

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LEITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



# LEITH RUGBY

## TENNENTS EAST LEAGUE 2

**LEITH RUGBY**

**V**

**PENICUIK RFC**

SAT 16 FEB | ACADEMY PARK | 3PM

**#BELEITH**



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



*'We will need to front up in defence today'*

**Ben Wilkinson**  
**Club Captain**

I'd like to welcome everyone to Academy Park for the East 2 encounter between Leith and our friends from Midlothian Penicuik RFC. Over the years we have had some exciting battles and today I'm sure we can expect more of the same. Last weekend, Leith had a week off league duty which allowed for a rest. Two good training sessions this week have seen the Leith men confident getting back on the pitch today. The previous week's fixture saw Leith travel to the borders to take on Gala YM. A strong start led to a few first half tries and all in all, a decent performance. Scores from Teixeira, Wilkinson, Baxterx2 and Nawrocki. We will need to front up in defence today as we are still leaking too many scores.

Our opponents come into today on the back of a narrow loss to second place Dunbar. They'll hope to return to winning ways this afternoon so you'll surely be in for a great game. The 2nd XV are in action today away to Caledonian Thebans. The 2nds will hope to return to winning ways after a disappointing day out at Peebles two weeks ago! All the best to the seconds today on what has been a great season so far.

Off the pitch, we have our annual RACE NIGHT this evening! I would encourage you all to get involved. Due to be a cracker! I look forward to seeing you all for a beer this tonight. Good luck to both teams today and hopefully we'll be in for an entertaining game of rugby.

Enjoy the game!



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# WOMENS RUGBY TRAINING

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# GALA YM 24

# V

# LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV 32

Leith started with great purpose securing the ball from the kick off and after a couple of good carries from the forwards the ball was released through the backs resulting in Andrew Baxter getting on the ball and breaking a tackle and dummying the fullback before being brought down 5 metres short. Gala YM would turn the ball over and kick clear, and Leith were left to reflect on an overlap opportunity missed. The backs were playing with confidence however, and after more good work from the forwards created space, this time it was Tomek Nawrocki who went close, but was also brought down just short of the try line. Shortly thereafter Leith were awarded a penalty 30 meters out, however Ben Wilkinson's kick was just wide.



Soon after the first try followed however, as Leith won a line-out 10 meters from Gala's try line, and set up a well-controlled maul, allowing Marcos Teixeira to cross the try-line, converted by Wilkinson for 0-7. Leith secured ball from the restart, and put the ball deep into the Gala half. A good chase saw Leith secure the ball and play quickly, and with hooker Craig Winton back in his spiritual home of standoff he took the ball at first receiver and distributed to Wilkinson who saw a gap and stepped the full back to cross the try-line. Con good 0-14.

Shortly after Gala put in a deep kick which Nick Andrews caught 5 metres from his try-line, but his pass was knocked on. The resulting scrum allowed Gala to score, 5-14. Leith worked hard securing the ball again and after Luke McKinney ran it straight, quick ball again saw Baxter cross the try line. Con missed, 5-19. Leith then had a scrum on their 5 metre line after holding Gala up in the maul, but Leith gave away a free kick for the hooker striking early. Gala elected to take the tap penalty, and after they were repelled for several phases by an energetic Leith defence, they eventually crashed over for their second try. Con good, 12-19 at half time.

Leith went on the offensive after half time and were awarded a scrum 30 meters out, and after McKinney picked and went, Fergal MacNamara was able to put Baxter away for the second of his brace of scores, which secured the try bonus point. Con missed, 12-24. Leith then made a school boy error from the kickoff playing the ball when it did not go 10 meters. Gala won the ball and worked up the pitch resulting in a score, 17-24. Gala then put their best passage of play together resulting in a well worked try. Con good for a tied game at 24-24.



Shortly after Leith were awarded a penalty 10 meters from Gala's try-line and decided to run the ball with McKinney making a good carry and once again quick ball and good passing from the backs put wing Nawrocki in the corner for a good team try. 24-29. With 14 minutes to go, Leith were reduced to 14 men when Teixeira was yellow carded following a team warning. Leith defence was monumental holding out Gala's attacks, and it was rewarded with the award of a penalty with the last play of the game, Captain Stu Wilson pointed at the posts and Wilkinson duly delivered with a great kick between the posts. Final score 24-32. It was great to see Leith playing their free flowing attacking rugby again.

