

ROUND 4 – PREVIEWS

Round 4 of the Guinness PRO14 returns in style this weekend after a much-storied previous round where the undefeated Championship sides were whittled down to three.

Two of them also have a full rack of bonus points. Toyota Cheetahs and Leinster Rugby are jostling for position at the top of Conference A on 15 points, with the South Africans having swept aside Munster 40-16 last time out and Leinster recording a very similar scoreline – 40-14 - at home to Edinburgh.

The Cheetahs start their European tour at a very tricky place to travel – Connacht Rugby’s Sportsground – with Andy Friend’s side in excellent form having played some scintillating rugby at Dragons last time out – young fly-half Conor Fitzgerald pulling some tuneful strings.

Elsewhere in Conference A Leinster are at Zebre, Ulster host Cardiff Blues and there’s a mid-table battle as Glasgow Warriors travel to Dragons looking to build on their first win – an intense 17-13 over the Blues at Scotstoun. The action kicks off on Friday as Munster welcome Ospreys to Irish Independent Park, Johann van Graan’s men looking to bounce back from that defeat to Cheetahs and the Welsh region looking to build on Round 3 success against Benetton.

Elsewhere on Saturday Benetton and Isuzu Southern Kings are both without a win – they trade blows in Italy, while it all rounds off with a blockbuster finish in the evening as the other undefeated side – Scarlets - travel up to Edinburgh. Conference B is already stacking up as one of the most competitive ever, and Richard Cockerill’s men will be desperate to rein in Brad Mooar’s rejuvenated west Walians.

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 – Munster Rugby v Ospreys

Irish Independent Park, Cork | KO 19:35 | Live: eir sport 1, Premier Sports 2, TG4, DAZN, PRO14.tv

If Ospreys are looking for inspiration for this one then look no further than their visit to Cork in February 2016, when they overcame Munster 21-17 in a memorable performance. Since then the Munstermen have taken revenge, winning their last seven against the Welsh region, but what better time for Ospreys to buck that trend than during the World Cup season? They possess miracle man Sam Parry in their ranks of course, the hooker now the only forward to score two hat-tricks in Championship history, Scott Williams grabbing their other try against Benetton. Munster conceded six tries in Bloemfontein but with first-rate players like Mike Haley, Rory Scannell and Tyler Bleyendaal in their ranks – expect a response.

FRI – Ulster Rugby v Cardiff Blues

Kingspan Stadium, Belfast | KO 19:35 UK | Live on S4C, eir Sport 2, DAZN, Premier Sports 1

Cardiff Blues head to the Old Smoke of Belfast with the numbers stacked against them as they look to unseat Ulster on Friday night. The hosts are unbeaten on home soil for a year, with a favourable record against Welsh regions to boot, and will be keen to keep up the pace at the summit of Conference A after the electric starts made to the Guinness PRO14 by both Leinster and the Toyota Cheetahs. The Blues are without a win since a Round 1 triumph at the Isuzu Southern Kings, but have shown battling resolve in their latest defeats, something that they will look to convert into victory this time around.

SAT – Dragons v Glasgow Warriors

Rodney Parade, Newport | KO 15:00 UK | Live on Premier Sports 2, DAZN

Two sides with points to prove do battle on the bank of the River Usk as Glasgow Warriors enter the Dragons’ den. After putting a stop to their three-game losing run in Guinness PRO14 action, the visiting Warriors will be desperate to underline their credentials as they look to replicate last season’s run all the way to the showpiece. The Dragons, meanwhile, failed to back up their away-day win at Zebre in Round 2, with Connacht running out 38-14 winners at Rodney Parade last time out. They are winless against the Warriors since February 2014, although will look to last season’s 15-15 draw in the same fixture for inspiration on Saturday.

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SAT – Benetton Rugby v Isuzu Southern Kings

Stadio Monigo, Treviso | KO 15:00 (UK) / 16:00 (ITA) | Live on eir sport 2, FreeSports, Supersport 2, DAZN, PRO14.tv

Conference B's bottom two sides meet in Treviso on Saturday as Benetton host Isuzu Southern Kings. Kieran Crowley's side have, perhaps, been a little unlucky so far coming out on the losing end of two tight contests against Leinster and Ospreys in Round 1 and Round 3 respectively. Between that, the Italians were soundly beaten by Connacht and their creativity seems to be a problem having scored the joint second fewest amount of points in the entire competition so far. The Kings put in spirited performances in the opening two rounds but were soundly beaten by Ulster 42-17 last time out, and have never beaten Benetton in the Guinness PRO14.

