

ROUND 21 – PREVIEWS

The stage is set for the final round of the regular season with so much still to play for in the Guinness PRO14. Munster Rugby and Glasgow Warriors will fight for top spot in Conference A, three teams in Conference B still have a chance of reaching the Guinness PRO14 Final Series and a place in the Champions Cup Play-Off game is on the line when Cardiff Blues host Ospreys at Judgement Day.

This Saturday features a full slate of derby games which gives teams and fans plenty to shout about and for teams who finish up their campaigns on Saturday their stars have a final chance to impress the international selectors ahead of the Rugby World Cup. The Guinness PRO14 Final looms large on the horizon with the game taking place at Celtic Park on May 25 – fans can book their places now by visiting bitly.com/Glasgow2019 to get their hands on the best seats.

As it Stands - Guinness PRO14 Final Series

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: Ospreys (A4, 54 pts) v Edinburgh (B4, 51 pts)

Pick of the Round Conference A – Cardiff Blues (A5) v Ospreys (A4)

Live on Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2 & DAZN 17:15

It's all on the line at Judgement Day as Cardiff Blues go toe-to-toe with Ospreys in the cathedral of Welsh Rugby – Cardiff's Principality Stadium. With just one point splitting the teams in 4th and 5th place in Conference A, the winner will advance to the Champions Cup Play-Off game and will be guaranteed to have home advantage as long as the game does not end in a draw.

The Premier Sports cameras will be there to catch every second of the action in the Welsh capital in what promises to be a firecracker of a regional derby.

Pick of the Round Conference B – Glasgow Warriors (A1) v Edinburgh (B4)

Live on Premier Sports 1, eir sport 2 & DAZN 19:35

Regardless of how this one finishes, Edinburgh will end the day still in possession of the 1872 Cup having beaten Glasgow Warriors twice this season – including a 16-8 victory over their hosts at Scotstoun in December. But both teams are in vital need of a win in this fixture. Success for the Warriors means they will host the winner of the Ulster v Connacht Quarter-Final at Scotstoun which would leave them just 80 minutes away from playing a Guinness PRO14 Final in their own city.

For Edinburgh, not even victory would guarantee them a place in the Guinness PRO14 Final Series, but it would secure their spot in the Champions Cup Play-Off. Lose, however, and it is likely that Scarlets will gazump them into the Play-Off or even the knock-out stages should Benetton slip up against Zebre. While all this is going on, Munster will be playing Connacht at Thomond Park hoping to take advantage of an Edinburgh win by nicking the home Semi-Final berth in Conference A.

What's At Stake Elsewhere in the Guinness PRO14

The first game of Round 21 kicks off at 15:00 live on Premier Sports 1 in Cardiff at Judgement Day with **Dragons (A7)** playing for derby pride against a **Scarlets (B5)** team being led by head coach Wayne Pivac for the final time in the regular season before he departs for the Wales job. Scarlets know a bonus-point win will secure a Champions Cup Play-Off spot against either Cardiff Blues or Ospreys and could even sneak the 2017 champions into the Guinness PRO14 Final Series should Benetton fail to win in Parma.

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The final all-South African duel of the campaign takes place in Bloemfontein between **Toyota Cheetahs (A6)** and the **Isuzu Southern Kings (B6)** at 16:30 UK / 17:30 SA live on SuperSport, DAZN and Premier Sports social media channels. Both sides will want to sign off the season with a win, but the Cheetahs are keen to build momentum ahead of the Currie Cup as they look to re-establish themselves as play-off contenders in next season's Guinness PRO14.

In Parma, **Zebre (A7)** host **Benetton Rugby (B3)** at 17:00 UK / 18:00 Italy live on DAZN, Premier Sports 2 and Free Sports with history on the line with the visitors aiming to become the first Italian team to reach the knock-out stages of the Guinness PRO14. A bonus-point victory guarantees Benetton an away Quarter-Final against the runner-up from Conference A but Zebre's international contingent will be focusing on impressing the international selectors with the World Cup only a few months away.

