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LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region Division 2

LEITH RUGBY
V
GALA YM

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"Leith will be looking to continue their impressive form"

Ben Wilkinson
Club Captain

This week, we welcome Gala YM to Academy Park. Leith will be looking to continue their impressive form which has seen them climb the table after three wins in a row.

Gala sit in top of the middle league and will hope to keep the pressure on today. They just missed out on the top division and will hope to secure top spot as the season comes to a close. The Leith men will need to be at their best to continue the pressure on teams above. The reverse fixture, earlier in the season resulted in our visitors taking the points.

Last weekend, a Leith XV travelled to Walkerburn for a friendly. Another impressive performance saw the Leithers come home with a 65- 26 victory. Scores from Smith (2), MacNamara, Cordoba, Watters, Rea, Lynch, Stewart, Connolly, Stitt and Easden. A physical and scrappy affair due to poor weather saw a positive performance that we hope to emulate today.

Also today sees the start of 7s season. A Leith 7s team will compete today in the Dunbar sevens. Here's hoping for some sevens weather!

In club news, massive congratulations goes to Leith Youth coach Ross Johnston on being awarded Young Coach of the Year at the Active Schools Edinburgh Awards. The youth section has grown tremendously over the past season and we'd like to express our sincere thanks to Ross and his team for all their hard work.

A reminder that Leith Rugby awards night is 05 May. One of the best nights on the social calendar so get that in your diaries. Tickets from Kenny Dannfald.

Another date for the diary- the annual Leith 7s tournament takes place 28 April and this year will include a pitch side beer festival with a host of local brewers sampling their local beer.

Good luck to both teams today and hopefully we'll be in for an entertaining game of rugby.

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SATURDAY 28 APRIL 2018

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BEER FESTIVAL | BBQ
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LEITH YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT - INTRODUCTION

Leith Rugby Youth Development was set up with the following aims:

- ▶ **To increase participation in rugby among 5-18 year olds in the Leith area**
- ▶ **To increase participation in adult men's rugby by developing a link between Leith Academy and Leith Rugby Club**
- ▶ **To support the development of the women's game in Leith through increasing participation among girls at primary and secondary school**



Boys teams will go under the name of Leith Hawks, girls teams will be known as Leith Vixens.



On December 7th Leith Rugby hosted their 6th rugby festival. 185 P5 children were involved in the touch rugby festival. Schools included Leith Primary, Lorne Primary, Hermitage Park Primary and St Ninian's Primary. There was also a tackle station set up for the kids to be introduced to the contact side of rugby.

In conjunction with the primary school curriculum and the festival, we continue to run after school clubs at Leith Academy and St Ninian's Primary school. We have seen numbers continue to grow at these afterschool clubs and are always looking for more kids to come along.



After the festive break we are opening our Leith Academy afterschool club for primary pupils to 40. At the afterschool clubs we play touch rugby and contact rugby. Going forward we are starting to organise Friday afternoon fixtures for the P6/7 who attend the afterschool clubs. In January rugby delivery started again for P7 pupils in the 5 schools. After 6/7 weeks of rugby delivery we will host another rugby festival. Leith Rugby club youth section is also looking at starting Sunday youth rugby at Easter.

LEITH YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT - CONTINUED

We are also starting to put volunteers through rugby qualification courses so they can help out with coaching at our rugby festival and assist the rugby development going on in the Leith area. We had a number of school pupils attending Level 1 rugby coaching courses over October school holidays. In addition to this the LRYD were given money to spend on rugby equipment and have purchased rugby balls and branded Leith Hawks bibs which have been given to the schools.

LRYD can now apply to charitable trusts and foundations for funding to carry out its programme, as well as organising in-house funding events such as sponsored events and raffles.

This is great opportunity for the members of Leith to support the hard work of the youth rugby committee so that we can continue the funding of primary and secondary school rugby.

We all know the benefits of team sport, the health benefits to be gained from children being active, how sport can help develop social skills, build self-esteem and confidence and help kids learn valuable life skills. We also know how rugby helps you make life-long friends.

We have all been there and we have all experienced the above and we still do. If it wasn't for rugby would you be reading this today? Would you be standing reminiscing about a tour to somewhere 20 or 30 years ago with someone you would never have met if it hadn't been for playing rugby?



Rugby is a great game to be enjoyed by all. Please help LRYD pass on these opportunities to the local children in Leith by supporting our work.

The LRYD steering group is made up of:

Gordon Anderson, Bruce Tyler, Derek Greenan, Alex Bowman, Willie Cook, Russell Duncan, Brian Samson and Andrew McIntosh.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please do get in touch should you wish to discuss any of the above.

LRYD

PLAYER PROFILES

FRASER FORSYTH



Back row/2nd row
21
17 (1st XV)
2 (2nd XV)
Livingston, 15
Livingston

Position
Age
Appearances

First club
Former clubs

Pro team

Centre
27
5 (1st XV)
10 (2nd XV)
Aberdeen Grammar, 5
Robert Gordon Uni,
KL Saracens, Acklam
Saracens

OWEN JENKINS



How and when did you come to join Leith

FF: I took a year out after leaving Livingston, got the itch to get back into playing, rocked up to Academy park just over 3 years now.

OJ: I moved to Edinburgh in 2016 and Toby (Kirkwood) suggested I get back into rugby - probably so that he could run at me!