SAT – Connacht v Toyota Cheetahs

The Sportsground, Galway | KO 17:15 (UK) / 18:15 (SA) | Live on eir sport 2, Premier Sports 1, SuperSport 2, TG4, DAZN, PRO14.tv

Currently enjoying their best-ever run in Guinness PRO14, having won five matches on the spin in Bloemfontein, Toyota Cheetahs must now do it the hard way on their travels and their first task comes in Ireland against Connacht. With three wins from three so far this season the Cheetahs sit top of Conference A on points difference but have not yet won on a trip to Ireland so will know they face a stiff task. Connacht have responded to their opening game defeat to Scarlets with back-to-back wins and have only lost to South African opposition once in the Championship, a statistic they will be aiming to maintain to secure a third straight victory.

SAT – Zebre Rugby Club v Leinster Rugby

Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma | KO 17:15 (UK) / 18:15 (ITA) | Live on eir sport 1, Premier Sports 2, DAZN, PRO14.tv

Two sides at opposite ends of Conference A do battle on Saturday as high-flying Leinster travel to Parma to take on bottom side Zebre. Leinster have taken three bonus-point wins from three games so far and, worryingly for the rest of the league, further reinforcements are on the horizon following Ireland's World Cup exit in Japan. Another five-point win this weekend would see Leo Cullen's troops become the first side in Championship history to amass 20 points from the first four rounds. Zebre face a tall task to prevent that as they have lost all 12 times they've faced Leinster and their last Guinness PRO14 victory of any description came against Edinburgh way back in Round 7 last season.

SAT – Edinburgh v Scarlets

BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh | KO 19:35 UK | Live on eir sport 2, Premier Sports 2, SuperSport 2, DAZN, PRO14.tv; Deferred: Sunday 14:05 on S4C

Just four points separates leaders Scarlets and fourth-placed Edinburgh in a remarkably hotly-contested Conference B and the Welsh side will be eyeing a fourth straight league victory, for the first time since November 2017, under new coach Brad Mooar. But Edinburgh's home record is formidable – they have lost only twice at BT Murrayfield in the Guinness PRO14 since April 2018 and haven't been beaten by the Scarlets there in six years. Mooar's men are the highest scorers in Conference B this term and will need to rack up more points in order to snap their three-game losing streak against Edinburgh.

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 26 October

ULSTER RUGBY v CARDIFF BLUES

At Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, 7.35pm Live on
 Referee: Mike Adamson (SRU, 38th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU), David Sutherland (SRU)
 TMO: Neil Patterson (SRU)
 Citing Commissioner: Eddie Walsh (IRFU)



HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	U	C	Ulster scorers	Cardiff Blues scorers
Fri 23 Oct 15	Kingspan Stadium	24	17	Stuart McCloskey(T) Ian Humphreys(2C) Paul Marshall(T) Nick Williams(T) Andrew Trimble(T)	Rhys Patchell(4P) Josh Navidi(T)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Cardiff Arms Park	13	23	Paddy Jackson(C/2P) Craig Gilroy(T)	Rhys Patchell(T/2C/3P) Aled Summerhill(T)
Sat 3 Dec 16	Cardiff Arms Park	35	22	Kyle McCall(T) Stuart McCloskey(T) Charles Piutau(T) Chris Henry(T) Ruan Pienaar(5C) Louis Ludik(T)	Willis Halaholo(T) Steve Shingler(P) Kristian Dacey(T) Alex Cuthbert(T) Nicky Robinson(2C)
Fri 7 Apr 17	Kingspan Stadium	24	24	Paddy Jackson(T/3C/P) Luke Marshall(T) Penalty Try(T)	Rey Lee-Lo(2T) Gareth Anscombe(3C/P) Sam Warburton(T)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Cardiff Arms Park	17	35	Dave Shanahan(T) John Cooney(4P)	Kristian Dacey(T) Jarrod Evans(T/3C/3P) Dillon Lewis(T) Blaine Scully(T)
Sat 1 Dec 18	Kingspan Stadium	16	12	John Cooney(C/3P) Kieran Treadwell(T)	Kristian Dacey(T) Matthew Morgan(T) Jarrod Evans(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Ulster won 16, Blues won 13 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- The Ulstermen are unbeaten in their last dozen home fixtures in all competitions since Connacht defeated them in Belfast in the Guinness PRO14 twelve months ago.
- Ulster's only defeat to a Welsh region in any tournament since March 2018 was 12-29 on a visit to Scarlets in round 9 of the Championship last season.
- The only Welsh region to have been victorious at Kingspan Stadium in the last six years was Scarlets in February 2016.
- Cardiff Blues have won just one of their last six Guinness PRO14 encounters: 31-27 at Isuzu Southern Kings in round 1.
- Last season The Blues record against Irish opponents was won two, lost four.
- The Welshmen have won just once away at an Irish province in the last three years: 17-15 at Connacht in September 2017.
- The Blues have won just two of their last eight fixtures against Ulster, both at the Arms Park, in February 2016 and March 2018, whilst their most recent victory in Belfast came in April 2010.

