

ROUND 3 – PREVIEWS

History was made in Round 2 of the Guinness PRO14 as 53 tries were scored – more than in any other single round in Championship history. The previous record stood at 51 and Connacht were the side who ensured a new high-water mark during the final game of the weekend against Benetton Rugby, as Tom McCartney crossed to surpass the total and Kieran Marmion then added a 53rd for good measure.

Round 3 has a tall task to match the entertainment levels of Round 2's unparalleled scoring but a septet of mouth-watering fixtures means there are plenty of stories to follow. Two teams with perfect records so far – Conference A leaders Toyota Cheetahs and Conference B toppers Munster – begin the weekend with a clash in Bloemfontein, while Leinster and Edinburgh also square off with 100 per cent streaks on the line on Friday night.

The fifth team with two wins from two, Scarlets, host winless Zebre and Dean Ryan's Dragons – fresh off a first Guinness PRO14 away win in four-and-a-half years – return home to host Connacht.

Winless pair Ospreys and Benetton Rugby will face off at Liberty Stadium looking to kick-start their campaigns, as Isuzu Southern Kings host Ulster and Cardiff Blues travel to Glasgow Warriors. After recording four successive attendance highs for the Guinness PRO14 Final, tickets will be limited for this year's decider at Cardiff City Stadium on June 20 and fans are encouraged to take advantage of Early Bird prices to get the best seats at www.pro14rugby.org/final

What's at Stake

FRI – Toyota Cheetahs v Munster Rugby

Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein | KO 17:15 UK / 18:15 SA | Live: SuperSport 6, eir Sport 1, Premier Sports 1, DAZN

Toyota Cheetahs have started the season on fire, racking up a mammoth 16 tries and 111 points in the first two rounds – including a 63-26 win over Ulster last time out. They are a tough side to beat on South African soil but in Conference B leaders Munster, they face a challenging test in a team who also have two wins from two so far. Johann van Graan's side battled to a 31-20 triumph over Isuzu Southern Kings in Round 2 and if they leave Bloemfontein with a victory, that will be as successful a South African road trip as they could have asked for.

FRI – Dragons v Connacht Rugby

Rodney Parade, Newport | KO 19:35 UK | Live: Premier Sports 2, S4C, TG4 (exclusive), DAZN

Dragons head into this game on a massive high as a 52-28 victory over Zebre at Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi was their first away win in the Guinness PRO14 since March 2015. New coach Dean Ryan admitted afterwards that the triumph was a huge monkey off their back and his side could well play with a renewed freedom as they head back home to Rodney Parade. Connacht will hardly be a pushover however, as they brushed aside Benetton in Round 2 – cruising to a 41-5 success and rubber-stamping the new Championship single-round try record by crossing on six occasions.

FRI – Leinster Rugby v Edinburgh Rugby

RDS Arena, Dublin | KO 19:35 UK | Live: eir Sport 1, Premier Sports 1, DAZN, SuperSport 6

Two undefeated sides do battle in Dublin on Friday night as Leinster and Edinburgh go head to head at the RDS Arena. The defending champions have looked ominously good so far, even though many of their top players are currently at the World Cup. They blew the cobwebs off with a gritty win at Benetton Rugby before putting up more than 50 points in a home success against Ospreys. Edinburgh have a handsome win of their own in the locker, with a comfortable opening-day 50-12 success over Zebre. But it was an eight-point victory at Cardiff Blues in Round 2 that will perhaps please head coach Richard Cockerill most, a result which proves they have a steel as well as substance.

SAT – Scarlets v Zebre

Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli | KO 15:00 UK / 16:00 ITA | Live: FreeSports, eir Sport 2, DAZN

The Brad Mooar era has got off to an electric start at Scarlets and the 2016-17 champions will be confident of a third win on the spin against Zebre this week. Scarlets have seen off Connacht and Glasgow Warriors thus far, the latter on the road in a performance of real steel. Up front, they have benefitted from Rob Evans and Samson Lee's omission by the Wales national side, while Steff Evans has been outstanding on the wing, and Johnny McNicholl

has picked up right where he left off last year. In contrast, Zebre have bruises to tend to. They are yet to win in 2019 and were beaten at home by Dragons last weekend.

