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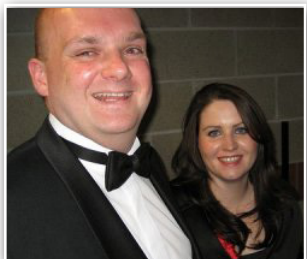
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RBS East League Division 2
Leith RFC v Forrester
30 November 2013

Coach's Corner



"We'll be striving to live up to our club values today and show what it means to pull on a Leith jersey"

Eric Jones

We welcome Forrester to Academy Park today for the first time on league business since 2004. Having already turned around the Lismore result from the opening day of the season, winning 50-5 in our last home match, Forrester is another home game in which we'll be looking to reverse earlier away day fortunes. A big task, given how well the green and whites have been playing this year but as we have seen recently, for whatever reason, every team is beatable in this league.

We will certainly be looking to improve the performance from the previous Forrester match at The Gyle where on the day we collectively let the jerseys down. Having recently revisited our club values for the new players and as a reminder to the older ones, we'll be striving to live up to those today and show what it means to pull on a Leith jersey.

As ever your support is much appreciated, and I hope you'll get right behind the team.

Welcome to Leith RFC

Following promotion from East 3 last season, the club was conscious of the need to add to the squad in the off-season.

After a successful local recruitment drive beginning with the Leith Festival, fifteen new players joined up at the club, ensuring good competition for places, a healthy edge at training and even some talk of re-starting the second XV - watch this space.

Promotion of the club may have taken place primarily in the Leith locus, however our new guys have come from all over with winger Stefano de Palma (Ancona, Italy), second row Daniel Garrido Cordoba (Sevilla, Spain) and Mark Halliday (Kelso) adding different accents to the dressing room (at least we understand Stefano and Dani). Irish backs Matt Balmer and Toban Hunt and Englishmen Sam Walker and Jack Whyman-Farina have also joined up, along with ex-Greenock Wanderer Neil Paterson. Lucas Shearon, Chris Seenan and Steven Eadie have added further competition in the backs while Cal McKay, Jamie Martin, Mikey Welsh and Chris Bobby have bolstered forward options.

Hopefully all have been made to feel suitably welcome at Leith and we look forward to welcoming more new players in 2014.

Previous Game: 23 Nov RBS East 2 Earlston 42 v 15 Leith

Player Profile



Position Centre
Age 31
Appearances 7

Sam Walker

Sam was one of fourteen new players to sign up in the summer (see article opposite) after deciding to get back to playing after a couple of seasons gap.

Having begun his rugby career at his local club Salisbury RFC, Sam went on to play for Royal Holloway University, winning the London Universities Cup in 2003 and alumni club Egham Hollowegians RFC, before moving up to Scotland with his girlfriend.

Joining Leith "in order to escape Saturday shopping with the missus", Sam has been a consistent performer in the centres in his debut season, carrying and tackling hard, even if he does sometimes need reminding where our dead ball area is!

Now hitched, Sam has made the brave call of inviting many of the boys along to his wedding reception on December 29. They'll be on their best behaviour Claire!

Season Stats

RBS East Regional League Division 2 2013/14

#	Team	P	W	L	D	+/-	PTS
6	Edinburgh Northern	11	5	6	0	-228	22
7	Leith	11	4	7	0	-150	21
8	Inverleith	11	3	8	0	-198	16
9	Penicuik	11	2	9	0	-260	12

Scorers 2013/14

Leith last six: LLLLWL

Games	Tries	Points	Assists	MoM
12 R Burgess	4 K Dannfald	45 K Dannfald	5 C Smith	2 R Burgess R Clarke K Dannfald D Watters
11 C Winton 11 M Phillips	3 G Aitken M Balmer R Burgess C Smith	32 D Watters	4 D Watters	
		15 G Aitken M Balmer R Burgess C Smith	3 D Robertson	

Next Game: 07 Dec RBS East 2 Inverleith v Leith