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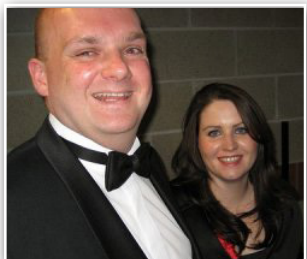
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RBS East League Division 2
Leith RFC v Trinity Academicals
12 October 2013

Coach's Corner



"We'll be looking to cut out the mistakes which has allowed teams into our matches"

Eric Jones

After a disappointing performance, albeit resulting in a win, against Inverleith, we recorded our first away victory of the season last weekend against Penicuik. The Penicuik match saw us dominate the first half- turning round 17-0 up. We also secured our first winning bonus point in East 2, scoring four tries.

We'll be looking to cut out the silly mistakes today which has allowed other teams into our matches and has resulted in Leith being on the wrong side of the penalty count.

We will be hoping to add some new and exciting names to the team sheet in the near future as we are still picking up new players.

As usual, we'll be looking for as much support as possible as we welcome Trinity Accies to Academy Park to renew a historic fixture. This match means a lot, so let's hear your support.

Welcome to Presidents Day

We welcome our near neighbours Trinity Academicals to Academy Park this afternoon. It has been 19 years since the clubs met in any league format and we look forward today to renewing our local rivalry.

I would also thank all the past players and officials of Leith Rugby for attending our annual Presidents Day. This is an opportunity to meet old friends and reminisce whilst enjoying the hospitality offered by the club. This year I had a few difficult moments when inviting our guests. The numbers who were 'up for it' were substantial and it was a question of who to leave out. Just to make Leithers aware, old friends and foes from Trinity were also invited but were unable to attend.

The match is important to both teams and I will let the action on the park speak for itself. Afterwards, however, we will be presenting a cheque for £770 to the Maggie's Centres in respect of our 'Ladies Day' charity day. Many thanks to all those who organised, contributed and participated in that great day.

John Murphy, President, Leith RFC

Leith Legacy

The 2002 league winning side was a combination of old faces and new and many continue to be involved with the club. Willie Cook, Paul Allison and Andy MacIntosh are still playing 11 years on. Brian Archer and Keith Aitchison form a formidable

The 2002 League Winning Side



forwards coaching team. Craig Wishart, who played anywhere from flanker to full back, and Davie Wilson can still be seen at the bar on an occasional Saturday.

Of the team that beat old rivals Inverleith for the title many ended up on foreign shores including Geoff Sutton, Simon the New Zealand scrum half, Wayne from South Africa, Willa Steinberg and Eric Fauvel. Andy Strachan was last seen in an international touch rugby tournament playing for Germany and Bruce Tyler moved on to become a master and run the P7s side Heriots school (Heriots is the other side of town and is, more or less, another country).

Honourable mentions should be given to coach Tam Bennett who was supposed to be retiring from playing that year. He's had 3 more retirements since 2002. Richard Organ for going through the season and managing to not once pass to the wings (I know because I was on the wing next to him) and last but not least former club president John McMaster, current club president John Murphy and bar manager Iain Polson who all at one time or another, put on the blue and white hoops – and not one ball was lost in the scrum as a result.

Tony Reilly

Season Stats

Leith last six: LLWLWW

RBS East Regional League Division 2 2013/14

| # | Team | P | W | L | D | +/- | PTS |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 3 | Berwick | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 119 | 19 |
| 4 | Leith | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | -45 | 14 |
| 5 | Trinity Academicals | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 50 | 12 |
| 6 | Earlston | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | -51 | 12 |

Previous Game: 05 Oct RBS East 2 Penicuik 10 v 26 Leith

Next Game: 19 Oct RBS East 2 Edinburgh Northern v Leith