What's the best thing about playing at Leith?

OJ: It's easily the friendliest team I've ever played for. You're made to feel welcome from your first training session.

FF: Once you get over the horrific banter, nothing beats sticking your body on the line for your mates on a Saturday. Pints after help as well of course.

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

OJ: The day after tour. I haven't been that hungover in a while.

FF: Yeah, the hangovers - or getting ripped at any club event that involves a speech.

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

OJ: Justin Smith. He seems to spend most of his time on a beach at the moment.

FF: Paul Haggan. I've always wondered what goes on inside his head.

Which one of your teammates would get voted out/win Big Brother/Celebrity Jungle first?

FF: Cal McKay. Some of things that come out of his mouth would either get him booted out or he'd win.

Although I'd go Willie Cook for the win, the man would make good telly

OJ: Toby would definitely go first, he wouldn't be able to put up with Ant and Dec's nonsense out there.

Grudgingly, I think Sam Davies would win - a combination of furious chat and people wanting to see him crawl through a river of scorpions would probably clinch it for him.

Which teammate never buys his round?

FF: Hard one, but Robert Stitt

OJ: Probably me. I'm a notorious lightweight.

Which teammate is best dressed?

FF: Andrew Paterson

OJ: Choo. He is rocking a classic band T-shirt every time I see him.

And worst?

OJ: Will Tuft. He has a pair of Vans for every occasion.

FF: Stitto, wouldn't surprise me if he wore his Leith zipper on his wedding day.

Best moment of season 2017/18?

OJ: A try-saving 2 on 1 tackle against Earlston last month

FF: Beating Langholm at home, started off a good run of victories and brought a feel good factor back to the club.

Funniest moment of season 2017/18?

OJ: Watching the wind catch George Lees pass and blowing it forwards

FF: Fergal taking a dive when the ball got thrown at his face, I'm sure it's on video somewhere.

Hopes for next season?

FF: High a finish as possible, I'm sure the 2nd XV will start picking up the results too.

OJ: To get the 2s into a proper league

Who was your favourite player growing up?

FF: Victor Matfield

OJ: Gavin Hastings

LEITH RUGBY V GALA YM 3PM ACADEMY PARK

PREVIOUSLY

14/10/17 BT EAST 2
GALA YM 34 V 14 LEITH
17/12/16 BT EAST 2
GALA YM 20 V 34 LEITH
03/09/16 FRIENDLY
GALA 29 V 32 LEITH

LEITH FORM



GALA YM FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

LEITH 2ND XV @ DUNBAR 2XV 7S
2PM | KELLIE ROAD, DUNBAR

Describe your playing style in no more than 5 words.

FF: Dependable, aggressive, workhorse, hardy, passionate.

OJ: Catch ball, don't get hit.

Best moment of your rugby career so far?

FF: Winning the league and cup with my under 18s squad.

OJ: I played against the Malaysia national team once before they went to Thailand. That was a definite highlight.

Most embarrassing moment of your rugby career so far?

OJ: Adamantly demanding a crash ball before running into Moray House's huge number 8

FF: Pick and go "try", turns out it was only the 5 metre line.

Who is your dream date?

FF: Margot Robbie

OJ: Rachel Riley from Countdown. She doesn't return my calls though.

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

OJ: I can't stick my tongue out!

FF: Had to endure the torture of dance classes when I was 7/8 thanks to having 2 older sisters. Could well be why I'm such a mover now.

Which team do you look forward to playing the most each season?

FF: Trinity

OJ: Walkersburn. It's like playing rugby on the set of Game of Thrones.

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

OJ: I'd probably see how Wales got on, or the boxing - I quite enjoy watching that.

FF: The Big Team. Hearts.

And finally.....will you be playing 7s this year?

FF: I'd give it a bash!

OJ: I've been on the Greggs diet a little too long - could be optimistic!

LEITH 1ST XV

C SMITH 15
M REA 14
D WATTERS 13
J DERRIN 12
A PATERSON 11
K DANNFALD 10
R KILGOUR 9
F FORSYTH 8
J DRUMMOND 7
A MACINTOSH 6
L MCKINNEY 5
T KIRKWOOD 4
J O'NEIL 3
C WINTON 2
S WILSON (C) 1
C LAWRIE 16
R STITT 17
R BARCLAY 18
N PATERSON 19
P MITCHELL 20
M TEIXEIRA 21
S EADIE 22

LEITH 2XV 7S

M MINUTI
S FRASER
B WILKINSON
J FLEKY
T KESTNER
G EASDON
F STEWART
G LEES (C)
O JENKINS
D CORDOBA
A COLUCCI
A HOMER

BT EAST LEAGUE 2 MID 5

#	TEAM	P	PTS
01	GALA YM	3	44
02	EARLSTON	2	38
03	LEITH RUGBY	2	38
04	PENICUIK	4	37

GAMES



DANNFALD
21

LEES
20

WILSON
19

POINTS



DANNFALD
178

MARWICK
75

LEES
45

TRIES



MARWICK
15

DANNFALD
14

MCKINNEY
9

ASSISTS



MACNAMARA
12

WATTERS
11

DANNFALD
11

MAN OF MATCH



TEIXEIRA
4

MUIRDEN
2

KIRKWOOD
2

E4R

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