COMPARISON	Ulster	Blues
Last 3 PRO14 results:	27 Sep - Ospreys (H) W 38-14 5 Oct - Cheetahs (A) L 26-63 12 Oct - Southern Kings (A) W 42-17	28 Sep - Southern Kings (A) W 31-27 5 Oct - Edinburgh (H) L 11-19 12 Oct - Glasgow (A) L 13-17
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 3rd - W2 D0 L1 - 11pts	Conf B: 5th - W1 D0 L2 - 6pts
PRO14 form	Wlw (11pts)	wLI (6pts)
Top try scorer	3 - Craig Gilroy	1 - Harri Millard, Olly Robinson, Matthew Morgan, Liam Belcher, Kristian Dacey, Aled Summerhill, Owen Lane
Top points scorer	35 - John Cooney	20 - Jarrod Evans

Friday 25 October

MUNSTER RUGBY v OSPREYS RUGBY

At Irish Independent Park, Cork, 7.35pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Stuart Berry (SARU, 26th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Nigel Correll, Paul Haycock (both IRFU)
 TMO: Charles Samson (SRU)
 Citing Commissioner: Peter Ferguson (IRFU)



HEAD TO HEAD - RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Venue	M	O	Munster scorers	Ospreys scorers
Sat 18 Feb 17	Liberty Stadium	25	23	Dave Kilcoyne(T) Jack O'Donoghue(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(2C/2P) Francis Saili(T)	Sam Davies(2C/3P) Hanno Dirksen(T) Kieron Fonotia(T)
Sat 20 May 17	Thomond Park (SF)	23"	3	Andrew Conway(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C/2P) Francis Saili(T) Simon Zebo(T)	Dan Biggar(P)
Sat 16 Sep 17	Liberty Stadium	21	16	Darren Sweetnam(T) Tyler Bleyendaal(C/3P) Jean Kleyn(T)	Sam Davies(C/3P) James Hook(T)
Sat 2 Dec 17	Irish Independent Park	36	10	Jack O'Donoghue(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Sammy Arnold(T) Rory Scannell(T) Chris Cloete(T) Ian Keatley(4C/P)	Jeff Hassler(T) Will Jones(T)
Fri 14 Sep 18	Irish Independent Park	49	13	James Cronin(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) Rhys Marshall(2T) Arno Botha(T) Joey Carbery(T/5C) Ian Keatley(C) Penalty Try(T)	Luke Morgan(T) Sam Davies(C/2P)
Fri 22 Feb 19	Liberty Stadium	19	13	Mike Haley(T) Darren Sweetnam(T) JJ Hanrahan(C) Penalty Try(T)	Luke Price(C/2P) Hanno Dirksen(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 36, Munster won 20, Ospreys won 15 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Munster Rugby have been defeated just twice in Guinness PRO14 since March, both on the road, to Leinster in last season's semi-final and at Cheetahs in round 3.
- The Munstermen are unbeaten in their last twenty-three home games in all competitions since Leinster beat them at Thomond Park in the Championship in December 2017.
- Munster have won their last eleven fixtures in Cork since Cardiff Blues beat them there by a single point in September 2016.
- Ospreys only two defeats in their last eight Guinness PRO14 fixtures were both away from home to Irish provinces Ulster and Leinster in rounds 1 and 2.
- Osprey have lost their last six matches against Irish opponents since they beat Connacht in Bridgend on this weekend last year.
- The Welshmen's most recent success on a trip to Ireland was when they visited Connacht in September 2016.
- Munster have won their last seven encounters against Ospreys since the Welsh region's 21-17 victory at Irish Independent Park in February 2016

