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# LEADING THE FIELD



Welcome back to Kingspan Stadium, the home of Ulster Rugby, where tonight the Ulster squad face off against the Scarlets and go in search of their third competitive win of the season. Scarlets are fresh off the back of two convincing wins, making tonight's match up Ulster's most exciting in the newly formatted Guinness PRO14 competition.

With only one point separating the top four places in the table, Ulster will be looking to capitalise on the hard work put in throughout the pre-season and cement their spot at the top of Conference B.

Friday nights at Kingspan Stadium are part of what makes Ulster Rugby great and I encourage everyone here tonight to continue that tradition and to create the atmosphere that we have become famous for. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the Scarlets and their travelling supporters who are looking forward to an exciting and memorable match.

Finally, on behalf of Kingspan, I would like to wish the Ulster Rugby squad and management team the very best this evening as they continue to lay the foundations for a successful season ahead. To Ulster's committed fans, enjoy the game, lead the way and help ensure that this is an evening to remember at Kingspan Stadium.

**Pat Freeman**

Divisional Managing Director



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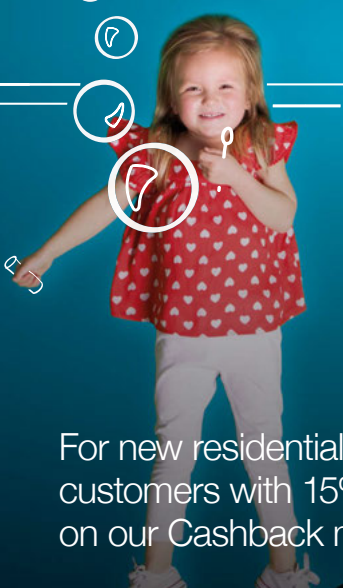
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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

As President of the IRFU Ulster Branch, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Kingspan Stadium for tonight's Round 3 game in the Guinness PRO14 Championship.

We extend a special welcome to all the Scarlets players, officials and supporters travelling over for this evening's game. We hope you have a very enjoyable experience in Ulster.

Last season the Scarlets were crowned worthy champions of the (then) PRO12, and they have continued that form into the new season with impressive opening bonus point wins over the Southern Kings and Zebre, so we will be sure of a tough test tonight.

Like Scarlets, Ulster also opened the season with a bonus point win over one of the South African newcomers, the Cheetahs, before being made to work for a 14-21 win away to Treviso last weekend. I know the team is looking forward to getting back out in front of the Kingspan Stadium faithful tonight, where the 16th men and women will certainly have their part to play!

For Ulster supporters September 15th will forever be a memorable date as, on this day five years ago, we learned of the terrible news that our esteemed player and friend Nevin Spence, along with his brother Graham and father Noel, tragically died in a farming accident.

Nevin is never far from our thoughts, and as a club we are delighted that his memory will always be preserved with his name attached to the museum and educational heritage centre here at Kingspan Stadium.

Earlier this week you may have seen the tribute video we released on [ulsterrugby.com](http://ulsterrugby.com), featuring exclusive interviews with some of Nevin's family, friends and Ulster Rugby colleagues. This morning, our club chaplain, Reverend Andrew Thompson, poignantly contributed the Thought for the Day on BBC Radio Ulster, and tonight supporters will be able to mark their respects for the Spence family with a moment's silence prior to the game.

We have a full programme of club fixtures in the Kukri Ulster Rugby Championship as well as the Provincial and Regional Leagues this weekend, and we would encourage you to get out and support your local clubs when possible.

Tomorrow also marks the beginning of the 2017/18 Ulster Bank League, and we wish all 11 Ulster clubs well in their respective divisions as they aim for success on the All-Ireland stage.

Finally, I would like to extend our best wishes to the Danske Bank Ulster U18 Schools team, the Ulster U19s and the Ulster U18 Clubs, who are all in action against Inter-Provincial opposition this weekend. SUFTUM!

**Graffin Parke**

President IRFU (Ulster Branch)

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

# Chief Executive Officer, PRO14 Rugby Welcome



**The historic moments keep coming in the Guinness PRO14 as South Africa readies itself to host their first-ever Championship games this weekend.**

The Southern Kings will welcome four-time champions Leinster Rugby to Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth on Saturday before the Toyota Cheetahs take on Zebre in Bloemfontein later that evening.

To all our new fans in South Africa I wish to welcome you and your clubs to the Guinness PRO14 and we share your excitement about what lies ahead. Of course, it's not been an easy start to the season for the Cheetahs and the Kings, but both clubs have already won plenty of supporters with their free-flowing approach to the game.

We're looking forward to seeing them grow into the Championship and I'm sure there will be plenty for their home crowds to shout about this weekend.

Of course, the addition of the Cheetahs and the Kings has brought positive change to the Championship with a Conference system and an extended Guinness PRO14 Final Series. The Top 3 from each Conference will qualify which gives your team an even greater chance of reaching the knock-outs and emulating Scarlets' sensational title win.

It's great for us to have SuperSport on board to broadcast our games in South Africa while Eurosport have also continued on as our broadcast partners in Italy which is terrific news for fans right across the Championship. In fact, their addition to our stable of broadcast partners means that the Guinness PRO14 is available in over 155 countries and territories across the world.

We've also worked closely with our unions to schedule those Derbies away from international windows, too. Like you, we want to see the best players in the best games because we are hugely proud of the 295 Internationals who played in the Championship last season, not to mention the 26 called up for the British & Irish Lions tour.

You only have to look at our recent champions in Scarlets, Connacht, Glasgow Warriors and Leinster to see the type of adventurous rugby it takes to win our title. Looking back to the previous campaign we saw a record number of tries scored (711) while crowds were up and nowhere was that more evident than at the Final at Aviva Stadium.

A new record attendance saw Scarlets' scintillating play prove too much for Munster in a game that showcased the attacking calibre of our Championship. Just one of the reasons that makes it so exciting to bring the first ever Guinness PRO14 Final to Dublin on May 26, 2018.

I'm also delighted to say we will again implement an Early Bird offer for fans who decide to back their teams and buy their tickets well in advance on [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie) where prices start from €5 for Children and €30 for adults.

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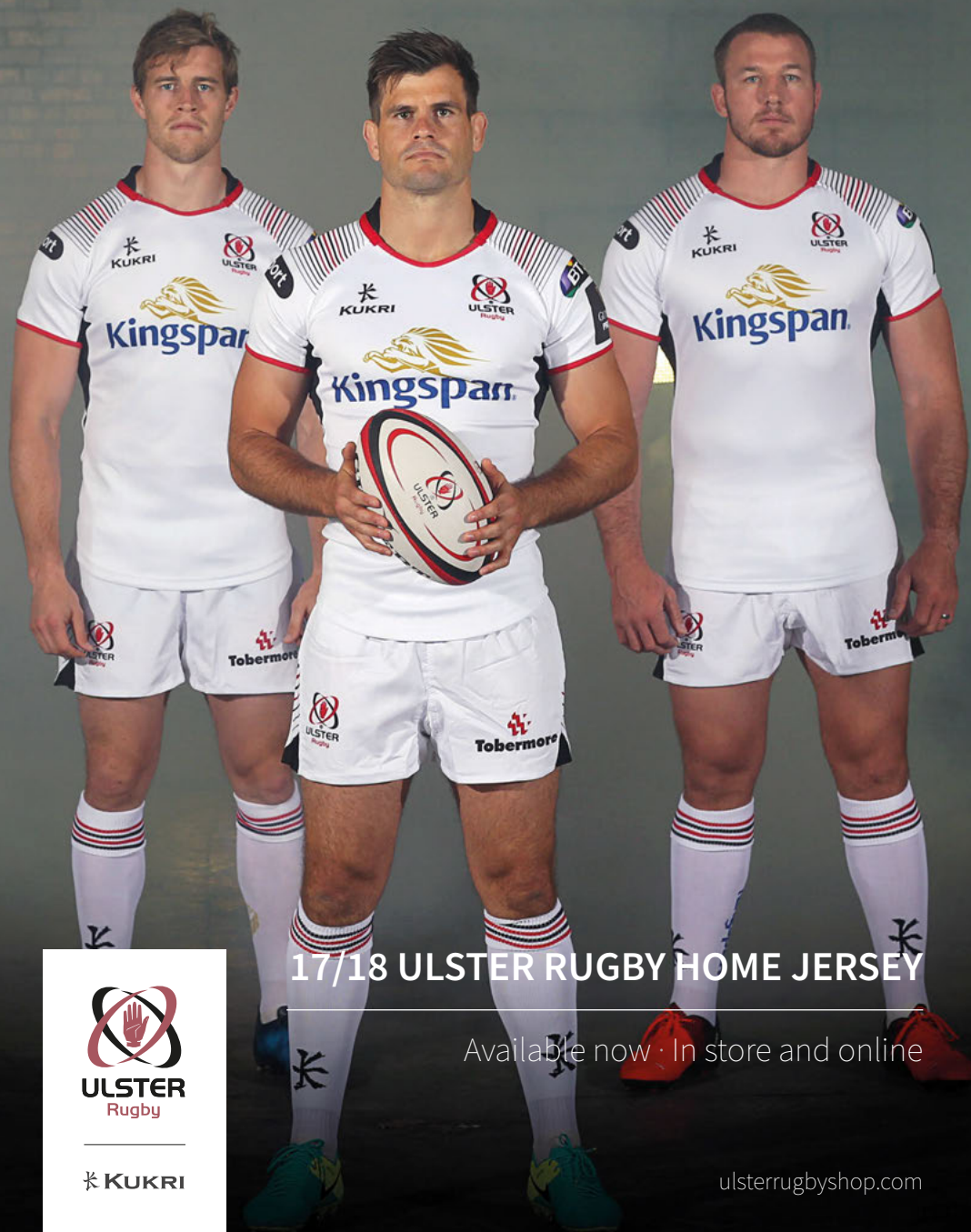


