



## ROUND 2 – REARRANGEMENT

### Wednesday 3 March 2010

Pontypridd v Doncaster Knights (Sardis Road, 7.30pm) Pool D

*Note: There will be a result and league table update for Pool D issued on Thursday morning by e-mail.*

## ROUND 5 – FIXTURES

### Friday 5 March 2010

Moseley v Bedford Blues (Billesley Common, 7.30pm) Pool C

### Saturday 6 March 2010

Plymouth Albion v Exeter Chiefs (Brickfields, 3pm) Pool A

Neath v Coventry (The Gnoll, 2.30pm) Pool B

London Welsh v Llanelli (Old Deer Park, 2pm) Pool C

Rotherham Titans v Doncaster Knights (Clifton Lane, 2pm) Pool D

Birmingham & Solihull Bees v Pontypridd (Sharmans Cross Road, 3pm) Pool D

Cardiff v Ayr (Arms Park, 2.30pm) Pool D

### Sunday 7 March 2010

Cornish Pirates v Newport (Camborne Recreation Ground, 3pm) Pool A

Nottingham Rugby v Bristol Rugby (Meadow Lane, 3pm) Pool B

### Wednesday 10 March 2010

Gael Force v Leinster (Bridehaugh, 7pm) Pool A

### Friday 12 March 2010

Munster v Heriot's (Musgrave Park, 7.30pm) Pool B

Ulster Ravens v Aberavon (Ravenhill, 7.30pm) Pool C

## SEMI-FINALS

Weekend of 23/24/25 April 2010

## FINAL

Weekend of 14/15/16 May 2010

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### ROUND 4 SUMMARY

POOL A			
<b>GAEL FORCE</b>	<b>(0)0</b>	<b>PLYMOUTH ALBION</b>	<b>(18)25</b>
Att: 69		Alex Davies(2C/2P) Sean-Michael Stephen(7) Gareth Evans(36) Dan Collier(46)	
<b>(b) LEINSTER</b>	<b>(0)6</b>	<b>NEWPORT</b>	<b>(3)10</b>
Fergus McFadden(2P)		Chris Wannell(C/P) Matthew Pewtner(50)	
<b>(B) CORNISH PIRATES</b>	<b>(6)37</b>	<b>EXETER CHIEFS</b>	<b>(6)14</b>
Rob Cook(4C/3P) Paul Devlin(52) Gavin Cattle(54) Mark Ireland(63) Dave Ward(68)		Danny Gray(3P) Sean Marsden(43) Att: 2,564	
POOL B			
<b>ULSTER RAVENS</b>	<b>(16)21</b>	<b>LONDON WELSH</b>	<b>(11)17 (b)</b>
Niall O'Connor(C/3P) Paul Marshall(3) Timoci Nagusa(42) Att: 739		Gordon Ross(2P) Ed Lewis-Pratt(2P) Neil Starling(38)	
<b>(B) LLANELLI</b>	<b>(18)35</b>	<b>MOSELEY</b>	<b>(0)21</b>
Steven Shingler(3C/2P) Dale Ford(P) Ryan Bayliss(5) Tavis Knoyle(29) Chris Keenan(50) Aaron Shingler(80)		Tristan Roberts(47/3C) Andrew Hall(59) Dan Ostleton(70)	
<b>BEDFORD BLUES</b>	<b>(5)17</b>	<b>ABERAVON</b>	<b>(3)15 (b)</b>
Duncan Taylor(9/59/80) James Pritchard(C)		Jamie Murphy(5P) Att: 1,230	
POOL C			
<b>NEATH</b>	<b>(12)12</b>	<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>(0)21</b>
Arwel Thomas(4P)		Declan Cusack(C/3P) Peter O'Mahony(56) Tom Gleeson(58)	
<b>(B) BRISTOL RUGBY</b>	<b>(15)34</b>	<b>HERIOT'S</b>	<b>(10)17</b>
Chris Ashwin(C) Mark Davies(C) James Merriman(12/45) Mathew Turner(28) Jack Tovey(40) Jack Adams(56) Sam Alford(80)		Chris Fusaro(32/73) Graham Wilson(2C/P) Att: 2,521	

