



Round 3

Ulster v Leinster

14:30, Affidea Stadium

Connacht v Munster

16:15, Dexcom Stadium

Saturday 22nd August 2026

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On behalf of the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU),
I would like to extend a warm welcome to you to Affidee
Stadium and Dexcom Stadium for Round 3 of the Vodafone Women's
Interprovincial Series.

We have two exciting games again today, with Ulster hosting Leinster in Belfast and Connacht meeting Munster in Galway. All roads lead to Finals Day at Dexcom Stadium next weekend, 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.

In the 2nd round last weekend, Munster were convincing winners against Ulster, while Leinster secured a bonus point victory over Connacht in Energia Park. Both games once more highlighted the incredible talent across our provinces and I expect more of the same today.

Women's rugby in Ireland is on an upward trend and the green wave is delivering increased interest in the game. There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes by Scott Bemand and his management team to ensure that Ireland continues to progress as we face the USA in Tallaght Stadium (Sunday, 20th September) and Japan in back-to-back fixtures in Dexcom Stadium (Sunday, 27th September) before travelling south to Virgin Media Park in Cork (Saturday, 3rd October). This whistle-stop tour will enable supporters across the country with numerous opportunities to see the team and I would urge you to come out and support these outstanding athletes over the coming weeks.

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 commitment across all areas of women's rugby is significant and it is encouraging to see the return on that investment beginning to bear fruit at all levels of the game.

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 in Ireland. To today's teams of match officials, I wish you well for an incident-free round of fixtures.

Finally, to the respective players and management teams, good luck today as you continue to proudly represent your province. Enjoy the experience playing in front of supporters young and old, friends, clubmates and family.

Yours in rugby,

Tony O'Beirne
IRFU President

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TEAM LINEUP



Ulster

V

Leinster



15	Niamh Marley
14	Caitlin Crowe
13	Leah Irwin
12	Siobhan Sheerin
11	Lucy Thompson
10	Ella Durkan
9	Rachael McIlroy
1	Sadhbh McGrath
2	Maebh Clenaghan
3	Sophie Barrett
4	Fiona Tuite-O'Sullivan
5	Olivia McKinley
6	Moya Hill
7	Rebecca Beacom
8	Claire Boles (C)

REPLACEMENTS

16	Emily Whittle
17	Bronach Cassidy
18	Grace Simati
19	Christy Hill
20	Stacey Sloan
21	Georgia Boyce
22	Katie Gilmour
23	Abby Moyles

Stacey Flood	15
Robyn O'Connor	14
Aoife Dalton	13
Eve Higgins	12
Vicki Elmes Kinlan	11
Ellie O'Sullivan Sexton	10
Katie Whelan	9
Caoimhe Molloy	1
Sarah Delaney (C)	2
Linda Djougang	3
Ruth Campbell	4
Ima Atagmen	5
Regan Casey	6
Kathy Baker	7
Erin King	8

REPLACEMENTS

Emma Jane Wilson	16
Hannah Wilson	17
Hope Lowney	18
Kate Jordan	19
Nikki Gibson	20
Alex Connor	21
Niamh Murphy	22
Amy Larn	23

**MATCHDAY
OFFICIALS**

Referee: John Purcell AR 1: Morgan McCartney
AR 2: Glenda Mellon No 4: Laura Taggart No. 5: Holly Cox

TEAM LINEUP



Connacht

v

Munster



15	Clara Barrett
14	Clare Gorman
13	Anna McGann
12	Lyndsay Clarke
11	Emily Foley
10	Méabh Deely
9	Aoibheann Reilly (CC)
1	Ella Burns
2	Uillian Eilian
3	Lily Morris
4	Faith Oviawe
5	Poppy Garvey
6	Emma Kelly
7	Ailish Quinn (CC)
8	Jemima Adams Verling

REPLACEMENTS

16	Jess Keating
17	Eabha O'Mahoney
18	Hannah Coen
19	Emma Fabby
20	Sarah Purcell
21	Aoife Heaney
22	Hannah Johnston
23	Siofra Hession

Aoife Corey (C)	15
Alana McInerney	14
Lucia Linn	13
Enya Breen	12
Chisom Ugwuere	11
Caitríona Finn	10
Emily Lane	9
Siobhán McCarthy	1
Beth Buttimer	2
Alisha Flynn	3
Aoibhe O'Flynn	4
Jane Clohessy	5
Clodagh O'Halloran	6
Sally Kelly	7
Grace Moore	8

REPLACEMENTS

Emma Dunican	16
Caoimhe Murphy	17
Ella Buckley	18
Niamh O'Mahony	19
Ava O'Malley	20
Abbie Salter Townshend	21
Kate Flannery	22
Katie Corrigan	23

MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

Referee: Alana Kerr AR 1: Eoin Staunton
AR 2: Michael Honan No 4: Jason Craughwell No. 5: John Fitzmaurice

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