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# TONIGHT'S MASCOTS



## **FAITH LUCAS (8)**

Faith is from Richhill. She attends Hardy Memorial School and enjoys Musical Theatre and Art. Faith is a big fan of Sparky and enjoys hearing the crowd sing 'Stand up for the Ulster men' during match nights at Kingspan Stadium. Rory Best is her favourite player because he plays for Ulster and Ireland as well as the British & Irish Lions. When she grows up, Faith would like to be an actor, a rugby player or a vet.



## **JOHNNY GILLESPIE (10)**

Johnny is from Belfast and attends Fullerton House School. He plays rugby for Belfast Harlequins and also enjoys swimming and tennis. Johnny's big brother once got to play Mini Rugby at half time at Kingspan Stadium and Johnny would love the chance to do one better by being a Mascot for the night. Rory Best is Johnny's favourite player because he is a skilled leader. Johnny would like to be a vet when he grows up.



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# QUESTION TIME WITH SEAN REIDY



SEAN REIDY

Sean Reidy, who topped the PRO12 last season for tackles made, continued that form into the new season with a typically all-action performance away to Treviso, in what was his first start of the campaign following a replacement appearance in the Round 1 win over the Cheetahs.

**We spoke to the New Zealand born back row to get his thoughts on Ulster's start to the season, the competition for places in the team, and the challenge of Scarlets.**

**Last Saturday Ulster made it two wins from two with a hard fought win over Treviso in Italy. What were your thoughts on the game?**

Going away to Treviso is always very tough. They are a very proud and passionate team, especially at home, so we knew it was going to be a tough challenge. Obviously, there are a few things we need to work on and it was quite tight at the end but it is good that the boys stuck it out, showing their strength of character and holding on to get the win.

**At stages of the game we did very well, particularly with a couple of early scores, but Treviso stormed back into the game in the second half. What did you put that down to?**

Without a doubt, there were a few handling errors on our part which gave them the opportunity to get back in the game. However, we did create a lot of opportunities and had we finished one or two more of them off, it could have been a different story, so it goes both ways.

**You played the full 80 minutes against Treviso, and lead the team with 14 tackles. Did you enjoy getting the full run out?**

I am happy to get the time under my belt. I think I played 20-30 minutes against the Cheetahs, then to get another 80 minutes is a fantastic opportunity to further build on my match fitness. You can do as much pre-season training as you want but until you actually get out there, it's a different story.

**Looking at the back row options - at the weekend we saw Matty Rea making his debut, while Jean Deysel, Marcell Coetzee and Chris Henry have all featured prominently recently**

**too - there seems to be good competition for places in there?**

Yeah there is strong competition for places in the back row. You've also got guys like Clive Ross and Nick Timoney knocking on the door plus Iain Henderson still to come back, so compared to previous seasons there is a lot of depth there, in fact there is a lot of good options throughout the whole team. Generally, the backs have a lot of depth so it's good to see more guys vying for spots in the forwards with everyone trying to push each other on at training. We are all aware of the importance of the match-day performance so with that kind of depth there if you don't give your best on the day you're not going to be starting.

**From the two pre-season trials and the opening two PRO14 games we've seen a lot of guys getting a chance to put their hand up for a place on the team. That must further enhance the competitive edge among the squad?**

I think it has a really positive impact on morale and keeps the competition among players alive. Everyone deserves a chance and it is great to see that coaches are prepared to share those chances. It is up to each player to make the most of those opportunities and it is great to see everyone stepping up and doing so.

**Tonight, we face the Scarlets on home turf. They are already a team on form this season, following their success last year. What are your thoughts of the challenge they pose tonight?**

We know that the Scarlets are a real threat. If you just look at how they performed last season and again at the start of this season, it's clear that they will present a real challenge. They've got class right across the board so we will have our work cut out for us but we're ready for it. We love being back here at Kingspan Stadium and we're looking forward to going after them.







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Gladiator

### HOW WOULD YOUR TEAMMATES DESCRIBE YOU IN THREE WORDS?

Happy. Simple. Aquatic.

### WHAT SONG MAKES YOU WANT TO DANCE?

Whitney Houston – I wanna dance with somebody

### WHAT SCARES YOU THE MOST AND WHY?

Clowns – don't know why

### WHAT ACHIEVEMENT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

Achieving an A\* in my GCSE French exam

### IF YOU HAD A BOAT, WHAT WOULD YOU NAME IT?

Elysium

### WHICH PLAYER HAS THE MOST USELESS TALENT AND WHAT IS IT?

Andy Warwick – he has a lorry licence

### WHAT IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS FACT OR PHRASE YOU KNOW?

Some man for one man

### IF YOU COULD PLAY WITH ANY RUGBY LEGEND WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Jonah Lomu – just give him the ball

### TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T ALREADY KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF?

I want to be a fisherman when I retire

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# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

## CLUB CHAPLAIN, REV. ANDREW THOMPSON, ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF NEVIN SPENCE

Five years ago today, on a beautifully sunny September Saturday evening, an unspeakable tragedy unfolded at a farm between Hillsborough and Dromara.

Noel Spence and his two sons, Graham and Nevin, died within moments of one another in the same catastrophic circumstances, and in those moments the Spence family was plunged into unimaginable heartache. Our thoughts and our prayers are, first and foremost, with them today.

The impact of this tragedy was huge and was amplified by the fact that Nevin was a young up and coming star of Ulster & Irish rugby. Nevin was greatly loved and respected by all at Ulster Rugby, not only because of his prodigious sporting talent but also because he was a young man of immense charm, quirky humour, quiet humility and deep faith.

On this day, in each of the years since Nevin's death, the Ulster Rugby squad has gathered to spend some time together doing what they vowed to do when he died; the Ulster captain at the time, Johann Muller said, "As long as this great club exists, the person and the player, Nevin Spence, will never be forgotten". And so, before tonight's match at Kingspan Stadium the whole squad will come together again to remember Nevin, to reflect quietly and privately on his memory and his legacy. How they feel about him is best summed up by the simple words which have been emblazoned for the last five years on the treatment bag of the Ulster Head Physio, Gareth Robinson: "Nevin Spence – Always With Us".

This is no mere sentimentality. Nevin is "always with us", in that he has laid down a tremendous example for others to follow; his courage, his commitment, his work ethic, his love of the game, his respectfulness on and off the field of play and his humble spirit – these are the very epitome of what is good about the game of rugby and the example set by Nevin serves as a unifying force and an inspiration for everyone who is involved with rugby in Ulster at whatever level, in whatever capacity. These values are celebrated in the centre at Kingspan Stadium, which bears Nevin's name. Here, the generations to come will hear Nevin's story and those who never met him or

saw him play will come to understand what was special about Nevin – the person and the player.