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<b>(B) NOTTINGHAM RUGBY</b>	<b>(26)43</b>	<b>COVENTRY</b>	<b>(3)17</b>
David Jackson(4C) Andy Savage(15) Dan White(33) Tim Streater(37) Penalty Try(40) Greg Sammons(61) Jack Cobden(64/68)		Aaron Carpenter(56) James Lewis(80+3) Ben Russell(2C/P) Att: 1,243	
<b>POOL D</b>			
<b>(B) CARDIFF</b>	<b>(17)34</b>	<b>ROTHERHAM TITANS</b>	<b>(15)27 (b)</b>
Gareth Davies(4C/2P) Jimmy Norris(14) Darren Ryan(19) Penalty Try(46) Rhys Shellard(67)		Jonny West(2C/D) Adam Kleeberger(8/10) Jon Feeley(44) Gregor Hayter(79)	
<b>(b) AYR</b>	<b>(14)21</b>	<b>PONTYPRIDD</b>	<b>(7)22</b>
Frazier Climo(C/3P) Paul Burke(32) Andy Wilson(58) Att: 1,290		Aaron Bramwell(C/P) Grant Harrington(40) Owen Williams(60) Kristian Baller(80/C)	
<b>(B) DONCASTER KNIGHTS</b>	<b>(22)41</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM &amp; SOLIHULL BEES</b>	<b>(3)8</b>
Ali Warnock(4C/P) Andy Wright(3/65) Matt D'Arcy(32/56) Matt Williams(40) Nicky Griffiths(61)		Tom Foden(73) Simon Hunt(P) Att: 783	
Key: winning team shown in green, losing team in red, a draw marked in amber Note: <b>(B)</b> denotes a try bonus point and <b>(b)</b> a losing bonus point			



## ROUND 5 – PREVIEWS

### POOL A

#### **Plymouth Albion v Exeter Chiefs**

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Martin Fox (RFU)

Neither team can make it to the semi-finals but local pride will still be at stake.

Plymouth Albion are in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the RFU Championship table and have won their last two games against Birmingham in the RFU Championship and Gael Force in the British & Irish Cup. Albion's other games in this competition are a draw at Newport and losses against Leinster and Cornish Pirates.

Exeter Chiefs are in 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the RFU Championship having won their last five games in that particular tournament. In the British & Irish Cup the Chiefs have beaten Gael Force but suffered three defeats to Newport, Leinster and Cornish Pirates.

Plymouth ended a seven match losing run against Exeter Chiefs with their 23-13 victory at Brickfields in the RFU Championship on 19 December.

#### **Cornish Pirates v Newport**

7<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Leo Colgan (IRFU)

A winner takes all clash in Pool A of the British & Irish Cup with the victors progressing into the semi-finals.

Cornish Pirates are in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the RFU Championship table and have won their last three matches in all competitions. Pirates record in the British & Irish Cup is wins over Gael Force (29-8), Plymouth (13-9) and Exeter (37-14) and a defeat to Leinster (10-12).

Newport lie in 5<sup>th</sup> spot in the WRU Principality Premiership. Newport' are unbeaten in the British & Irish Cup securing wins against Exeter (21-14), Gael Force (27-5) and Leinster (10-6) and drawing 3-3 with Plymouth.

The two teams have never met before in league or cup.

#### **Gael Force v Leinster**

10<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Michael Tutty (RFU)

Gael Force are still without a win in the British & Irish Cup having been defeated by Cornish Pirates (8-29), Exeter Chiefs (0-15), Newport (5-27) and Plymouth Albion (0-25).

Following Leinster's loss at home to Newport last Friday the only way that the Irishmen can progress to the last four now is if Cornish Pirates and Newport draw and Leinster win this game, even then it could come down to bonus points. Before their loss to Newport, Leinster had begun the British & Irish Cup with three victories: 16-13 over Plymouth, 12-10 over Cornish Pirates and 22-10 over Exeter Chiefs.

