

ROUND 20 – PREVIEWS

Last weekend saw the rare occurrence of two draws out of the seven Guinness PRO14 matches in Round 19. On Sunday the Isuzu Southern Kings and Dragons played out a tie in Port Elizabeth while Benetton Rugby struck on the last play of the game to earn a draw with Leinster. The later result, coupled with Ulster's loss to Glasgow Warriors and Edinburgh's win at Scarlets as kept the battle for second place in Conference B wide open.

In Conference A, Glasgow and Munster are still well clear of the chasing pack, but even Ospreys have an outside chance of pipping Connacht and Cardiff Blues to the Final Series depending on performances in the final two rounds. Particularly as the Connacht and Cardiff Blues face each other this Saturday afternoon while Ospreys and the Blues meet in Round 21. 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.

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, 51 pts)

Pick of the Round Conference A – Connacht (A3) v Cardiff Blues (A4)

Live on Premier Sports 2 & TG4 15:00

It's all to play for from positions three to five in Conference A. Victory for Connacht would guarantee them a Final Series place and berth in next season's Champions Cup, whilst Blues need a win or a draw to keep themselves in the hunt. Allen Clarke's side are still in with a shout for the third Final Series spot if they can get five points against the Isuzu Southern Kings and then beat Cardiff Blues in the final round. Connacht have to play Munster in their final fixture of the regular season so would prefer to get the job done this weekend rather than risk having to beat their inter-provincial rivals on the last matchday to qualify for the Final Series.

Blues favour the head to head as comfortably as 23-6, though the Welsh side won by just a single point when they met in Cardiff at the start of the year. Connacht had a single point win in their most recent outing (at Zebre on Saturday) as well as winning their previous two at home to Benetton and Ospreys. Blues previous three results saw wins at home to Scarlets and Kings preceding a heavy loss at Munster on Friday night.

Pick of the Round Conference B - Edinburgh Rugby (B4) v Ulster Rugby (B2)

Live on Premier Sports 1 & Eir Sport 2 19:35

Conference B is even more open than Conference A with the home Quarter-Final yet to be secured. Any of Ulster, Benetton or Edinburgh could finish in B2 come two rounds' time. Scarlets could even sneak into the last Final Series spot (B3) if they can take maximum points in the final two games. This fixture has big consequences in Conference B – an Edinburgh win would guarantee them at least a European Play-Off place as well as good chance of reaching the Final Series and it would leave Ulster needing to pick up a win against Leinster in their final round clash.

There was just one point between these teams at Kingspan Stadium in September when Ulster just prevailed over Edinburgh, taking their head to head lead to 21-11 during 32 matchups. Having struggled earlier in the year, Edinburgh have beaten Scarlets, Leinster and Benetton in their most recent three Guinness PRO14 matches. Ulster lost to Glasgow on Friday, but beat the Kings and Dragons comfortably enough in the two weeks before that.

What Else is at Stake in Round 20

The weekend kicks off with **Isuzu Southern Kings (B6)** hosting the **Ospreys (A5)** at the Madibaz Stadium (live on Premier Sports 2, Super Sport 6, DAZN 18:35 UK/19:35 SA). The South African side sit just a point clear of the Dragons at the foot of the Conference B table, this Friday evening match likely being their best chance of distancing themselves further from the wooden spoon position. Their final match of the 2018/19 Guinness PRO14 season sees a South African derby at the Cheetahs' home of Toyota Stadium in Bloemfontein. Ospreys still have an outside chance of a Final Series spot, five points this weekend a necessity to keep their hopes alive, they then play Blues on Judgement Day at the Principality Stadium on Saturday 27th April.

The other Friday night kick off sees **Benetton Rugby (B3) v Munster (A2)** at Stadio Monigo (live on DAZN, Eir Sport social media channels and Free Sports, 18:00 UK / 19:00 Italy). Benetton Rugby travelled home from Dublin with mixed emotions after their last gasp draw at the RDS Arena on Saturday in a game they really could have and should have won. Munster were the highest scorers of Round 19, putting 45 past the Cardiff Blues backline. Munster still have a chance of replacing Glasgow at the top of Conference A, with second spot already confirmed. Benetton have only beaten Munster three times in 15 meetings, but this weekend's meeting arguably has the most importance on it, a win for the home side and an Ulster loss could take Benetton parallel with Munster in second place in their own Conference.

