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LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY

V
EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY
MEDICS

21 OCT 2017

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"Leith will be looking to move up the league table after a run of disappointing results"

Ben Wilkinson
Club Captain

This week, we welcome Edinburgh University Medics to Academy Park.

The Medics, who have had a decent start in the league, will be looking to get back to winning ways after defeat to Langholm. We have only met once in recent years which saw a good Leith win last season. This secured Leith's position in the top section of the league after the famed split.

Last weekend, Leith travelled to the borders to take on Gala YM. A physical and scrappy affair in the rain led to a disappointing loss. Leith were in control throughout the first half but second half seemed to follow a similar pattern to most of the fixtures this year.

The 2nd XV are in action today away to Duns RFC. Last week once again saw a good performance but unfortunately the game finished early due to an injury to one of the Caledonian Thebans players. We continue to fulfil each 2nd XV fixture which is a good sign of progress for our club in driving participation in the game. This is not the same story at many other clubs.

In club news, Saturday 28th sees the return of the Leith rugby Quiz night. One of the best nights on the social calendar so get that in your diaries!

Elsewhere the youth section continues to thrive with an extremely successful Youth festival of Rugby last week attracting 300 primary school children. Thanks to Ross Johnston and his team for continuing their great work

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

LEITH RUGBY FIXTURES

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

**SATURDAY 28
OCTOBER**

**7.30PM
START**

**TEAM ENTRY
£5 EACH**

**FANCY DRESS
ENCOURAGED**



**CASH PRIZES
TO BE WON!**

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LEITH HAWKS



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Leith Youth Rugby Development (LRYD) was set up as a charity earlier this year to deliver rugby to children within the local Leith primary schools.

On October 12th Leith Rugby Club hosted their 5th rugby festival. 250 P4 children were involved with the touch rugby festival. Schools included Leith Primary, Lorne Primary, Craighton Primary, Hermitage Park Primary and St Ninian's Primary. It was a great day out for all the pupils and lots of fun was had.

The quality of the touch rugby on show was first class and the day ran smoothly. There was a tackle station on the day so some children got to try out contact rugby for the first time.



In conjunction with the seven week block of rugby, we have been running 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. 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 pupils who attend the afterschool clubs. After the October break rugby delivery starts again for P5 pupils in the five schools. After 6/7 weeks of rugby delivery we will host another rugby festival.

During the summer Leith Rugby Club in partnership with Active Schools ran a summer camp for the first time. We had a mixture of boys and girls from P4-P7. The summer camp covered some of the fundamental skills of rugby and also looked at playing through the game by playing fun games and developing the children's game understanding and skills. Looking forward we plan to run an Easter camp next year and also a summer camp.

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 is dependent entirely on contributions from charitable funds and trusts, private donations and our own fundraising. As you can imagine the fundraising effort is constant as without it, none of the above would have been possible.

LEITH YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT



LEITH VIXENS

We currently have various plans in place to maintain the fundraising effort. For example, Gordon Anderson is canoeing the Tay Descent today to raise funds. For those of you that don't know what's involved it is an 11km trip from Stanley Mills to Perth on the biggest volume river in Britain. Certainly not for the faint hearted. We all wish Gordon good luck and a safe trip. Hopefully he'll stay dry! You can sponsor Gordon and help the youth rugby at www.everyclick.com/leithhawks

Derek Greenan is also in the process of organising a Christmas raffle that will be drawn in December. Some fantastic prizes have already been donated and we expect to be selling tickets for this soon.

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

TOBY KIRKWOOD



Second row
28
Strathspey, aged 17
Strathspey, Heriot
Watt University,
Heriots, GHA,
Stirling County

Position
Age
First club
Former clubs

Wing
26
Heriots, aged 8
Heriots,
Murrayfield
Wanderers,
Dalkeith

Edinburgh Rugby

Pro team

Edinburgh Rugby

GEORGE EASDON



How and when did you come to join Leith?

TK: I joined in September 2016 after a recommendation by Andy Homer whom I bumped into at that classy establishment....The Shack!

GE: I joined Leith at the start of last season in a bid to earn a call up to the 2021 Lions Tour...at the time of writing I'm pleased to say the dream is still alive.

What's the best thing about playing at Leith?

TK: Good bunch of guys who are up for a laugh and committed to the club.

GE: The tight strips let me pretend I'm stacked.

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

GE: The tight strips constantly remind me I've got the rig of a middle aged man.

TK: Sometimes I have to be front row cover!

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

GE: Has to be big Toby... not being the smallest player on the pitch for a change would be the dream!

TK: I'd be Neil Paterson: Previously considered becoming a policeman...