That phrase, "Always With Us", also well describes the God who was the central focus and foundation of Nevin Spence's life. The Bible is full of wonderful reminders that God is always with us – He is not remote or disinterested in our lives; He is not a "fair weather friend" who sidles away from us when life gets messy or difficult. He is with us and for us; by our side and on our side and He demonstrated His commitment to us by stepping down into our world and experiencing life as we do, as Immanuel – "God with us".

Nevin knew the reality of God with him in the highs and lows of life and rugby – that presence gave him a tremendous perspective in the good times and a peace in the tough times. And God was with Nevin, and with Noel and Graham right to the last – and now they are with Him.

The same God is with you too today, whatever circumstances you are waking up to in your life, however complex or distressing.

Today we remember Nevin Spence – always with us; and we trust in Nevin's God – always with us too.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



# PEEL ENJOYING LATEST CHALLENGE IN A DISTINGUISHED CAREER



DWAYNE PEEL

Having joined from Bristol Rugby during the summer, Assistant Coach Dwayne Peel has quickly settled into life in Belfast and is enjoying the challenges presented in his new role.

"I was familiar with Ulster, having been here many times as a player, and was absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to coach here. The talent within the Ulster group alone is a highly attractive pull, but the history of the Province and the great pride of its supporters also appealed to me and I couldn't let the opportunity slip, so here I am about 12 weeks into my contract and enjoying every minute so far. I really enjoy working and living here and feel that my family and I have settled well into Ulster life. The people have been so accepting and welcoming, which makes moving to a new place with a young family a lot easier."

During a distinguished playing career, Peel was capped 76 times for Wales and was a member of the Grand Slam winning Six Nations teams of 2005 and 2008, while he also toured New Zealand with the British & Irish Lions. Having started his career with Llanelli RFC, Peel linked up with the newly formed Scarlets in 2003, where he would make 81 appearances over the following five years, so he knows a thing or two about the opposition faced by Ulster tonight.

"I spent most of my career with the Scarlets as a player and I know it's going to be a tough game for us tonight. They are the form team at the moment and have been for the last few months. They were deserved champions last season and have started the season well with two convincing wins, so they present a big challenge for us, but it is one that we have prepared and are ready for so we are looking forward to it."

Peel joined the Bristol squad in 2014 but an ongoing shoulder injury forced him into premature retirement and down the coaching route in 2016. As he continues to cut his teeth in a coaching

capacity, he is full of respect for the work done by the Scarlets coaching team, with particular mention for his former teammate and good friend Stephen Jones, the current Backs Coach.

"It's evident that the coaching group at Scarlets has been together for a while now. They're doing some good stuff and the players are producing some great rugby. Stephen, in particular, has had a really positive impact on the team but as a whole the Scarlets are fulfilling their potential at the moment and have a lot of exciting young players to watch out for.

"We will have to work hard to contain them and impose ourselves on the game. It is important that we don't feed their attack by giving them loose ball to play off and work to maximise each opportunity we get. It is as simple as that."

With nine points picked up from the opening two rounds of the PRO14, Peel states that he is reasonable happy with what he has seen so far, but acknowledges there is room for improvement in the weeks ahead.

"I'm happy with where Ulster is at the moment. We've worked hard over the off-season to put new structures in place. There are, of course, a few issues from both of our opening games that we need to iron out. We reviewed the last game against Treviso quite heavily and identified areas where we could do better so we're working away steadily and hoping to improve week on week.

"As a coaching group we've been working hard together to get unity and identify where we want to go. One thing that we're all clear on is the fact that we are all in it together, we're focusing on where we need to get to and working hard to get there together."

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16.09.2017	Ulster	-	Munster	RBAI	1.30pm
23.09.2017	Leinster	-	Ulster	Donnybrook	2.30pm

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09.09.2017	Ulster	0 - 45	Leinster	City of Armagh RFC	1.00pm
17.09.2017	Munster	-	Ulster	Thomond Park	1.00pm
23.09.2017	Ulster	-	Connacht	City of Armagh RFC	2.30pm

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03.09.2017	Connacht	27 - 21	Ulster	Sportsground	1.00pm
09.09.2017	Leinster	59 - 15	Ulster	Donnybrook	2.30pm
16.09.2017	Ulster	-	Munster	RBAI	3.30pm

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24.09.2017	Ulster	-	Connacht	Virginia RFC	3.00pm
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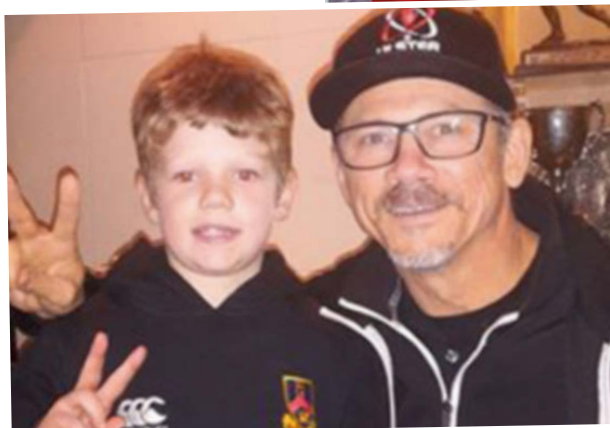
Pictured are Ian Wallace, Ulster prop Schalk van der Merwe and Paul Brockman before the Ulster v Cheetahs match in PRO14 Round 1



Ethan and Chloe Nesbitt at OUR Club HQ



Callum Patterson with a young Ulster fan



Ollie Morriss meeting Ulster Director of Rugby, Les Kiss

# AN ASTONISHING TALENT SMILES ON

That shock of blond hair was unmistakable, as was that winning smile, that powerful stride, the tumbling tackle, the slide-rule pass and the unstoppable sprint for the line.



NEVIN SPENCE REMEMBERED

In life, as in his rugby, 22-year-old Nevin Spence was possessed of a generous, mischievous delight in doing the right thing, keeping to the straightest of lines and being grateful for the sport, family and friends who allowed his refreshing spirit to flourish.

Part of a gifted generation of young Ulstermen who found a career path in professional sport, he took nothing for granted: he'd been introduced to rugby at Dromore High School, his talents honed at Wallace High School and at Ballynahinch Rugby Club. His progress was as rapid as his rapier midfield try-scoring thrusts, and his abilities and application in the Ulster Academy meant that international recognition was inevitable. Two Junior World Championships, eleven appearances for Ireland Under 20s confirmed the presence of a major talent.

He made his professional debut for Ulster against the Ospreys in April 2010 as a teenager, and in the following two campaigns he played a further 41 times.

As the sport lauded the arrival of a new, emphatically unshowy star, Nevin's good humour and grip on reality – even when stalled by some tiresome shoulder injuries – never wavered, definitely bolstered by the solid foundations of life on the family farm near Hillsborough.

There, with his parents Essie and Noel, and older siblings Graham, Emma and Laura he was simply 'wee Nev', part of an industrious unit who worked hard and enjoyed the fruits of their labours in the beautiful swathe of fields which was a welcome respite from the rigours of training, playing important matches in league and in Europe – and from the good-natured but often barbed banter of dressing room filled with a cluster of world-famous names and friends with whom he'd grown up in the game.

In early 2011, a World Cup year, Ireland coach Declan Kidney included the 20-year-old in his Six Nations training squad, and the accolade from his peers as the IRUPA's Young Player of the Year confirmed his arrival at rugby's top table.

Nevin Spence was an unassuming young man, assured certainly, but genuinely grateful for the athletic gifts which were inevitably propelling him to full international status. He was a fan favourite, his passion for the game and for the shirt he wore at Ravenhill evident in totally committed performances studded with brave physicality and astonishing creativity.

Along with other superb centres such as Darren Cave and Luke Marshall he was an Ulsterman in every sense of the word, and never more so when his brilliance in a white shirt, whether in thrilling attack or sterling defence had supporters roaring their approval and appreciation of a beloved team and an unique individual talent.

One sunny afternoon, five years ago today, just a day after Nevin and his family had watched Ulster edge past old rivals Munster in the league, the horrendous and still bewildering tragedy struck at the Spence farm. Nevin, his father and brother were killed, his sister Emma only just survived, as they did what they enjoyed doing most: working together, tending the stock and the land they held dear, and, most of all, looking out for each other.