Saturday sees a battle of the top two as **Leinster (B1)** host **Glasgow Warriors (B1)** (live on Premier Sports 1, Eir Sport 1, DAZN 15:00). Leinster have confirmed top spot and a Home Semi-Final on the weekend of May 18/19 whilst Glasgow still have Munster gunning them down for that same privilege. Leinster are up 21-12 in the head to heads between these two great sides, but Glasgow prevailed 31-21 at Scotstoun in November. Leinster have stumbled a little since sealing top spot, drawing at home to Benetton on Saturday, having lost at Edinburgh the round before. Glasgow know they have to keep on winning as they have done in their most recent three fixtures.

Scarlets (B5) play **Zebre (A7)** still with an outside chance of making the Final Series from Conference B, but will need other results to go their way as well as near maximum points from their final two fixtures (live on Premier Sports 1, Eir Sport 2, DAZN 17:15). This is more than realistically attainable with Scarlets fortunately playing the two bottom sides in their final Guinness PRO14 fixtures of the regular season. Helping this, too, is the fact that Zebre have never beaten Scarlets in 11 previous meetings, just the one draw the best they have managed. Scarlets won 41-10 in September.

Toyota Cheetahs (A6) host **Dragons (B7)** in the only Saturday night kick-off this weekend (live on Premier Sports 1, Super Sport 1 & CSN, DAZN 19:35). Neither side can qualify for the Final Series, but Dragons have the incentive of overtaking the Kings at B6 to not finish bottom of Conference B. The Cheetahs will especially want to take winning momentum into their final game – the South African derby to close out the season on a high.

Round 20: 12 & 13 April 2019

Friday 12 April

BENETTON RUGBY v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 7pm. Live on

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 56th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Gianluca Gnechi (FIR), Simon Rees (WRU)

TMO: Stefano Roscini (FIR)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



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Date	Venue	B	M	Benetton Rugby scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 25 Apr 15	Irish Independent Park	19	30	Jayden Hayward(2C) Mat Luamanu(T) Simone Ragusi(T) Andrea Praticchetti(T)	CJ Stander(T) Ian Keatley(2C/2P) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Penalty Try(T) Simon Zebo(T)
Sat 5 Sep 15	Irish Independent Park	13	18	Jayden Hayward(C/2P) Dean Budd(T)	CJ Stander(2T) Ian Keatley(C/2P)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Stadio Monigo	13	16	Robert Barbieri(T) Jayden Hayward(C/2P)	Ian Keatley(2P) Gerhard van den Heever(T) Francis Saili(T)
Sat 26 Nov 16	Thomond Park	3	46	Ian McKinley(P)	Darren O'Shea(T) Andrew Conway(2T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C/P) Ronan O'Mahony(2T) Robin Copeland(T) Ian Keatley(C) Alex Wootton(T)
Sat 29 Apr 17	Stadio Monigo	14	34	David Odiete(T) Ian McKinley(C) Jean-Francois Montauriol(T) Tito Tebaldi(C)	Jack O'Donoghue(T) Darren Sweetnam(2T) Tyler Bleyendaal(3C/P) Alex Wootton(T) Simon Zebo(T)
Fri 1 Sep 17	Irish Independent Park	3	34	Marty Banks(P)	Darren Sweetnam(T) Andrew Conway(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(T/2C) Jean Kleyn(2T) Alex Wootton(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 15, Benetton won 3, Munster won 12.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby's only defeat in any competition since mid-December was 14-29 at Connacht in round 18 of the Guinness PRO14.
- Benetton have won their last seven matches in all tournaments at Stadio Monigo since Ulster beat them there in the PRO14 on 3 November.
- The Italians are winless in their last five fixtures with Irish provinces, a run which includes two draws.
- Munster's only defeat in any tournament since 21 December was 6-10 at Scarlets in round 17 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Munstermen have won their last twenty-one fixtures against Italian opponents since September 2013.
- All three of Benetton's previous victories against Munster have been at Stadio Monigo in the Guinness PRO14 – in 2011 and two in 2013.

