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LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV

V LIVINGSTON RFC

SAT 9 NOV | ACADEMY PARK | 2PM

LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV

V CALEDONIAN THEBANS

SAT 9 NOV | ROSEBURN PARK | 2PM

#PERSEVERE



CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"Good luck to the teams playing today & thanks to all supporters for getting behind your local rugby club!"

Jamie Drummond
Club Captain

A warm welcome to Livingston RFC, their traveling support and our fellow Leithers to Academy Park.

The 1st XV's last league game was against Penicuik at home, and was the usual battle up front but we stuck to our structure and took control in the final third of game, winning the game, 33-19. Next up we travelled down the coast to Dunbar for the Edinburgh Shield quarterfinal. Unfortunately after letting in a couple loose tries we were always chasing the game and went down 37-29. We look forward to visiting them again next week in the league. The last outing between Leith and Livingston was an away victory in the first round of the cup, 20-29. We expect a strong challenge from Livingston today, who travel over on the back of a strong win last week and sit 3rd on the table behind North Berwick and ourselves.

The 2nd XV faced unbeaten Haddington in a very physical encounter with wet conditions. We came from behind at half-time to take a very close 22-24 win, cheered on by a great travelling support. Next up was a top of the table clash with Penicuik, in even wetter (and muddier) conditions. The strength and depth of the club showing again and Leith taking the spoils, in a convincing 43-21 win. Two fantastic results for the 2s, who are now 7 wins from 7! The 2s visit Caledonian Thebans this afternoon who have had a significant improvement in results this season and we look forward to an enjoyable game with them.

Special mention to the 3rd XV for their brilliant result against Lismore 2nd XV, winning 7-24. Big shout out to the coaching staff for the effort they put into get 3 teams out, and also to the players for making themselves available and putting the time in at training. It's really special to see some many boys enjoying their rugby at Leith as our numbers continue to grow. There are even murmurs of a 4th XV game....

Big thank you to Danielle Haggon and the rest of the social committee for putting on a sublime Oktoberfest last month. Watch this space for the next event! And if you see some questionable facial hair (well, more than usual) this weekend, this is because the club are raising money for Movember. Movember are supporting Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, which I'm sure we can all agree is a great cause. If you would like to donate please search for "Leith Rugby Club" at uk.movember.com

In other news....The Springboks are RWC Champions 2019 :)

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?....GORDON TWEEDIE

This week we caught up with former club captain (2004 - 2006), Gordon Tweedie, who joined the club from Biggar in 2001, playing 6 seasons before emigrating to Canada in 2007. We caught up with Tweedie to see what he's up to these days, and his recollections of his time at Academy Park.

Name: Gordon Tweedie

Hometown: Biggar

Age: 40

Position: Tighthead Prop

Playing Years: 2001 - 2007 (2004 - 2006 as Club Captain)

Where are you these days? Smithville, in the Niagara region of Canada driving a truck for a crust (it's shite but it's better than being an office jockey). I have a daughter now, Lauren, who is 9

Have you played any rugby since Leith? Played 1 season in Canada for Hamilton Hornets. Got rookie of the year which was a bit odd! They play in summer here and the ground is harder than a whore's heart and it's hotter than a dingo's arse, so I didn't take to it well. Kind of latched onto another team, Grimsby RFC and go train when I can and have a pint but I don't have the time to play at weekends

Favourite Moment in a Leith jersey? A pish wet day playing RDVC. Wullie Cook puts up a Garry Owen. 13 players and a sideline say "My goodness William, what on earth are you thinking" (or something along those lines). The only person who didn't was Ross Houghton who caught it and scored. To which the 13 players on the pitch and the sideline said "good job William, never doubted you for a second" or something along those lines

Funniest moment down the club? Best moment was putting together our band the Airsoles and playing our first gig down the club

Best player played with? Aitchy was pretty good when he wasn't getting carded - but I think the guys I played with were all pretty good, and when you have good guys that want to play for each other and the jersey it makes a hell of a difference

What do you miss most about Leith Rugby? BA's sunny personality brightening everybody's day

How do you keep in touch with the club? I was last down the club 5 years ago for a pint. Was looking to get back this year but don't think it's going to happen unfortunately. I keep in touch with Facebook

Have you any message for the current playing squad? The advice I give would probably end up with some office jockeys getting "triggered" and a whole new chapter of the #meanaw being released to the inter web. From what I can see the current guys are doing a great job so keep up the good work and keep doing the club and the jersey proud



*"I miss
BA's sunny
personality
brightening
everyone's day!"*

Former player

Gordon Tweedie

[If you'd like to recommend a former player for us to feature, get in touch at leithrfc@gmail.com]



YOUTH RUGBY UPDATE



Activity continues apace with the club's youth section and Leith Rugby Youth Development. This week we were delighted to welcome Scotland international Blair Kinghorn and Edinburgh Rugby's Community Team for a surprise training session for boys and girls at Leith Academy. All participants learnt a lot and benefited from the session, and all are also delighted with their free tickets to last night's Edinburgh v Dragons game at Murrayfield, courtesy of Prince Prospect.