SAT – Isuzu Southern Kings v Ulster Rugby

Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth | KO 15:00 (UK) / 16:00 (SA) | Live: SuperSport 2, eir Sport 1, Premier Sports 2, DAZN

Isuzu Southern Kings have not won a Guinness PRO14 match since January and face a tall task against an Ulster side desperate to set the record straight. Ulster went down heavily to the Kings' South African rivals Toyota Cheetahs, shipping 63 points to the Championship's in-form attack. Worryingly for Ulster, the Kings also have pace in abundance and, in scrum-half Stefan Ungerer, a major try-scoring threat. Ulster have plenty of those too though, with Craig Gilroy – back in the side after 11 months out – crossing three times in two games so far. With one win and one defeat, they sit third in Conference A.

SAT – Glasgow Warriors v Cardiff Blues

Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow | KO 19:35 UK | Live: eir Sport 2, Premier Sports 1, DAZN, SuperSport 2

Two sides licking their wounds meet at Scotstoun on Saturday, as Glasgow Warriors host Cardiff Blues. The Warriors will hope for a better result than when they last hosted a Welsh region, with Scarlets taking the spoils in a thriller last weekend. Glasgow were outplayed for much of that battle but fought back impressively, with centre Huw Jones showing glimpses of the form that turned him into one of the Guinness PRO14's most devastating centres.

The Blues also suffered a home defeat on Saturday, as Edinburgh left the Welsh capital with an eight-point win. Both sides sit fifth in their respective conferences heading into Round 3.

SAT – Ospreys v Benetton Rugby

Liberty Stadium, Swansea | KO 19:35 UK / 20:35 ITA | Live on eir Sport 1, Premier Sports 2, S4C, DAZN

Ospreys and Benetton Rugby are both in need of an early-season boost and at least one of them will get that when they square off at Liberty Stadium this week. Ospreys have opened with a pair of heavy away defeats to Ulster and defending champions Leinster, while Benetton have also been on the wrong end of a result against the title holders, before Connacht left them down in the dumps. Both sides last victory came in Round 21 last season, a result which secured Benetton a spot in the Guinness PRO14 Finals Series for the first time.

NEW GUINNESS PRO14 CONFERENCES

Conference A

Glasgow Warriors, Leinster Rugby, Ulster Rugby, Ospreys Rugby, Dragons Rugby, Zebre Rugby Club, Toyota Cheetahs.

Conference B

Edinburgh Rugby, Munster Rugby, Connacht Rugby, Cardiff Blues, Scarlets, Benetton Rugby, Isuzu Southern Kings.

Friday 11 October

LEINSTER RUGBY v EDINBURGH RUGBY

At RDS Arena, Dublin, 7.35pm

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 60th competition game)

Assistant Referees: George Clancy (IRFU), Wayne Davies (WRU)

TMO: Sen Brickell (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Tim Lowry (IRFU)

Live on



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Date	Venue	L	E	Leinster scorers	Edinburgh Rugby scorers
Fri 16 Sep 16	BT Murrayfield	33	20	Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Dan Leavy(2T) Isa Nacewa(T/4C)	Duncan Weir(C/P) Mike Allen(T) Magnus Bradbury(T) Hamish Watson(T)
Fri 17 Feb 17	RDS Arena	39	10	Ross Byrne(3C) Barry Daly(2T) Bryan Byrne(T) Joey Carbery(2T/P) Dan Leavy(T)	Duncan Weir(T/C/P)
Fri 29 Sep 17	RDS Arena	21	13	Ross Byrne(C) Jordi Murphy(T) Joey Carbery(T) Jamison Gibson-Park(T) Johnny Sexton(2C)	Jason Tovey(T/C/2P)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Myreside	24	29	Ross Byrne(2C) Max Deegan(T) Barry Daly(2T) Scott Fardy(T)	Nathan Fowles(T) Duhan van der Merwe(T) Jaco van der Walt(C) Mark Bennett(T) Sam Hidalgo-Clyne(C) Murray McCallum(T) Luke Crosbie(T)
Sat 22 Sep 18	RDS Arena	31	7	James Lowe(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Jordan Larmour(T) Fergus McFadden(T) Johnny Sexton(T/3C)	Jaco van der Walt(C) Magnus Bradbury(T)
Fri 22 Mar 19	BT Murrayfield	11	28	Ciaran Frawley(2P) Sean Cronin(T)	Jaco van der Walt(2C) Viliame Mata(T) Willem Nel(T) Ross Ford(T) Simon Hickey(C) Penalty Try(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Leinster won 20, Edinburgh won 12.

