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LEITH RUGBY VS BROUGHTON RFC

2PM. ACADEMY PARK. EAST DIVISION LEAGUE 1

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

A warm welcome back to Academy Park for our second home game of 2023. Starting the new year against the top 2 teams in the league was always going to be tough and, despite results, the performances have been excellent and show that we can compete with these top teams.

Today Broughton make the short hop along Ferry Road to visit Leith. While Broughton took the spoils 19-8 in our first meeting this season, it was a game that could have gone either way, and I know the boys are looking forward to putting things right today.

Our 2s, meanwhile, will travel over the bypass to visit Lasswade for our first outing of 2023. With some tight scores between the teams in the past couple of seasons so I know Simon and the boys will be hoping that they can return with some crucial league points in their back pocket.

Events in the clubhouse are warming up nicely for 2023, where can enjoy all the 6 Nations games live on the big screen.

We also have our quiz night on the 18th of February so gather your squad, get studying, buy your tickets and get along for what is always a great night.

Good luck to everyone pulling on a Leith top today and I hope everyone watching from the sidelines keeps warm cheering the boys on!



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name : Thomas 'Choo' Lawrie

Position : Hooker

Joined the club : I joined the club in 2014 after attending the annual quiz night and being convinced to give rugby a go after stopping in high school

Sporting Hero : No hero in particular but a quote by Michael Jordan comes to mind, "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying"

Favourite food : Mexican or Italian

Pre Game Hype song: Lamb of God by New Colossal Hate

Fun Fact: I have had long hair since I was 14

Favourite Leith memory: promotion at the end of last season!

LEITH HAWKS



What's been on?

The Youth teams have been getting back into rugby after taking a break over christmas and New Year. Despite the planned games at Penicuik being cancelled due to frozen pitches there was a great turn out at training from the 3 year olds up to under 16. So great to see how many young people are enjoying rugby on Leith on a weekly basis !!

More volunteers are always needed for Sunday so if you think you can help out in anyway then please get in contact with Derek Greenan.

Ross continues to grow and develop the rugby delivery within the local schools with the help of Gavin. Delivery currently in the following primary schools - Leith PS, Lorne PS, Craigentenny PS, St Mary's PS, St Ninians PS, HP PS, Abbeyhill PS, Leith Walk Primary School, St Mary's (East London Street), Broughton PS, RHPS. Unfortunately the P5 Rugby festival was cancelled due to freezing conditions. However there is a P7 festival planned for March - more details soon.

In the high schools, Gavin has set up a lunchtime club at Drummond High School which is growing. Last term S1-3 pupils were getting weekly fixtures and we are on course to be able to offer the same this term. 4 U16's joining up with Murrayfield Wanderers & Wolves to compete in a plate competition. 2 U15's have been nominated for the up and coming PDH programme. Leith Academy Afterschool sessions have started back, we have welcomed more new girls along to the sessions.

What's up next?

More Sunday fixtures and training at Academy Park. Keep your eyes on our Social media channels for more details as we navigate through the winter weather!!

The youth section will also be hosting the Scotland v France game within the clubhouse after training on the 26th Feb - all welcome to attend.



Dates for the Diary at Academy Park

1st XV Fixtures

18th Feb v Portobello

11th March v Forresters

2nd XV Fixtures

28th Jan v Watsons 2s

4th March - Kelso Sharks

Social Fixtures

4th Feb - Eng v Scot

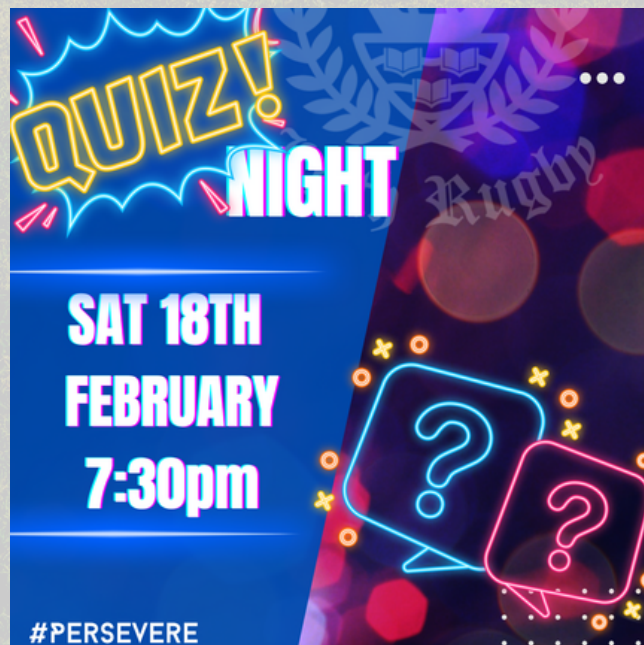
18th Feb - Presidents Day/
Quiz night

11th March - Ladies Day

NEXT CLUB EVENTS

The club will be hosting its annual Quiz night on the 18th Feb. Tickets are £5 per person and teams of up to 6 are permitted. The quiz night is always great fun and with a very special host planned for this year it is bound to be no different! So grab 5 friends and get along for a great night.

This night will follow after our always fun and exciting Presidents day. Our Ladies day on the 11th of March, as well as the 6 nations games being shown live at the clubhouse (check social media for details) its bound to be a busy time at Academy park!



LAST GAMES

The 1st XV have been on the back of a few unfortunate results since the New Years break. Playing tough opposition was always expected in this league but Leith have shown they are able to match up against the best teams in the league.

And last week was no different away to Linlithgow, another valiant 80 minutes that didn't quite pay off for the Leith Men. Defence was strong as they held off their competitors phase after phase. In the second half the team really came into their own and were rewarded with two tries and were chasing a third they couldn't quite catch. They piled on the pressure and played a strong game, another scoreline not truly reflecting their performance. FT 36-14 to our hosts

Ross Marwick with the two Leith tries with MOTM going to Scott McAteer.



THIS WEEKS GAMES

This weekend the 1ST XV welcome Broughton to Academy Park for the first time in a few years. With a close score in the previous outing at Wardie and with Leith hunting down their next win, it looks set to be an interesting game.

Our 2nd XV are travelling to Lasswade to take on their 2nd XV. With only 11 points between the two teams in the previous match, the Leith men will be hoping to close the gap this time around.



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TEAM LINE UPS

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HOME

AWAY

J NIMMO	1.
C WINTON	2.
C FINDLAY	3.
P BLASCO	4.
D MULLINS	5.
M MUNRO	6.
S MCATEER	7.
M CROLLA	8.
J RODRIGUEZ	9.
R JOHNSTON	10.
R MARWICK	11.
C SMITH	12.
J CAMPEY	13.
L PALMER	14.
G WEIR	15.
C ALLAN	16.
T LAWRIE	17.
S LEE	18.
B WILKINSON	19.