COMPARISON	Munster	Ospreys
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Dragons (H) W 39-9	27 Sep - Ulster (A) L 14-38
	5 Oct - Southern Kings (A) W 31-20	4 Oct - Leinster (A) L 5-53
	11 Oct - Cheetahs (A) L 16-40	12 Oct - Treviso (H) W 24-20
PRO14 2019/20	Conf B: 3rd - W2 D0 L1 - 10pts	Conf A: 6th - W1 D0 L2 - 5pts
PRO14 form	Wwl (10pts)	llW (5pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Arno Botha	3 - Sam Parry
Top points scorer	27 - JJ Hanrahan	15 - Sam Parry

Saturday 26 October

BENETTON RUGBY v ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS

At Stadio Monigo, Treviso, 4pm.

Live on

Referee: Dan Jones (WRU, 27th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Marius Mitrea (FIR), Dai Cambourne (WRU)

TMO: Tim Hayes (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Claudio Blessano (FIR)



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Date	Venue	B	I	Benetton Rugby scorers	Isuzu Southern Kings scorers
Sat 7 Oct 17	Stadio Monigo	31	3	Marco Barbini(T) Cherif Traore(T) Marty Banks(3P) Angelo Esposito(2T) Ian McKinley(C)	Pieter-Steyn de Wet(P)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Nelson Mandela Bay	36	35	Braam Steyn(T) Marco Lazzaroni(T) Tommaso Iannone(T) Tomas Baravalle(T) Marty Banks(T/4C/P)	Luzuko Vulindle(T) Ruaan Lerm(T) Masixole Banda(2C) Kurt Coleman(2C) Berton Klaasen(T) Godlen Masimla(T) Penalty Try(T)
Sat 6 Oct 18	Stadio Monigo	28	5	Luca Bigi(T) Tommaso Allan(2C) Penalty Try(2T) Dewaldt Duvénage(T)	Yaw Penxe(T)
Sat 1 Dec 18	NMU (Madibaz) Stadium	22	19	Hame Faiva(3T) Monty Ioane(T) Ian McKinley(C)	Masixole Banda(2C) Luvuyo Pupuma(T) Tertius Kruger(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 4 Benetton won 4.

Did you know?

- Benetton Rugby have lost their last four Guinness PRO14 matches since beating Zebre in Parma in round 21 last season, whilst they have not begun a season with four successive defeats since 2015/16.
- The Italian's record against South African opponents in the Championship is won five, lost one, with the defeat being on a visit to Toyota Cheetahs in November 2018.
- Isuzu Southern Kings have lost their last five Guinness PRO14 matches since they drew 18-all with Dragons at Madibaz Stadium on 7 April.
- Kings are yet to taste victory away from home in the Championship.
- Benetton have won all four previous fixtures they have played against Kings in Guinness PRO14

COMPARISON	Benetton	Kings
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Leinster (H) L 27-32	28 Sep - Cardiff Blues (H) L 27-31
	5 Oct - Connacht (A) L 5-41	5 Oct - Munster (H) L 20-31
	12 Oct - Ospreys (A) L 20-24	12 Oct - Ulster (H) L 17-42
PRO14 2019/20	Conf B: 6th - W0 D0 L3 - 2pts	Conf B: 7th - W0 D0 L3 - 1pts
PRO14 form	LII (2pts)	LLL (1pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Luca Sperandio	2 - Stefan Ungerer
Top points scorer	18 - Ian Keatley	27 - Demetri Catrakilis

Saturday 26 October

DRAGONS v GLASGOW WARRIORS

At Rodney Parade, Newport, 3pm. *Live on*
 Referee: George Clancy (IRFU, 117th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Simon Rees (WRU), Chris Busby (IRFU)
 TMO: Simon McDowell (IRFU)
 Citing Commissioner: Gwyn Bowden (WRU)