Did you know?

- The only previous time that Leinster have begun a Guinness PRO14 season with three successive wins since 2003/04 was in 2017 when they went on to take the title.
- Leinster's only defeat at the RDS Arena since April 2018 was to Glasgow in April 2019.
- The Leinstermen's recent record against Scottish opponents in the Championship is won two, lost four.
- Edinburgh also have a 100per cent winning record after two rounds but have not won their opening three matches since 2015/16.
- Edinburgh's only victory over an Irish province in any competition for the last twelve months was against Leinster at BT Murrayfield in the Guinness PRO14 in March.
- The last five meetings between the two sides have all been won by the home team on the day whilst Edinburgh's most recent victory in Dublin was at Donny brook in November 2005.

COMPARISON	Leinster	Edinburgh
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 May - Glasgow (N) W 18-15	27 Apr - Glasgow (A) L 10-34
	28 Sep - Treviso (A) W 32-27	28 Sep - Zebre (H) W 50-15
	4 Oct - Ospreys (H) W 53-5	5 Oct - Cardiff Blues (A) W 19-11
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 2nd - W2 D0 L0 - 10pts	Conf B: 2nd - W2 D0 L0 - 9pts
PRO14 form	wW (10pts)	Ww (9pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Ronan Kelleher, Dave Kearney	4 - Mark Bennett
Top points scorer	20 - Ross Byrne	27 - Jaco van der Walt

Friday 11 October

DRAGONS v CONNACHT RUGBY

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 7.35pm.

Live on



Referee: Marius Mitrea (FIR, 91st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones (WRU), Federico Vedovelli (FIR)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Denis Jones (WRU)

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Date	Venue	D	C	Dragons scorers	Connacht scorers
Fri 4 Sep 15	Sportsground	23	29	Tom Prydie(P) James Thomas(T) Jason Tovey(2C/2P) Sarel Pretorius(T)	Danie Poolman(T) Nepia Fox-Matamua(T) Jack Carty(C/4P) Fionn Carr(T)
Thu 11 Feb 16	Rodney Parade	21	26	Angus O'Brien(C/2P) Adam Hughes(T) Jason Tovey(P) Ashton Hewitt(T)	Matt Healy(T) Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Eoghan Masterson(T) Bundee Aki(T) Craig Ronaldson(3C)
Fri 4 Nov 16	Rodney Parade	21	16	Angus O'Brien(C/2D/P) Ashton Hewitt(2T)	Jack Carty(C/3P) Niyi Adeolokun(T)
Sat 18 Feb 17	Sportsground	9	14	Angus O'Brien(3P)	Tiernan O'Halloran(T) Caolin Blade(T) Craig Ronaldson(2C)
Fri 15 Sep 17	Rodney Parade	21	8	Elliot Dee(T) Hallam Amos(T) Gavin Henson(C/3P)	Jack Carty(P) Quinn Roux(T)
Sat 3 Nov 18	Sportsground	12	33	Hallam Amos(T) Taine Basham(T) Jason Tovey(C)	Colby Fainga'a(T) David Horwitz(3C) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(C) James Cannon(T) Darragh Leader(T) Tom McCartney(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Dragons won 11, Connacht won 19.

Did you know?