The two teams have never met before in league or cup.



## POOL B

### Neath v Coventry

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: David Wilkinson (IRFU)

Neither Neath nor Coventry can progress to the semi-finals of the British & Irish Cup. Neath currently lie in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot in the WRU Principality Premiership table three points behind leaders Swansea. Neath's only victory so far in the British & Irish Cup was 38-21 against Heriot's.

Coventry lie in 11<sup>th</sup> spot in the RFU Championship and have also gained just one victory in the British & Irish Cup: 57-12 over Heriot's in round two.

The two teams have never met before in league or cup.

### Nottingham Rugby v Bristol Rugby

7<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Tim Wigglesworth (RFU)

The winners of this match have a chance to challenge Munster for a semi-final spot, but even this will be academic should the Irish province gain two league points against Heriot's. Nottingham are in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the RFU Championship. Notts 43-17 victory at home to Coventry in the British & Irish Cup ended a four game losing run in all competitions. The Midlands began their British & Irish Cup campaign with victories over Heriot's and Neath before slipping up in Munster in round three.

Bristol Rugby continue to lead the RFU Championship table, having won twelve straight games since their 6-18 defeat in Munster in round two of the British & Irish Cup. Bristol have won their other three encounters in this competition: 18-11 at Neath, 40-15 at home to Coventry and 34-17 at home to Heriot's last Sunday.

Bristol have won the last seven encounters between the two clubs since Nottingham were victorious 22-6 at Memorial Stadium in Courage Division One on 22 September 1990.

### Munster v Heriot's

12<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Leighton Hodges (WRU)

Munster need just two points from this match (less if Nottingham or Bristol do not record a maximum point victory) to guarantee progression into the semi-finals of the inaugural British & Irish Cup competition. The Irishmen are the only side with a played four, won four record in the competition having beaten Coventry, Bristol, Nottingham and Neath so far.

Heriot's are in 5<sup>th</sup> spot in the SRU Scottish Hydro Premiership One table but unfortunately have lost all their four encounters in the British & Irish Cup.



## POOL C

### **Moseley v Bedford Blues**

5<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Michael Black (WRU)

Neither Moseley or Bedford can reach the last four of the British & Irish Cup. Moseley are in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the RFU Championship table and must beat Bristol at Billesley Common next week if they are to make the promotion playoffs. Moseley have lost all four games they have played so far in the British & Irish Cup. Bedford Blues are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the RFU Championship. The Blues have won two, lost two record in the British & Irish Cup, having beaten Llanelli and Aberavon, but being defeated by Ulster and London Welsh. Moseley's only victory in their last eleven matches against Bedford since 2001 was 44-37 in National One at Billesley Common on 9 September 2006.

### **London Welsh v Llanelli**

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: James Matthew (SRU)

London Welsh are currently tied with Ulster Ravens at the top of the Pool C table in the British & Irish Cup with 16 match points apiece. Welsh will need to obtain one more match point than the Ravens in this round if they are to make it to the last four at the expense of the Ulstermen because Ulster won 29-3 when the two teams met last Friday at Ravenhill. London Welsh occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the RFU Championship but have won just one of their last four encounters in all competitions. In the British & Irish Cup The Exiles' other results have been three victories; over Moseley, Aberavon and Bedford. Llanelli cannot make it to the semi-finals of the British & Irish Cup after losing their opening two games to Aberavon and Bedford, drawing with Ulster and beating Moseley. The West Walians currently are 4<sup>th</sup> in the WRU Principality Premiership table. The two teams have never met before in league or cup.

