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MEN'S CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back to Academy Park for another double header as the 1s take on Royal High and the 2s face Ross High 2s. We look forward to all Leith supporters coming down to cheer on both sides in their games today.

It was a tough day at the office for the men last week against well-drilled sides Broughton and Watson's. However, there were glimmers of the potential that has been growing over the past few weeks. The hard work at training continues; it is a case of 'when' and not 'if' things 'click' together. With two strong squads this weekend, there is every chance that this could be the time!

The live action continues into the evening with the much-anticipated Leith Rugby Treasure Hunt taking place around Leith, who knows what treasures will be unearthed!? There will also be hope of a Scotland win vs Romania, to keep the Quarter Final dreams alive!

Rugby doesn't stop there this weekend however! Leith Hawks kick off on Sunday for a second day of rugby with their training from 1030am on Sunday morning. P1s to S4s continuing to develop their skills as they look towards their upcoming games and tournaments.

To round off this full weekend of action, Leith Ladies take on RDVC. What better way to cure that hangover!?



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The past two weeks has been an exciting time for the team's growth. We've introduced combined training sessions on Tuesdays, joining forces with the wonderful Thebans. These sessions have proven to be a resounding success, with a fantastic turnout of players at both Roseburn Park and Leith Academy.

The atmosphere during these joint training sessions has been super encouraging and positive, where our players have flourished not only on the pitch but also in their personal growth. It's inspiring to see the team's unity and spirit as we come together to build our skills.

As well as these dedicated training efforts, we secured an affirming victory against Lismore, setting the tone for what lies ahead. The chemistry within the team is evolving, and as we continue to grow together, I'm excited for what the future holds.

I couldn't be prouder of our team and the strides we've made in such a short time. With each session, we're one step closer to achieving our goals, and I can't wait to see the amazing things we'll accomplish together in the weeks to come.

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CLUB NEWS

Kit Supplier - Our new kit has landed! You will see over the next few weeks that the first XV and the Women's team will be sporting a fresh look from VX3. The club shop is also available online for both the senior and youth teams. Check it out on the VX3 website

Subs now due!! - All players and supporters are reminded that subs for the year are now due. This support of the club is invaluable and would encourage all who are able to take out membership. If you require the details or costs please email leithrfc@gmail.com

New Sponsors - Many thanks to our new sponsors who have joined us this year. We have a couple of announcements in the next few weeks but welcome aboard, VX3, Campervan, CA Massage, and Leith Bottle Shop! Look forward to working with you!!

Volunteers Needed - The club is on the lookout for more people to help out. There are many roles available from coaching, rugby logistics, or some of the needed behind-the-scenes jobs. Most don't need a huge commitment and can be done from afar, email leithrfc@gmail.com if interested.



NEXT CLUB EVENTS

We have been enjoying the best of the Rugby World Cup action at the clubhouse, in particular the Scotland win last Sunday. We will be showing the Scotland game tonight as well as the big one next Saturday!

We will be showing many of the other weekend games too, so keep your eyes on our social media channels for more information on this!

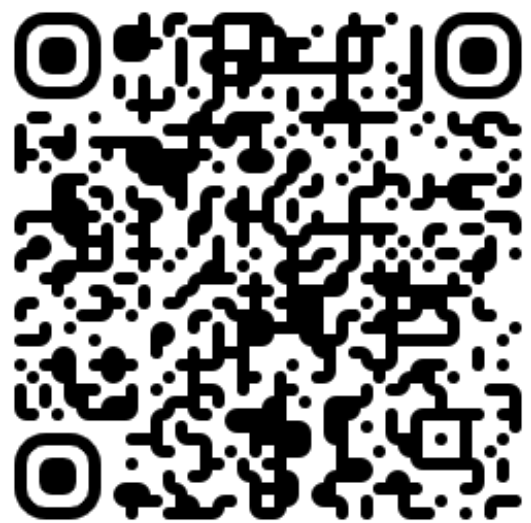
For those not wanting to watch the rugby in the comfort of the rugby club, we are also out on our annual pub crawl treasure hunt tonight (30th Sept). Always a popular night and a great way to get to know members, all are well come to join!