The outpouring of grief was not confined to the community of sport, it was evident throughout the country and beyond, immediate and almost inconsolable acknowledgement demonstrated in many ways. The silences which prefaced rugby and other events for a week and longer spoke volumes for the respect in which Graham and Noel were held, and the void they left, and it disbelievably celebrated the life and joyous times of one of our sporting heroes: 'Wee Nev'.

Legacy is often difficult to describe accurately or with the humanity it so often represented in the character, personality, warmth and outrageous potential of someone who had the grace of Nevin Spence.

His team-mates immediately insisted that his inspiration and his essence be marked every time they lined out with his initial proudly etched alongside the Ulster badge.

Kingspan Stadium created the Nevin Spence Centre not only to permanently recognise his influence but to offer a tangible record of what Ulster Rugby did for him and continues to do for youngsters who, like him, enjoyed 'messing about with a ball'. The Centre is no solemn memorial to the haunting memories of the past but rather it is as full of vitality and colourful ideas as was the player, and the man, who gives it its evocative name.

Nevin Spence was a spectacularly-talented rugby footballer, a thoroughly likeable and decent human being, his nature forged by a family and a community he loved with relish. In these hardened, cynical times he was, and remains, inspirationally normal and good.





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NEVIN SPENCE REMEMBERED



**RODNEY AH YOU**

- Prop
- 27.10.88
- 186cm
- 128.1kg
- 20
- 3



**JOHN ANDREW**

- Hooker
- 26.05.93
- 180cm
- 99.1kg
- 29
- 



**RORY BEST**

- Hooker
- 15.08.82
- 180cm
- 105kg
- 198
- 104



**CALLUM BLACK**

- Prop
- 25.02.86
- 180cm
- 116.8kg
- 130
- 



**TOMMY BOWE**

- Wing
- 22.02.84
- 191cm
- 98.6kg
- 152
- 69



**PETER BROWNE**

- 2nd Row
- 25.10.87
- 200cm
- 115.8kg
- 32
- 



**DAVID BUSBY**

- Back Line
- 03.02.94
- 179cm
- 89.8kg
- 2
- 



**AARON CARINS**

- Scrum Half
- 07.10.92
- 176cm
- 84.9kg
- 1
- 



**DARREN CAVE**

- Centre
- 05.04.87
- 182cm
- 93kg
- 194
- 11



**MARCELL COETZEE**

- Flanker
- 08.05.91
- 191cm
- 122kg
- 5
- SA 28



**JOHN COONEY**

- Scrum Half
- 01.05.90
- 177cm
- 88kg
- 2
- 



**JEAN DEYSEL**

- Back Row
- 05.03.85
- 191cm
- 118kg
- 2
- SA 4



**ROBBIE DIACK**

- No. 8
- 12.11.85
- 193cm
- 110.8kg
- 195
- 2



**CRAIG GILROY**

- Wing
- 11.03.91
- 182cm
- 94kg
- 149
- 10



**IAIN HENDERSON**

- 2nd Row
- 21.02.92
- 200cm
- 117kg
- 74
- 32



**CHRIS HENRY**

- No. 7
- 17.10.84
- 187cm
- 105.5kg
- 167
- 24



**WIEHAHN HERBST**

- Prop
- 05.07.88
- 177cm
- 120.9kg
- 56
- 



**ROB HERRING**

- Hooker
- 27.04.90
- 182cm
- 106kg
- 122
- 1



**BRETT HERRON**

- Out Half
- 13.11.95
- 183cm
- 89.9kg
- 7
- 


**ROSS KANE**

- Prop
- 14.10.94
- 179cm
- 113.5kg
- 11
- 


**CHRISTIAN LEALIIFANO**

- Out Half
- 24.09.87
- 180cm
- 91kg
- 2
- AUS 19


**LOUIS LUDIK**

- Full Back
- 08.10.86
- 182cm
- 92.4kg
- 56
- 


**ROB LYTTLE**

- Wing
- 28.01.97
- 174cm
- 86.2kg
- 8
- 


**LUKE MARSHALL**

- Centre
- 03.03.91
- 180cm
- 98kg
- 105
- 11


**PAUL MARSHALL**

- Scrum Half
- 26.07.85
- 170cm
- 76.0kg
- 195
- 3


**KYLE McCALL**

- Prop
- 02.01.92
- 177cm
- 106.7kg
- 37
- 


**STUART McCLOSKEY**

- Centre
- 06.08.92
- 190cm
- 108.8kg
- 60
- 1


**JOHNNY McPHILLIPS**

- Out Half
- 13.04.97
- 180cm
- 88.9kg
- 
- 


**PETER NELSON**

- Full Back
- 05.10.92
- 180cm
- 87kg
- 39
- 


**ALAN O'CONNOR**

- 2nd Row
- 10.09.92
- 195cm
- 113.2kg
- 40
- 


**TOMMY O'HAGAN**

- Prop
- 05.10.93
- 182cm
- 120kg
- 
- 


**JACK OWENS**

- Wing
- 04.10.95
- 189cm
- 98.6kg
- 1
- 


**CALLUM PATTERSON**

- Centre
- 10.08.92
- 181cm
- 93.3kg
- 
- 


**JARED PAYNE**

- Full Back
- 13.10.85
- 187cm
- 94kg
- 78
- 20


**CHARLES PIUTAU**

- Full Back
- 31.10.91
- 186cm
- 103.5kg
- 24
- NZ 17


**MATTHEW REA**

- No. 8
- 21.09.93
- 193cm
- 110.8kg
- 2
- 







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**SEAN REIDY**

Back Row  
 10.05.89  
 182cm  
 103kg  
 60  
 2


**CLIVE ROSS**

Back Row  
 14.06.89  
 190cm  
 107.2kg  
 52  
 —


**DAVE SHANAHAN**

Scrum Half  
 20.06.93  
 174cm  
 77.4kg  
 15  
 —


**JONNY SIMPSON**

Prop  
 19.08.90  
 182cm  
 108.3kg  
 4  
 —


**JACOB STOCKDALE**

Centre  
 03.04.96  
 190cm  
 102kg  
 25  
 2


**KIERAN TREADWELL**

2nd Row  
 06.11.95  
 198cm  
 115kg  
 22  
 2


**ANDREW TRIMBLE**

Wing  
 20.10.84  
 185cm  
 98kg  
 219  
 70


**SCHALK VAN DER MERWE**

Prop  
 04.12.90  
 184cm  
 110kg  
 —  
 —


**ANDREW WARWICK**

Prop  
 12.03.91  
 177cm  
 113kg  
 75  
 —


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**15** LOUIS LUDIK



**1** KYLE McCALL



**14** ANDREW TRIMBLE



**2** ROB HERRING



**13** LUKE MARSHALL



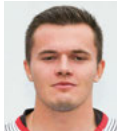
**3** WIEHAHN HERBST



**12** STUART McCLOSKEY



**4** KIERAN TREADWELL



**11** JACOB STOCKDALE



**5** ALAN O'CONNOR



**10** CHRISTIAN LEALIIFANO



**6** CHRIS HENRY **C**



**9** JOHN COONEY



**7** SEAN REIDY

**REPLACEMENTS**

- 16** J ANDREW
- 17** A WARWICK
- 18** R AH YOU
- 19** R DIACK

- 20** M REA
- 21** P MARSHALL
- 22** P NELSON
- 23** T BOWE



**8** JEAN DEYSEL

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**ASSISTANT REFEREES** VINCENZO SCHIPANI FIR | KIERAN BARRY IRFU  
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**3** SAMSON LEE



**13** HADLEIGH PARKES



**4** JAKE BALL



**12** SCOTT WILLIAMS



**5** TADHG BEIRNE



**11** STEFF EVANS



**6** AARON SHINGLER



**10** RHYS PATCHELL



**7** WILL BOYDE



**9** GARETH DAVIES



**8** JOHN BARCLAY

**REPLACEMENTS**

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>16</b> R ELIAS    | <b>20</b> J MACLEOD |
| <b>17</b> W JONES    | <b>21</b> J EVANS   |
| <b>18</b> W KRUGER   | <b>22</b> R JONES   |
| <b>19</b> D BULBRING | <b>23</b> J DAVIES  |



