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PRESIDENT'S DAY 2016



LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY
V
TRINITY ACADEMICALS

22 OCTOBER 2016

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"The home side will look to set their season right with a strong performance"

Kenny Dannfald
Club Captain

Hello and welcome to all on this year's President's day. A particularly warm welcome to those who have not been to the club in a while or it's your first time at Leith Rugby. We hope you find the rugby entertaining and the hospitality warm. Trinity, are our biggest and oldest rivals. Games have been entertaining affairs over the past few seasons, with 3 wins apiece since Leith regained promotion to BT East 2. Backed by a big Leith crowd, the home side will look to set their season right with a strong performance. Here's to another great game between two old foes whose rivalry begins at high school level, and has been played out at senior level since the 1920s.

Leith will be looking to bounce back from the disappointing result and performance last week. Having won three on the bounce Leith were as disappointed as anyone not to make it four and know that the performance will have to significantly improve to get back to winning way. Trinity too will be looking for a win after defeats against Dalkeith and Portobello followed up by a cancellation against Earlston.

I hope to join you all in the bar after the game to catch up on all things Leith both on and off the park. I also hope that many of you are tempted to stay on and join us in the club house for the annual quiz night (after all more teams mean that there is a bigger pot for my team to win!) I will also be selling tickets for our Hogmanay party after the game. It's destined to be a great night celebrating and bringing in the new years with your Leith Rugby Club friends and family.



£20
FOR A TABLE
OF FIVE!

LEITH RUGBY PRESENT
THE ANNUAL

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

7.30 PM

**ACADEMY PARK
EASTER ROAD**

There will be a cash prize for the winners and a lot of fun along the way!

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MATCH REPORT: LEITH 5 V 27 HAWICK LINDEN

The game hadn't been long kicked off when Leith suffered a setback as stand-off Ben Wilkinson hobbled from the field after going over on his ankle following a slightly late hit. A reshuffle in the backline saw outside centre Doug Watters head into the stand-off spot and Cameron Whiteside coming on at 13. There was a further pause as the referee pulled up with a tweaked hamstring, however a spot of physio later and he was back up and ready to go. After the third set back in the game Leith were surly wondering was it going to be 'one of those days' as replacement stand-off Watters tweaked his calf muscle and had to be removed from the field. However Wilkinson was able to be patched up and returned to the field for the remainder.



Mark Phillips

Leith had controlled a lot of the possession and territory in the game without really threatening the Linden line. A couple of good breaks from Eoin Murphy, Mark Phillips and Mike McLeish had Leith getting good field position however they were unable to capitalise on any chances as they broke into the 22. Towards the end of the half Linden started coming back into the game and both teams were began to penalise themselves out of the game. Leith gave away a couple of cheap shots in front of goal, which allowed the Linden 10 to stroke the ball over for a 6-0 half time lead.



Steven Eadie

Leith had a similar feeling the previous week, narrowly down at half time, in control of much of the game but with a few aspects not firing on all cylinders. So the home side did take a bit of heart from knowing what they could do in the 2nd half. However unlike last week this was a 2nd half to forget. Before Leith knew it another couple of silly penalties and they were 12-0 behind and starting to chase the game. They had a chance to get right back into it as Kenny Dannfald slipped the ball to flying winger Steven Eadie just outside the 22m who had thought he had ran in for an important score. However the whistler deemed the final ball had went forward meaning the score was ruled out.

Leith continued to get the score that would get them back into the game. However as they attacked on the edge of the Linden 22 a loose pass from Connolly was intercepted as Linden were quick off the line and they were able to run it in for the score. It wasn't too much longer that the stuffing was truly knocked out of the home side, as a Linden forward was able to pick an inside line off their 10 and run in for a score. Leith were disappointed as they felt a couple of defenders were clearly impeded, however more could have been done at the get go to stop him.

Leith finally got a score on the board on the 74th minute as they continued to fight and pressure the Linden line. Some fast play on the near side and quick ball meant that Leith were creating gaps on the far side. It was a case of simple hands through the midfield that allowed Cameron Whiteside to carry a few defenders over the line on the way to his first Leith score. Linden were able to add a further penalty to their tally before the game drew to a close on a very disappointing afternoon for Leith.

It was a very disappointed dressing room afterwards as Leith knew that that was a chance gone and they lost the game through silly mistakes. However, thoughts now turn to the big derby on Saturday and supporters can rest assured that it will be a very different Leith who are going to take on Trinity next week.



Andrew Paterson

LEITH HAWKS



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

Following on from the initial delivery period a very successful Festival of Rugby was held in June at which 300 local children attended. The feedback from the day was incredible. From the short questionnaires handed out:

97% of the participants said they enjoyed the rugby sessions

91% said they wanted more rugby sessions

66% said they would like to attend an after-school rugby club

The second session of curriculum time delivery has already started with sessions taking place in five local primary schools involving upwards of 300 children. We have also helped deliver at some of the schools' Healthy Living weeks and after the October school break, LYRD has arranged to deliver curricular time rugby to S1 and S2 pupils at Leith Academy.

We are involved with Active Schools in the Friday afternoon coaching of early year secondary pupils and a primary school cluster club has recently been set up and has generated a great deal of interest.