COMPARISON	Benetton	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Edinburgh (H) W 18-10	2 Mar - Scarlets (A) L 6-10
	22 Mar - Connacht (A) L 14-29	23 Mar - Zebre (H) W 31-12
	6 Apr - Leinster (A) D 27-27	5 Apr - Cardiff Blues (H) W 45-21
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 3rd - W10 D2 L7 - 52pts	Conf A: 2nd - W14 D0 L5 - 68pts
PRO14 form	dWWWld (17pts)	wWwWW (24pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Luca Sperandio	6 - Andrew Conway
Top points scorer	79 - Tommaso Allan	75 - Joey Carbery

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Friday 12 APRIL

EDINBURGH RUGBY v ULSTER RUGBY

At BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 177th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Lloyd Linton (SRU), Wayne Davies (WRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Paul Minto (SRU)

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Date	Venue	E	U	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Ulster scorers
Fri 4 Dec 15	Kingspan Stadium	7	14	Cornell du Preez(T) Jack Cuthbert(C)	Paddy Jackson(2C) Rory Scholes(T) Penalty Try(T)
Fri 4 Nov 16	BT Murrayfield	28	17	Duncan Weir(2P) Viliame Mata(T) Jason Tovey(2C) Magnus Bradbury(T) Damien Hoyland(T) Blair Kinghorn(P)	Jacob Stockdale(T) Aaron Cairns(T) Ruan Pienaar(2C/P)
Fri 10 Feb 17	Kingspan Stadium	18	24	Stuart McInally(T) Magnus Bradbury(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(P) Damien Hoyland(T)	Jacob Stockdale(T) Darren Cave(T) Paul Marshall(T) Peter Nelson(2C) Louis Ludik(T)
Fri 16 Feb 18	Kingspan Stadium	17	16	Duncan Weir(D) Jason Harries(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2C) Lewis Carmichael(T)	John Cooney(T/C/3P)
Fri 6 Apr 18	BT Murrayfield	20	32	Duncan Weir(T/C/2P) Penalty Try(T)	Iain Henderson(T) John Cooney(T/3C/2P) Charles Piutau(T) Darren Cave(T)
Fri 7 Sep 18	Kingspan Stadium	29	30	Tom Brown(T) James Johnstone(T) Simon Hickey(2C/5P)	Will Addison(T) Craig Gilroy(T) John Cooney(T/3C/3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Edinburgh won 11, Ulster won 21.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby have won their last two Guinness PRO14 matches, at home to Leinster and away at Scarlets.
- The Scotsmen's only defeat at home in the PRO14 in the last twelve months was 17-19 to Cardiff Blues on 23 February.
- Ulster's four match winning run in the Guinness PRO14 ended with their 7-30 reversal at Glasgow on Friday.
- Ulster have won just twice on their last eight visits to Scotland, against Glasgow Warriors in September 2016 and Edinburgh in April 2018.
- Ulster have won their last two matches against Edinburgh but have not achieved a season's double over them since 2014/15.
- Ulster have won on three of their last five visits to BT Murrayfield.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Treviso (A) L 10-18	3 Mar - Dragons (A) W 28-15
	22 Mar - Leinster (H) W 28-11	23 Mar - Southern Kings (H) W 33-19
	6 Apr - Scarlets (A) W 20-12	5 Apr - Glasgow (A) L 7-30
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 4th - W10 D0 L9 - 51pts	Conf B: 2nd - W11 D2 L6 - 54pts
PRO14 form	IWLWw (16pts)	DwWwWl (21pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Duhan van der Merwe	7 - Rob Herring
Top points scorer	83 - Jaco van der Walt	80 - John Cooney

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Friday 12 April

ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Madibaz Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 44th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Frank Murphy (IRFU), Ruhan Meiring (SARU)
 TMO: Sean Veldsman (SARU)
 Citing Commissioner: Wilhelm de Villiers (SARU)



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Date	Venue	I	O	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Ospreys scorers
Fri 16 Feb 18	Liberty Stadium	12	26	Martin du Toit(C) Mike Willemse(T) Michael Makase(T)	Sam Davies(C) Jeff Hassler(T) Tom Habberfield(T) Penalty Try(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Ospreys won 1.

Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings five game losing run in the Guinness PRO14 ended with their 18-all draw at home to Dragons on Sunday.
- Kings are now unbeaten in their last two fixtures at Madibaz Stadium.
- Ospreys have won their last two Guinness PRO14 encounters, at home to Dragons and away at Cheetahs, but have not won three in a row in the Championship since last April.
- Ospreys have lost just once to a South African opponent in the Guinness PRO14: 25-44 to Cheetahs in Bloemfontein in September 2017.
- The two teams have met just once before in the Championship with the Welshmen winning 26-12 at Liberty Stadium in February 2018.

COMPARISON	Kings	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 19-26	2 Mar - Connacht (A) L 5-46
	23 Mar - Ulster (A) L 19-33	23 Mar - Dragons (H) W 29-20
	7 Apr - Dragons (H) D 18-18	6 Apr - Cheetahs (A) W 31-14
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 6th - W2 D1 L16 - 22pts	Conf A: 5th - W10 D0 L9 - 49pts
PRO14 form	IIIIID (5pts)	ILLIWw (12pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Yaw Penxe	7 - Luke Morgan, Dan Evans
Top points scorer	103 - Masixole Banda	133 - Sam Davies

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Saturday 13 April

CONNACHT RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

At The Sportsground, Galway, 3pm *Live on*
 Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 33rd competition game)
 Assistant Referees: George Clancy (IRFU), Fin Brown (SRU)
 TMO: Ken Henley-Willis (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Wayne Sheridan (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	Co	CB	Connacht scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Fri 4 Dec 15	Cardiff Arms Park	16	20	Ian Porter(T/P) Eoin McKeon(T) Jack Carty(P)	Rhys Patchell(2C/2P) Tom James(T) Manoa Vosawai(T)
Fri 25 Nov 16	Sportsground	18	7	John Cooney(T/C/2P) Bundee Aki(T)	Steve Shingler(C) Tom James(T)
Sun 12 Feb 17	Cardiff Arms Park	19	13	Matt Healy(T) Tiernan O'Halloran(D) John Cooney(C/2P) Craig Ronaldson(P)	Gareth Anscombe(C/2P) Nick Williams(T)
Sat 23 Sep 17	Sportsground	15	17	Shane Delahunt(T) Darragh Leader(T/C) Craig Ronaldson(P)	Willis Halaholo(2T) Steve Shingler(C/P) Jarrod Evans(C)
Fri 24 Nov 17	Cardiff Arms Park	30	36	Steve Crosbie(C) Jack Carty(C/2P) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Shane Delahunt(2T) John Muldoon(T)	Olly Robinson(T) Gareth Anscombe(2C/2P) Owen Lane(T) Matthew Morgan(T) Jarrod Evans(C/3P)
Sat 26 Jan 19	Cardiff Arms Park	7	8	Paul Boyle(T) Conor Fitzgerald(C)	Owen Lane(T) Steve Shingler(P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Connacht won 6, Blues won 23 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby have won their last three Guinness PRO14 matches but have not won four in a row in the tournament for the last two years.
- Connacht's only home defeat in any tournament since September was 24-31 to Munster in round 13 of the Guinness PRO14.
- The Irishmen have won their last four home games against Welsh regions.
- Cardiff Blues three game winning run in the Guinness PRO14 ended against Munster in Cork last Friday.
- The Blues have won just once outside Wales in the Championship this season: 19-17 at Edinburgh in round 16.
- Blues have won their last three fixtures against Connacht since the Irishmen triumphed at Cardiff Arms Park in February 2017.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Ospreys (H) W 46-5	2 Mar - Southern Kings (H) W 26-19
	22 Mar - Treviso (H) W 29-14	22 Mar - Scarlets (H) W 41-17
	6 Apr - Zebre (A) W 6-5	5 Apr - Munster (A) L 21-45
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 3rd - W11 D0 L8 - 56pts	Conf A: 4th - W10 D0 L9 - 52pts
PRO14 form	IWWWw (19pts)	WLwWWI (20pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Tom Farrell	8 - Rey Lee-Lo
Top points scorer	135 - Jack Carty	118 - Gareth Anscombe

Saturday 13 April

LEINSTER RUGBY v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 3pm.