SCARLETS





**PAUL ASQUITH**

- Centre
- 12.08.93
- 184kg
- 95cm
- 



**COREY BALDWIN**

- Centre
- 13.10.98
- 
- 
- 



**JAKE BALL**

- Lock
- 21.06.91
- 197cm
- 124kg
- 



**JOHN BARCLAY**

- Back Row
- 24.09.86
- 190cm
- 105kg
- 



**TADHG BEIRNE**

- Lock
- 08.01.92
- 198cm
- 114kg
- 



**WILL BOYDE**

- Back row
- 15.12.94
- 183cm
- 101kg
- 



**DAVID BULBRING**

- Lock
- 12.09.89
- 198cm
- 117kg
- 



**RYAN CONBEER**

- Winger
- 05.02.99
- 176cm
- 92kg
- 



**JACK CONDY**

- Back Row
- 01.12.94
- 188cm
- 114kg
- 



**ALED DAVIES**

- Scrum half
- 19.07.92
- 176cm
- 88kg
- 



**GARETH DAVIES**

- Scrum half
- 18.08.90
- 178cm
- 88kg
- 



**JAMES DAVIES**

- Flanker
- 25.10.90
- 183cm
- 102kg
- 



**JONATHAN DAVIES**

- Centre
- 05.04.88
- 186cm
- 104kg
- 



**TAYLOR DAVIES**

- Hooker
- 30.07.95
- 185cm
- 108kg
- 



**RYAN ELIAS**

- Hooker
- 07.01.95
- 187cm
- 110kg
- 



**DYLAN EVANS**

- Prop
- 25.01.89
- 184cm
- 118kg
- 



**JONATHAN EVANS**

- Scrum half
- 25.07.92
- 181cm
- 85kg
- 



**ROB EVANS**

- Prop
- 14.04.92
- 186cm
- 118kg
- 







**SHAUN EVANS**

- 📅 Back Row
- 📅 14.09.96
- ✍️ 183cm
- 📏 99kg
- 😊 —



**STEFF EVANS**

- 📅 Winger
- 📅 01.09.94
- ✍️ 182cm
- 📏 95kg
- 😊 —



**RHYS FAWCETT**

- 📅 Prop
- 📅 09.10.96
- ✍️ 185cm
- 📏 116kg
- 😊 —



**SIMON GARDINER**

- 📅 Prop
- 📅 10.02.90
- ✍️ —
- 📏 —
- 😊 —



**TOM GRABHAM**

- 📅 Winger
- 📅 20.06.91
- ✍️ 178cm
- 📏 88kg
- 😊 —



**LEIGH HALFPENNY**

- 📅 Fullback
- 📅 22.12.88
- ✍️ 178cm
- 📏 85kg
- 😊 —



**JOSH HELPS**

- 📅 Lock
- 📅 22.12.94
- ✍️ 197cm
- 📏 117kg
- 😊 —



**DAFYDD HUGHES**

- 📅 Hooker
- 📅 08.01.96
- ✍️ 178cm
- 📏 101kg
- 😊 —



**STEFFAN HUGHES**

- 📅 Centre
- 📅 17.02.94
- ✍️ 180cm
- 📏 95kg
- 😊 —



**DAN JONES**

- 📅 Fly half
- 📅 07.01.96
- ✍️ 183cm
- 📏 92kg
- 😊 —



**RHYS JONES**

- 📅 Fullback
- 📅 23.08.87
- ✍️ 180cm
- 📏 90kg
- 😊 —



**WYN JONES**

- 📅 Prop
- 📅 26.02.92
- ✍️ 184cm
- 📏 120kg
- 😊 —



**WERNER KRUGER**

- 📅 Prop
- 📅 23.01.85
- ✍️ 191cm
- 📏 117kg
- 😊 —



**SAMSON LEE**

- 📅 Prop
- 📅 30.11.92
- ✍️ 180cm
- 📏 120kg
- 😊 —



**JOSH MACLEOD**

- 📅 Back Row
- 📅 27.10.96
- ✍️ 189cm
- 📏 110kg
- 😊 —



**JACK MAYNARD**

- 📅 Fly half
- 📅 17.10.94
- ✍️ 182cm
- 📏 90kg
- 😊 —



**BILLY MCBRYDE**

- 📅 Fly half
- 📅 24.10.96
- ✍️ 178cm
- 📏 94kg
- 😊 —



**JOHNNY McNICHOLL**

- 📅 Fullback
- 📅 24.09.90
- ✍️ 191cm
- 📏 97kg
- 😊 —





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**IOAN NICHOLAS**

- Centre
- 03.04.98
- 185cm
- 84kg
- 



**KEN OWENS**

- Hooker
- 03.01.87
- 184cm
- 97kg
- 



**HADLEIGH PARKES**

- Centre
- 05.10.87
- 187cm
- 100kg
- 



**RHYS PATCHELL**

- Fly half
- 17.05.93
- 191cm
- 92kg
- 



**EMYR PHILLIPS**

- Hooker
- 22.02.87
- 183cm
- 108kg
- 



**TOM PHILLIPS**

- Back Row
- 13.02.96
- 193cm
- 110kg
- 



**TOM PRICE**

- Lock
- 22.01.93
- 203cm
- 117kg
- 



**TOM PRYDIE**

- Wing
- 23.02.92
- 188cm
- 95kg
- 



**LEWIS RAWLINS**

- Lock
- 13.04.90
- 198cm
- 115kg
- 



**AARON SHINGLER**

- Back row
- 07.08.87
- 197cm
- 108kg
- 



**DECLAN SMITH**

- Scrum half
- 14.09.97
- 175cm
- 87kg
- 



**NICKY THOMAS**

- Prop
- 26.08.94
- 189cm
- 125kg
- 



**SCOTT WILLIAMS**

- Centre
- 10.10.90
- 185cm
- 99kg
- 



**MORGAN WILLIAMS**

- Winger
- 
- 
- 
- 



**TOM WILLIAMS**

- Winger
- 02.04.91
- 190cm
- 95kg
- 



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## THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW... ABOUT THE SCARLETS !

01

The club was officially rebranded as the Scarlets in 2008, but is inextricably linked with its original and celebrated rugby mecca, Llanelli in South Wales.

02

When the Welsh Rugby Union proposed reducing its top tier of professional clubs from nine to five, Llanelli Scarlets and Cardiff stood firm, rejected plans to merge with others, and retained their stand-alone identities.

03

The Scarlets officially represent the West and North Wales regions and occasionally played in Wrexham.

04

Stradey Park was the celebrated home of Llanelli Scarlets and the historic ground staged its last game there in October 2008, against Bristol.

05

The Scarlets are the reigning Guinness PRO14 champions (formerly PRO12) and topped the inaugural Celtic League in 2003/2004 – four points clear of Ulster.

06

The club moved to its new state-of-the-art Parc Y Scarlets home in nearby Pemberton in November 2008.

07

The current backs coach, former Welsh and Lions' out-half Stephen Jones, is the club's record scorer with 2,850 points.

08

Former Ireland skipper Simon Easterby is a former Scarlets captain, and was Head Coach from 2012-2014, before joining Joe Schmidt's international coaching team.

09

Scarlets has provided 40 players who have represented their countries at least 20 times.

10

The Scarlets President is Phil Bennett, the great Llanelli, Wales and Lions out-half and a link with the club's rich pre-professional history.

11

Ulster and Scarlets have met competitively 39 times – with honours even at 18 wins apiece, and three drawn games.



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**NAME** Adam McBurney

**DOB** 05.09.96

**PREFERRED POSITION** Hooker

**PREVIOUS TEAMS** Randalstown RFC

**HONOURS**

Ulster U18/19/20, Ireland U18/20

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# WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP: REVIEW



A few weeks have passed since New Zealand's Back Ferns were crowned champions of the Women's Rugby World Cup 2017, but the jubilant echoes ring on in support of female rugby.

WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP 2017



Not only was 2017 the best attended Women's Rugby World Cup in history but it generated the most engagement. Unlike any other edition, Ireland 2017 captured hearts and minds, prompting fervent enthusiasm among the previously indifferent and laying strong foundations for the growth of Women's Rugby both here on the island of Ireland and beyond.