First plays second in Conference B as **Ulster (B2)** face **Leinster (B1)** at 17:15 live on Premier Sports 2, eir sport 1 and DAZN with both teams already assured of home fixtures in the Guinness PRO14 Final Series. The game will be Leinster's final hit-out ahead of the Champions Cup Final on May 11 with Ulster already set to take on Connacht in a Final Series Quarter-Final on Saturday May 4.

Kicking off in tandem with Glasgow Warriors and Edinburgh, is **Munster (A2)** versus **Connacht (A3)** at Thomond Park live on eir sport 1, Premier Sports 2 & DAZN at 19:35. Connacht have made their return to the knock-out stages for the first time since claiming the Championship title in 2016. Head coach Andy Friend will be eager to retain momentum for their trip to Ulster the following week when they go head-to-head for a Semi-Final place. Munster, however, will have their target set on a Bonus Point win to ensure they can make the most out of anything that occurs in Scotstoun in their favour.

Opta Top Performers – Round 20

Most tackles: 43 Jonny Gray (Glasgow Warriors) *New Championship record

Most carries: 25 Caelan Doris (Leinster)

Defenders Beaten: 8 Rob Lyttle (Ulster), Darcy Graham (Edinburgh), Keelan Giles (Ospreys)

Offloads: 4 Johnny McNicholl (Scarlets)

Clean Breaks: 4 Rob Lyttle (Ulster), Matt Healy (Connacht)

Metres made: 129 Dan Evans (Ospreys)

Turnovers Won: 3 Josh McLeod (Scarlets)

Lineout Steals: 1 Multiple Players

Opta Top Performers – Overall

Most tackles: 262 Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)

Most Carries: 274 Bill Mata (Edinburgh)

Defenders Beaten: 67 Johnny McNicholl (Scarlets)

Offloads: 30 Tom Farrell (Connacht) / Monty Ioane (Benetton)

Clean breaks: 34 Sibhale Maxwane (Toyota Cheetahs)

Metres made: 1196 Dan Evans (Ospreys)

Turnovers won: 25 Olly Robinson (Cardiff Blues)

Lineout Steals: 7 Multiple Players

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Saturday 27 April

CARDIFF BLUES v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Principality Stadium, Cardiff, 5.15pm.

Referee: Nigel Owens (WRU, 178th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Craig Evans, Gwyn Morris (both WRU)

TMO: Ian Davies (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Jeff Mark (WRU)

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Date	Venue	C	O	Cardiff Blues scorers	Ospreys scorers
Sat 30 Apr 16	Principality Stadium	27	40	Gareth Anscombe(C/5P) Aled Summerhill(T) Josh Navidi(T)	James King(T) Sam Underhill(T) Dan Biggar(5C) Hanno Dirksen(2T) Rhys Webb(2T)
Fri 7 Oct 16	Liberty Stadium	24	46	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Kristian Dacey(T) Tom James(T)	Sam Davies(3C/P) Dan Biggar(C) Ben John(T) Josh Matavesi(T) Eli Walker(2T) Dimitri Arhip(T) Alun Wyn Jones(T) Dan Evans(T)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Principality Stadium	35	17	Gareth Anscombe(T/5C) Kristian Dacey(T) Lloyd Williams(T) Nick Williams(T) Taufa'ao Filise(T)	Sam Davies(2C/P) Paul James(T) Dan Evans(T)
Sat 6 Jan 18	Liberty Stadium	28	29	Gareth Anscombe(2C/3P) Owen Lane(T) Nick Williams(T) Garryn Smith(T)	Jeff Hassler(T) Dan Biggar(3C/P) Justin Tipuric(T) Rhys Webb(2T)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Principality Stadium	23	26	Gareth Anscombe(T/2C/3P) Garryn Smith(T)	Dan Biggar(T/2C/D/3P) Alun Wyn Jones(T)
Sat 5 Jan 19	Liberty Stadium	11	20	Gareth Anscombe(2P) Garryn Smith(T)	Sam Davies(2C/D/P) George North(T) Scott Williams(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Blues won 8, Ospreys won 22 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Cardiff Blues have lost their last two matches since beating Scarlets at Cardiff Arms Park on 22 March.
- The Blues previous record at 'Judgement Day' is won two, lost four.
- Ospreys have won their last three matches since their defeat in Connacht in round 17 but have not won four in a row in the Championship for twelve months.
- Ospreys have played nine previous matches at Principality Stadium in all tournaments with their only two defeats both being in April 2017, against Stade Francais in the quarter-final of the European Challenge Cup and to Cardiff Blues on 'Judgement Day'.
- Ospreys have lost just one of their last sixteen fixtures against the Blues in the Guinness PRO14: 17-35 at Principality Stadium on 15 April 2017.

