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## LEITH RUGBY

BT East League Division 2

LEITH RUGBY  
V  
EDINBURGH NORTHERN

17 SEPTEMBER 2016  
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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



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**Kenny Dannfald**  
**Club Captain**

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Welcome to Academy Park for the first time of the season, and in particular welcome to the ladies on our ladies day! None of us would be here without them and (most of us!...) wouldn't be able to live without them, so we are hoping we are able to celebrate all of our lovely ladies today. After what seemed like no break at all, the boys returned to pre season training and were put through their paces by club coach Ron Harris and assistant Brian Archer. The seemingly endless work in the summer sun has prepared the boys well for the season ahead and the fixtures against HMS Somerset, Dunbar and a high scoring tie against Paisley means that there has been plenty of match practice too. We met our visitors a few weeks ago in the first competitive action of the season in round one of the Shield, with Leith running out 46 -27 victors at Inverleith Park. However Leith will be under no illusions that this will be a similar encounter and Northern will be coming out of the traps after an impressive 60-7 victory over Earlston. Leith on the other hand will be looking to get a 2nd win on the bounce after a good result in Langholm last week marked our first game of the season due to 'referee difficulties' on our opening day.

Off the pitch there is a lot to tell you about! As well as Ladies day today we have our Annual Quiz Night on the 22nd of October with "15-1's very own Conor Kerr taking the helm for the evening, keep your eyes peeled on social media for more details on that. This year also sees the return of the Leith Hogmanay party!! It is sure to be a cracking night with lots of fun and frivolity taking the hassle, stress and expense out of a "in town" Hogmanay party. Posters, details and tickets will be going up soon so be sure to check that out! And Finally, you may have spotted some of the lads



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Ever wondered how you could help with developing youth rugby in the Leith area? We are now looking for individuals and businesses to support the permanent establishment of rugby for the young people of Leith. All funds raised would contribute greatly to coaching costs, acquiring kit and equipment.

Leith Rugby has implemented a rugby development programme in the primary schools in the Leith area. A block of rugby coaching, teaching the basic skills, were delivered during the last academic year across all Leith primary schools, culminating in a Festival of Rugby at Academy Park, attended by 250 children. This year we also intend to run S1 rugby in conjunction with Leith Academy, in addition to our established commitment to primary school pupils.

We are looking to raise funds to further progress the level of rugby and sporting participation of local children. They represent the future of rugby within the Leith area and we aim to support the health and wellbeing benefits derived from playing this great team sport. All contributions will be featured on our website pages and in future copies of the match day programme. Opportunities also exist for sponsorship of future Leith Festivals of Rugby.

If you or your company or your employer would be interested in making a donation to such a worthwhile cause, please contact Gordon Anderson at [gordon.anderson@kaimes.edin.sch.uk](mailto:gordon.anderson@kaimes.edin.sch.uk) or send an email to us at [leithhawkscrugby@gmail.com](mailto:leithhawkscrugby@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

22nd October  
Leith v Trinity, Presidents Day

22nd October  
Annual Quiz Night

31st December  
Hogmanay Party

28th January  
Australia Day Burns Party

## MATCH REPORT: LANGHOLM v LEITH RUGBY

### LANGHOLM 22 - 38 LEITH RUGBY

With the sun high in the sky the game kicked off and Leith went on the offensive immediately pressing their hosts when they could. However the hands were still in 'warm up' mode which meant the final pass did not allow the Leith team to take advantage of the early pressure.

It was indeed Langholm to get the scoring underway as a few big runs down the middle were not stopped early enough and with Leith on the defensive back the pressure became too great and the Langholm man was able to bundle over from short range. However Leith went back into attack mode looking to get themselves on the scoreboard and they didn't have to wait long for this to happen. From an attacking penalty in the Langholm 22m the forwards bowled over a few defenders before it gave Stand Off Doug Watters the chance to scythe through the midfield and off load in the covering tackle to Kenny Dannfald a couple metres short of the line. This gave the captain the easiest of finishes and he converted his own try to make it 7-5 to Leith.

Leith were looking to take control of the game now and put some points on the scoreboard, after Dannfald offloaded the ball to Eoin Murphy who went through the whole in the defence like a train and made the 2 on 1 with the covering player simple as he gave hooker for the day Greg Hancocka run in under the posts, which Dannfald duly converted. The travelling team weren't to have it all of their own way however as the Langholm team struck back again in a try that was scored wide out in the corner. Conversion made, meaning the score was 14-12 to Leith.

The scoring wasn't finished in the first half however as Leith struck back yet again. With more and more pressure being applied to Langholm the penalty count was increasing, this meant the Leith were having the chance to keep the ball and continue to notch up the pressure. All of this led to Watters getting a ball in the Langholm 22m area,

## MATCH REPORT: LANGHOLM v LEITH RUGBY CONTINUED...

taking the ball to the gain line and giving an inside pass to Dannfald who was able to beat the last defender to dot down for his 2nd try. This was converted and after a missed Langholm penalty right on the stroke of half time the score at the break was 21-12 to Leith. Both teams knew that the next score was crucial to the destination of the points and thus the opening of the 2nd half was a touch frantic and cagey as the teams were trying not to give an inch. However it was Leith that were first to make the breakthrough. After some midfield play which was effectively going nowhere the Langholm 10 opted to kick the ball on the halfway line, however Dannfald was able to get an arm up there to charge the ball down. He stabbed the ball forward twice in a foot race to the line, which in the end winger Jon Derrin was able to pounce\* and take the ball over the line (\*Kenny is definitely not bitter that this was for his hat trick). Try converted meaning the score was 28-12.