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MEN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name: Ruari Morrison

Position: Back 3

Joined the club: 2019

Sporting Hero: Andy Murray

Favourite food: Steak and Peppercorn Sauce

Pre-Game Hype song: Love Story - Taylor Swift

Fun Fact: I'm not actually Max, its a common misconception.

Favourite Leith memory: Scoring from a crossfield kick on debut



WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name: Brianna Baxter

Position: Center/ anywhere in the back

Joined the club: June 2023

Sporting Hero: Duhan van der Merwe

Favourite food: Chinese Takeaway

Pre-Game Hype song: Hooked on a Feeling by Blue Swede

Fun Fact: I'm allergic to face paint!

Favourite Leith memory: Our game against Bannockburn as it was my first game in years

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Another action packed weekend for Leith.



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This weekend saw the u14 and u16 boys head over to union park for some rugby.

The u14s played some great flowing rugby and improving knowledge of the game this week a real treat to watch! Player for the day was Isreal for his commitment to tackles and running!

Similarly the u16 boys played an extremely competitive gam against Murrayfeild and Ross High. Some excellent flowing rugby on show from everyone! Player of the day was Josh for his strong running and movement across the pitch!

It was a rest week for the u14 girls.

The weekend came to a close on Sunday morning where the u16 girls were across the city to Currie. Some spectacular rugby on show from the girls showing commitment and great knowledge of the game. Player of the day was Evie for her strong running tackling and communication across the pitch.

Our mini section is currently seeking more coaches to help out with Sunday Rugby. This ranges from our Little Leithers to our primary 7s. Times and location can vary but 'core' time is 10.30 at academy park. Ful training and assistance given



THIS WEEKEND

Little Leithers & Primary 1-7

Training
Sun. 10.30. Academy Park

U14 Girls

Festival
Sun. 10:00. Berwick RFC

U14 Boys

Festival
Sat. 9:45. Inch Park

U16 Girls

Festival
Sun. 10:00. Berwick RFC

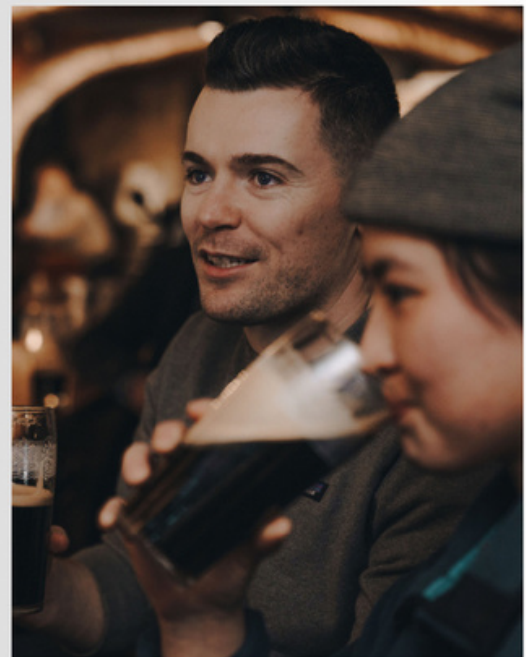
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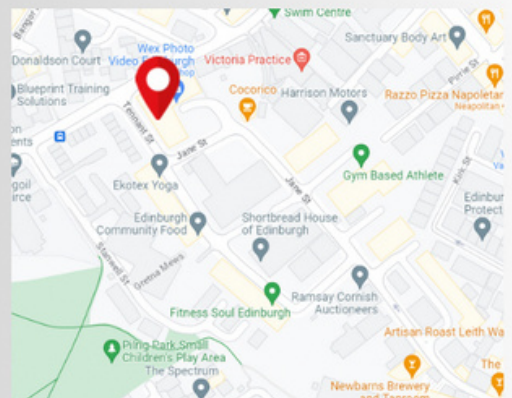
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it has been a bit of a mixed bag for the Leithers of late. Our fixture against Portobello gave us our first league victory of the season, Tries in that game coming from Andrew Paterson, Josh Campey and Julien Rodriguez, with kicks coming from Ross Johnson gave Leith the 21-19 victory. In the same weekend the 2s recorded a victory in their first league game, unfortunately it was due to the other team not having enough players.