Live on

Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 90th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Joy Neville (IRFU), Mateo Liperini (FIR)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	L	G	Leinster scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 27 Mar 15	RDS Arena	34	34	Jordi Murphy(T) Ian Madigan(4C/2P) Isaac Boss(2T) Fergus McFadden(T)	Pete Horne(4C/P) Stuart Hogg(T) Glenn Bryce(T) Mark Bennett(T/P) Richie Vernon(T)
Fri 23 Oct 15	RDS Arena	23	18	Fergus McFadden(2C/3P) Luke McGrath(T) Penalty Try(T)	Duncan Weir(C/2P) Tazele Naiyaravoro(T) Zander Fagerson(T)
Fri 18 Mar 16	Scotstoun Stadium	6	12	Isa Nacewa(2P)	Rory Clegg(4P)
Sat 10 Sep 16	Scotstoun Stadium	25	33	Joey Carbery(2C/2P) Rob Kearney(T) Josh van der Flier(T) Zane Kirchner(T)	Henry Pyrgos(4C) Tim Swinson(T) Tommy Seymour(4T)
Fri 28 Apr 17	RDS Arena	31	30	Dominic Ryan(T) Ross Byrne(C/2P) Peter Dooley(T) Joey Carbery(P) Rory O'Loughlin(T) Zane Kirchner(T)	Pete Horne(C/3P) Finn Russell(T/2C) Adam Ashe(T) Lee Jones(T)
Fri 3 Nov 17	Scotstoun Stadium	21	31	Adam Byrne(T) Ross Byrne(3C) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)	Pete Horne(4C/P) Nick Grigg(2T) George Horne(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 35, Leinster 21, Warriors won 12 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Leinster Rugby are winless in their last two Guinness PRO14 encounters but have not gone three in a row without a victory for four years.
- The Leinstermen's only home defeat in any tournament since the 2017 Guinness PRO14 semi-final was to Benetton Rugby in round 20 last year.
- Glasgow Warriors are the best team on current form in the Guinness PRO14, garnering 29 out of a possible 30 league points in their last six games.
- The Warriors only defeat to an Irish province this season was by a single point to Munster at Thomond Park in round 7.
- Since Leinster beat Glasgow in the 2014 Guinness PRO14 final the two sides have met on seven occasions in the Championship with Glasgow winning four, Leinster two and one game drawn.
- Glasgow were the most recent Scottish opponents to win at the RDS Arena, doing so in September 2011.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	1 Mar - Cheetahs (H) W 19-7 22 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 11-28 6 Apr - Treviso (H) D 27-27	2 Mar - Zebre (A) W 42-10 23 Mar - Cheetahs (H) W 35-17 5 Apr - Ulster (H) W 30-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 1st - W15 D1 L3 - 74pts	Conf A: 1st - W14 D0 L5 - 71pts
PRO14 form	WwWWWID (20pts)	WwWwWWW (29pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Conor O'Brien, James Lowe, Bryan Byrne, Max Deegan, Sean Cronin	7 - George Horne
Top points scorer	86 - Ross Byrne	88 - Adam Hastings

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SCARLETS v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 5.15pm. Live on
 Referee: Keith Allen (SRU, competition debut)
 Assistant Referees: Dan Jones (WRU), Graeme Ormiston (SRU)
 TMO: Neil Patterson (SRU)
 Citing Commissioner: Gwyn Bowden (WRU)