- Dragons were victorious 52-28 at Zebre last weekend but have not won back-to-back fixtures in Guinness PRO14 since November 2016.
- Dragons have lost their last two matches at Rodney Parade in the Championship, since beating Ospreys there by a single point last December.
- The Welshmen's most recent victory over an Irish province was in this equivalent fixture against Connacht at Rodney Parade two years ago.
- Connacht's 41-5 victory over Benetton on Saturday ended a three-game losing run in Guinness PRO14.
- The Irishmen have won just once away from home in the Championship since last December by a single point in 11 against Zebre in Parma in April.
- Connacht's most recent victory in Wales was 19-13 at Cardiff Blues in February 2017.
- The last four fixtures between the two teams have all been won by the home side on the day, Connacht's most recent success at Rodney Parade was in February 2016.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Connacht
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Apr - Scarlets (H) W 34-32	4 May - Ulster (A) L 13-21
	28 Sep - Munster (A) L 9-39	28 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 10-18
	5 Oct - Zebre (A) W 52-28	5 Oct - Treviso (H) W 41-5
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 4th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts	Conf B: 4th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts
PRO14 form	lw (5pts)	IW (5pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Owen Jenkins	2 - Tom McCartney, Caolin Blade
Top points scorer	24 - Sam Davies	14 - Conor Fitzgerald

Friday 11 October

TOYOTA CHEETAHS v MUNSTER RUGBY

At Toyota Stadium, Bloemfontein, 6.15pm.

Live on

Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 37th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Griffin Colby, Paul Mente (both SARU),

TMO: Lourens van der Merve (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



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Date	Venue	T	M	Toyota Cheetahs scorers	Munster scorers
Sat 9 Sep 17	Thomond Park	18	51	William Small-Smith(T) Henco Venter(T) Robbie Petzer(C/2P)	Chris Farrell(T) Ian Keatley(4C/P) Jean Kleyn(T) Tommy O'Donnell(T) Alex Wootton(4T) Simon Zebo(T)
Fri 13 Apr 18	Toyota Stadium	17	19	Tian Meyer(T) Johan Goosen(2C/P) Clayton Blommetjies(T)	Conor Murray(T/P) JJ Hanrahan(C/3P)
Sat 1 Sep 18	Thomond Park	0	38		Dave Kilcoyne(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Rory Scannell(T) Dave O'Callaghan(T) JJ Hanrahan(T/4C) Tommy O'Donnell(T)
Sun 4 Nov 18	Toyota Stadium	26	30	Tian Schoeman(3C) Rhyno Smith(T) Joseph Dweba(2T) Ox Nche(T)	Mike Haley(T) Kevin O'Byrne(T) Arno Botha(T) Rory Scannell(P) Bill Johnston(2C/P) Liam Coombes(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 4 Munster won 4.

Did you know?

- Toyota Cheetahs have won their last four Guinness PRO14 encounters but have never before won five in succession since they joined the competition in 2017.
- Cheetahs 63-26 victory over Ulster in Bloemfontein last weekend was their first victory over an Irish province since beating Connacht by a solitary point at the same venue in March 2018.
- Munster have won their opening two games of the new campaign, at home to Dragons and away to Isuzu Southern Kings.
- The Munstermen's only defeat in their last four away games in all tournaments was to Leinster in last season's Guinness PRO14 semi-final.
- Munster have won all seven previous fixtures they have played against South African opponents in the Championship.
- The two sides have met on four previous occasion in the Guinness PRO14 with Munster successful each time.

COMPARISON	Cheetahs	Munster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Apr - Southern Kings (H) W 61-25	18 May - Leinster (A) L 9-24
	27 Sep - Glasgow (H) W 48-14	28 Sep - Dragons (H) W 39-9
	5 Oct - Ulster (H) W 63-26	5 Oct - Southern Kings (A) W 31-20
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 1st - W2 D0 L0 - 10pts	Conf B: 1st - W2 D0 L0 - 10pts
PRO14 form	WW (10pts)	Ww (10pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Rhyno Smith	2 - Arno Botha
Top points scorer	30 - Ruan Pienaar	25 - JJ Hanrahan

SCARLETS v ZEBRE RUGBY

At Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, 3pm.