COMPARISON	Blues	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	22 Mar - Scarlets (H) W 41-17	23 Mar - Dragons (H) W 29-20
	5 Apr - Munster (A) L 21-45	6 Apr - Cheetahs (A) W 31-14
	13 Apr - Connacht (A) L 22-29	12 Apr - Southern Kings (A) W 43-7
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 5th - W10 D0 L10 - 53pts	Conf A: 4th - W11 D0 L9 - 54pts
PRO14 form	LwWWll (17pts)	LLlWww (16pts)
Top try scorer	8 - Owen Lane, Rey Lee-Lo	10 - Dan Evans
Top points scorer	125 - Gareth Anscombe	133 - Sam Davies

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Saturday 27 April

DRAGONS v SCARLETS

At Principality Stadium, Cardiff, 3pm.

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 57th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Adam Jones, Rhys Jones (both WRU)

TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Dennis Jones (WRU)

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Date	Venue	D	S	Dragons scorers	Scarlets scorers
Sat 30 Apr 16	Principality Stadium	20	34	Adam Warren(T) Angus O'Brien(2C/2P) Adam Hughes(T)	Steve Shingler(T/4C/2P) Steff Evans(T) Gareth Davies(T) Scott Williams(T)
Sat 8 Oct 16	Parc y Scarlets	27	31	Adam Warren(2T) Hallam Amos(T) Angus O'Brien(C) Nick Macleod(C/P) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Rhys Patchell(4C/P) Steff Evans(2T) Jonathan Evans(T) Liam Williams(T)
Sat 15 Apr 17	Principality Stadium	16	21	Angus O'Brien(C/3P) Adam Hughes(T)	Jonathan Davies(T) Dan Jones(2P) Liam Williams(T/C/P)
Fri 5 Jan 18	Parc y Scarlets	13	47	Angus O'Brien(C) Carl Meyer(P) Arwel Robson(P) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(2C) Aled Davies(T) James Davies(T) Tom Prydie(T) Will Boyde(T) Geraint Rhys Jones(T) Dan Jones(T/4C)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Principality Stadium	8	33	Arwel Robson(P) Jared Rosser(T)	Ryan Elias(T) Steff Evans(T) Tadhg Beirne(2T) Penalty Try(T) Leigh Halfpenny(3C)
Sat 5 Jan 19	Parc y Scarlets	13	22	James Benjamin(T) Jason Tovey(C) Josh Lewis(2P)	Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(T) Dan Jones(4P) Ioan Nicholas(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 31, Dragons won 5, Scarlets won 26.

Did you know?

