenson(T)
Sat 1 Apr 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	25	22	Edoardo Padovani(T) Tommaso Boni(T) Marcello Violi(C) Carlo Canna(C/2P) Derick Minnie(T)	Josh Rowland(T) John Cooney(C/P) Stacey Ili(T) Craig Ronaldson(T/C)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	24	10	Johan Meyer(T) Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(C/D/3P)	Steve Crosbie(C) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(P)
Fri 16 Feb 18	Sportsground	19	11	Andrea de Marchi(T) Carlo Canna(2C) Gabriele di Giulio(T) Renato Giammarioli(T)	Darragh Leader(T) Craig Ronaldson(2P)
Sat 8 Sep 18	Sportsground	13	32	Carlo Canna(2P) Giulio Bisegni(T) Francois Brummer(C)	Eoin Griffin(T) Caolin Blade(T) Paul Boyle(2T) Jack Carty(2C/P) Niyi Adeolokun(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 13, Zebre won 3, Connacht won 10.

### Did you know?

- Zebre's most recent Guinness PRO14 victory was 34-16 at home to Edinburgh on 26 October.
- Zebre's only two victories over Irish opponents since September 2017 were both against Connacht.
- Connacht have lost just once in the last four rounds of the Guinness PRO14, 17-43 at Glasgow Warriors on 22 February.
- Connacht have not won away from home in the Championship since beating Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in round 10.
- Connacht have won their last three matches against Italian opponents.
- All three of Zebre's victories in nineteen previous encounters with Connacht in all tournaments came in successive matches between April 2017 and February 2018.
- Connacht have lost on their last two visits to Parma.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Connacht
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	23 Feb - Ulster (A) L 7-54	22 Feb - Glasgow (A) L 17-43
	2 Mar - Glasgow (H) L 10-42	2 Mar - Ospreys (H) W 46-5
	23 Mar - Munster (A) L 12-31	22 Mar - Treviso (H) W 29-14
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L15 - 18pts	Conf A: 3rd - W10 D0 L8 - 52pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	LILILI (2pts)	LIWIWW (16pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	3 - Francois Brummer, Apisai Tauyavuca, Carlo Canna, Jamie Elliott	6 - Tom Farrell
<b>Top points scorer</b>	83 - Carlo Canna	129 - Jack Carty



Sunday 7 April

## ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v DRAGONS

At Madibaz Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 3pm. *Live on*  
 Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 23<sup>rd</sup> competition game)  
 Assistant Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU), Paul Mente (SARU)  
 TMO: Shaun Veldsman (SARU)  
 Citing Commissioner: Nomsebenzi Tsotsobe (SARU)



### HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	I	D	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Dragons scorers
Sat 30 Sep 17	Rodney Parade	13	29	Andy Ntsila(T) Pieter-Steyn de Wet(C/2P)	Elliot Dee(2T) Hallam Amos(2T) Gavin Henson(3C/P)
Fri 2 Mar 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	45	13	Luzuko Vulindlu(2T) Anthony Volmink(T) Ruaan Lerm(T) Bobby de Wee(T) Masixole Banda(T) Kurt Coleman(6C/P)	Dorian Jones(T/C/2P)
Sat 8 Sep 18	Rodney Parade	22	27	Bjorn Basson(T) Mike Willemse(T) Masixole Banda(C) Yaw Penxe(T) Godlen Masimla(T)	Ollie Griffiths(T) Josh Lewis(T/3C/2P) Aaron Wainwright(T)

### Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 3, Kings won 1, Dragons won 2.

### Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings most recent victory in the Guinness PRO14 was 25-21 at home to Edinburgh on 26 January.
- Both of Kings' victories this season have been against Scottish opponents at Madibaz Stadium.
- Kings only victory over a Welsh region was against Dragons at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in March 2018.
- Dragons most recent victory in the Guinness PRO14 was by a single point against Ospreys at Rodney Parade on 30 December.
- Dragons have not won away from home in the Championship for over four years, since beating Benetton in Treviso.
- Dragons record against South African opponents in the PRO14 is own two, lost two.
- The two sides have met on three previous occasions, all games being won by the home side on the day.

COMPARISON	Kings	Dragons
<b>Last 3 PRO14 results:</b>	22 Feb - Leinster (A) L 19-59 2 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 19-26 23 Mar - Ulster (A) L 19-33	23 Feb - Treviso (A) L 7-57 3 Mar - Ulster (H) L 15-28 23 Mar - Ospreys (A) L 20-29
<b>PRO14 2018/19</b>	Conf B: 6th - W2 D0 L16 - 20pts	Conf B: 7th - W4 D0 L14 - 19pts
<b>PRO14 form</b>	WIIIII (7pts)	ILILIL (1pts)
<b>Top try scorer</b>	8 - Yaw Penxe	4 - Jared Rosser
<b>Top points scorer</b>	103 - Masixole Banda	66 - Josh Lewis