Leith didn't have to wait too long for the next one as from the kick off the ball was sprayed to the left hand side of the pitch where the Watters/ Dannfald combination teamed up again with a switch near the left touch line on the Leith 22m which allowed Dannfald to go on the diagonal to the opposite touch line on the Langholm 22m before passing inside to the on rushing Craig Williamson who in turn was able to give Hancock a run in for his 2nd try of the day. However Leith weren't to have it all their own way as Langholm took a quick tap which allowed their Scrum Half to chip and chase from the half way line to get a score back for the home team. However with 10mins to go Leith put it out of sight as pressure down the right hand side of the pitch left a huge gap as the ball was moved out left. This allowed Mike McLeish, who had been causing issues in the loose all day the chance to stretch his leg and execute a 2 v 1 that gave Luke McKinney his first score of the season. However in the dying moments the home team were able to claim their try bonus point as the powerful 13 was able to bundle over from close range to make the final score 38-22 to Leith

Plenty of candidates for the Serrano Manchego Man of the Match award this week, McLeish and Paterson in the forwards were excellent, while Dannfald, Watters and Williamson all had good games in the backs. However the Serrano Manchego Man of the Match award goes to Greg Hancock as the openside flanker stepped up to the hooking berth this week with aplomb and scored two good tries.

## LEITH RUGBY V EDINBURGH NORTHERN 3PM ACADEMY PARK

### PREVIOUSLY

27/08/2016

LEITH 47 v 26 ED. NORTHERN

### LEITH FORM



### ED. NORTHERN FORM



### BT RESERVE EAST LEAGUE 3

LEITH 2XV v MUSSELBURGH 3XV  
3pm, Stoneyhill

### LEITH ED. NORTH.

Kenny Dannfald 15  
Steven Eadie 14  
Doug Watters Eoin 13  
Murphy 12  
Jon Derrin 11  
Ben Wilkinson 10  
Craig Williamson 9  
Luke McKinney 8  
Ollie Main 7  
Neil Paterson 6  
Andy MacIntosh 5  
Fraser Forsyth 4  
Bruce Connolly 3  
Willie Cook 2  
Thomas Laurie 1

Colin Marshall 16  
Stuart Wilson 17  
Ben Place 18  
Pete Mitchell 19  
Andrew Paterson 20  
Julian Mpofo 21  
Russell Smith 22  
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### 16/17 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
4	TRINITY	2	7
2	ED. UNI. MED.	2	6
3	ED. NORTH.	2	5
4	LEITH RUGBY	1	5

### GAMES



### POINTS



### TRIES



### MAN OF MATCH



### PLAYER PROFILES

It's fitting on this the club's Ladies Day, that we profile a man so handsome, his teammates have composed him his own song to that effect, in Jon Derrin.

The Sydneysider joined Leith Leith in 2014 relatively new to the sport and has made tremendous strides in that period, the powerful wing now an important member of the first team pool.

To prove all Ladies are welcome at Leith, this week's 2nd profile is twice-winner of the Beer Goggles of the Year award, 2nd XV captain Robert Stitt. We caught up with Jon and Stitto this week to pose them a few questions.

### JON DERRIN



Position - Wing  
Age - 30  
Nationality - Australian  
First club: Leith Rugby, aged 29

#### Best moment in rugby

That would have to be my first try for the club at the start of last season, for our 2nd XV in a game against Watsonians 4th XV (and 2nd XV, and 1st XV...)

#### Best thing about playing at Leith

I think that's gotta be the club's willingness to help players improve, regardless of their ability or experience. I certainly found that as a newbie.

#### As today is Ladies Day, who is the most important Lady in your life?

My fiancée Nina. Without her I would never have moved here and discovered Leith Rugby!

#### What's a guilty pleasure of yours that none of your teammates would know?

That I'm an avid chess player!

#### Finally, how would your best friend describe you?

Well it's a common term of endearment in Australia, and rhymes with hunt!

### 1ST XV

### PLAYER PROFILES

### 2ND XV

### ROBERT STITT



Position - Loosehead Prop  
Age - 25  
Nationality - Hawick  
First club - Hawick Wanderers, aged 17

#### Best moment in rugby

It's between winning the East 3 title in 2012-13, and scoring the first try against Trinity away, in 2014-15.

#### Best thing about playing at Leith

My teammates - great banter and great friends. It's a really friendly and welcoming club.

#### As today is Ladies Day, who is the most important Lady in your life?

I've gotta call a draw between my mum and my other half, Amanda!

#### What's a guilty pleasure of yours that none of your teammates would know?

That I'm addicted to Pokemon Go!

#### Finally, how would your best friend describe you?

Probably that I'm not quite all there up top!