- Dragons are winless in the last eight rounds of the Guinness PRO14, since they beat Ospreys at Rodney Parade on 30 December, although that run does include an 18-all draw at Southern Kings in round 19.
- Dragons have made six previous visits to the Principality Stadium, all on 'Judgement Days' and have lost them all.
- Scarlets have won three of their last five Guinness PRO14 encounters, but all of those victories were at Parc y Scarlets.
- Scarlets have played seven previous matches at the Principality Stadium in all competitions with their only reversal being 13-17 to Cardiff Blues at 'Judgement Day' 2014.
- Scarlets only defeat in their last twenty-one encounters with Dragons in the Guinness PRO14 was 16-23 at Rodney Parade in September 2013.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Ospreys (A) L 20-29	22 Mar - Cardiff Blues (A) L 17-41
	7 Apr - Southern Kings (A) D 18-18	6 Apr - Edinburgh (H) L 12-20
	13 Apr - Cheetahs (A) L 13-38	13 Apr - Zebre (H) W 42-0
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 7th - W4 D1 L15 - 21pts	Conf B: 5th - W10 D0 L10 - 50pts
PRO14 form	ILLldl (2pts)	IWWILW (15pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Jared Rosser	9 - Johnny McNicholl
Top points scorer	82 - Josh Lewis	71 - Leigh Halfpenny

Saturday 27 April

GLASGOW WARRIORS v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 34th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Lloyd Linton, David Sutherland (both SRU)

TMO: Neil Paterson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Graeme Marshall (SRU)

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Date	Venue	G	E	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Sat 6 May 17	Scotstoun Stadium	18	29	Stuart Hogg(T) Finn Russell(C/2P) Jonny Gray(T)	Duncan Weir(2C/5P) Glenn Bryce(T) Damien Hoyland(T)
Sat 23 Dec 17	BT Murrayfield	17	18	Pete Horne(C/P) Huw Jones(T) Finn Russell(C) Scott Cummings(T)	Nathan Fowles(T) Chris Dean(T) Jaco van der Walt(C) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(2P)
Sat 30 Dec 17	Scotstoun Stadium	17	0	Finn Russell(4P) Lee Jones(T)	
Sat 28 Apr 18	BT Murrayfield	19	24	Callum Gibbins(T) Finn Russell(2C) DTH van der Merwe(2T)	Duncan Weir(P) Jordan Lay(T) James Johnstone(T) Duhan van der Merwe(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(3C)
Sat 22 Dec 18	BT Murrayfield	7	23	Pete Horne(T) Adam Hastings(C)	Duhan van der Merwe(2T) Jaco van der Walt(2C/3P)
Sat 29 Dec 18	Scotstoun Stadium	8	16	Adam Hastings(P) George Horne(T)	Stuart McInally(T) Jaco van der Walt(C/3P)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 33, Warriors won 16, Edinburgh won 16 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Glasgow Warriors have won their last seven Guinness PRO14 matches, the last six with a bonus point, since their defeat in Treviso on 5 January. Another bonus point win would equal their own all-time PRO14 record they set in December 2017.
- The Warriors solitary defeat at Scotstoun in the Championship this season was to Edinburgh on 29 December.
- Edinburgh have won two of their last three matches in the Guinness PRO14 but were defeated by Ulster in round 20.
- Edinburgh have won just twice away from home in the Championship this season – at Glasgow in round 12 and at Scarlets in round 19.
- This is the 165th meeting in the history of the 1872 Cup with Edinburgh having the edge by 82 wins to 60 and twenty-two games drawn. In recent times Edinburgh have also had the better of the encounter registering eight victories in the last ten meetings

COMPARISON	Warriors	Edinburgh
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Cheetahs (H) W 35-17 5 Apr - Ulster (H) W 30-7 13 Apr - Leinster (A) W 39-24	22 Mar - Leinster (H) W 28-11 6 Apr - Scarlets (A) W 20-12 12 Apr - Ulster (H) L 7-29
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 1st - W15 D0 L5 - 76pts	Conf B: 4th - W10 D0 L10 - 51pts
PRO14 form	wWwWWW (30pts)	WLlWwL (15pts)
Top try scorer	8 - George Horne	8 - Duhan van der Merwe
Top points scorer	102 - Adam Hastings	83 - Jaco van der Walt