**MOTM Andy Homer.**



# PENICUIK 2ND XV 15

V

# LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV 40

Entering into the second half of the season the Leith two's had high expectations after taking the new league by surprise. The first game of the year started with a tough fought game against Inverlieth 2's. Hoping to avoid a replay of the first game of the season, where Inverlieth had the upper hand. Leith (with the much appreciated support of the 1's on the side line) managed to overcome a strong opponent and take the first win of 2019, edging Inverlieth out by 2 points 26-24.

With heads held high, the 2s looked forward to their next fixture, against the currently undefeated Peebles Reds. Traveling down to the borders Leith had high spirits that they could hold the Peebles attack at bay and had their hearts set on an enjoyable bus trip to round the game off. From kick off Leith made a strong start and anything looked possible, for the first 5 minutes. Throughout the whole game the boys did themselves proud and never let up and continued to put as much pressure as possible on Peebles. Unable to hold the Peebles tide unfortunately the game was lost 106-0 giving Peebles their century score. Despite taking an absolute hammering the spirit of the players was high as the long bus trip allowed the drinks to flow and the songs to be sung.

With the dark memories of the previous fixture still hanging fresh over the 2's heads, they picked themselves up and started to look at the next fixture against Penicuik 2s. At kick off the game looked like it could easily be a repeat of the previous week in Peebles as Penicuik made light work of Leiths defence and marched over for a very early score. After the slight slap to the face Leith picked themselves up and realised this was going to be more of a challenge than the first time they had played them. The game was close fought with neither side looking like they had completely out played the other, with the final score sitting 14-5 to Penicuik heads hung low in the Leith changing room.

Traveling down to Ross High once again Leith hoped to be able to get themselves back to the winning ways they had experienced in the first half of the season. A shaky start again defensively allowed a couple early scores from the home side but did nothing to dwindle the spirits of the Leith players. Blows traded through the entire game with a lot of hard work coming from Leith's pack, but when the final whistle blew, Leith once again had come up short losing 12-24.

With Thebans as this week's fixture, Leith will definitely be looking to get a win over this side who were the other team to earn the promotion from East development into East Reserves League 2. Having bested the Thebans 28-0 in the first half of the season and hopefully having learnt from the past mistakes of 2019, Leith 2s will be coming out hitting hard and looking to return themselves to the winning circles!

**#2s #thisishowwe2it**

## PLAYER PROFILES

### REECE BARCLAY



Prop Forward  
18  
Portobello, age 13

Portobello,  
Musselburgh

Exeter Chiefs

### PLAYER PROFILES

**Position**

**Age**

**First club**

**Former clubs**

**Pro team**

Wing / Centre  
25  
Manurewa Marlins  
(NZ), age 5  
Wakatipu Rugby  
Club, Taranaki  
Sharks, Edinburgh  
Eagles

### KAHARAU KAIHE



This week, Programme corner sat down with young prop forward Reece Barclay, midway through his second season at Leith, and Kaharau 'Kai' Kaihe, who had made an exciting start to his first season at the club, prior to a shoulder injury sustained in the November Dunbar game, which has likely ruled him out for the season.

#### How and when did you come to join Leith

RB: I'm a Leither, and and always used to come along and watch games

KK: Joined this year, Doug (Watters) talked me into it!

#### What are you enjoying most about playing at Leith?

KK: Getting to know everyone and making another brotherhood

RB: Good bunch of lads, and enjoyable rugby

#### What's the most challenging thing about playing at Leith?

KK: Fighting for a position every week as there is talent all across the board - and now being injured!

RB: Waiting to turn 18 so I could move into the front row!

#### If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why?

RB: Joe O'Neil because he's got the experience of playing at a high level, and always puts in a graft and has the game knowledge and leadership.

KK: Craig Smith, because he scores all the tries - and doesn't have to defend!

#### Which one of your teammates would you bet to win on Love Island? Who'd go out first?

KK: Doug would win Love Island hands down and Haggon would be first to leave.

RB: Have to put my money on Andrew Paterson - he's the full Love Island package. Stitto out first - he'd have no chance.

#### You win £50million on the lottery - whose number do you delete first?

RB: Stitto's.

