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RBS East Regional Shield
Leith RFC v Dalkeith
15 February 2014

Captain's Corner



Doug Watters

We've had three games since the last edition and finished off our league season in the process. Both games, against 2nd place Berwick and league winners Dalkeith were heavy defeats, however after the disappointment of the performance at home to Berwick in the mud on 25 January, I believe we regained a little pride in the 68-19 reverse the following week away to today's visitors.

Only a couple of sides have got near a bonus point against the East 2 champions, and we were pleased with the pride and commitment shown from all 22 in blue and white, despite our missing a few guys and a couple playing with injury. There was also an excellent display in his first start from Ross Marwick.

The end of the season sees us in 8th position, which we should be disappointed with as I think we're better than a couple of sides above us. However after winning East 3 last year our younger guys have now had a year to get used to this level, and while there's undoubtedly been a step up, it is not a level at which we can't aim for the top. Dalkeith and Berwick are the benchmark and both have been deservedly promoted – our guys need to emulate the discipline and structure these sides demonstrate as we seek to improve next year.

I have no doubts we will, and the main reason for this, is this is the third game we've had since the last programme – our 2nds game at Murrayfield Wanderers. It had been 10 years since the club last put out a 2nd XV, and to do so in itself was a sign of the great progress being made by Leith Rugby, while to win 28-19 was a real lift to the whole club. With five more 2s games to come, and our intention to field it regularly next season there will be an intensifying of competition at the club, as well as more punters in the bar, and this can only benefit us. Guys want to play for this club because we play and develop our own, (everyone wears the same socks) and it's something we're rightly proud of.

This is testament to the coaching and beliefs of head coach Eric Jones, who has put in a phenomenal amount of work again this year, and to whom the players owe even greater commitment next year. I'll also take this opportunity to thank the players for their efforts this season as well as everyone who helps out at the club; bar staff, tea ladies, supporters, raffle organisers etc. A final and special thank you to Andrew Paterson, kit man extraordinaire, without whom we'd look like an even bigger rabble than we are. Your efforts have been massively appreciated Andrew, a big thanks from all the players.

To today's encounter, and we welcome Dalkeith back to Academy Park for what will I'm sure be a good game. We let ourselves down a bit in the home league match and will be looking to atone and finish our home campaign on a high, while our visitors chase a cup double to go with their league title triumph. As ever the support of all of you on the touchline is a great boost to the guys, so get rowdy. Here's to a great cup-tie.

Previous Game: 01 Feb RBS East 2 Dalkeith 68 v 19 Leith

Player Profile



Position Prop
Age 23
Appearances 8

@RobertStitt5

Robert Stitt

Borderer Robert moved to Edinburgh this season, having previously had the unenviable task of commuting from his hometown of Hawick over the previous two years. That, coupled with his passion for the sport make him one of the most committed guys at the club, never giving less than 100%. His ability in the loose, coupled with improved scrummaging performances this season make him a very valuable member of the squad and he is having his best season yet. His off-field talents are somewhat more questionable - he is the current and two-time holder of the Beer Goggles Shield. That and he's a Rangers fan.

An Interactive Media Design student at Edinburgh Napier University, Stitto also turns out for their rugby league side, as well as moonlighting for Edinburgh Eagles each off-season.

Season Stats

RBS East Regional League Division 2 2013/14

#	Team	P	W	L	D	+/-	PTS
7	Inverleith	17	7	10	0	-335	33
8	Leith	18	6	12	0	-351	30
9	Penicuik	18	3	15	0	-351	18
10	Lismore	17	2	15	0	-759	10

Scorers 2013/14

Games	Tries	Points	Assists	MoM
18 C Winton	6 R Burgess C Smith	54 K Dannfald	6 C Smith	4 R Burgess
16 R Burgess W Cook K Dannfald M Phillips	4 K Dannfald D Robertson	51 D Watters 30 R Burgess C Smith	5 D Watters 4 D Robertson	3 C Smith D Watters

Leith last six: LWLWLL

Next Game: 01 Mar RBS Shield Inverleith v Leith