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MUNSTER RUGBY v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Thomond Park, Limerick, 7.35pm Live on

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 24th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher, Nigel Correll (both IRFU)

TMO: Colin Stanley (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	M	C	Munster scorers	Connacht scorers
Sat 16 Apr 16	Sportsground	14	35	Johnny Holland(2C) Mike Sherry(T) Simon Zebo(T)	Finlay Bealham(T) Shane O'Leary(3C/3P) Niyi Adeolokun(2T) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 31 Dec 16	Sportsground	16	9	Rhys Marshall(T) Ian Keatley(C/D/2P)	Jack Carty(3P)
Sat 6 May 17	Thomond Park	50	14	James Cronin(T) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Andrew Conway(2T) Francis Saili(T) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(6C/P) Conor Oliver(T)	Naulia Dawai(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C)
Fri 27 Oct 17	Sportsground	16	20	JJ Hanrahan(P) Ian Keatley(C/2P) Simon Zebo(T)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(C/2P) Craig Ronaldson(C)
Sat 6 Jan 18	Thomond Park	39	13	Darren O'Shea(T) Andrew Conway(T) Conor Murray(2T) Keith Earls(T) Ian Keatley(4C/2P)	Jack Carty(2P) Tom McCartney(T) Craig Ronaldson(C)
Sat 5 Jan 19	Sportsground	31	24	Dan Goggin(2T) Peter O'Mahony(T) Joey Carbery(T/4C/P)	Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(T/3C/P) Cian Kelleher(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 33, Munster won 27, Connacht won 5, with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Munster's only defeat in the last nine rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 6-10 at Scarlets on 2 March.
- The Munstermen have not been defeated at home in any tournament since Leinster beat them at Thomond Park in the PRO14 in December 2017.
- Connacht have won their last four Guinness PRO14 matches since their loss in Glasgow on 22 February. They have not won five in a row in the Championship since 2016.
- Connacht have only ever won three away games against fellow Irish provinces in the Championship – in 2002 against Leinster at Donnybrook, in 2015 versus Munster in Limerick and last October in Ulster.
- Munster have lost just one of their last five fixtures against Connacht: 16-20 in Galway in October 2017.
- Connacht have won just twice at Thomond Park, in 1986 and in 2015.

COMPARISON	Munster	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Zebre (H) W 31-12	22 Mar - Treviso (H) W 29-14
	5 Apr - Cardiff Blues (H) W 45-21	6 Apr - Zebre (A) W 6-5
	12 Apr - Treviso (A) W 37-28	13 Apr - Cardiff Blues (H) W 29-22
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 2nd - W15 D0 L5 - 73pts	Conf A: 3rd - W12 D0 L8 - 61pts
PRO14 form	WwWWWw (25pts)	WlWWWw (23pts)
Top try scorer	6 - Andrew Conway, Rhys Marshall	6 - Tom Farrell
Top points scorer	75 - Joey Carbery	149 - Jack Carty

Saturday 27 April

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 5.30pm.

Live on

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Referee: Dan Jones, WRU, 24th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Aled Evans (WRU) Paul Mente (SARU)

TMO: Johann Greeffe (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: Christopher Boucher (SARU)



