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PROVINCES' MIXED FORTUNES

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ROBIN HAILS JJ INFLUENCE

By NEIL O'RIORDAN

JASON JENKINS has been hailed for making an immediate impact at Leinster.

The once-capped South African international was signed from Munster during the summer.

Despite suffering an injury in pre-season to add to his back catalogue, the lock has started the province's first three games of the season.

And he is expected to be involved when Leo Cullen's side host the Cell C Sharks at the RDS on Saturday.

Assistant coach Robin McBryde enthused: "He's been great."

"He was unlucky with injuries joining us in Leinster."

"I know the medical team has worked hard with him with regard to a finger injury he had when he arrived."

"It was very hard for him to hit the ground running right from the word go without having had those minutes under your belt."

"But now that he has a clean bill of health, he is playing really well."

"Away from the set-piece, he has put shots in around the field, put himself about."

"He's struck up a great relationship with Michael Ala'alatoa from a scrum-maging point of view."

"You get feedback. The front row will tell you if they're not getting a lot of weight coming through."

"Everybody is happy when Jason is behind them."

"He's working well with Ross Molony there as a second-row partnership as well."

"Then from a maul point of view as well, he's all over his detail in fairness to him."

"It's a big ask to come and learn a different language, learn a different way of doing things, but he has taken it in his stride and I expect him to grow even further."

"I think it was the first 80-minute game he played the other week, against Benetton, for two years. Fair dues to him."

While the province prides itself on, and is renowned for, producing home-grown players, the former Wales international highlighted the value in having a foreign presence too.

McBryde said: "He sees the game differently. He's South African. That's the beauty of having a good mix of Kiwis or wherever players come from, they see the game differently."

"I suppose there's a little bit of an inside track on what is going to come on Saturday with the Sharks as well."

"They're going to ask big questions of us at set-piece time, a big, power-based team running hard around the corner, hitting things, confrontational, physical."

"He carries that with him, he's South African."

"The more people of quality you've got in your ranks, then the higher the competitiveness."

"To have someone of Jason's ability and mindset, his outlook on the game, in the mix is great for any youngster."

"It's something akin to what all those youngsters with Emerging Ireland are going through in Bloemfontein now - working with different coaches, getting different experiences. Great experience for them."

With Tadhg Furlong back in training but not expected to return this weekend, it is another chance for Ala'alatoa to show the improvement he has made in his second season.

McBryde said: "I think Mike has



STAR TURN . . . Jason Jenkins and Ross Molony celebrate a turnover against Ulster and coach Robin McBryde (below) has been impressed by the South African

grown. One of the disadvantages of scrummaging in New Zealand is that everyone scrummages the same way.

"So, when you come over to the northern hemisphere and scrummage against Italian, Scottish, Welsh teams there's a whole different ball-game."

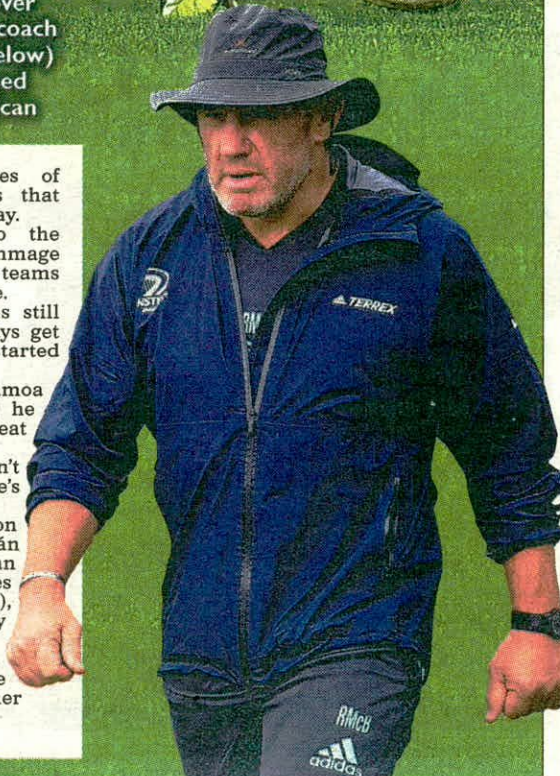
"I feel that last season Mike was still learning a little bit and didn't always get it right, but I think the way he's started this year, he's second to none."

"He had a great summer with Samoa as well, they went undefeated and he was their captain. He's got great leadership qualities."

"He speaks very well, he doesn't overdo it. Around the field he's pretty effective, similar to Tadhg."

Leinster are still without Jamison Gibson-Park (hamstring), Ciarán Frawley (shoulder), Hugo Keenan (abdomen and knee), James Lowe (calf), James Tracy (neck), Charlie Ryan (knee) and Tommy O'Brien (knee).

Caelan Doris (HIA), Rónan Kelleher (hamstring) and Dave Kearney (adductor) require further assessment.



JARRAD RUN OF A PITCH

STAND-IN captain Jarrad Butler is sure it is only a matter of time before Connacht click and go on a run.

And the Australian hopes that will come on a historic evening on Friday when the Westerners host Munster in Galway.

Connacht's new 4G pitch will be unveiled as fans get a first look at the redeveloped Sportsground.

Butler (right) - who is wearing the armband in the absence of Jack Carty (wrist) - is targeting the game against Graham Rowntree's side to put their first points on the board.

The delay in getting the surface laid handed Connacht a dreadful set of away fixtures to start the season.

And the failure to pick up a bonus point against Ulster, Stormers and Bulls has piled on the pressure.

Butler, three games shy of his 100th appearance

By JOHN FALLON

in his fifth season at the Sportsground, reckons individual errors are the reason they are bottom of the URC table.

He said: "You see good passages of play in defence or set-piece against a strong Bulls team but then individual errors creep in."

"You can't finish things off or add that extra pass or a couple of phases, you hand the ball back and you are defending a maul five metres out. It's so frustrating."

"One thing I can say is the preparation that is going into these games is the best I have seen since I've been here."

"It honestly is second to none. We are going to click soon and we will put on the performance that we are proud of."

"We haven't done it yet but it is definitely coming and why not Munster at home? It's going to be really special with the new pitch. I can't wait."



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Fingal County Council

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