### **Ulster Ravens v Aberavon**

12<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Luke Pearce (RFU)

Ulster Ravens will know exactly what they have to do to qualify for the semi-finals with London Welsh playing six days earlier at Old Deer Park. All the Ravens have to do is match whatever the Exiles managed against Llanelli in terms of league points because they will be ranked higher than London Welsh in the event of a tie courtesy of their 29-3 victory over the Londoners last Friday at Ravenhill. Ulster are unbeaten so far in the British & Irish Cup having beaten Bedford, Moseley and London Welsh and drawing 21-all with Llanelli. Aberavon cannot progress to the last four as their won two, lost two record in the British & Irish Cup is not quite enough. The Wizards have beaten Llanelli and Moseley but tripped up to London Welsh and Bedford. Aberavon lie in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the WRU Principality Premiership. The two teams have never met before in league or cup.



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### POOL D

Pontypridd and Doncaster play their re-arranged round two game in the British & Irish Cup tomorrow night at Sardis Road. If the Knights win this encounter they will become the first team to qualify for the semi-finals.

### Rotherham Titans v Doncaster Knights

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Gwyn Morris (WRU)

Rotherham Titans' three game winning run in all competitions came to an end at Cardiff on Saturday. The Titans are in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the RFU Championship and must beat Bedford next week at Goldington Road to give themselves any hope of making the Promotion Playoffs. Doncaster Knights may have already qualified for the semi-finals depending on their encounter at Pontypridd on Wednesday. The Knights have a played three, won three record so far in the British & Irish Cup and lie in 7<sup>th</sup> spot in the RFU Championship table. Rotherham have won this local derby against Doncaster just once in the last nine meetings since 2005: 11-7 at Clifton Lane in the Championship on 14 November 2009.

### Birmingham & Solihull Bees v Pontypridd

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Paul Haycock (IRFU)

Neither side can progress to the last four of the British & Irish Cup. Birmingham & Solihull Bees have not won a game since beating Redruth at Sharmans Cross Road in National Two on 25 April 2009. Pontypridd lie in third place in the WRU Principality Premiership, and going into Wednesday's rearranged British & Irish Cup clash with Doncaster have won four of their last five games in all competitions. The two teams have never met before in league or cup.

### Cardiff v Ayr

6<sup>th</sup> March. Referee: Darren Gamage (RFU)

Cardiff may still have an outside chance of making the semi-finals if both Pontypridd and Rotherham both beat Doncaster and Cardiff win this fixture. Cardiff are in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the WRU Principality Premiership and in the British & Irish Cup have beaten Pontypridd, Birmingham and Rotherham but lost out to Doncaster. Ayr cannot qualify for the last four having a won two, lost two record so far. The Scotsmen beat Rotherham and Birmingham but were defeated by Doncaster and Pontypridd. The two teams have never met before in league or cup.

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## RELATIVE STANDINGS

RFU CHAMPIONSHIP		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Bristol Rugby	21	19	0	2	13	1	90	84	49	28	1	605	27	20	41	3	307	1	4	298
2	Exeter Chiefs	21	18	0	3	10	1	83	77	60	43	1	637	38	22	36	2	348	1	5	289
3	London Welsh	21	13	1	7	5	4	58	53	29	43	1	455	37	25	38	1	352	2	6	103
4	Bedford Blues	21	11	1	9	5	4	55	65	47	43	0	548	43	30	44	1	410	3	4	138
5	Cornish Pirates	21	11	1	9	6	3	55	67	44	35	1	531	54	33	29	4	435	7	4	96
6	Nottingham Rugby	21	11	0	10	7	3	54	64	37	35	1	502	57	40	44	1	500	6	5	2
7	Doncaster Knights	21	10	0	11	2	5	47	41	34	32	4	381	37	23	44	1	366	2	3	15
8	Plymouth Albion	21	9	1	11	4	2	44	40	26	37	2	369	54	37	33	2	449	4	3	-80
9	Moseley	21	9	0	12	3	3	42	39	27	54	1	414	63	46	36	1	518	6	5	-104
10	Rotherham Titans	21	7	0	14	5	8	41	47	35	36	4	425	62	39	31	2	487	6	1	-62
11	Coventry	21	5	1	15	1	4	7	38	17	32	2	326	68	43	34	0	528	7	1	-202
12	Birmingham & Solihull Bees	21	0	1	20	1	3	-14	32	26	23	0	281	107	73	31	0	774	17	0	-493
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5474</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5474</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>41</b>	

\* London Welsh deducted five points, and Birmingham & Coventry both deducted 15 points for going into administration. Coventry & Birmingham deducted five further points for an abandoned game.

