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LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region Division 2

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V
LANGHOLM

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Ben Wilkinson
Club Captain

Welcome Dalkeith to Academy Park. Leith will be looking to move up the league table after a return to winning ways last weekend against RDVC.

Dalkeith have recently had a bad run of form but going on previous battles between the two familiar rivals, we should look forward to a cracking game. Over the last few years Dalkeith have proved to be the superior team with Leith failing to win in the last five meetings.

Last weekend, Leith travelled to Peffermill to take on RDVC. This proved to be an exciting match from start to finish. The Leithers had a strong pack and showed their power up front. On an very windy day, Leith collected maximum points but failed to show the complete performance we are capable of. Hopefully today's match will show further improvement.

The 2nd XV are in action today away to Moray House/Watsonian 4XV. Last week again saw a good performance but unfortunately the game went to Ross High. A few early injuries had the Leith men on the back foot and the lads will be looking to make up for the result today. We continue to fulfil steady 2nd XV fixtures which is a good sign of progress for our club.

In club news, last Saturday saw the return of the Leith Rugby Quiz night mixed this time with Halloween. Thanks to everyone who came along and thanks to Craig Winton and bar staff for the night.

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

LEITH RUGBY FIXTURES

DATE	FIRST XV	HOME	AWAY	SECOND XV	HOME	AWAY
26 AUG	BARNTON		A			
02 SEP	HAWICK LINDEN	H				A
09 SEP	LISMORE	A		ROSS HIGH 2NDXV		H
16 SEP	EARLSTON	H		BARNTON 2NDXV		A
23 SEP	EDINBURGH NORTHERN	A		WALKERBURN		H
30 SEP	PENICUIK	H		CALEDONIAN THEBANS		A
07 OCT	ROSS HIGH	A		DALKEITH 2NDXV		H
14 OCT	GALA YM	H		DUNBAR/NORTH BERWICK 2NDXV		A
21 OCT	EDINBURGH UNI MEDICS	A		DUNS 2NDXV		
28 OCT	RDVC	H		ROSS HIGH		A
04 NOV	DALKEITH			MORAY HOUSE/WATSONIAN 4THXV		A
11 NOV			A	MUSSELBURGH 3RDXV		H
18 NOV	LIBERTON			QUEENSFERRY		H
25 NOV		H		ROSS HIGH 2NDXV		A
02 DEC	TRINITY	A		BARNTON 2NDXV		H
09 DEC	INVERLEITH	H		WALKERBURN		
16 DEC	LANGHOLM					

After the frustration of the previous week's postponement vs Edinburgh Medics, Leith went into last Saturday's game with RDVC looking to snap a 3-game losing streak. Peffermill has been a pretty happy hunting ground for Leith in the past. However a combination of the aforementioned streak, coupled with the Vets own significant improvement following a spell in the BT East Development league, meant a tricky fixture was forecast, and so it ensued.

Although Leith dominated territory and possession throughout the first half, some poor decision-making, as well some strong defence meant that despite excellent ball-carrying from the whole pack, particularly Fraser Forsyth, Joe O'Neil, Michele Crolla and Toby Kirkwood, the opening score was a while in coming. Leith finally broke the hosts down around the 20-minute mark, with a sweeping move to the right allowing scrumhalf Ross Kilgour to make a break and put Ross Marwick into a 1-on-1, the big wing crossing out wide. However, not long after Kenny Dannfald, who would be 100% with his conversions, had added difficult extras the Vets chanced their arm from long distance, offloading out of the tackle for a halftime score of 7-7.