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Date	Venue	T	I	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 13 Jan 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	45	21	Nico Lee(3T) Fred Zeilinga(6C/P) Jacques du Toit(T) Clayton Blommetjies(T) Shaun Venter(T)	Eital Bredenkamp(T) Oliver Zono(2C) Yaw Penxe(T) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 20 Jan 18	Toyota Stadium	45	24	Uzair Cassiem(T) Nico Lee(2T) Makazole Mapimpi(T) Fred Zeilinga(6C/P) Ox Nche(T) Shaun Venter(T)	Luzuko Vulindlu(T) Ntabeni Dukisa(2C/P) Tienie Burger(T) Benhard Janse van Rensburg(C) Schalk Ferreira(T)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	29	20	Uzair Cassiem(T) Francois Venter(T) Niel Marais(T/3C/P) Paul Schoeman(T)	Ntabeni Dukisa(T) Masixole Banda(2C/2P) Harlon Klaasen(T)
Fri 18 Jan 19	NMU (Madibaz) Stadium	24	17	Benhard Janse van Rensburg(P) Rabs Maxwane(T) Tian Schoeman(2C) Junior Pokomela(T) Luan de Bruin(T) Louis Fouche(C)	Masixole Banda(C/P) Ntabeni Dukisa(T) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 2 Feb 19	Toyota Stadium	40	36	Malcolm Jaer(T) William Small- Smith(T) Tain Schoeman(T/5C) Shaun Venter(T) Junior Pokomela(T) Reinach Venter(T)	Masixole Banda(4C/P) Yaw Penxe(T) CJ Velleman(T) Tienie Burger(T) Alandre van Rooyen(T) Berton Klaasen(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 5, Cheetahs won 5.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs five game losing run in the Guinness PRO14 ended with their 38-13 victory over Dragons in Bloemfontein in round 20.
- Cheetahs home record this season is won five, drawn one, lost four.
- Isuzu Southern Kings are without a win in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Edinburgh 25-21 at Madibaz Stadium on 26 January.
- The Kings have still not won away from home since they joined the Championship last season.
- The two sides have met on nine previous occasions in all tournament with Cheetahs winning them all.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Glasgow (A) L 17-35 6 Apr - Ospreys (H) L 14-31 13 Apr - Dragons (H) W 38-13	23 Mar - Ulster (A) L 19-33 7 Apr - Dragons (H) D 18-18 12 Apr - Ospreys (H) L 7-43
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 6th - W7 D1 L12 - 41pts	Conf B: 6th - W2 D1 L17 - 22pts
PRO14 form	IIIIW (5pts)	IIIDL (3pts)
Top try scorer	14 - Rabs Maxwane	8 - Yaw Penxe
Top points scorer	118 - Tian Schoeman	105 - Masixole Banda

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ULSTER RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 5.15pm.

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Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 114th competition game)

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

TMO: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Eugen Ryan (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	U	L	Ulster scorers	Leinster scorers
Fri 20 May 16	RDS Arena (SF)	18"	30	Craig Gilroy(2T) Paddy Jackson(C/2P)	Sean Cronin(T) Jamie Heaslip(T) Johnny Sexton(3C/3P) Isa Nacewa(T)
Sat 31 Dec 16	RDS Arena	7	22	Charles Piutau(T) Ruan Pienaar(C)	Luke McGrath(T) Rory O'Loughlin(2T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P)
Sat 6 May 17	Kingspan Stadium	17	13	Paddy Jackson(2C/P) Andrew Trimble(T) Roger Wilson(T)	Joey Carbery(C/2P) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 28 Oct 17	Kingspan Stadium	10	25	Sean Reidy(T) Christian Leali'ifano(C/P)	Ross Byrne(C/2P) Cathal Marsh(C) Jordan Larmour(T) Luke McGrath(2T)
Sat 6 Jan 18	RDS Arena	7	38	Jacob Stockdale(T) John Cooney(C)	Ross Byrne(3C) Barry Daly(T) Jordan Larmour(2T) Fergus McFadden(2T) Johnny Sexton(T/C)
Sat 5 Jan 19	RDS Arena	7	40	Adam McBurney(T) Johnny McPhillips(C)	Andrew Porter(T) Ciaran Frawley(4C) Sean Cronin(2T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Penalty Try(T) Conor O'Brien(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 36, Ulster won 7, Leinster won 27 with 2 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Ulster's only defeat in the last seven rounds of the Guinness PRO14 was 7-30 at Glasgow in round 19.
- The Ulstermen have lost only once in Belfast in any tournament since February 2018, that was 15-22 to Connacht in round 6 of the PRO14.
- Leinster are winless in the last three rounds of the Guinness PRO14 but have not gone four matches without a victory since 2014/15.
- Leinster's only defeat to a fellow Irish province in any competition this season was 17-26 to Munster in Limerick on 29 December.
- Leinster's only loss in their last seven meetings with Ulster in all tournaments was 13-17 at Kingspan Stadium in May 2017.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Southern Kings (H) W 33-19	22 Mar - Edinburgh (A) L 11-28
	5 Apr - Glasgow (A) L 7-30	6 Apr - Treviso (H) D 27-27
	12 Apr - Edinburgh (A) W 29-7	13 Apr - Glasgow (H) L 24-39
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 2nd - W12 D2 L6 - 59pts	Conf B: 1st - W15 D1 L4 - 75pts
PRO14 form	wWwWlw (24pts)	wWWIDL (17pts)
Top try scorer	7 - Rob Herring	6 - Conor O'Brien, Max Deegan, James Lowe, Bryan Byrne, Sean Cronin
Top points scorer	89 - John Cooney	90 - Ross Byrne