SRU PREMIERSHIP		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Currie	16	15	0	1	12	0	72	92	56	24	0	644	25	13	25	1	229	0	1	415
2	Ayr	15	14	0	1	10	1	67	67	48	21	0	494	26	15	27	0	241	1	4	253
3	Melrose	19	11	2	6	10	3	61	72	42	27	0	525	41	22	45	0	384	4	3	141
4	Dundee HSFP	19	11	0	8	9	3	56	66	42	26	0	492	49	27	24	0	371	4	3	121
5	Heriot's	18	9	0	9	7	3	46	60	39	29	1	468	52	38	27	0	417	7	1	51
6	Glasgow Hawks	15	8	1	6	4	3	41	40	31	42	1	391	44	24	14	1	313	5	2	78
7	West of Scotland	19	8	0	11	7	2	41	59	28	16	1	402	78	40	27	0	551	11	5	-149
8	Boroughmuir	18	7	0	11	6	3	37	46	31	31	0	385	63	34	29	1	473	9	3	-88
9	Edinburgh Academicals	19	7	0	12	5	3	36	53	28	20	0	381	64	39	30	1	491	8	2	-110
10	Selkirk	17	6	2	9	5	1	34	43	24	33	0	362	74	49	23	0	537	11	1	-175
11	Watsonians	18	5	1	12	5	4	31	39	19	25	2	314	60	42	29	1	474	7	2	-160
12	Stewart's Melville FP	19	2	0	17	2	3	13	39	20	25	0	310	100	65	19	0	687	15	2	-377
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5168</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5168</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>29</b>	

WRU PREMIERSHIP		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Swansea	18	14	1	3	11	2	71	77	53	32	2	593	39	23	40	0	361	1	3	232
2	Neath	18	14	0	4	11	1	68	75	48	30	0	561	34	29	41	5	366	2	5	195
3	Pontypridd	17	12	0	5	6	4	58	46	29	42	0	414	22	13	33	0	235	0	4	179
4	Llanelli	19	10	2	7	7	5	56	52	32	52	1	483	36	26	46	0	370	4	2	113
5	Newport	17	12	0	5	5	2	55	48	32	43	0	433	29	19	35	3	297	1	5	136
6	Cardiff	17	11	1	5	5	3	54	47	33	40	2	427	30	22	37	3	314	1	5	113
7	Aberavon	17	8	2	7	7	3	46	51	36	45	0	462	49	38	36	0	429	5	1	33
8	Llandoverly	18	8	1	9	4	3	41	54	44	31	2	457	49	30	46	0	443	6	4	14
9	Glamorgan Wanderers	17	7	0	10	1	5	34	30	24	41	3	330	56	32	27	0	425	7	5	-95
10	Cross Keys	18	7	1	10	1	2	33	36	28	45	0	371	36	27	56	2	408	4	3	-37
11	Carmarthen Quins	16	6	0	10	2	3	29	33	24	43	0	342	35	22	40	0	339	4	1	3
12	Bedwas	18	5	0	13	2	4	26	29	16	40	3	306	60	37	37	0	485	9	2	-179
13	Ebbw Vale	16	3	0	13	0	3	15	9	7	36	1	170	53	37	36	0	447	6	2	-277
14	Pontypool	18	1	0	17	1	3	8	30	19	26	0	266	89	70	36	1	696	13	1	-430
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>122</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5615</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5615</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	