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Date	Venue	D	G	Dragons scorers	Glasgow Warriors scorers
Fri 16 Oct 15	Scotstoun Stadium	15	29	Jason Tovey(C/P) Ashton Hewitt(T) Rynard Landman(T)	Chris Fusaro(T) Rory Clegg(3C/P) Junior Bulumakau(T) Zander Fagerson(T) Simone Favaro(T)
Thu 25 Feb 16	Rodney Parade	15	18	Angus O'Brien(5P)	Duncan Weir(T/C/2P) Alex Dunbar(T)
Fri 30 Sep 16	Rodney Parade	17	26	Jack Dixon(T) Sam Hobbs(T) Nick Macleod(2C/P)	Alex Allan(T) Finn Russell(2C/4P) Corey Flynn(T)
Sat 4 Mar 17	Scotstoun Stadium	17	47	Angus O'Brien(C/P) Tyler Morgan(T) Dorian Jones(C) Rynard Landman(T)	Pete Horne(T/6C) Ratu Tagive(T) Rory Hughes(T) Mark Bennett(T) Nick Grigg(2T) Lee Jones(T)
Fri 9 Feb 18	Rodney Parade	15	15	Liam Belcher(T) Jared Rosser(T) Zane Kirchner(C/P)	Adam Hastings(C/P) George Horne(T) Brandon Thomson(T)
Sat 29 Sep 18	Scotstoun Stadium	13	29	Adam Warren(T) Arwel Robson(2P) Josh Lewis(C)	Huw Jones(T) Adam Hastings(2C) Alex Dunbar(T) Oli Kebble(T) Lee Jones(2T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 30, Dragons won 13, Warriors won 14 with 3 games drawn.

Did you know?

- Dragons were victorious at Zebre in round 2 but lost to Irish provinces Munster and Connacht in rounds 1 and 3.
- Dragons most recent victory at Rodney Parade in Guinness PRO14 was by a single point over Ospreys on 30 December.
- The Welsh region have beaten a Scottish opponent just once since 2016, at home to Edinburgh in November 2018.
- Glasgow Warriors ended a three-game losing run in Guinness PRO14 with their 17-13 victory over Cardiff Blues at Scotstoun in round 3.
- Warriors only defeat to a Welsh region since the 2018 semi-final was 21-25 to Scarlets at Scotstoun in round 2.
- Dragons have not beaten Warriors since a 24-23 success at Rodney Parade in February 2014, although the two sides did draw 15-all at the same venue in February 2018.

COMPARISON	Dragons	Warriors
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Munster (A) L 9-39	27 Sep - Cheetahs (A) L 14-48
	5 Oct - Zebre (A) W 52-28	4 Oct - Scarlets (H) L 21-25
	11 Oct - Connacht (H) L 14-38	12 Oct - Cardiff Blues (H) W 17-13
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 4th - W1 D0 L2 - 5pts	Conf A: 5th - W1 D0 L2 - 5pts
PRO14 form	lwL (5pts)	lLW (5pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Owen Jenkins, Taine Basham	2 - Nick Frisby
Top points scorer	28 - Sam Davies	27 - Brandon Thomson

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Saturday 26 October

ZEBRE RUGBY v LEINSTER RUGBY

At Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi, Parma, 6.15pm. *Live on*
 Referee: Craig Evans (WRU, 7th competition game)
 Assistant Referees: Manuel Bottino (FIR), Chris Williams (WRU)
 TMO: John Mason (WRU)
 Citing Commissioner: Maurizio Vancini (FIR)



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Date	Venue	Z	L	Zebre scorers	Leinster scorers
Fri 12 Feb 16	RDS Arena	0	52		Adam Byrne(T) Jordi Murphy(T) Cathal Marsh(3C) Sean Cronin(T) Cian Kelleher(T) Garry Ringrose(T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Isa Nacewa(T/3C)
Sun 28 Feb 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	27	Federico Ruzza(T) Ian McKinley(C/P)	Dominic Ryan(T) Dan Leavy(T) Luke McGrath(T) Isa Nacewa(2C/P) Adam Byrne(T)
Sat 5 Nov 16	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	10	33	Carlo Canna(C/P) Dries van Schalkwyk(T)	Jack Conan(T) Tom Daly(T) Adam Byrne(3T) Isa Nacewa(4C)
Fri 6 Jan 17	RDS Arena	6	70	Edoardo Padovani(2P)	Ross Byrne(4C) Cian Healy(T) Jamie Heaslip(T) Garry Ringrose(2T) Luke McGrath(T) Hayden Triggs(T) Sean O'Brien(T) Rory O'Loughlin(3T) Johnny Sexton(6C)
Sat 7 Apr 18	RDS Arena	6	41	Carlo Canna(2P)	James Lowe(2T) Ross Byrne(3C) Max Deegan(2T) Vakh Abdaladze(T) Bryan Byrne(T) Rory O'Loughlin(T)
Sat 16 Feb 19	Stadio Zaffanella	24	40	Jamie Elliott(T) Carlo Canna(2C) Gabriele di Giulio(T) Francois Brummer(2T)	Ross Byrne(T/5C) Max Deegan(2T) Scott Fardy(T) Dave Kearney(T) Conor O'Brien(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 12, Leinster won 12.

