

Rugby 5 		
RUGBY 5 POOL Fri 25 Oct		
Call R5 - BET Fri 25 Oct ONLY - Closes 15:00 Fri 25 Oct		
Team A	versus Team B	Tip
M1 Academia Tb	Jiki Gori	2
M2 Batumi	AIA Kutaisi	5
M3 Bolnisi Kochebi	Lelo Tbilisi	5
M4 Junkers	Armazi Tbilisi	1
M5 Kharebi Rustavi	Loco Tbilisi	2
Call R5 - BET Fri 25 Oct ONLY - Closes 20:35 Fri 25 Oct		
Team A	versus Team B	Tip
M1 Munster	Ospreys	1
M2 Ulster	Cardiff Blues	1
M3 Bath Rugby	Exeter Chiefs	4
M4 Bedford Blues	LB Ealing	1
M5 Jersey Reds	Don. Knights	1

Georgia gives another giant rugby leap

When it comes to rugby, Georgia most definitely didn't set the world on fire at the current Rugby World Cup tournament in Japan.

They did, however, have their moment in the Land of the Rising Sun, beating Uruguay to end fourth in their group.

Georgian rugby has come a long way since the game was introduced in that country in 1959, with a domestic competition comprising three teams being established in 1961.

Today, the Didi 10 (Big 10) is a professional domestic rugby union club competition in Georgia. It is the top tier of rugby competitions in that country.

Friday's Rugby 5 Pool 1 comprises 5 matches from the Didi 10, all played on Friday.

Match 1: Academia Tbilisi vs Jiki Gori

Academia Tbilisi is currently third on the log and one of three teams that have won four of their first five games.

Jiki Gory played five and lost three. Academia should use home ground advantage to get maximum points.

Match 2: Batumi vs AIA Kutaisi

Batumi, who have won three of five matches, host log leaders AIA Kutaisi who already has 19 points to its credit.

Kutaisi should continue to stay on top of the log and could win by 13 or more points.

Match 3: Bolnisi Kochebi vs Lelo Tbilisi

Bolnisi Koch is currently in fifth position and should have the beating of the home team.

Match 4: Junkers vs Armazi Tbilisi

Both teams could only manage one win from five matches so far.

Junkers have eight league points and Armazi seven. Playing at home should see Junkers through. On paper there is very little to choose between the two sides.

Match 5: Kharebi Rustavi vs Locomotive Tbilisi

Rustavi should be far too strong for Locomotive. Rustavi is second on the log with four wins from five matches, while Locomotive is at the bottom of the log with one win from five matches.

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MORE OF THIS. South Africans are holding thumbs that they see some more try-scoring and fewer box-kicks from Faf de Klerk and co when they take on Wales in the RWC semi-final on Sunday. Picture: BACKPAGEPIX

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➔ **TAB is offering rugby pundits five opportunities to make some cash this weekend. Yes, there are five Rugby 5 pools this weekend. Friday's two pools can be regarded as an appetiser before Saturday's main pool featuring the two World Cup semi-finals, while Sunday's two pools will be a welcome dessert to end off the action-packed weekend.**

Match 1: England vs New Zealand

Both these teams were irresistible in their quarterfinals last weekend. England hammered Australia while New Zealand played their best rugby in a while when outclassing Ireland.

Many believe the winner of this encounter will go on to win the World Cup. What a match ahead. It is hard to rule out any result.

New Zealand might be narrow favourites but England have a lively chance, especially with Eddie Jones being the cunning coach he has proven to be.

Match 2: Northampton Saints vs Worcester Warriors

Both teams won their opening fixtures in the Gallagher Premiership. Northampton performed a masterclass and surprised the formidable Saracens. Worcester beat Leicester - an equally impressive achievement.

Northampton have home ground advantage and they will go

in full of confidence. Be with the home side.