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## LATEST TABLES

POOL A		Record				Points			Attack					Defence								
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Cornish Pirates	▲	4	3	0	1	2	1	15	10	9	7	0	89	2	0	10	1	43	0	1	46
2	Newport	▶	4	3	1	0	1	0	15	7	4	6	0	61	3	2	3	0	28	0	2	33
3	Leinster	▼	4	3	0	1	0	1	13	4	3	9	1	56	5	3	4	0	43	0	2	13
4	Plymouth Albion	▲	4	1	1	2	0	2	8	4	3	7	1	50	2	2	6	0	32	0	0	18
5	Exeter Chiefs	▼	4	1	0	3	0	1	5	7	3	4	0	53	9	7	6	1	80	1	0	-27
6	Gael Force	▶	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	13	13	8	5	0	96	2	0	-83

**Results:** Newport 21 Exeter 14; Plymouth 13 Leinster 16; Pirates 29 Gael Force 8; Leinster 12 Pirates 8; Newport 3 Plymouth 3; Exeter 15 Gael Force 0; Newport 27 Gael Force 5; Exeter 10 Leinster 22; Plymouth 9 Pirates 13; Leinster 6 Newport 10; Gael Force 0 Plymouth 25; Pirates 37 Exeter 14

POOL B		Record				Points			Attack					Defence								
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Munster	▶	4	4	0	0	1	0	17	9	1	10	0	77	2	0	8	0	34	0	1	43
2	Bristol Rugby	▶	4	3	0	1	2	0	14	14	8	4	0	98	9	2	4	0	61	0	1	37
3	Nottingham Rugby	▶	4	3	0	1	1	0	13	10	6	1	0	65	2	2	8	0	38	0	1	27
4	Neath	▲	4	1	0	3	1	1	6	7	4	7	0	64	9	7	5	0	74	0	0	-10
5	Coventry	▼	4	1	0	3	1	1	6	16	8	2	0	102	19	10	0	0	115	3	0	-13
6	Heriot's	▶	4	0	0	4	0	1	1	7	6	1	0	50	22	12	0	0	134	3	0	-84

**Results:** Coventry 13 Munster 20; Neath 11 Bristol 18; Heriots 0 Nottingham 5; Coventry 57 Heriots 12; Munster 18 Bristol 6; Nottingham 14 Neath 3; Munster 18 Nottingham 3; Bristol 40 Coventry 15; Heriots 21 Neath 38; Neath 12 Munster 21; Bristol 34 Heriots 17; Nottingham 43 Coventry 17

POOL C		Record				Points			Attack					Defence								
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Ulster Ravens	▶	4	3	1	0	2	0	16	12	8	9	0	103	6	4	8	0	62	0	1	41
2	London Welsh	▶	4	3	0	1	3	1	16	15	12	6	0	117	8	5	6	0	68	1	0	49
3	Bedford Blues	▶	4	2	0	2	1	0	9	9	6	4	0	69	11	9	7	0	94	2	1	-25
4	Aberavon	▶	4	2	0	2	0	1	9	4	2	9	0	51	9	6	4	0	69	1	1	-18
5	Llanelli	▶	4	1	1	2	1	1	8	10	8	10	0	96	11	9	8	0	97	1	0	-1
6	Moseley	▶	4	0	0	4	1	0	1	10	8	1	0	69	15	11	6	0	115	3	0	-46

**Results:** Llanelli 16 Aberavon 19; Moseley 27 Welsh 38; Ulster 29 Bedford 3; Aberavon 7 Welsh 36; Moseley 21 Ulster 32; Bedford 36 Llanelli 24; Llanelli 21 Ulster 21; Welsh 26 Bedford 13; Aberavon 10 Moseley 0; Ulster 21 Welsh 17; Bedford 17 Aberavon 15; Llanelli 35 Moseley 21

