



Round 1

Munster v Leinster

14:30, Virgin Media Park

Ulster v Connacht

16:15, Affidea Stadium

Saturday 8th August 2026

Vodafone. Main Sponsor of the Women's Interprovincial Championship.



On behalf of the Irish Rugby Football Union, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to Virgin Media Park and Affidee Stadium for the opening round of the Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship.

We have two exciting games to kick off this year's series, with Munster taking on Leinster in Cork and Ulster welcoming Connacht in Belfast. All roads lead to Finals Day at Dexcom Stadium on August 29th, where both the third-place play-off and the 2026 Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship Final will decide the finishing positions and this season's champions. It promises to be another enthralling series.

It is fitting that I begin my term at such an exciting juncture for the women's game in Ireland and I look forward to another successful year ahead for women's rugby. The Ireland Women's squad has been on a steady growth trajectory and a strong culture has been built around the squad.

The belief in their on-field organisation and structure and experience is growing. The young emerging talent, together with our more experienced players, are blending nicely and the competition levels in the squad are increasing as we build towards the start of the WXV Global Series. It will be a very exciting season as players bid for selection on the first British & Irish Lions squad to tour New Zealand in September 2027.

Looking at the quality of players on display today, I have no doubt that the future of Irish women's rugby is bright.

Thanks to Vodafone for their outstanding support of this important series. Their backing, together with the entire family of Irish Rugby sponsors, helps grow the game in Ireland. Our thanks also to TG4 for broadcasting the Interprovincial Championship on their Spórt TG4 YouTube channel and to all the media for their promotion of the game.

The IRFU's investment in women's rugby and in our women's national team has been significant and it is so encouraging at all levels of the game to see the return on that investment beginning to bear fruit.

Our thanks to all of our provincial hosts and all those who have put in so much work to stage this series of matches. To the clubs, schools and volunteers who have nurtured and developed the players, a huge word of thanks for all that you do for women's rugby. To today's teams of match officials, I wish you well for an incident-free round.

To the respective players and management teams, good luck today and over the coming weeks as you continue to represent your province with distinction.

Yours in Rugby,

Tony O'Beirne
IRFU President

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TEAM LINEUP



Munster

v

Leinster



15	Aoife Corey
14	Katie Corrigan
13	Alana McInerney
12	Lucia Linn
11	Chisom Ugwuere
10	Enya Breen
9	Emily Lane
1	Siobhán McCarthy
2	Beth Buttimer
3	Eilís Cahill
4	Clodagh O'Halloran
5	Jane Clohessy
6	Sally Kelly
7	Grace Moore
8	Maeve Óg O'Leary (C)

REPLACEMENTS

16	Emma Dunican
17	Tuathla Ryan
18	Alisha Flynn
19	Aoibhe O'Flynn
20	AnnaKate Cournane
21	Abbie Salter-Townshend
22	Caitríona Finn
23	Ellen Boylan

Robyn O'Connor	15
Maggie Boylan	14
Aoife Dalton	13
Eve Higgins	12
Vicky Elmes Kinlan	11
Dannah O'Brien	10
Jade Gaffney	9
Caoimhe Molloy	1
Sarah Delaney (C)	2
Linda Djougang	3
Ruth Campbell	4
Kate Jordan	5
Rosie Searle	6
Róisín Kinch	7
Erin King	8

REPLACEMENTS

Emma Jane Wilson	16
Hannah Wilson	17
Shona White	18
Alma Atagamen	19
Aoife Corcoran	20
Ellie O'Sullivan Sexton	21
Alex Connor	22
Emma Tilly	23

MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

Referee: Siobhán Daly AR 1: John Purcell
AR 2: John Moynihan No 4: Fionnula Fay No. 5: Jessica O'Brien

TEAM LINEUP



Ulster

v

Connacht



15	Niamh Marley
14	Katie Gilmour
13	Caitlin Crowe
12	Lucy Thompson
11	Siobhan Sheerin
10	Abby Moyles
9	Rachael McIlroy
1	Sadhbh McGrath
2	Maebh Clenaghan
3	Sophie Barrett
4	Fiona Tuite
5	Rebecca Beacom
6	Moya Hill
7	Christy Hill
8	Claire Boles (C)

REPLACEMENTS

16	Emily Whittle
17	Sarah Roberts
18	Ava Fannin
19	Ellen Patterson
20	Katie Hetherington
21	Amy McConkey
22	Leah Irwin
23	Ella Durkan

Clara Barrett	15
Anna McGann	14
Lyndsay Clarke	13
Siofra Hession	12
Ava Ryder	11
Méabh Deely	10
Aoibheann Reilly (CC)	9
Ella Burns	1
Kara Mulcahy	2
Lily Morris	3
Faith Oviawe	4
Emma Fabby	5
Emma Kelly	6
Ailish Quinn (CC)	7
Jemima Adams Verling	8

REPLACEMENTS

Stacy Hanley	16
Laura Scuffil	17
Hannah Rapley	18
Olivia Tallon Daly	19
Hannah Johnston	20
Grainne Moran	21
Alanna Fitzpatrick	22
Emily Foley	23

**MATCHDAY
OFFICIALS**

Referee: Mitchell Enderby AR 1: Alana Kerr
AR 2: Glenda Mellon No 4: Laura Taggart No. 5: Jonathan Peak

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