Leith huffed and puffed at the start of the 2nd half, but again despite dominating possession, territory and the set piece, were unable to make the breakthrough. Dannfald missed a penalty just before the hour, however the fullback would put Leith into the lead shortly after, when following two excellent breaks from substitutes Andrew Paterson and Robbie Allen, Dannfald took the scoring pass from Allen to dive over, converting his own try for a 14-7 lead. Allen continued to punch holes through the Vets midfield, and linking with Jamie Scotland-Drummond, the pair took Leith just into the opposing 22, where centre Doug Watters picked at the base and dummied his way over the line. Dannfald added the conversion for a 21-7 lead and Leith were beginning to focus on the bonus point. However a lapse followed, and the Vets number 8, who had played well all day brushed off a couple of would-be tacklers to go over for an unconverted try and at 21-12. Leith though were able to get the next (and final) score, with replacement scrumhalf Fergal MacNamara attacking the line and skipping in for a converted try, and a 28-12 victory.

All in all, it was a victory forged in the forwards, and despite singling out one or two in the course of this report, it was all eight plus the four replacements who set the platform for the Leith backs to eventually hog the glory.

Tries: Ross Marwick, Kenny Dannfald, Doug Watters, Fergal MacNamara

Conversions: Kenny Dannfald (4)

Man of the Match: Doug Watters

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**



LEITH**HAWKS**

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



LEITH**VIXENS**

On December 7th Leith Rugby will host their 6th rugby festival. 185 P5 children will be involved in the touch rugby festival. Schools include Leith Primary, Lorne Primary, Hermitage Park Primary and St Ninian's Primary. There will be 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 will be 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. After the Christmas break rugby delivery starts 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 the idea to start Sunday youth rugby at Easter. We are still putting coaches through required coaching qualifications.

We are also starting to put volunteers through rugby qualification courses so they can help out game coaching at our rugby festival and assist the rugby development going on in the Leith area. We have 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.

PLAYER PROFILES

CRAIG WINTON



Prop
27
Leith Academy, 13
Leith Academy
Edinburgh Rugby

PLAYER PROFILES

Position
Age
First club
Former clubs
Pro team

Wing
29
Leith Rugby, 29
None
Edinburgh Rugby

PETE DUNCAN



How and when did you come to join Leith

CW: Played for the Leith Academy under 18's and at the time Leith coach Tam Bennett came along and asked us to come along to adults training with the promise that he would protect us from Aitchy...

PD: I've been a rugby fan for almost 20 years but never played. Really enjoyed Tartan Touch over the summer and was encouraged by Kenny and Winto to join Leith for preseason.

What's the best thing about playing at Leith?

CW: Dave Ritchie's post game cooking.

PD: Couldn't find a more welcoming bunch of guys.

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

CW: Trying to understand Robert Stitt and Bruce Connolly when they speak in their broad Hawick accent.

PD: Lack of experience on my part. Guys have been really helpful getting me up and running.

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

CW: Any of the backs as it must be nice to turn up to training and do absolutely nothing except pass a ball about.

PD: Joe [O'Neil] or Toby [Kirkwood]. It would be fun to be able to run over the top of someone!

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

CW: Voted out first... 100% would be Willie Cook as it's hard to put up with him for an afternoon never mind any longer. Winner would be Handsome Jon Derrin as all the girls would obviously vote for him to win.

PD: No idea who'd be voted out first. George Easdon to win. Such a happy, laid back guy.

Which teammate never buys his round?

CW: Hands down, no competition, Robert Stitt! Tightest guy I've ever met.

PD: Haven't found that out for myself yet. Heard a few rumours though.

Which teammate is best dressed?

CW: Would be a tie between Fraser [Forsyth] and Russell [Smith] – seldom seen without a blazer.

PD: Andrew Paterson is always immaculately dressed.

And worst?

CW: Andy Mac purely as he is never 'dressed' long enough to judge.

PD: Haven't seen any shockers. Might change my mind after the Christmas night out!

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

CW: David Meadows – would be after a lend before the final number was drawn.

PD: Probably some former bandmates from my time as a metal drummer.

Who was your favourite player growing up?

CW: When I thought I was a standoff - Johnny Wilkinson, and when it became clear I wasn't... Alan "Chunk" Jacobsen.