Live on

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Referee: Rasta Rasivhenge (SARU, 2nd competition game)

Assistant Referees: Dan Jones, Justin Williams (both WRU)

TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)

Citing Commissioner: Chris Morgan (WRU)

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Date	Venue	S	Z	Scarlets scorers	Zebre scorers
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) Tadhg Beirne(T) Aled Davies(T) Paul Asquith(T)	Mattia Bellini(T) Carlo Canna(C/P)
Sat 13 Apr 19	Parc y Scarlets	42	0	Johnny McNicholl(T) Uzair Cassiem(2T) Kieran Hardy(T) Ioan Nicholas(T) Hadleigh Parkes(T) Leigh Halfpenny(6C)	

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 12, Scarlets won 11 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Scarlets have won both fixtures in their new Guinness PRO14 campaign but have not won three in succession in the Championship for twelve months.
- Scarlets only defeat in the last seven matches at Parc y Scarlets in all tournaments was to Edinburgh in round 19 last season.
- The Welshmen's last four fixtures against Italian opponents have all been won by the home side on the day.
- Zebra's most recent victory in Guinness PRO14 was 34-16 at home to Edinburgh on 26 October 2018, whilst they have not won outside of Italy in the Championship since a trip to Connacht in February 2018.
- The two sides have met on twelve previous occasions with the only game not being won by Scarlets ending in a 16-all draw in Parma in October 2013.
- Zebre have won just once in 26 previous visits to Wales.

COMPARISON	Scarlets	Zebre
Last 3 PRO14 results:	18 May - Ospreys (A) L 10-21	27 Apr - Treviso (H) L 11-25
	28 Sep - Connacht (H) W 18-10	28 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 15-50
	4 Oct - Glasgow (A) W 25-21	5 Oct - Dragons (H) L 28-52
PRO14 2019/20	Conf B: 3rd - W2 D0 L0 - 8pts	Conf A: 6th - W0 D0 L2 - 1pts
PRO14 form	Ww (8pts)	IL (1pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Paul Asquith, Steff Evans	2 - Giovanni Licata
Top points scorer	16 - Dan Jones	10 - Giovanni Licata

Saturday 12 October

ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS v ULSTER RUGBY

At Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Port Elizabeth, 4pm. *Live on*

Referee: Craig Evans (WRU, 6th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ian Davies (WRU), Ben Crouse (SARU)

TMO: Johan Greeff (SARU)

Citing Commissioner: TBC



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Date	Venue	I	U	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers	Ulster scorers
Sat 4 Nov 17	Isaac Wolfson Stadium	36	43	Michael Makase(T) Oliver Zono(3C/P) Yaw Penxe(2T) Kurt Coleman(C) Berton Klaasen(2T)	Sean Reidy(T) Clive Ross(T) John Cooney(T/C) John Andrew(2T) Christian Leali'ifano(3C) Andrew Trimble(T) Robbie Diack(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Kingspan Stadium	10	59	Masixole Banda(P) Harlon Klaasen(T) Benhard Janse van Rensburg(C)	Craig Gilroy(3T) Stuart McCloskey(T) Rob Lyttle(2T) John Cooney(7C) Kieran Treadwell(T) Darren Cave(T) Johnny McPhillips(T)
Sun 16 Sep 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	7	28	Mike Willemse(T) Masixole Banda(C)	Billy Burns(C) Angus Kernohan(T) John Cooney(3P) Marcell Coetzee(T) Peter Nelson(C) Angus Curtis(T)
Sat 23 Mar 19	Kingspan Stadium	19	33	Mike Willemse(T) Yaw Penxe(T) Bader Pretorius(2C) Ulrich Beyers(T)	Billy Burns(3C) Stuart McCloskey(T) Rob Lyttle(T) Robert Baloucoune(T) John Cooney(C) Marcell Coetzee(T) John Andrew(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 4, Ulster won 4.

Did you know?

