Vodafone WOMEN'S INTERPROVINCIAL



Connacht v Munster Saturday 21 January 2023

1:00pm, The Sportsground

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







Vodafone is proud to be the main sponsor of the Women's Interprovincial Championship.

We are so proud to be sponsors of this thrilling Championship, and excited to watch the action unfold. At Vodafone, we're committed to building the most interconnected team and fan base on the planet, so everybody feels part of and connected to the "Team of Us". We aim to inspire the next generation of men and women in the sport and encourage all rugby fans to get behind their provinces by showing their support during the Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship. We are delighted to have you here today as part of the #TeamOfUs, cheering on the teams in the stands and creating an atmosphere like nothing else.

Part of our purpose is to connect for a better future, and now through our Always Connected technology, you can stay connected to what matters most with the power of our Mobile and Broadband networks together. Part of this leading-edge capability is down to our ongoing investment in enhancing network technology, leading to Vodafone Ireland's mobile network being recognised as 'Best in Test' by umlaut for its mobile services across Ireland for the seventh consecutive year in December '21. With passion and significant investment, I am proud to say that, Vodafone's network is now powered by 100% green energy. With our network running completely on renewable electricity, we are truly green at heart. And we continue to push forward in our ambition to create a better future for our planet through technology.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck today to all the teams taking part, as well as management and backroom staff. We are so proud to be behind you all the way, and I know that everyone in the Team Of Us, either at home or in the stands, will be cheering you on.

Enjoy the match.

Amanda Nelson

CEO. Vodafone Ireland









On behalf of the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU), I would like to welcome you to the Sportsground for this afternoon's final round Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship clash between Connacht and Munster.

It has been a thrilling Interprovincial Championship to date, with some outstanding rugby on show in front of healthy crowds across the country. It is tremendous to see the continuing development of the players in all four provinces and I have no doubt that this Championship will bear fruit for Women's rugby in Ireland in the months and years to come as the numbers playing the game continue to grow. All four provincial teams have played some great rugby in the last two rounds, and I know that we are in for more excitement today as we find out the destination of this season's title.

Munster are in pole position after their 26-17 victory over Leinster in Musgrave Park last weekend, but they will face an improving Connacht team who will be looking to build on their impressive 25-19 win away against Ulster at the Kingspan Stadium. Second-placed Leinster know that they will need to be ruthless away to Ulster if they are to capitalise on a slip-up by Munster in Galway. This makes for another hugely exciting Saturday of top-class Women's rugby.

As the Interprovincial Championship draws to a finale, I would again like to thank Vodafone for their ongoing support of Irish rugby. I have no doubt that their backing will further elevate the standing of the Women's game in Ireland.

Next up is the Celtic Challenge competition, which will provide another high-quality tournament ahead of the 2023 TikTok Six Nations Championship. The IRFU will be represented in this 2023 Celtic Challenge competition by a Combined Provinces XV, sponsored by Vodafone, playing against teams from Wales and Scotland. Both home fixtures will be played at the Kingspan Stadium, Belfast on the 4th and 18th February and I would urge as many supporters as possible to come and support this Combined Provinces team in this exciting new tournament.

To our host broadcasters TG4 and BBC NI, thank you for your commitment to broadcasting the Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship. It is critical that the Women's game continues to grow and the profile that all of the media provides is hugely valued.

To all supporters, match officials, ground-staff, volunteers and host clubs who promote and work so hard to deliver these games, thank you for all your support.

I would like to wish all four provinces the very best of luck today as they bid for glory. Here's to another enthralling day's action!

Yours in rugby,

John Robinson

IRFU President









2022/23 Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship Standings

			Р	W	d	l	+/-	TF	PTS
1.		Munster	2	2	0	0	43	10	10
2.	LEINSTER	Leinster	2	1	0	1	19	9	5
3	CONNACHT	Connacht	2	1	0	1	-22	5	5
4.	ULSTER Rugby	Ulster	2	0	0	2	-40	3	1

In the event that two or more provinces are equal on points, the province with the greater scoring difference will be ranked higher. If this is equal, the province with the most tries scored in all games shall be ranked higher, followed then if necessary by the winner of the match between the two teams. If this match resulted in a draw, the team that scored the first points in this match will be deemed the winner.











Today's teams







	15	Mairead COYNE	Aoife COREY	15
	14	Ava RYDER	Aoife DOYLE	14
	13	Orla DIXON	Stephanie NUNAN	13
	12	Shannon TOUHEY	Kate FLANNERY	12
	11	Clara BARRETT	Alana McINERNEY	1
	10	Nicole FOWLEY	Nicole CRONIN (C)	10
Ø.	9	Mary HEALY (C)	Muirne WALL	9
	1	Grainne O'LOUGHLIN	Róisín ORMOND	1
	2	Lily BRADY	Kate SHEEHAN	2
Ŋ	3	Laura FEELY	Fiona REIDY	3
	4	Fiona SCALLY	Clodagh O'HALLORAN	1
η_{c}	5	Eva McCORMACK	Claire BENNETT	15
	6	Karly TIERNEY	Dorothy WALL	6
	7	Kayla WALDRON	Maeve Óg O'LEARY	7
7	8	Grace BROWNE MORAN	V. Deirbhile NIC A BHÁIRD	8
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REPLACEMENTS

- 16. Emily **GAVIN**
- 17. Niamh O'GRADY
- 18. Hannah COEN
- 19. Sonia McDERMOTT
- 20. Orla FENTON
- 21. Olivia HAVERTY
- 22. Eabha NIC DHONNACHA
- 23. Mollie STARR

MATCHDAY OFFICIALS

Paul O'CONNOR

(Referee)

Shane **TUOHY**

Johnny QUINN

Jason **CRAUGHWELL**

Michelle McLOUGHLIN JESSOP

(Assistant Referees)

Katie KILBANE

(TK)

REPLACEMENTS

- 16. Chloe PEARSE
- 17. Gillian COOMBES
- 18. Eilís CAHILL
- 19. Sarah GARRETT
- 20. Ciara FARRELL
- 21. Rachel ALLEN
- 22. Stephanie CARROLL
- 23. Heather KENNEDY