POOL D		Record				Points			Attack					Defence								
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Doncaster Knights	▶	3	3	0	0	3	0	15	14	11	5	0	107	3	2	2	0	25	0	0	82
2	Cardiff	▲	4	3	0	1	2	0	14	16	11	5	0	117	11	9	7	1	97	2	2	20
3	Rotherham Titans	▼	4	2	0	2	3	1	12	16	9	8	1	125	10	6	11	0	95	1	0	30
4	Ayr	▼	4	2	0	2	1	1	10	11	7	12	0	105	10	8	5	0	81	1	0	24
5	Pontypridd	▶	3	1	0	2	0	1	5	7	4	6	0	61	9	5	7	0	76	1	1	-15
6	Birmingham & Solihull Bees	▶	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	5	4	0	52	27	17	8	0	193	4	0	-141

**Results:** Pontypridd 16 Cardiff 22; Rotherham 52 Birmingham 10; Doncaster 32 Ayr 7; Ayr 28 Rotherham 13; Birmingham 20 Cardiff 51; Ayr 49 Birmingham 14; Rotherham 33 Pontypridd 23; Doncaster 34 Cardiff 10; Ayr 21 Pontypridd 22; Cardiff 34 Rotherham 27; Doncaster 41 Birmingham 8; Pontypridd v Doncaster (3 March)

TOTALS		P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
		47	45	2	45	26	14	228	227	146	138	3	1850	227	146	138	3	1850	26	14	

\* See pages 11 and 12 for league table regulations



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### BEST ACCUMULATORS

TOP BRITISH & IRISH CUP POINTS GETTERS						
Name	Team	Try	Conv	PG	DG	PTS
Frazier Climo	Ayr	1	6	12	0	<b>53</b>
Ali Warnock	Doncaster Knights	1	11	5	0	<b>42</b>
Rob Cook	Cornish Pirates	0	9	7	0	<b>39</b>
Niall O'Connor	Ulster Ravens	0	7	8	0	<b>38</b>
Ed Lewis-Pratt	London Welsh	1	8	4	0	<b>33</b>
Jonny West	Rotherham Titans	0	6	6	1	<b>33</b>
Declan Cusack	Munster	0	1	10	0	<b>32</b>
Daniel Newton	Llanelli	0	5	7	0	<b>31</b>
Shaun Berne	Leinster	0	3	7	1	<b>30</b>
Gareth Davies	Cardiff	0	7	4	0	<b>26</b>
James Loxton	Cardiff	5	0	0	0	<b>25</b>
Chris Ashwin	Bristol Rugby	0	5	4	0	<b>22</b>
Arwel Thomas	Neath	0	0	7	0	<b>21</b>

### BEST KICKERS

BEST BRITISH & IRISH CUP KICKERS				
Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%
Rob Cook	Cornish Pirates	16	18	88.89%
Ed Lewis-Pratt	London Welsh	12	14	85.71%
Daniel Newton	Llanelli	12	14	85.71%
Niall O'Connor	Ulster Ravens	15	18	83.33%
Frazier Climo	Ayr	18	23	78.26%
Ali Warnock	Doncaster Knights	16	21	76.19%
Jonny West	Rotherham Titans	12	17	70.59%
Shaun Berne	Leinster	10	15	66.67%
Declan Cusack	Munster	11	17	64.71%
Gareth Davies	Cardiff	11	17	64.71%
Chris Wannell	Newport	7	12	58.33%
Chris Ashwin	Bristol Rugby	9	16	56.25%
Jamie Murphy	Aberavon	5	11	45.45%
Danny Gray	Exeter Chiefs	7	19	36.84%

*Qual: 10 place kicks at goal*

## TOP TRYERS

TOP BRITISH & IRISH CUP TRY SCORERS		
Name	Team	TOT
James Loxton	Cardiff	5
Tom Brown	London Welsh	4
James Merriman	Bristol Rugby	4
Paul Sampson	London Welsh	4
Paul Burke	Ayr	3
Scott Roberts	Coventry	3
Matt D'Arcy	Doncaster Knights	3
Gavin Cattle	Cornish Pirates	3
Ryan Howells	Cardiff	3
Duncan Taylor	Bedford Blues	3
Nicky Griffiths	Doncaster Knights	3
Gordon Reid	Ayr	3
Andy Wright	Doncaster Knights	3
Gareth Wyatt	Newport	3