PD: Mike Blair was great to watch. Often on a different wavelength to the rest of the team. He was definitely born 10 years too early!

Describe your playing style in no more than 5 words.

CW: Soft, hands, soft, moan, soft. No....a standoff playing front row.

PD: Try to run round them.

So which pro player does that mean you play like?

CW: Dan Parks if he tried to play hooker...

PD: I won't do any player that disservice! I'd love to be able to play like Mark Bennett.

Best moment of your rugby career so far?

CW: Winning the league with Leith back in 2013, incredible day and incredibly messy night.

LEITH RUGBY V LANGHOLM 2PM ACADEMY PARK

PREVIOUSLY

10/09/16 BT EAST 2
LANGHOLM 22 V 38 LEITH
23/01/16 BT EAST 2
LANGHOLM 11 V 11 LEITH
17/10/15 BT EAST 2
LEITH 12 V 30 LANGHOLM

LEITH FORM



LANGHOLM FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

TBC V LEITH 2ND XV

2PM | TBC

PD: Starting for the 2s when Leith put out 3 teams on one day. Proud to be a part of such a big occasion for the club.

Most embarrassing moment of your rugby career?

PD: Against Ross High, they kicked a long ball that looked like it was going dead. I was letting it roll out only to have their winger pounce on just before it crossed the line to score a try. Felt like such a rookie mistake.

CW: When I realised at the age of 19 that I'd went from stand off to flanker to hooker in only 12 months which didn't feel possible.

Who is your dream date?

CW: Emma Stone

PD: My wife, of course!

Today is President's Day: Trump, Obama or Bush?

PD: Obama, no contest.

CW: Bush all the way. It's in the name.

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

CW: I won 5 sports days at primary school – showing I was at least fast at some stage.

PD: Not sure if I should admit this, but I can solve a Rubik's cube in under a minute.

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

PD: Probably the Thebans. I played my first ever game with them during pre-season. Good bunch of guys and a nice artificial pitch!

CW: The team the furthest distance from Leith... BUS TRIP!!!!!!

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

PD: Scotland or Edinburgh rugby

CW: The game that my bet is relying on! Normally bad news...

And finally, what are you getting the Mrs for Christmas?

PD: I'm not that organised!

CW: Tough one, she already has me.....so what do you get the girl who has everything?

LEITH 1ST XV

K DANNFALD	15
G LEES	14
A PATERSON	13
F MCNAMARA	12
S EADIE	11
B WILKINSON	10
R KILGOUR	9
L MCKINNEY	8
M TEIXEIRA	7
P HAGGON	6
T KIRKWOOD	5
M CROLLA	4
B CONNELLY	3
C WINTON	2
S WILSON (C)	1

LEITH 2ND XV

C JOHNSTON	
C ELMS	
B RITCHIE	
L WEST	
B MOFFAT	
A WILLIAMS	
N HAMMOND	
B BUCHANAN (C)	
G WALKER	
R SPENCE	
C BRYSON	
C MCLEAN	
J GARDNER	
S LORRIMER	
B CAIRNS	

C KERR	16
C LAWRIE	17
R BARCLAY	18
O JENKINS	19

C LEKKAS	
P LITTLEFAIR	
F THAIN	

17/18 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
07	EARLSTON	13	31
08	ED UNI MEDICS	11	30
09	INVERLEITH	12	27
10	LEITH RUGBY	12	27

GAMES

		
DANNFALD 15	WILSON 14	WATTERS 14

POINTS

		
DANNFALD 105	MARWICK 50	WILKINSON 24

TRIES

		
MARWICK 10	DANNFALD 8	KILGOUR 4

ASSISTS

		
WATTERS 7	DANNFALD 5	MCNAMARA 4

MAN OF MATCH

		
TEIXEIRA 3	KIRKWOOD 2	FORSYTH 2

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