Over the next 2 months Leith Rugby development team will be delivering a 6-week block of rugby to 6 Primary schools in the Leith area. All the schools will be taking part in a touch rugby festival at Leith Rugby club on Wednesday 11th December where we will be welcoming 380 P5's.

Since the October break the development team have started to deliver contact rugby to S1 and S2 pupils at Leith Academy. The rugby afterschool clubs for boys and girls continue to grow and the boys and girls are involved in weekly games home and away. The u14 boys sit top of the T4 conference with 2 rounds still to go.

Sunday youth rugby continues to grow at the club. This year the youth players have been playing in several fixtures and joint training sessions around the capital and East Lothian. We are always looking to welcome new players and coaches to come along to Leith Rugby Club.

We will be running an Easter camp this year on 13th, 14th, 15th April 2020 and our summer rugby camp will be 3rd-7th August 2020.

If you would like to find out any more information about our youth section, please get in touch.

Thanks, Ross Johnston | Leith Rugby Development Officer | Leithhawks@gmail.com



MINI RUGBY AT LEITH

EVERY SUNDAY, 10AM - 11.30AM

PRIMARY 1 - 7 | BOYS AND GIRLS



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PLAYER PROFILES

WILLIE COOK



Hooker

46

Leith

Leith, aged 17

Edinburgh

PLAYER PROFILES

Position

Age

Hometown

First club

Pro Team

Fullback

29

Cumbernauld

Lenzie Academy, 18

Edinburgh & Leicester
Tigers

LEX DUNKO



This week we profile two players at opposing ends of time served. Fullback Lex Dunko is in his 2nd season of senior rugby, joining Leith in 2018, while hooker Willie Cook made his debut for the club in February 1992 against Ferranti 2nd XV, for the club's then 4th XV! The return of the 4s doesn't feel far away and Cookie has his hand up for skipper!

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - sitting around the house listening to music and waiting for the match time (now that I don't have to be at Leith Community Centre for my daughter's dancing)

My pre-game music selection is - Madness - it used to be Erasure and Abba on bus journeys when Andy Mac gave the driver a TAPE to play If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - watch rugby

My best claim to fame is - playing for the Scotland Deaf side

If I was an animal I would be - a Tasmanian Devil. They've apparently got wee man syndrome too

Who would play you in a movie about your life? - Danny De Vito

My dream date is - Anita - I have to say that as she'll be reading this. If she's not, then a young Jennifer Aniston

My sporting hero was/is - as a child Paul McStay, later Keith Wood

My favourite fast food is - a Jumbo Haggis Supper. Or on the rare occasions I go up town for a couple of pints (only ever a couple, wouldn't want to over-indulge) then a Doner Kebab on the way home

You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? Keith Aitchison, so we can discuss our love of the opera and ballet - even though we would not be able to see it

And which one are you hoping isn't there? Andy Mac - poor chat without a drink inside him - only marginally better with a drink

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why? any front row forward who is fit enough and good enough to play for the 1st XV

Best dressed team mate? I don't pay much attention. If it was 'most handsome' then all the front row guys (obvious exception of Stitto)

Worst dressed team mate? I don't pay much attention. If it was 'ugliest' then all the backs (obvious exception of Doug, who is editing this)

Smartest and dumbest team mates? Smartest - all the forwards (with same exception as above). Dumbest - all the backs (with the same exception as above)

Best value on a night out? Andy Mac - some of his drunkedn antics are a good laugh - and it only takes him half a pint to get to that stage. Aitchy at the ballet

I joined Leith because it was my local club

What is your goal for the season? to play in a 3rd XV side (ideally 4th XV) and to make it to the end of season still able to walk

Favourite rugby moment? winning the league in 99-00 against Broughton. Watching - the 1990 Calutta Cup and Scottish Grand Slam

Most embarrassing rugby moment? playing covered in dog dirt, as a direct result of Stitto covering me in it TWICE in the same game

Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season? Any bus trips! If I was still playing 1st XV rugby, then Trinity. Always hard fought as derbies should be

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - make sure I've eaten well in advance of KO. Plays on my mind if my stomach has food jumping around in it mid game

My pre-game music selection is - Motley Crue

If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - get fat / weekend trips with girlfriend

My best claim to fame is - I met the Weasley twins in hospitality at the Saracens v Clermont European Cup final at Murrayfield

If I was an animal I would be - a monkey. A cheeky one too

Who would play you in a movie about your life? Apparently James McAvoy according to Awards Night! I'd say Jake Gyllenhal. Handsome chap

My dream date is - my girlfriend obviously. Or Alexandra Daddario

My sporting hero was/is - Gazza as a kid growing up in Glasgow.