Match 3: Bennetton Treviso vs Southern Kings

Both teams are still seeking a first victory after three matches in the Guinness Pro14. Considering that the Kings were unable to record a victory in three attempts at home, it is difficult to see how they can win on the road.

Yes, the Kings have clearly improved, but Treviso are better at home. It will come as a big surprise if the Kings win this one.

Match 4: Connacht vs Cheetahs

The Cheetahs are one of only three unbeaten teams in the Pro14 so far.

However, this match will be their first under new coach Hawies Fourie, after Franco Smith has committed to the Italian national job. Connacht won two of their first three matches this season.

Although it will be the Free State Boys' first match on the road,

they are tipped to continue on their winning ways.

Match 5: Wales vs South Africa

Wales have not been at their best at the Rugby World Cup so far, and it showed when they struggled to bury a French team reduced to 14 players on Sunday. The Springboks also look like they're missing something somewhere.

There is no doubt the Springboks are favourites and they will take a lot of beating. But a lack of thought, which too often characterises the Boks, could cost them dearly.

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RUGBY 5 POOL Sat 26 Oct		
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Team A	versus Team B	Tip
M1 England	New Zealand	1
M2 Northmptn Sts	Worcester Warriors	5
M3 Bennetton Treviso	South Kings	1
M4 Connacht	Cheetahs	1
M5 Wales	South Africa	4



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SOUTH AFRICA	28/10
ENGLAND	9/2
WALES	10/1

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Close encounters of the rugby kind

Friday's Rugby 5 Pool 2 comprises a mixed grill of matches from three different leagues, namely the Guinness Pro 14, the English Premiership competition, and the RFU Championship, known for sponsorship reasons as the Greene King IPA Championship. This is the second tier of the English rugby union.

Match 1: Munster vs Ospreys

Munster is set for another Pro14 victory when they host Ospreys. Munster is currently third on the log in Conference B with two wins from three matches, while Ospreys have one win from three games, and lying fifth on the log in Conference A.

Match 2: Ulster vs Cardiff Blues

Ulster is third on the log in Conference A behind the unbeaten Cheetahs and Leinster.

They're a well-balanced side and should have the beating of the Blues, having won two of their first three matches.

The Blues have won one from three.

Of the 30 matches between these two teams, Ulster have won 16, the Blues 13 and one ended in a draw.

Match 3: Bath vs Exeter Chiefs

No matter how you look at this Premiership encounter, it looks like it's got Exeter victory written all over it.

Even playing away, Exeter Chiefs should have too much firepower.

They are currently fourth on the Premier Cup log, while Bath is last in 12th position after losing their only match so far by 43-6 to Bristol.

Match 4: Bedford Blues vs LB Ealing

Both the Bedford Blues and Ealing Trailfinders have one win from two games in the RFU Championship.

Expect a tight match, with Bedford slight favourites thanks to a points difference of 13 versus Ealing's -6.

Match 5: Jersey Reds vs Doncaster Knights

The last match, also from the RFU Championship, is expected to be a close affair.

Both sides have played two matches and won one. Both have a points difference of -7.

The Reds have scored 60 points and conceded 67 in their first two matches of the season, while the Knights have 45 points to their credit with 52 against.

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Rugby 5 		
RUGBY 5 POOL Sun 27 Oct		
Call R5 - BET from Sat 26 Oct - Closes 11:00 Sun 27 Oct		
Team A	versus Team B	Tip
M1 Wales	South Africa	4
M2 Heidelberger RK	Luxembourg RU	1
M3 Cornish Pirates	NewC Falcons	1
M4 Leicester Tig	Saracens	1
M5 Yorkshire RFU	Coventry RFC	2
Call R5 - BET from Sat 26 Oct - Closes 16:00 Sun 27 Oct		
Team A	versus Team B	Tip
M1 Colorno	Mogliano	4
M2 Rovigo	Fiamme Oro	1
M3 San Dona	Emilia	4
M4 Viadana	Rugby Lyons	1
M5 Leicester Tig	Saracens	1