LYRD is dependent entirely on contributions from charitable funds and trusts, private donations and our own fundraising.

As you can imagine that fundraising effort is constant as without it, none of the above would have been possible. We currently have various plans in place to maintain the fundraising effort. For example, Gordon Anderson is canoeing the Tay Decent today to raise funds.



"Rugby is much more fun than football"

**Festival of Rugby
Attendee**



LEITH YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

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 and 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 on the 03 December 2016. 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 LYRD pass on these opportunities to the local children in Leith by supporting our work.

The LYRD 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.

LYRD

WHAT'S ON AT LEITH RUGBY

COMING SOON TO ACADEMY PARK

PRESIDENTS DAY
2.30PM, 22ND OCTOBER
QUIZ NIGHT
7.30PM, 22ND OCTOBER
HOGMANAY PARTY
8.00PM, 31ST DECEMBER
AUSTRALIA DAY
BURNS PARTY
7.30PM
28TH JANUARY

Hogmanay Party

BRING IN THE BELLS WITH LEITH RUGBY

INCLUDES DRINKS ON ARRIVAL, A FULL BUFFET
SERVICE, DISCO, BACON ROLLS AND A
FIREWORKS SHOW* AT MIDNIGHT!

£15 Per Person
£12 Per Member



Book Early LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

LEITH RUGBY V TRINITY ACADEMICALS 3PM ACADEMY PARK

LEITH LAST THREE

05/03/16 LEAGUE
LEITH 17 V 40 TRINITY
21/11/15 LEAGUE
TRINITY 15 V 21 LEITH
24/01/15 LEAGUE
LEITH 18 V 17 TRINITY

LEITH FORM



TRINITY FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

LEITH 2ND XV V
CALEDONIA THEBANS 2ND XV
Academy Park | Leith | 1pm

LEITH 1ST XV

K DANNFALD (C) 15
S EADIE 14
D WATTERS 13
E MURPHY 12
R MARWICK 11
B WILKINSON 10
A PATERSON 9
L MCKINNEY 8
O MAIN 7
N PATERSON 6
B PLACE 5
M McLEISH 4
B CONNELLY 3
G HANCOCK 2
T LAWRIE 1

LEITH 2ND XV

I MCGINLEY
G EASDON
J STUMPF
R ORGAN
J MPOFU
B TYLER
J MANAKLE
K AITCHISON
J DRUMMOND
M TEIXEIRA
S DAVIES
D CORDOBA
R STITT (C)
S HALL
W COOK

G AITKEN 16
M PHILLIPS 17
T KIRKWOOD 18
P MITCHELL 19
D ROBERTSON 20
C WHITESIDE 21
J DERRIN 22
N HOLMAN
S BAKER
J GENTLEMAN
G LEES
O JENKINS

16/17 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
4	NORTHERN	6	24
5	LEITH RUGBY	6	19
6	HAWICK	7	15
7	TRINITY	6	14

GAMES



POINTS



PLAYER PROFILES

MIKE MCLEISH



Position
Nationality
Appearances
1st XV 8
2nd XV 0

1st rugby club?

Grew up in Melrose so played for them through the age groups, from about 5.

How did you come to join Leith?

I'd just moved to the area and Leith was the first club that came up. Was almost put off by the number of Hawick shorts at my first training session but glad I stuck around.

Best moment in rugby?

Winning the game against Trinity last season. Was my first 'derby' and felt good to win it, especially because it was so close.

Who would be your ideal President of Scotland?

For his positivity and way with words, not to forget his tight control on matchday fivers, I can't look past Brian Archer.

Who would you vote for in the US Presidential election?

Trump. We share similar views on women and Mexicans. (Don't tell my Mrs!)

Which of your teammates would make the best President?

Mad Eoin for President. He'd rule with an iron fist and keep everyone in check. Plus, our national anthem would be a Scuba Dice hit.

1ST XV PLAYER PROFILES 2ND XV

Position
Nationality
Appearances

Scrum-half
Spanish



1st rugby club? Metropolitano Rugby Club in Madrid when I was 20.

How did you come to join Leith?

Before arriving in Edinburgh I searched for rugby clubs. I don't know how but Leith got my attention. I like all aspects about Leith rugby club and that's why I choose it, the team, friendly environment, and supporting the local area.

Best moment in rugby?

Every moment I've spent with my teammates, on and off the pitch.

Who would be your ideal President of Spain?

Not Rajoy please!!! I will choose Pablo Iglesias, at least he is not corrupted and his ideas match with mine.

Who would you vote for in the US Presidential election?

I think the USA is damned. Trump is a clown and I wouldn't vote for him ever, but Hilary is too dark, I wouldn't trust her. Definitely I would vote third option, green party or independent.

Which of your teammates would make the best President?

I will vote for Willie Cook. He has experience, commitment, a point of forward craziness. He is a nice person and seems honest. Plus, it's important to always support your local hooker!

JUAN MANAKLE

TRIES



ASSISTS



MAN OF MATCH



Any good President should lead by their actions, and this week we profile two guys who've put in leading performances this season, Mike "MC off the leash" McLeish in the 1st XV and Juan "Juanito" Manakle in the 2s. We sat down with both for a very Presidential discussion.