

Glasgow 13 Ulster 19

Ulster just about held on to edge a dogged Glasgow in Scotstoun and keep pace with their Pro 14 conference rivals Leinster on Friday.

Michael Lowry, the smallest man on the field once again proved size isn't everything with an all-action man of the match display yielding one try and setting Craig Gilroy in for another.

When Nick Timoney went over on 62 minutes the game seemed dead and buried but an Alby Mathewson yellow card and a try for Aki Seiuli set up a grandstand finish.

Leading out Ulster for the first time, Jordi Murphy lead by example however coming up with the crucial turnover in the dying minutes.

There was cause for concern however as the powerful Marcell Coetzee had to be replaced at half time and Ulster will hope his injury isn't anything serious.

The first 36 minutes of this game was definitely one for the purists and one would certainly be forgiven for having switched over the channel with noting to report on except silly handling errors and collapsed scrums.

That all changed however following the first score. Adam Hastings splitting the posts on 37 minutes with a routine penalty after Ulster failed to roll away.

The penalty woke Ulster from their slumber. James Hume danced his way past two Glasgow defenders in midfield before offloading to John Cooney who drew the last defender before releasing Lowry to go in under the posts.

The score couldn't have come at a better time and despite a dreadful half of rugby by Ulster they somehow lead at the break.

Glasgow started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half similar to the first with Adam Hastings once again splitting the posts to leave just one point between the teams.

The Ulster front row made a massive difference when they were introduced with Tom O'Toole involved in Ulster's second try with his magnificent offload enough to provide enough space for Ian Madigan to dive over in the corner.

Ulster struck again just 7 minutes later when Nick Timoney came up with the ball on the back of a driving maul which left a gap of 13 points between the teams.

There was still time for more drama however. First, scrumhalf Mathewson was sent to the bin for a deliberate knock before Seiuli drove over to set up a nervy finish.

Jordi Murphy however produced a crucial turnover in the dying minutes to ensure Ulster came away with the win.

After the game, man of the match Lowry put the win down to the team talk at half time.

"We said we needed to be patient and hold on to the ball and our chances will come," he said.

They certainly did come and the win means Ulster keep on Leinster's coat tails heading in to the final four games of the regular season.

Glasgow Scorers

**Tries:** Aki Seiuli

**Conversions:** Ross Thompson [1 from 1]

**Penalties:** Adam Hastings [2 from 2]

Ulster Scorers

**Tries:** Michael Lowry, Craig Gilroy, Nick Timoney

**Conversions:** John Cooney [2 from 3]

**Penalties:** None

**Glasgow:** Huw Jones; Ratu Tagive; Robbie Fergusson; Sam Johnson; Rufus Mclean; Adam Hastings; Jamie Dobie; Oliver Kebble (Aki Seiuli 65') Johnny Matthews (Grant Stewart 40') Enrique Pieretto (D'Arcy Rae 72') Richie Gray; Leone Nakarawa (TJ Ioane '58) Rob Harley; Thomas Gordon; Ryan Wilson (James Scott 62')

Replacements Oliver Smith

**Ulster:** Michael Lowry; Craig Gilroy (Matt Faddes '71) James Hume: Stuart McCloskey; Robert Lyttle; Ian Madigan; John Cooney (Alby Mathewson '68) Ian Madigan; Eric O'Sullivan (Andrew Warwick 51'), John Andrew (Adam Mc Burney 51'), Marty Moore (Tom O'Toole 47'), Alan O Connor Kieran Treadwell (Cormac Izuchukwu 59') Nick Timoney; Jordi Murphy; Marcell Coetzee (Greg Jones '40)

Replacements Stewart Moore

**Referee:** Ben Blain [SRU]