Last weekend was not so rosy for the Academy Park men. A powerful Broughton outfit took control of the game early on and despite tries from Marwick, Callum Paterson and Slessor the Wardie men ran out, 64-17.



Meanwhile at Myreside the 2s faced a strong wWatsons team won out 54-7. The 2s can take great heart from controlling large parts of the game but ultimately Watsons managed to make their positions count.

This weekend both teams are due to be in action as we welcome both Royal High and Ross High 2s to Academy Park. Royal High have so far been winless in their return to East 1, however they have been knocking on the door with a couple of try and losing points, and sit 1 point behind Leith, so a big game for both teams!

Meanwhile both Leith 2s and Ross High 2s will be looking to get their seasons on track after a couple of losses each last weekend! An entertaining game in store!

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LADIES TEAM UPDATE

Leith Vs Dundee Valkyrie's: 5 - 36

Unfortunately, the ladies did not walk away with a win this game. However, it was still a very intense game, especially in the second half - Leith worked incredibly hard and we saw some amazing game play. In the end it was not enough but the team is very proud of themselves.

Brianna Baxter scored the try for Leith but we also saw some great performances from Poppy McLeod who was named back of the match.

The ladies worked hard together and there were some fabulously low tackles and some great off hands.

Despite the final game, the ladies are proud of themselves and are ready to prove themselves against RDVC in their next game!



NEXT GAMES

There are only two more games left for our 1st XV Women's before the Caledonia Midlands/ East Region League 2 is split into the top 4 teams and the bottom 4 teams.

- October 1st: Women's 1st XV vs RDVC (KO 2pm)
- October 8th: Perthshire RFC vs Women's 1st XV (KO 2pm)

After a tough couple of games, the ladies are more motivated than ever for these last two games. We have seen them grow continuously as a team over the course of this season. Even during games that Leith lost, they worked hard and challenged the opposing teams.

All in all, we think this has been a great start for their first competitive outing as the official Leith ladies team.

The next game against RDVC is a home game so please come down to support the girls!



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ALL OF OUR TEAMS' OCTOBER FIXTURES

TEAM	DATE	TIME	AGAINST	LOCATION
1st XV Women's	01/10	2 PM	RDVC	Academy Park
2nd XV Men's	07/10	3 PM	Thebans	Academy Park
1st XV Women's	08/10	2 PM	Perthshire	North Inch
1st XV Men's	14/10	3 PM	Langholm	Academy Park
2nd XV Men's	14/10	3 PM	Walkerburn	Caberston Haugh
1st XV Men's	21/10	3 PM	Haddington	Neilson Park
2nd XV Men's	21/10	3 PM	Preston Lodge	Academy Park
1st XV Men's	28/10	3 PM	Linlithgow	Academy Park

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SEPTEMBER 30 @ 3PM, ACADEMY PARK

1. J NIMMO
2. T LAWRIE
3. J ONEIL
4. P BLASCO
5. N PATERSON
6. R LANCASTER
7. M BATIULUNA
8. M CROLLA
9. J RODRIGUEZ
10. C PATERSON
11. D GORDON-ASTBURY
12. J CAMPEY (C)
13. R MARWICK
14. A BAXTER
15. K DANNFALD
- REPLACEMENTS
16. C FINDLAY
17. P HAGGON
18. A PATERSON
19. F STEWART



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SEPTEMBER 30 @ 2PM, ACADEMY PARK

1. D MCINNES
2. K TODOROVA
3. A KAUSHIK
4. F BIRCH
5. T FOWLER-DAVIS
6. K FOWLER
7. P TEBB
8. O GRAHAM
9. C WILKINSON
10. J MCCUSKER
11. A MROZICKA
12. J SANDHAM
13. A PATANKAR
14. A ROSLONIEC
15. V BARKBY
- REPLACEMENTS
16. H BURNS
17. D STIRLING-O'KANE
18. A PERRY
19. K BRENCHLEY
20. E WELHAM
21. A SAEED
22. L HENDERSON