- Isuzu Southern Kings have lost their last four Guinness PRO14 fixtures since their 18-all draw with Dragons at Madibaz Stadium in April.
- Kings most recent victory at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium was against Dragons in March 2018.
- The south African's record against Irish province in Premiership Rugby is played thirteen lost thirteen.
- Ulster's last two away games in Guinness PRO14 have both ended in defeat, 20-50 to Scarlets in last season's semi-final and 26-63 last weekend in Bloemfontein.
- Ulster's loss to Cheetahs in round 2 was their first reversal to a South African opponent in the Championship.
- The two sides have met on four previous occasions in Guinness PRO14 with Ulster winning them all.

COMPARISON	Kings	Ulster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Apr - Cheetahs (A) L 25-61	17 May - Glasgow (A) L 20-50
	28 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) L 27-31	27 Sep - Ospreys (H) W 38-14
	5 Oct - Munster (H) L 20-31	5 Oct - Cheetahs (A) L 26-63
PRO14 2019/20	Conf B: 6th - W0 D0 L2 - 1pts	Conf A: 3rd - W1 D0 L1 - 6pts
PRO14 form	LL (1pts)	WI (6pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Stefan Ungerer	3 - Craig Gilroy
Top points scorer	22 - Demetri Catrakilis	15 - Craig Gilroy

Saturday 12 October

GLASGOW WARRIORS v CARDIFF BLUES

At Scotstoun Stadium, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Sean Gallagher (IRFU, 16th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Ben Blain (SRU), Johnny Erskine (IRFU)

TMO: Brian MacNeice (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Douglas Hunter (SRU)



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Date	Venue	G	C	Glasgow Warriors scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Fri 16 Sep 16	Cardiff Arms Park	19	23	Pete Horne(T) Ali Price(T) Stuart Hogg(T) Rory Clegg(2C)	Rey Lee-Lo(T) Gareth Anscombe(2C/2P) Steve Shingler(P) Alex Cuthbert(T)
Sat 7 Jan 17	Scotstoun Stadium	29	15	Finn Russell(3C/P) James Malcolm(T) Pat MacArthur(T) Peter Murchie(2T)	Steve Shingler(C/P) Blaine Scully(T) Rhun Williams(T)
Sat 16 Sep 17	Cardiff Arms Park	20	19	Henry Pyrgos(T) Finn Russell(2C/2P) Lee Jones(T)	Steve Shingler(C/4P) Tom James(T)
Fri 1 Dec 17	Scotstoun Stadium	40	16	Pete Horne(5C) Leonardo Sarto(T) Sam Johnson(T) Nikola Matawalu(T) Alex Dunbar(T) Ruaridh Jackson(T) Samu Vunisa(T)	Macauley Cook(T) Jarrod Evans(C/3P)
Fri 23 Nov 18	Scotstoun Stadium	40	15	Pete Horne(5C) Callum Gibbins(T) Rory Hughes(T) Adam Ashe(T) Nikola Matawalu(2T) Tommy Seymour(T)	Kristian Dacey(T) Jarrod Evans(T/C/P)
Sat 16 Feb 19	Cardiff Arms Park	38	34	Pete Horne(T/5C/P) Nick Frisby(T) Ali Price(T) Tevita Tameilau(T) Nick Grigg(T)	Aled Summerhill(3T) Owen Lane(T) Jarrod Evans(3C/P) Garryn Smith(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Glasgow won 21, Blues won 11.

Did you know?

- Last season's finalist, Glasgow Warriors, have been defeated in the opening two rounds, at Cheetahs and at home to Scarlets, but have never lost their opening three matches of a new campaign since the Championship went home and away in 2003/04.
- The Warriors have not lost successive matches at Scotstoun since December 2016.
- Cardiff Blues only win in the last five rounds of Guinness PRO14 was 31-27 at Southern Kings in round 1.
- Blues only victory in their last seven fixtures with Scottish opponents in the Championship was 19-17 against Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield in February.
- Glasgow have lost just once to Cardiff Blues in Guinness PRO14 since February 2011: 19-23 at the Arms Park in September 2016.