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

GE: [Paul] Haggon to get voted out week 1 for leaving extensive amounts of hair in the shower... Ben 10 [Wilkinson] to win on sheer public appeal

TK: Paul Haggon and Bruce Connelly purely because they broke my bed at my last flat party. Both of them to be evicted at the same time. David Meadows to win.

Which teammate never buys his round?

TK: Owen Jenkins. He can't drink.

GE: I can't think of anyone - that must mean it's me!

Which teammate is best dressed?

GE: Would have to be Pat [Andrew Paterson], with a style best described as sickeningly immaculate.

TK: Yeah, Pat, always looking sharp.

And worst?

TK: Gio Calabrese. Should have gone to Specsavers.

GE: A certain photograph of a Leith Rugby wifebeater being worn to the pub springs to mind... You know who you are!

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

GE: Probably my parents'... no need for that birthday money anymore!

TK: Haggon and Bruce - for reasons above!

Best moment of your rugby career?

GE: Finishing my first season at Leith with a score against Trinity.

TK: Beating Edinburgh University in 2011 Varsity.

So which pro player does that mean you play like?

TK: Alun Wyn Jones according to a six nations quiz!

GE: Zac Guildford: get the game out the way, hit the bar, turn up naked on a beach 5 days later

Most embarrassing moment of your rugby career?

GE: Thinking I could hold my own scrummaging against Cookie in a bar on tour... don't think I've moved from the wing since!

TK: I once threw up in a scrum having had too many the night before!

LEITH RUGBY V EDINBURGH UNI MEDICS 3PM ACADEMY PARK

PREVIOUSLY

21/01/17 BT EAST 2
LEITH 45 V 24 ED UNI MEDICS

LEITH FORM



ED UNI MEDICS FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

DUNS 2ND XV V LEITH 2ND XV
3PM | CASTLE PARK, DUNS

LEITH 1ST XV

K DANNFALD 15
S EADIE 14
D WATTERS 13
S MUIRDEEN 12
R MARWICK 11
B WILKINSON 10
R KILGOUR 9
F FORSYTH 8
J DRUMMOND 7
M MCLEISH 6
T KIRKWOOD 5
M CROLLA 4
B CONNELLY 3
C LAWRIE 2
S WILSON (C) 1

LEITH 2ND XV

G EASDON
D BAPISTE
O JENKINS
J DERRIN
J SMITH
G LEES
D MEADOWS
E MURDOCH (C)
S FRASER
B PLACE
J FOGARTY
M MINUTI
W COOK
C KERR

R STITT 16
D CORDOBA 17
P HAGGON 18
R ALLEN 19
F MCNAMARA 20

17/18 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

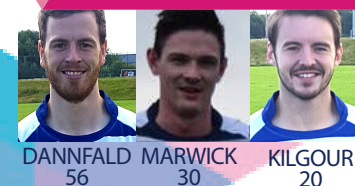
#	TEAM	P	PTS
10	NORTHERN	8	13
11	DALKEITH	7	12
12	LEITH RUGBY	8	12
13	LISMORE	8	11

GAMES



WILSON 11
DANNFALD 10
WATTERS 10

POINTS



DANNFALD 56
MARWICK 30
KILGOUR 20

TRIES



MARWICK 6
KILGOUR 4
DANNFALD 4

ASSISTS



WATTERS 6
DANNFALD 3
KILGOUR 2

MAN OF MATCH



FORSYTH 2
KIRKWOOD 2
DRUMMOND 1

Who is your dream date?

TK: The Trivago advert lady. Got to love her voice. GE: Mary Berry. She could teach me how to bake the perfect quiche then we could eat it off each other... ideal Sunday afternoon.

35 years ago this month, the musical 'Cats' opened on Broadway.

What is the shittiest thing about cats?

GE: Their spiky tongues make them shocking kissers.

TK: I'm really allergic to cats. Hate them.

Trump or Kim Jong?

TK: Neither. Both clowns.

GE: Kim Jong by a mile. That hair is so on point.

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

GE: That I hold Kim Jong II as a personal style icon

TK: I'm an international assassin.

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

GL: Any touring team... with any luck they'll still be half cut on the pitch and the post-game festivities are always top class!

TK: Trinity. First team I played against for Leith and we narrowly lost.

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

GE: Always got to check in on the mighty Spurs!

TK: Just the Premier League results.

Today is David Campese's 55th Birthday. What is your signature move on the pitch?

TK: Ball carrying

GE: Deliberately knocking the ball on to lull the opposition into a false sense of security!

Today is Kim Kardashian's 37th Birthday. What is the most pointless thing you own?

GE: A snakeskin print guitar....some things were better left in the 70s.

TK: A kicking tee!