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Date	Venue	S	Z	Scarlets scorers	Zebre scorers
Sat 11 Apr 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	28	26	Steve Shingler(C/2P) James Davies(T) Scott Williams(2T) Rhys Priestland(C/P)	George Fabio Biagi(T) Gonzalo Garcia(C/P) Luciano Orquera(C/3P) Quintin Geldenhuys(T)
Sun 4 Oct 15	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	20	8	Steve Shingler(2P) James Davies(T) Dan Jones(3P)	Edoardo Padovani(P) Mattia Bellini(T)
Sun 29 Nov 15	Parc y Scarlets	20	12	Steve Shingler(P) Aled Davies(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Aled Thomas(2C/P)	Carlo Canna(C) Dries van Schalkwyk(2T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	31	24	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(3C) Jonathan Evans(2T) DTH van der Merwe(T) Aled Thomas(T)	Giovanbattista Venditti(T) Carlo Canna(C/2D/2P) Federico Ruzza(T)
Fri 17 Feb 17	Parc y Scarlets	42	7	Aaron Shingler(T) Tom Price(T) Tom Williams(T) Steff Evans(T) Will Boyde(T) Dan Jones(5C) Penalty Try(T) Aled Thomas(C)	Mattia Bellini(T) Marcello Violi(C)
Sat 9 Sep 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	41	10	Johnny McNicholl(T) Rhys Patchell(5C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Tadgh Beirne(T) Aled Davies(T) Paul Asquith(T)	Mattia Bellini(T) Carlo Canna(C/P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 11, Scarlets won 10 and 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Scarlets have lost their last two Guinness PRO14 matches, at Cardiff Blues and at home to Edinburgh, they have not lost three in a row in the Championship since December.
- Scarlets have not lost back-to-back home games in the Championship since September 2016.
- Zebre's only victory since round 3 of the Guinness PRO14 was 34-16 at home to Edinburgh on 26 October.
- Zebre's most recent away win in the Championship was on their shortest trip, to Treviso, in April 2018.
- The Italians' only previous victory in 25 visits to Wales was 30-25 at Cardiff Blues in September 2013.
- Zebre are yet to beat Scarlets in eleven previous encounters, although they did draw 16-all in Parma in October 2013.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	2 Mar - Munster (H) W 10-6	2 Mar - Glasgow (H) L 10-42
	22 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 17-41	23 Mar - Munster (A) L 12-31
	6 Apr - Edinburgh (H) L 12-20	6 Apr - Connacht (H) L 5-6
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 5th - W9 D0 L10 - 45pts	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L16 - 19pts
PRO14 form	IIWWIL (11pts)	ILILIL (3pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Johnny McNicholl	3 - Mattia Bellini, Jamie Elliott, Carlo Canna, Francois Brummer, Apisai Tauyavuca
Top points scorer	59 - Leigh Halfpenny	83 - Carlo Canna

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TOYOTA CHEETAHS v DRAGONS

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU, 14th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: John Lacey (IRFU), Griffin Colby (SARU)
 TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)
 Citing Commissioner: Christopher Boucher (SARU)



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Date	Venue	T	D	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Dragons scorers
Fri 23 Mar 18	Rodney Parade	29	17	Fred Zeilinga(T/C) Clayton Blommetjies(T) Niel Marais(2C/P) Rabs Maxwane(2T)	Elliot Dee(T) Arwel Robson(2C/D) Ashton Hewitt(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 1, Cheetahs won 1.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have slipped to five straight defeats, their worst run since they were in Super Rugby in 2017.
- Cheetahs only victory over a Welsh region this season was 21-10 at home to Cardiff Blues in round 7.
- Dragons most recent victory in the Guinness PRO14 was 23-22 at home to Ospreys on 30 December.
- Dragons 18-all draw at Isuzu Southern Kings on Sunday ended their 42-game losing run on the road in the Championship.
- Dragons record against South African opponents in the PRO14 is won two, drawn one lost two.
- The two teams have met just once before in the Guinness PRO14 with Cheetahs winning 29-17 at Rodney Parade in March 2018

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Dragons
Last 3 PRO14 results:	1 Mar - Leinster (A) L 7-19 23 Mar - Glasgow (A) L 17-35 6 Apr - Ospreys (H) L 14-31	3 Mar - Ulster (H) L 15-28 23 Mar - Ospreys (A) L 20-29 7 Apr - Southern Kings (A) D 18-18
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 6th - W6 D1 L12 - 36pts	Conf B: 7th - W4 D1 L14 - 21pts
PRO14 form	WIIII L (5pts)	LII LId (3pts)
Top try scorer	13 - Rabs Maxwane	4 - Jared Rosser
Top points scorer	100 - Tian Schoeman	74 - Josh Lewis