Did you know?

- Zebre Rugby have not won in the Guinness PRO14 since beating Edinburgh 34-16 in Parma in round 7 last season.
- Zebre's most recent victory over an Irish province was 19-11 over Connacht in Galway in February 2018.
- Leinster have won their last five Guinness PRO14 encounters since tripping up to Ulster by a single point in Belfast in April.
- Leinster have maximum league points after three rounds (along with Cheetahs), no side has ever amassed 20 points after the first four rounds of a campaign.
- The Leinstermen's only defeat to an Italian opponent since 2010 was at home to Benetton in April 2018.
- The two sides have met on a dozen previous occasions with Leinster winning them all.

COMPARISON	Zebre	Leinster
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Edinburgh (A) L 15-50 5 Oct - Dragons (H) L 28-52 12 Oct - Scarlets (A) L 10-54	28 Sep - Treviso (A) W 32-27 4 Oct - Ospreys (H) W 53-5 11 Oct - Edinburgh (H) W 40-14
PRO14 2019/20	Conf A: 7th - W0 D0 L3 - 1pts	Conf A: 2nd - W3 D0 L0 - 15pts
PRO14 form	ILI (1pts)	wWW (15pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Giovanni Licata	3 - Dave Kearney, Ronan Kelleher
Top points scorer	11 - Michelangelo Biondelli	28 - Ross Byrne

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CONNACHT RUGBY v TOYOTA CHEETAHS

At The Sportsground, Galway, 5.15pm. *Live on*

Referee: Ben Whitehouse (WRU, 61st competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sean Gallagher (IRFU), Gwyn Morris (WRU)

TMO: Sean Brickell (WRU)

Citing Commissioner: Alan Lewis (IRFU)



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Date	Venue	C	T	Connacht scorers	Toyota Cheetahs scorers
Sat 4 Nov 17	Sportsground	23	15	Steve Crosbie(P) Jack Carty(C) Niyi Adeolokun(T) Tom McCartney(T) Craig Ronaldson(C/2P)	Makazole Mapimpi(T) Fred Zeilinga(C) Ernst Stapelberg(P) Shaun Venter(T)
Sat 3 Mar 18	Toyota Stadium	25	26	Matt Healy(2T) Eoin Griffin(T) Jack Carty(2C/2P)	Uzair Cassiem(T) Niel Marais(2C/4P) Rabs Maxwane(T)
Sat 1 Dec 18	Toyota Stadium	21	17	David Horwitz(2P) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(C/P) Gavin Thornbury(T)	Tian Schoeman(C) Malcolm Jaer(T) Joseph Dweba(T) Shaun Venter(T)
Sat 16 Feb 19	Sportsground	25	17	Jarrad Butler(T) Tom Farrell(T) Jack Carty(2C/2P) Tom McCartney(T)	Tian Schoeman(C) Louis Fouche(T) Rabs Maxwane(T) Shaun Venter(T)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 4, Connacht won 3, Cheetahs won 1.

Did you know?

- Connacht Rugby have won their last two Guinness PRO14 fixtures, at home to Benetton and away at Dragons.
- Connacht have met South African opponents on six previous occasions in the Championship, with their only defeat being by a solitary point to today's opponents, Cheetahs, in Bloemfontein in March 2018.
- Toyota Cheetahs have won their last five matches representing their best run since they joined the Guinness PRO14, although all five of those games have been played at home in Bloemfontein.
- Cheetahs have lost their last four away games since beating Southern Kings in Port Elizabeth in January, whilst they have not been victorious outside the Republic since a trip to Zebre, also in January.
- The South Africans have won their last two matches against Irish opponents but have yet to record a victory on a visit to an Irish province in the Championship.
- The two side have met on four previous occasions with Cheetahs only win being 26-25 at Toyota Stadium in March 2018.