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ZEBRE RUGBY v BENETTON RUGBY



At Stadio Lanfranchi, Parma, 6pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Andrew Brace (IRFU, 45th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: John Lacey, Mark Patton (both, IRFU)
 TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: TBC

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Date	Venue	Z	B	Zebre scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 6 May 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	3	19	Carlo Canna(P)	Marco Fuser(T) Ian McKinley(C/4P)
Sat 23 Dec 17	Stadio Monigo	14	27	Marcello Violi(P) Carlo Canna(2P) Giulio Bisegni(T)	Edoardo Gori(T) Hame Faiva(T) Marty Banks(C/P) Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(C)
Sat 30 Dec 17	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	16	20	Mattia Bellini(T) Marcello Violi(C/P) Carlo Canna(2P)	Jayden Hayward(T) Marty Banks(C/2P) Ian McKinley(C) Dean Budd(T)
Sat 28 Apr 18	Stadio Monigo	22	17	Dave Sisi(T) Marcello Violi(4P) Carlo Canna(T)	Tommaso Allan(2C/P) Alberto Sgarbi(2T)
Sun 23 Dec 18	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	8	10	Jamie Elliott(T) Carlo Canna(P)	Ian McKinley(C/P) Iliesa Ratuva Tavuyara(T)
Sat 29 Dec 18	Stadio Monigo	10	28	Carlo Canna(T/C/P)	Luca Bigi(T) Tommaso Allan(C/3P) Federico Ruzza(T) Ian McKinley(C) Michele Lamaro(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 15, Zebre won 4, Benetton won 11.

Did you know?

- Zebre's only victory since round 3 of the Guinness PRO14 was at home to Edinburgh in round 7.
- Zebre have won just three times in the PRO14 this season, all in Parma, against Isuzu Southern Kings, Cardiff Blues and Edinburgh.
- Benetton Rugby are without a victory in their last three Guinness PRO14 matches since their home win over Edinburgh in round 17.
- Benetton Rugby have lost only one of their last five away games in the Championship: 14-29 at Connacht on 22 March.
- Benetton's only defeat in their last seven encounters with Zebre was 17-22 at Stadio Monigo on this same weekend last year.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	23 Mar - Munster (A) L 12-31	22 Mar - Connacht (A) L 14-29
	6 Apr - Connacht (H) L 5-6	6 Apr - Leinster (A) D 27-27
	13 Apr - Scarlets (A) L 0-42	12 Apr - Munster (H) L 28-37
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 7th - W3 D0 L17 - 19pts	Conf B: 3rd - W10 D2 L8 - 52pts
PRO14 form	LILILI (2pts)	WWWIdL (15pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Mattia Bellini, Jamie Elliott, Carlo Canna, Francois Brummer, Apisai Tauyavuca	6 - Luca Sperandio
Top points scorer	83 - Carlo Canna	90 - Tommaso Allan