## THE STATS

### THE BEST ATTENDED

Ireland 2017 raised the bar in terms of support throughout the tournament with a record total attendance of 45,412, showcasing rugby to new audiences:

- » The pool stages in Dublin sold out with 17,516 attending matches
- » The final stages in Belfast attracted over 27,000 spectators across the semi-finals and finals day
- » 51% of spectators attending the finals stages where from outside of the Isle of Ireland

### THE MOST VIEWED

The tournament captured hearts and minds across the globe with Ireland, France, the UK and USA all recording record viewing figures:

- » A new tournament record of a peak audience of 3.2 million tuned in for the France v England semi-final
- » A peak of 2.65 million tuned in to watch the final scheduled on ITV's main channel - the largest single audience for a Women's Rugby World Cup final and almost half of the audience for the men's final in the UK at RWC 2015

### THE MOST ENGAGED

Ireland 2017 was the most socially engaged World Rugby event of 2017, generating record video views, social engagement rates and website traffic, inspiring a new, younger audience:

- » 45 million views across official tournament platforms, the best-performing World Rugby event of the year and the biggest since Rugby World Cup 2015
- » There were 63,000 uses of #WRWC2017 and in total, while 50,000 new fans joined World Rugby's social media communities
- » 600,000 unique users visited [www.rwcwomens.com](http://www.rwcwomens.com) over the duration of the tournament from 223 different territories, generating four times as many page views as WRWC 2014



## THE LEGACY

### VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT PROJECT

As a direct result of, and in attempt to build on, the success of WRWC 2017 Ulster Rugby will deliver a Women's Rugby World Cup Legacy Project funded by Sport NI and the Department for Communities. Clubs, based in Northern Ireland, are invited to participate.

The overarching aim of this project is to enhance the capability and sustainability of female rugby at club level. Activities provided for clubs will include:

- » A club audit of female rugby volunteering to identify areas of need
- » Tailored volunteer training workshops
- » Participation in volunteer recruitment events
- » 12 week female 'Give it a try' programmes at each club delivered by Ulster Branch coaches
- » Participating clubs will be provided with a rugby equipment 'Legacy Pack' worth £250 along with printed resources to support volunteers in their roles and assist with succession planning.
- » 20 clubs will be selected to participate in the project and activities will run until March 2018. Enquire at your local club to be a part of this exciting opportunity.

**For more information, or to apply for this opportunity, please email [eliza.downey@ulsterrugby.com](mailto:eliza.downey@ulsterrugby.com).**

**Please note: applications close at 12.00 noon on Monday 18th September.**

### PARTICIPATION PROJECT

To kick start activities around the Women's Rugby World Cup Legacy Project, Ulster Rugby invites young female participants to 'Give it a Try' at Kingspan Stadium.

Running for 5 consecutive weeks, from 23 September, Ulster Rugby Coaches, in collaboration with local clubs, will host a 5 week introductory rugby programme for girls who want to play the game.

This programme is aimed at girls aged 10-17 (P7 - Year 13) and will take place from 12:45pm – 2pm on the Aquinas 4G Playing Pitch.

**To book your place on the 'Give it a Try' programme at Kingspan Stadium, please email [Jennifer.Boyd@ulsterrugby.com](mailto:Jennifer.Boyd@ulsterrugby.com).**

#### WHO

Girls aged 10 to 17 (P7 to Year 13)

#### WHAT

'Give it a Try' Introductory female rugby programme

#### WHERE

Kingspan Stadium

#### WHEN

23 September to 21 October

#### WHY

To build on the Women's Rugby World Cup Legacy





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# REA KEEN TO MAKE MOST OF FIRST TEAM OPPORTUNITY

Having earned his stripes with his hometown club Ballymena RFC in the All-Ireland League, Matty Rea's impressive form was rewarded with a first Ulster cap in the opening round of the Guinness PRO14 versus the Cheetahs, before securing his first start for the Province last weekend in Treviso.

As Rea recounts, his path to the Ulster first team wasn't exactly straightforward:

"I played for Ulster U20s a couple of years ago but I dropped off the radar and so turned my focus to play as best I could at club level for Ballymena. Progressing from there, I got into the sub-Academy which helped my conditioning and further development. I suppose traditionally most players would've come into the Ulster pathway via the schools' system, so it was great for me that the coaching staff were keeping a close eye on the players in the club game."

From the sub-Academy Rea was projected straight into the senior panel ahead of the 2016/17 season, but it took a bit longer than expected before he would make his first senior appearance.

"For a long time, I'd looked forward to earning my first cap, but with various injuries last year and the impact that had on my fitness, it just didn't happen for me last season. So I suppose that has allowed me to enjoy these last two games even more. To get a run out in front of a big crowd at Kingspan Stadium then the start in Treviso was just fantastic.

"I had tried to prepare myself as best I could for my first start but I was still very nervous in the first 10 minutes. Thinking back to all the hard work and training I'd put in to get me to that point gave me the confidence to overcome those nerves and feeding off the energy of the rest of the team carried me through. I think it's healthy to have nerves if you don't let them get the better of you and once I settled into the game it was great."

Racking up 5 carries for 30 metres, 7 tackles and a turnover in his first start was a solid day's work for the 23-year-old but he is confident that he has much more to offer.

"Naturally, when playing with the professional squad, there is a big increase in intensity from anything I'd experienced before - even the collisions are heavier which takes it out of the legs a bit more. I am happy with my stats against

Treviso and it is great to have that experience under my belt.

"Marcell (Coetzee) and Jean (Deysel) have laid a marker for the rest of us to step up to. It's good to have something to aim for as well as the support and experience of guys like Sean Reidy and Chris Henry to lean on. I still have a lot to learn but I am surrounded by a lot of experienced players so I'm looking forward to the year ahead."

Having already achieved the personal goals of making his home debut and first starting appearance, Rea has had to re-adjust his objectives for the remainder of the season.

"For now, my focus is to be involved and give as much as possible to the team. If I'm picked to start again that's all well and good but even if I'm not picked, I think I can still add a lot of value to the team as a whole."



MATTHEW REA



## MATTHEW REA

**DOB** 21.09.1993  
**BIRTHPLACE** Ballymena  
**HEIGHT** 1.93m  
**WEIGHT** 110.91kg  
**POSITION** Back Row



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# FEMALE RUGBY FESTIVAL AT MALONE RFC

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Patrick Baird of Malone RFC President commented: "We have a thriving, and ever

growing women's and ladies section here at Malone and we are delighted to have had the opportunity to host this event and the support of the IRFU to help put female rugby on the map."

**To find out more about female rugby opportunities near you please email [Jennifer.Boyd@ulsterrugby.com](mailto:Jennifer.Boyd@ulsterrugby.com).**



FEMALE RUGBY FESTIVAL



# PRO14 MATCH REPORT

## BENETTON TREVISO V ULSTER RUGBY



GUINNESS PRO14 2017/18 ROUND 2  
SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017  
AT STADIO MONIGO  
ATTENDANCE 2,600



PRO14 MATCH REPORT



### BENETTON TREVISO

J HAYWARD	
A ESPOSITO	
A SGARBI	413
T ALLAN	43
T BENVENUTI	
I McKINLEY	168
T TEBALDI	142
F ZANI	23
L BIGI	
S FERRARI	16
M LAZZARONI	
F RUZZA	
F MINTO	
S NEGRI	
W DOUGLAS	2

### REPLACEMENTS

E MAKELARA	0
C TRAORE	0
T PASQUALI	
M BARBINI	
A STEYN	
G BRONZINI	
E GORI	0
M ZANON	0

### STATS

#### PERFORMANCE

METRES GAINED	524
CARRIES	43
PASSES	178
TACKLES MADE	126
MISSED TACKLES	14
TURNOVERS	17
PENALTIES CONCEDED	10

#### SCORING

TRIES	3
CONVERSIONS	3
PENALTIES	0
DROP GOALS	0

#### DISCIPLINE

YELLOW CARDS	0
RED CARDS	0

### ULSTER RUGBY

L LUDIK	
C A TRIMBLE	
T BOWE	
S McCLOSKEY	
J STOCKDALE	
C LEALIIFANO	
J COONEY	
C BLACK	
R HERRING	
W HERBST	
R DIACK	
K TREADWELL	
M REA	
S REIDY	
J DEYSEL	