COMPARISON	Glasgow	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	25 May - Leinster (N) L 15-18	27 Apr - Ospreys (H) L 23-26
	27 Sep - Cheetahs (A) L 14-48	28 Sep - Southern Kings (A) W 31-27
	4 Oct - Scarlets (H) L 21-25	5 Oct - Edinburgh (H) L 11-19
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 5th - W0 D0 L2 - 1pts	Conf B: 5th - W1 D0 L1 - 5pts
PRO14 form	IL (1pts)	wL (5pts)
Top try scorer	1 - Nick Frisby, Robbie Nairn, Brandon Thomson, Stafford MacDowell	1 - Liam Belcher, Owen Lane, Kristian Dacey, Matthew Morgan, Olly Robinson, Harri Millard
Top points scorer	20 - Brandon Thomson	12 - Jarrod Evans

Round 3: 11 & 12 Oct 2019

Saturday 12 October

OSPREYS RUGBY v BENETTON RUGBY

At Liberty Stadium, Swansea, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 26th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Gwyn Morris (WRU), Simon Rees (WRU)
 TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Ray Wilton (WRU)



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Date	Venue	O	B	Ospreys scorers	Benetton Rugby scorers
Sat 17 Oct 15	Stadio Monigo	25	22	Sam Davies(T/2C/2P) Ben John(T) Dan Evans(T)	Luca Bigi(T) James Ambrosini(T) Jayden Hayward(T/2C/P)
Fri 15 Apr 16	Liberty Stadium	47	10	Olly Cracknell(T) Dan Baker(T) Dan Biggar(6C) Ben John(T) Hanno Dirksen(T) Owen Watkin(T) Dan Evans(2T)	Sam Christie(C) Jayden Hayward(P) Alberto Sgarbi(T)
Sat 17 Sep 16	Liberty Stadium	64	10	Dafydd Howells(T) Sam Davies(4C/P) Keelan Giles(T) Jeff Hassler(T) Ma'afu Fia(T) Dan Biggar(4C) Ben John(T) Sam Parry(T) Alun Wyn Jones(T) Penalty Try(T) Dan Evans(T)	Tommaso Allan(P) Ian McKinley(C) Dean Budd(T)
Sat 25 Mar 17	Stadio Monigo	5	13	Keelan Giles(T)	Ian McKinley(P) Alberto Sgarbi(T) Tito Tebaldi(C/P)
Fri 22 Sep 17	Stadio Monigo	6	16	Sam Davies(P) Dan Biggar(P)	Marty Banks(P) Ian McKinley(C/2P) Francesco Minto(T)
Sat 22 Sep 18	Liberty Stadium	27	10	Sam Davies(T/3C/2P) Justin Tipuric(T) Dan Evans(T)	Braam Steyn(T) Antonio Rizzi(P) Ian McKinley(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 16, Ospreys won 13, Benetton won 3.

Did you know?

- Ospreys Rugby have lost both their opening encounters in Guinness PRO14, both away from home to Irish provinces.
- Ospreys have won their last two Championship matches at Liberty Stadium, against Dragons and Scarlets.
- Ospreys record at home to Italian opponents in all competitions is played 23, won twenty-three.
- Benetton Rugby have lost their last three Guinness PRO14 fixtures since beating Zebre 25-11 in Parma in round 21 last season.
- The Italians have won their last two matches against Welsh regions, but their only two victories in Wales since May 2013 were both at the Dragons in Guinness PRO14, in February and September 2018.
- The last five fixtures between the two sides have all been won by the home team on the day whilst Benetton have failed to tally a single league point in any of their twelve previous visits to Liberty Stadium in all tournaments.

COMPARISON	Ospreys	Benetton
Last 3 PRO14 results:	18 May - Scarlets (H) W 21-10	4 May - Munster (A) L 13-15
	27 Sep - Ulster (A) L 14-38	28 Sep - Leinster (H) L 27-32
	4 Oct - Leinster (A) L 5-53	5 Oct - Connacht (A) L 5-41
PRO14 2018/19	Conf A: 7th - W0 D0 L2 - 0pts	Conf B: 7th - W0 D0 L2 - 1pts
PRO14 form	11 (0pts)	11 (1pts)
Top try scorer	1 - Luke Morgan, Dan Evans	2 - Luca Sperandio
Top points scorer	9 - Luke Price	12 - Ian Keatley