## ABBREVIATED REGULATIONS

The Pool Stage:

For the Pool Stage, the 24 teams will be divided into four pools of 6 teams each, and each team shall play the other teams in its own pool once

- The Team that wins the Match shall be awarded four points or (if it scores four tries or more in the process) five points.
- The Team that loses the Match shall be awarded no points or (if it scores four tries or more in the process or loses by a margin of seven points or less) one point or (if it scores four tries or more in the process and loses by a margin of seven points or less) two points.
- Teams that draw a Match shall each be awarded two points and any of them that scores four tries or more in the process shall also be awarded a further one point.

The four pool winners will qualify for the Knock-Out Stage. The pool winners will be decided by reference to the following criteria:

The pool winner will be the Team with the highest number of Competition Points in each pool.

(a) If two Teams in the same pool end the Pool Stage equal on Competition Points, then the winner of the pool will be the winner of the Match played between the two Teams but if that Match was a draw

(i) the Team which has scored the greater number of tries in the Match will be the winner of the pool and

(ii) if the number of tries in the Match are equal, the Team with the best aggregate points difference from all the Matches in the Pool Stage (points scored for less points scored against) will be the winner of the pool but.

(iii) if it is not possible to identify the winner of the pool winner from the two Teams using the criteria set out above in this Regulation 5.2.2 (a) then the winner of the pool will be the away team in the Match between the two Teams

(b) If three Teams in the same pool at the end the Pool Stage are equal on Competition Points, then qualification will be determined by the results of the Matches played between those three Teams concerned (i.e. A v B, A v C, B v C,) as follows:

(i) the Team which has earned the greater number of Competition Points from the Matches;



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(ii) if Competition Points are equal, the Team which has scored the most tries in the Matches; and

(iii) if tries are equal, the Team with the best aggregate points difference from all the Matches in the Pool Stage (points scored for less points scored against).

(c) If four or more Teams in the same pool end the Pool Stage equal on Competition Points, then qualification/ranking will be determined by:

(i) most tries scored in the Pool Stage or

(ii) if the tries are equal best aggregate points' difference from all Matches in the Pool Stage (points scored for less those against).

If qualification is unresolved under clause 5.2.2, qualification/ranking will be based on:

(i) if aggregate points' difference is equal, the Team with the fewest number of Players shown a red card in the Pool Stage; or

(ii) if the number of players shown a red card in the Pool Stage is equal the Team with the fewest number of players shown a yellow card in the Pool Stage

(iii) if still unresolved, by the toss of a coin.

If teams have not yet played each other in the pool phase they will be ranked according to:

a) match points

b) wins

c) Points difference

d) Points for

The Knock-Out Stage:

The Knock-Out Stage shall be divided into two semi-final Matches and a final Match.

Each semi-final Match will be a single knock-out Match at a venue designated by the Committee.

A draw will be organised by the Committee which will decide which of the pool winners will play each other in each semi final, which winners will be deemed to be 'Home teams' and in which order the semi finals will be played.

The winners of the two semi-final Matches will proceed to the Cup Final. The Cup Final will be played at a venue determined by the Committee.

In the event of a tie at full-time at either semi-final or the final the winner of that shall be determined by reference to the following:

(i) Extra time will be played in accordance with the protocol set out at Appendix Two to these Regulations and the Team that scores the most points in such extra time shall be deemed the winner of that Match.

(ii) If the scores are tied after extra time, then the Team that has scored the most tries in that Match (including extra time) shall be deemed the winner of that Match.

If the Teams have scored the same number of tries in that Match (including extra time), then the winner of the Match will in

(i) the semi-final, other than at a neutral venue be the Away Team; or

(ii) the semi final at a neutral venue or the final be determined by a place-kick competition conducted as set out in Appendix Three to these Regulations.

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