COMPARISON	Connacht	Cheetahs
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Scarlets (A) L 10-18	27 Sep - Glasgow (H) W 48-14
	5 Oct - Treviso (H) W 41-5	5 Oct - Ulster (H) W 63-26
	11 Oct - Dragons (A) W 38-14	11 Oct - Munster (H) W 40-16
PRO14 2019/20	Conf B: 2nd - W2 D0 L1 - 10pts	Conf A: 1st - W3 D0 L0 - 15pts
PRO14 form	IWw (10pts)	WWW (15pts)
Top try scorer	2 - Tom McCartney, Kieran Marmion, Caolin Blade	5 - Rhyno Smith
Top points scorer	27 - Conor Fitzgerald	38 - Ruan Pienaar

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EDINBURGH RUGBY v SCARLETS



PREMIER SPORTS

At BT Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 7.35pm.

Live on

Referee: Frank Murphy (IRFU, 27th competition game)

Assistant Referees: Sam Grove-White (SRU), Eddie Hogan-O'Connell (IRFU)

TMO: Olly Hodges (IRFU)

Citing Commissioner: Gary Gordon (SRU)

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Date	Venue	E	S	Edinburgh Rugby scorers	Scarlets scorers
Fri 9 Sep 16	BT Murrayfield	20	9	Duncan Weir(2C/2P) Mike Allen(T) Magnus Bradbury(T)	Rhys Patchell(3P)
Fri 24 Mar 17	Parc y Scarlets	10	26	Duncan Weir(C/P) Phil Burleigh(T)	Wyn Jones(T) Rhys Patchell(2T/3C) James Davies(T)
Sat 23 Sep 17	Parc y Scarlets	8	28	Duncan Weir(P) Jason Harries(T)	Aaron Shingler(T) Rhys Patchell(T) Gareth Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(4C) Werner Kruger(T)
Sat 14 Apr 18	BT Murrayfield	52	14	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)	Dan Jones(T/2C) Tom Vardell(T)
Fri 2 Nov 18	BT Murrayfield	31	21	Tom Brown(2T) Pierre Schoeman(T) Viliame Mata(2T) Juan Pablo Socino(C) Simon Hickey(2C)	Johnny McNicholl(T) Paul Asquith(T) Dan Jones(3C) Morgan Williams(T)
Sat 6 Apr 19	Parc y Scarlets	20	12	Jaco van der Walt(T/2C/2P) Matt Scott(T)	Gareth Davies(T) Jonathan Davies(T) Leigh Halfpenny(C)

Overall Guinness PRO14 head to head record:

Played 32, Edinburgh won 17, Scarlets won 14 with 1 game drawn.

Did you know?

- Edinburgh Rugby have lost only twice at BT Murrayfield in the Guinness PRO14 since April 2018, to Cardiff Blues in February 2019 and to Ulster in April.
- The Scotsmen have won their last two matches against Welsh regions but have not won three such fixtures in succession since September 2017.
- Scarlets have won their last three Guinness PRO14 games but have not won four in a row in the Championship since November 2017 whilst they have not won the opening four fixtures of a campaign since 2015/16.
- Scarlets won their most recent away game, 25-21 in Glasgow in round 2 - their first victory on the road in the Championship for almost twelve months - whilst the Welsh Region have not won consecutive matches in Scotland for six years.
- Edinburgh have won their last three matches against Scarlets but have not won four in succession against them since January 2007.
- Scarlets have not been victorious at BT Murrayfield since September 2013.

COMPARISON	Edinburgh	Scarlets
Last 3 PRO14 results:	28 Sep - Zebre (H) W 50-15	28 Sep - Connacht (H) W 18-10
	5 Oct - Cardiff Blues (A) W 19-11	4 Oct - Glasgow (A) W 25-21
	11 Oct - Leinster (A) L 14-40	12 Oct - Zebre (H) W 54-10
PRO14 2018/19	Conf B: 4th - W2 D0 L1 - 9pts	Conf B: 1st - W3 D0 L0 - 13pts
PRO14 form	Wwl (9pts)	WwW (13pts)
Top try scorer	4 - Mark Bennett	3 - Kieran Hardy
Top points scorer	29 - Jaco van der Walt	24 - Dan Jones