### REPLACEMENTS

J ANDREW	
A WARWICK	
R AH YOU	
P BROWNE	
C HENRY	
D SHANAHAN	
P NELSON	
L MARSHALL	

### 2017-2018 - GUINNESS PRO14 - CONFERENCE B

1	Scarlets	2	2	0	0	98	20	78	13	2	2	0	10
2	Leinster Rugby	2	2	0	0	76	25	51	9	1	2	0	10
3	Ulster Rugby	2	2	0	0	63	33	30	9	5	1	0	9
4	Edinburgh Rugby	2	2	0	0	55	28	27	6	1	1	0	9
5	Benetton Rugby	2	0	0	2	17	55	-38	2	9	0	1	1
6	Dragons	2	0	0	2	34	74	-40	1	9	0	0	0
7	Southern Kings	2	0	0	2	20	89	-69	3	12	0	0	0





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### Malone RFC

#### Club colours

White and navy

#### Team

Lorenzo McGarry  
James Day  
Ben Howes  
Isaac Hargie  
David Wilson  
Michael Millar  
James Farrell  
Jack Drysdale  
Jake Hoyle  
Ben Millar  
Ethan Edgar  
Ben Smyrl

#### Coaches

Colin Edgar  
Alex Hoyle  
William Millar

### Academy RFC

#### Club colours

Maroon and navy

#### Team

Nathan Carmichael  
Mark Campbell  
Sean Flannery  
Thomas Irvine  
Alex Place  
Ethan Pavlovic  
Josh Manson  
Conn McNally  
Frank Davis  
Ryan Calwell  
Hadwyn Hughes  
Kain McCrory

#### Coaches

Gareth Davis  
James Calwell  
Charlie McCrory

## Memorial End

### Carrickfergus RFC

#### Club colours

Black and black

#### Team

Luke Arbuthnot  
Ellis Branagh  
Alfie Cambridge  
Ryan Cowden  
Oliver Elliot  
Scott Hill  
Josh Jordan  
Jay Kincaid  
Ross McCalmont  
Josh McCauley  
Blaiice McClean  
Jake Taggart

#### Coaches

Robin Arbuthnot  
Adam Boyce  
Gareth McKeown

### Instonians RFC

#### Club colours

Black/Purple/Yellow

#### Team

Josh Holmes  
Shane Beattie  
Rory O'Connor  
Lorcan Donnelly  
Piers Stafford  
Conor Anderson  
Nathan Roberts  
Luke Beattie  
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# WELCOME TO OUR Club



OUR CLUB NEWS

Hello and welcome to another exciting match at Kingspan Stadium where tonight Ulster take on last season's Championship winners, the Scarlets!

As a member of OUR Club, Ulster Rugby's Official Junior Supporters Club, we hope you enjoy the opportunity to meet the players tonight and get involved with the various activities set out by the OUR Club volunteer team.

## AS ALWAYS THERE IS A FUN-FILLED SEASON IN STORE WITH COMPETITIONS AND GIVEAWAYS FOR THOSE UNDER 12 YEARS' OLD INCLUDING:

- » Halloween fancy dress contest
- » Food Village takeover
- » Mascot and Guard of Honour opportunities
- » Christmas Leaders Treat
- » Win a tour for your school competition
- » Design a jersey contest
- » End of Season OUR Club Champions training session

## THIS SEASON WE HAVE INTRODUCED NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE MEMBERS AGED 13 TO 16 INCLUDING:

- » Work Experience Opportunities
- » Opportunity to watch a training session
- » Design a jersey contest
- » End of Season Champions training session
- » Monthly members ballot – call in to OUR Quarter to collect your ticket before each home game (Beginning 1st September 2017)

The OUR Club points system will continue this season, for every activity you do, the more points you are awarded. At Christmas and at the end of the season, all the points are tallied and the top scorers on the leaderboard are awarded a special Ulster Rugby treat!

Keep an eye out for OUR Club emails, which will give you or your parents the details on how to enter. Don't forget to visit OUR Quarter on a match night to pick up extra points and some treats before a game!

Keep in touch with Jen and the OUR Club Crew by emailing [ourclub@ulsterrugby.com](mailto:ourclub@ulsterrugby.com). Submit photos and stories throughout the season and you may even feature on this page!

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Here are our Ulster Rugby values and we ask all our fans to support them throughout the season:

**WE ARE PASSIONATE IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE ULSTER TEAM.**

**WE ARE SILENT DURING KICKS AT GOAL BY BOTH TEAMS.**

**WE RESPECT THE MATCH OFFICIALS' DECISIONS.**

**WE DRINK RESPONSIBLY.**

**WE ARE MINDFUL OF OUR LANGUAGE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE NEAR US.**

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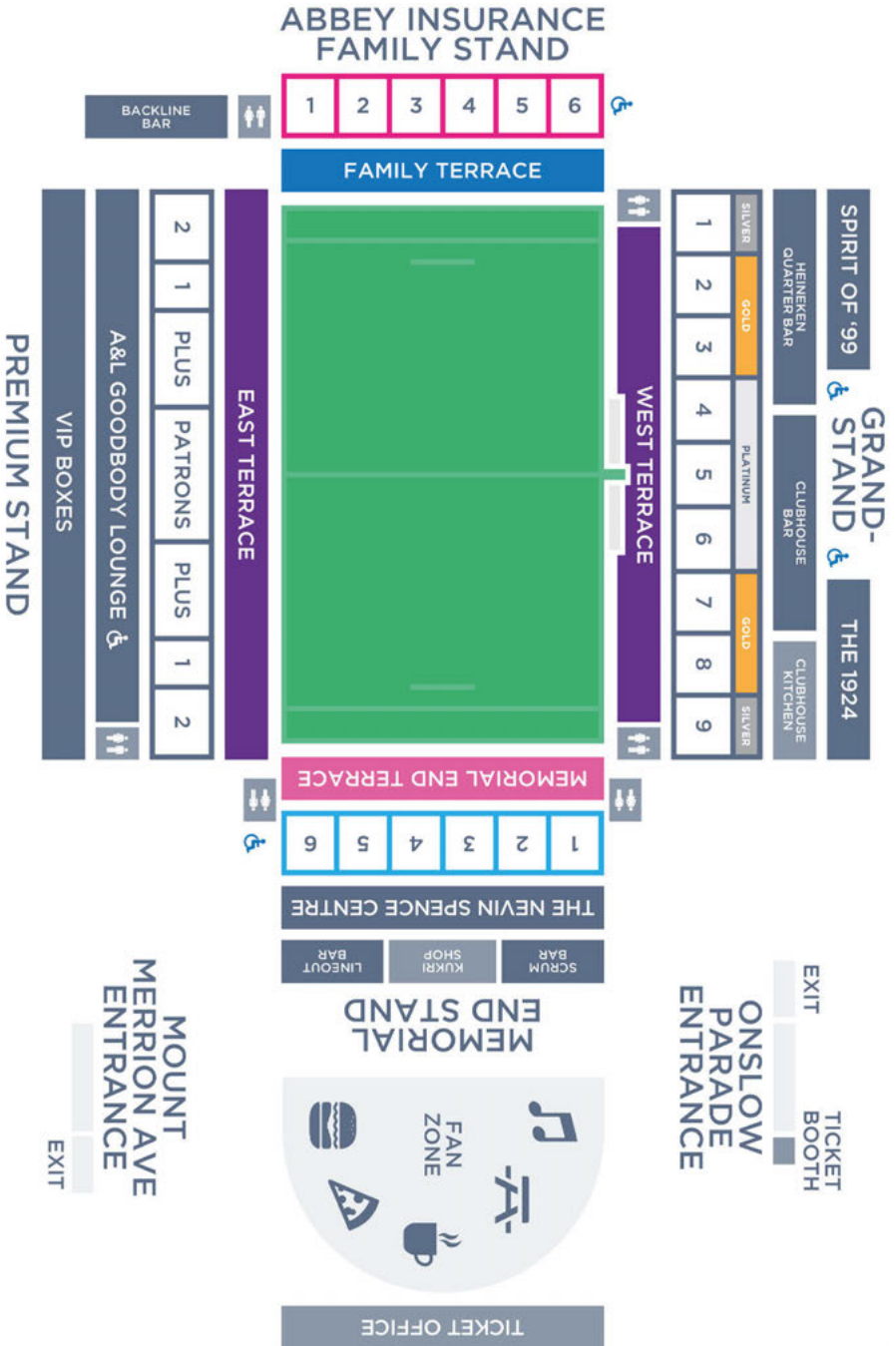
**WE RESPECT THE OPPOSITION PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS, MANAGEMENT AND OFFICIALS**

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**THANK YOU AND ENJOY THIS AND EVERY MATCH.**

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# KINGSPAN STADIUM INFORMATION

Ulster Rugby is appealing to supporters to be mindful of local residents and to avoid parking in the immediate vicinity of the Kingspan Stadium grounds on match day.

