





## EPCR WELCOME MESSAGE

A warm welcome to this Round Four match in the 2022/23 EPCR Challenge Cup and a Happy New Year to all as we reach the business end of the tournament's pool stage.

Following the historic introduction of the South African clubs into EPCR's competitions, it comes as no surprise that the Emirates Lions and the Toyota Cheetahs have already made an impact and both remain in contention to book coveted places in the knockout stage.

With the top six clubs in each pool guaranteed qualification, there's an important incentive in that the four highest-ranked clubs in each pool will earn home matches in the Round of 16. In addition, the clubs which finish ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> in each Heineken Champions Cup pool will qualify for the Round of 16 of the EPCR Challenge Cup.

So, after what promises to be more compelling action this month, we'll have a clearer idea of the pathway to the eagerly-anticipated Finals weekend at Dublin's Aviva Stadium on 19 and 20 May for which nearly 70,000 tickets have already been sold.

We are delighted to be joined on the journey to Dublin by our official partners, DHL, IHG and Tissot, by our official supporters, Gilbert and Kappa, and also by our official airline partner in South Africa, Qatar Airways.

Our long-standing broadcast partners, BT Sport, beIN SPORTS and France Télévisions, continue to provide superb coverage of the EPCR Challenge Cup in the UK, Ireland and France respectively, while SuperSport in South Africa, Viaplay and Premier Sports in the UK and Ireland, S4C in Wales and FloRugby in the USA and Canada are already making valuable contributions to the growth of tournament.

We hope that you enjoy the match and best wishes to you, the fans, as well as to your club's players and staff as we anticipate the joy and the occasional heartache that comes when qualification for the EPCR Challenge Cup knockout stage is on the line!

Yours in rugby,

**Dominic McKay,**  
**EPCR Chairman**

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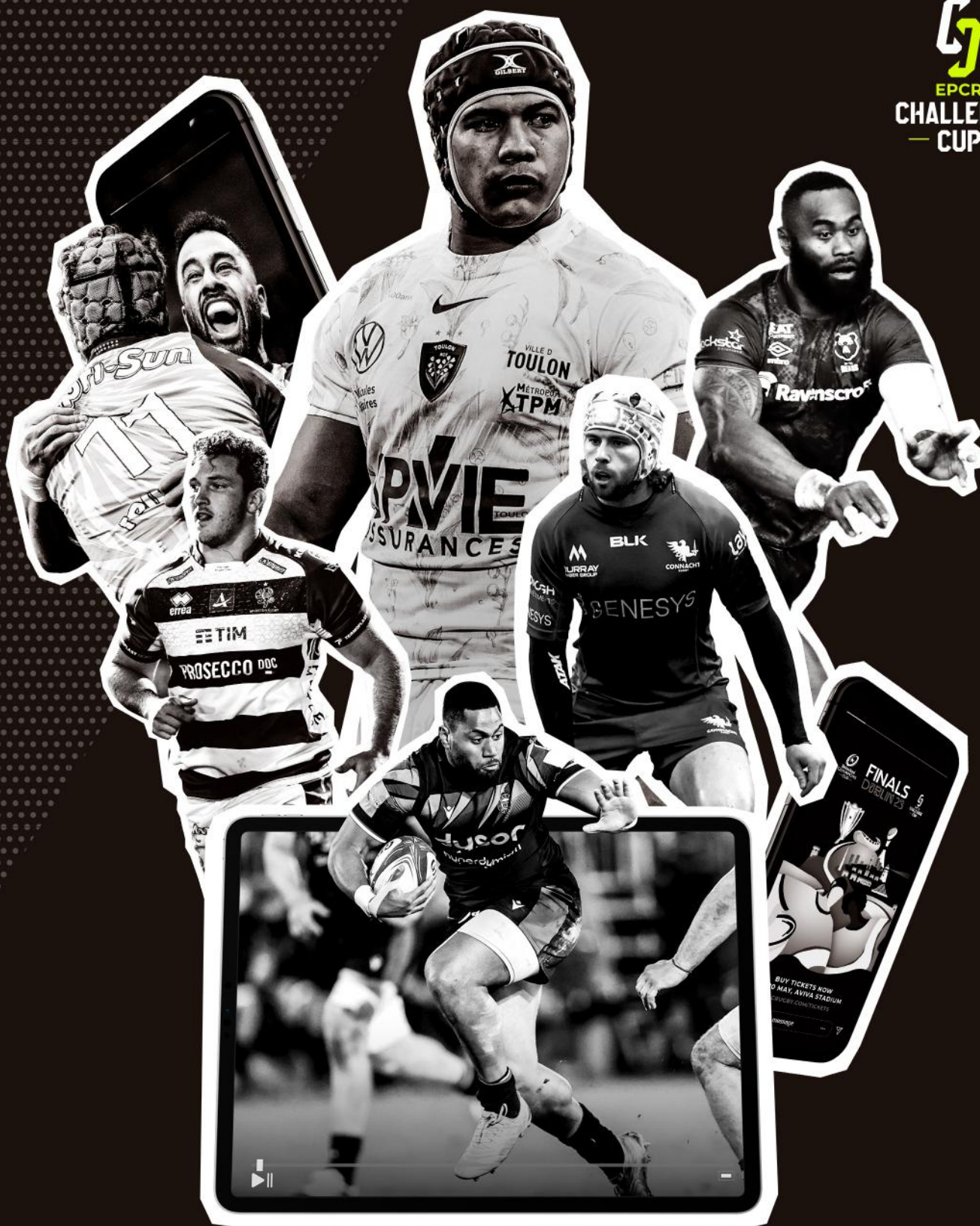


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