KK: My partner!

#### Who was your favourite player growing up?

KK: Jonathan Thurston

RB: Adam Jones, by a country mile.

#### Describe your playing style in no more than 5 words.

RB: Powerful/good vision /aggressive

KK: Luck x5!

#### Best moment of your rugby career so far?

KK: Representing New Zealand in London 2018 against Australia (\*non-professional rugby league test)

RB: Winning the Under 16s cup with Edinburgh

#### What's the most embarrassing moment of your rugby career so far?

KK: Scoring a try at the wrong end of the field after getting knocked out

RB: Tripping over my own two feet in my own 22 with no one around

#### Tell us something your teammates don't know about you?

KK: I'm fluent in 2 languages

RB: I love to listen to a bit of jazz - at least twice a day!

#### Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season?

KK: Every team as I enjoy getting out on the field and playing with the brothers

RB: Hands down, Trinity

#### What's the first sporting result you look for after a Leith game?

KK: NZ Warriors (except they've usually played hours before us!)

RB: Manchester United.

# LEITH RUGBY V MIDLOTHIAN PENICUIK 3PM ACADEMY PARK

## TENNENTS EAST 2

| #  | TEAM        | P  | PTS |
|----|-------------|----|-----|
| 04 | LEITH RUGBY | 14 | 43  |
| 05 | TRINITY     | 14 | 33  |
| 06 | PENICUIK    | 14 | 32  |
| 07 | GALA YM     | 14 | 32  |

## TENNENTS EAST RESERVE 2

### CALEDONIAN THEBANS

### V LEITH 2ND XV

SAT 16 | ACADEMY PARK

## PREVIOUS MATCHES

26/02/19

GALA YM 24 V 32 LEITH

12/01/19

LANGHOLM 13 V 10 LEITH

05/01/19

LEITH 33 V 46 HAWICK LINDEN

## LEITH LAST FIVE



## PENICUIK LAST FIVE



## NEXT UP

### TENNENTS EAST 2

### LEITH 1ST XV V TRINITY

SAT 23 FEB | 2PM | ACADEMY PARK

### TENNENTS EAST RESERVE 2

### LEITH 2ND XV V

### CORSTORPHINE COUGARS 2ND XV

SAT 23 FEB | 3PM | UNION PARK

## LEITH RUGBY

A Baxter 15  
R Marwick 14  
C Smith 13  
C Williamson 12  
N Andrews 11  
B Wilkinson 10  
D Sommerville 9  
S Crombie 8  
C Allan 7  
J Drummond 6  
T Kirkwood 5  
C Cobra 4  
S Wilson 3  
C Winton 2  
B Connelly 1  
J Niimmo 16  
P Haggon 17  
M Crolla 18  
F MacNamara 19  
K Dannfald 20  
A Paterson 21  
S Patchett 22

## PENICUIK

## LEITH 2ND XV

## THEBANS

O Dunko 15  
M Rea 14  
W Tuft 13  
J Derrin 12  
A Barr 11  
G Lees 10  
(Captain) 9  
R Grindley 8  
A Mac 7  
S Baker 6  
J Barker 5  
B Place 4  
S Bates 3  
R Stitt 2  
R Barclay 1  
F Palin 16  
A Hepworth 17  
W Cook 17  
T Kes 18  
Robertson 19  
F Stewart 20  
P Duncan 21  
D Cordoba 22

## 1ST XV

## GAMES

## 2ND XV



F MACNAMARA 18  
N ANDREWS 16  
A BAXTER 16

16 G EASDON  
13 J BARKER  
13 W COOK  
13 M CROLLA



## 1ST XV

## POINTS

## 2ND XV



K DANNFALD 82  
A BAXTER 70  
B WILKINSON 61

50 B WILKINSON  
40 C SMITH  
31 S GUESFORD



## 1ST XV

## TRIES

## 2ND XV



A BAXTER 14  
R MARWICK 6  
A PATERSON 6

7 C SMITH  
6 M ALLISON  
5 W TUFT  
5 D ROBERTSON



## 1ST XV

## MAN OF MATCH

## 2ND XV



A HOMER 2  
A PATERSON 2  
WILLIAMSON 2

4 W TUFT  
3 J BARKER





# TRY OF THE SEASON