Supporters are encouraged to make use of the complimentary Park'n'Ride facilities on Ulster Rugby match days located at Pirrie Park on the Ravenhill Road side of the ground, and along Montgomery Road, on the Mount Merrion side of the ground. There is ample parking at both locations and they are just a short distance from the ground. Supporters can either walk or take advantage of the free buses that run to and from the parking areas and the ground from 90 minutes prior to kick off until 90 minutes after the final whistle.

If required, the PSNI will also close the two main approaches to the ground, Onslow Parade and Mount Merrion Avenue at peak times of entrance and egress to and from the ground.

**For more information please contact our Ticket Office on 028 9049 3222**

## SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted within any building, structure or the stadium bowl.

This restriction also applies to electronic cigarettes. The permitted smoking areas are the open spaces to the rear of the Grandstand, Premium Stand, Memorial End Stand and in the Food Village.

Stewards have been instructed to speak to supporters whose actions do not comply with the above values and to ask them to desist.

Where supporters choose to ignore this advice and warning and continue to act in an unacceptable manner removal from the stadium and the issue of a banning order may result.

## ENTRY ONTO THE PITCH IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

We would like to remind all fans that entry onto the pitch before, during or after the match is now illegal.

The pitch, as with other areas of the ground is monitored by CCTV.

## BEHAVIOUR IN THE GROUND

Please respect others before, during and after the match by behaving in a reasonable and responsible manner.

If you are concerned about the behaviour of others in the ground, please report your concerns to a steward, so appropriate action can be taken.

## TAXI INFORMATION

For those spectators who like to relax and enjoy a drink before, during or after the match a taxi service is provided. A specially arranged taxi service has been organised for Ulster Rugby patrons on match nights courtesy of Fonacab. The taxi rank (located in front of head office) will operate as soon after the match as crowd movement permits. You do not need to order a taxi as this service runs continuously from 40 minutes after the final whistle. Persons requiring a taxi are asked to queue within the ground and not on Mt Merrion Avenue.

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# PRO14 PREVIEW

## ULSTER V SCARLETS

GUINNESS PRO14 2017/18 ROUND 3  
AT KINGSPAN STADIUM

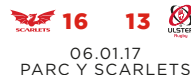


MATCH PREVIEW

### CURRENT STANDINGS



### LAST TIME



### ULSTER FORM GUIDE

● WIN ● DRAW ● LOST

LAST 3 MATCHES



### HEAD TO HEAD



<b>35</b>	PLAYED	<b>35</b>
<b>17</b>	WINS	<b>15</b>
<b>15</b>	LOSSES	<b>17</b>
<b>3</b>	DRAWS	<b>3</b>

### SCARLETS FORM GUIDE

● WIN ● DRAW ● LOST

LAST 3 MATCHES



## CURRENT FORM

Ulster have won their last three Guinness PRO14 encounters since slipping up at Ospreys at the end of April.

The Ulstermen have lost just once at Kingspan Stadium in the Championship since Scarlets beat them there by a single point in February 2016: 14-15 to Munster in round 7 last season.

Scarlets have won their last nine Guinness PRO14 encounters, whilst another victory would equal their best ever sequence in the competition, set in 2015.

Scarlets have lost only one of their last eight encounters with Irish provinces: 9-45 to Leinster at the RDS Arena in March.

When the two sides met last season the home team were triumphant on both occasions whilst Scarlets only victory in Belfast since September 2008 was 21-20 in February 2016.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE	VENUE	U	S	ULSTER SCORERS	SCARLETS SCORERS
06.01.17	Parc y Scarlets	13	16	Paddy Jackson <b>C/2P</b> Jacob Stockdale <b>T</b>	Dan Jones <b>C/3P</b> Penalty Try <b>(T)</b>
16.09.16	Kingspan Stadium	19	8	Paddy Jackson <b>3P</b> Iain Henderson <b>T</b> Louis Ludik <b>T</b>	Rhys Patchell <b>P</b> Will Boyde <b>T</b>
21.02.16	Kingspan Stadium	20	21	Craig Gilroy <b>T</b> Paddy Jackson <b>2C/D/P</b> Luke Marshall <b>T</b>	Mike Collins <b>2T</b> Aled Thomas <b>C/3P</b>
12.09.15	Parc y Scarlets	12	22	Rory Scholes <b>T</b> Stuart McCloskey <b>C</b> Penalty Try <b>T</b>	Dan Jones <b>C/4P</b> Hadleigh Parkes <b>T</b> Aled Thomas <b>P</b>

# FIXTURES 2017/18



FIXTURES 2017/18

DATE	COMP	HOME AWAY KO	WIN LOSE	RESULT	OPPONENT	VENUE	TV	
<b>AUGUST 2017</b>								
17.08	F	H	19.30	L	15 - 26	Wasps	Kingspan Stadium	—
25.08	F	A	19.30	L	55 - 15	Northampton Saints	Franklin's Gardens	—
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>								
01.09	PRO14	H	19.35	W	42 - 19	Toyota Cheetahs	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI
09.09	PRO14	A	18.05	W	14 - 21	Benetton Rugby	Stadio Monigo	BBC Sport NI
15.09	PRO14	H	19.35	-	-	Scarlets	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI
22.09	PRO14	H	19.35	-	-	Dragons	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI
30.09	PRO14	A	15.35	-	-	Zebre Rugby	Stadio Sergio Lanfranchi	BBC Sport NI
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>								
06.10	PRO14	H	19.35	-	-	Connacht Rugby	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI
13.10	ERCC	H	19.45	-	-	Wasps	Kingspan Stadium	BT Sport
22.10	ERCC	A	16.15	-	-	La Rochelle	Stade Marcel-Deflandre	Sky Sports
28.10	PRO14	H	18.15	-	-	Leinster	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI / Sky Sports
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>								
04.11	PRO14	A	17.00	-	-	Southern Kings	Nelson Mandela Bay	BBC Sport NI
24.11	PRO14	H	19.05	-	-	Benetton Rugby	Kingspan Stadium	BBC Sport NI
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>								
01.12	PRO14	A	19.35	-	-	Dragons	Rodney Parade	BBC Sport NI
10.12	ERCC	A	13.00	-	-	Harlequins	Twickenham Stoop	BT Sport
15.12	ERCC	H	19.45	-	-	Harlequins	Kingspan Stadium	BT Sport
23.12	PRO14	A	19.35	-	-	Connacht Rugby	Sportground	BBC Sport NI
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>								
01.01	PRO14	H	17.35	-	-	Munster Rugby	Kingspan Stadium	Sky Sports / BBC Sport NI
06.01	PRO14	A	17.35	-	-	Leinster Rugby	RDS Arena	Sky Sports / BBC Sport NI
12-14.01	ERCC	H	TBC	-	-	La Rochelle	Kingspan Stadium	TBC
19-21.01	ERCC	A	TBC	-	-	Wasps	Ricoh Arena	TBC
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>								
9-11.02	PRO14	H	TBC	-	-	Southern Kings	Kingspan Stadium	TBC
16-18.02	PRO14	H	TBC	-	-	Edinburgh Rugby	Kingspan Stadium	TBC
23-25.02	PRO14	A	TBC	-	-	Scarlets	Parc y Scarlets	TBC
<b>MARCH 2018</b>								
2-4.03	PRO14	H	TBC	-	-	Glasgow Warriors	Kingspan Stadium	TBC
23-25.03	PRO 14	A	TBC	-	-	Cardiff Blues	BT Cardiff Arms Park	TBC
<b>APRIL 2018</b>								
6-8.04	PRO14	A	TBC	-	-	Edinburgh Rugby	Myreside	TBC
13-15.04	PRO14	H	TBC	-	-	Ospreys	Kingspan Stadium	TBC
27-29.04	PRO14	A	TBC	-	-	Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	TBC

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