Now Hoggie or Finn Russell. Both mesmerising to watch and Finn usually pulls something out the bag. Can also bomb unfortunately

My favourite fast food is - Burger King. Best burger AND CHIPS!!

My middle name is Alexander. Making my full name, translated to English, Alexander Alexander Dunko. Nice one mum and dad...

My favourite app is - RunPee. Best times to pee during a movie

You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? Handsome Jon. Ships would stop to save that face

Which one are you hoping isn't there? Paul Haggon. He'd begin to blend in with the wildlife. Or I'd mistake him for a coconut...which he kinda is!

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be & why? Ben Raeside - dude lives a pretty chill lifestyle. Works in a restaurant too!

Best dressed team mate? Tommy Seymour

Worst dressed team mate? Stitto, with his bright under armour

Smartest and dumbest team mates? Smartest Ben 10 - optometrist and eye balls are cool! Dumbest, I can't put it in writing but I'll tell him to his face!

Best value on a night out? George Easdon. Game for anything!

I joined Leith because I recently moved my social life to Edinburgh and I wanted to meet new people and stay fit while challenging myself in trying a new sport

What is your goal for the season? to score at least 8 tries

Favourite rugby moment? the massive tackle I put in on tour in Prague, and hearing our sideline roar with cheers. How the hell did I do it still drunk??

Most embarrassing rugby moment? kicking clear from our dead ball area straight into an opposition player's hands, who touched down (vs Irish touring side)

Who you looking forward to playing most this season? Ferry Road Wanderers - was my favourite match last season. We put up a good fight

TODAY'S TEAM LISTS

2019/20 SEASON STATS

1ST XV vs LIVINGSTON RFC, 2PM

1 J NIMMO
2 R MARSHALL
3 B CONNELLY
4 M TEIXEIRA
5 N PATERSON
6 P HAGGON
7 S McATEER
8 J DRUMMOND (c) 15 K DANNFALD

16 C WINTON
17 C ALLAN
18 L McKINNEY
19 G JACKSON
20 M BOWMAN
21 R MORRISON

2ND XV @ CALEDONIAN THEBANS, 2PM

1 M HEPBURN
2 S BATES
3 M ALLISON
4 B PLACE
5 R WILSON
6 S BAKER
7 C JETUAH
8 D MEADOWS
9 S GUESFORD
10 G LEES
11 J FRASER
12 F PALIN
13 J NAJERA-
ALESON
14 L DUNKO
15 A BARR

16 I ACOSTA
17 J FOGARTY
18 S MOORE
19 I DEBOER
20 T SEYMOUR
21 WTUFT
22 J DERRIN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

1st XV @ DUNBAR RFC, 2PM

2nd XV @ EDINBURGH
NORTHERN, 2PM

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

1st XV vs INVERLEITH, 2PM

2nd XV @ INVERLEITH, 2PM

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

1st XV @ TRINITY ACCIES, 2PM

2nd XV @ ROSS HIGH, 2PM

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

2nd XV @ PORTOLISMORE, 2PM

PLAYERS XMAS NIGHT OUT, 7PM

1ST XV



I ACOSTA 8
A BAXTER 8
J DRUMMOND 8
J NIMMO 8
5 PLAYERS 7

APPEARANCES

2ND XV



F PALIN
B PLACE
R STITT
4 PLAYERS

TRIES



A BAXTER 9
M TEIXEIRA 6
N ANDREWS 3
J CAMPEY 3
N PATERSON 3
B WILKINSON 3

R MARWICK
5 M CROLLA
5 K DANNFALD
3 4 PLAYERS



ASSISTS



R JOHNSTON 8
A BAXTER 3
J CAMPEY 3
K DANNFALD 3
N ANDREWS 2
R MARSHALL 2

10 G LEES
7 K DANNFALD
2 6 PLAYERS



POINTS



R JOHNSTON 55
A BAXTER 45
M TEIXEIRA 30
B WILKINSON 27
4 PLAYERS 15

66 K DANNFALD
40 R MARWICK
28 S GUESFORD
25 M CROLLA
15 4 PLAYERS



MAN OF THE MATCH



S McATEER 2
7 PLAYERS 1

2 A BARR
1 6 PLAYERS



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TRY OF THE SEASON

