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BT East Region League 2

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## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**



"Our thoughts go out to Tony's family and friends and also his team mates at this time"

**Kenny Dannfald Club Captain** 

Hello and welcome to all for our second home game of the season which see's Inverleith come to Academy Park. Leith are looking to build from last week's tense 10-6 victory over Liberton at Double Hedges. Inverleith on the other hand are coming through a bit of a tough time. However, following on from a couple of heavy defeats at early pace setters Dalkeith and Portobello, they managed to get a victory at home to Earlston last week and they too will be hoping to build on their success.

Inverleith's start to the season has been pale in insignificance to the shocking news that, Tony Cramb an active Inverleith club member, sadly passed away. Through his work in the bank and some tussles on the pitch, Tony was well known to Leith members and will be greatly missed in the rugby community. Everyone at Leith Rugby's thoughts go out to Tony's family and friends and also his team mates at this time.

Away from senior rugby and you will have noticed the increased visibility of our Youth Rugby Charity as we look to kick on from the excellent work we completed before the summer into the autumn and winter terms. As we need to fund this, we rely on the generosity of sponsors, members and the public, so please give what you can at the collection cans at the bar and if you have any other fundraising ideas please let the LRYD committee know. There is also a couple of big social events coming up, so look out for Craig Winton and myself sorting you out for tickets for the Quiz Night and the Hogmanay Party.













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## **LEITH HAWKS**

Ever wondered how you could help with developing youth rugby in the Leith area? We are now looking for individuals and businesses to support the permanent establishment of rugby for the young people of Leith. All funds raised would contribute greatly to coaching costs, acquiring kit and equipment.

Leith Rugby has implemented a rugby development programme in the primary schools in the Leith area. A block of rugby coaching, teaching the basic skills, were delivered during the last academic year across all Leith primary schools, culminating in a Festival of Rugby at Academy Park, attended by 250 children. This year we also intend to run S1 rugby in conjunction with Leith Academy, in addition to our established commitment to primary school pupils.



We are looking to raise funds to further progress the level of rugby and sporting participation of local children. They represent the future of rugby within the Leith area and we aim to support the health and wellbeing benefits derived from playing this great team sport.

All contributions will be featured on our website pages and in future copies of the match day programme. Opportunities also exist for sponsorship of future Leith Festivals of Rugby.

If you or your company or your employer would be interested in making a donation to such a worthwhile cause, please contact Gordon Anderson at gordon.anderson@kaimes.edin.sch.uk or send an email to us at leithhawksrugby@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!







## **MATCH REPORT: LEITH RUGBY 10 V 6 LIBERTON**

After the tropical conditions experienced during last weekend's home loss to Edinburgh Northern, the Scottish autumn had well and truly arrived by kick off at Doublehedges on Saturday, as a grey day and a vertical wind coming down from the clubhouse end of the ground hinting that the rugby may reflect the conditions, and so it proved. With both teams coming off a loss and our hosts seeking a first win of the season, the encounter was always likely to be tense, and on possibly the narrowest pitch in the division, somewhat stuffy.

Leith began the brighter, playing with the wind, and attacking the wide(r) channels via some hard running from centre pairing Dave Robertson and Doug Watters. However post gain-line offloads were not sticking early on, as some resolute Liberton defence put paid to generating quick second phase ball. It was Robertson who made the breakthrough around the 15-minute mark, picking a perfect line to score wide on the right off a simple pop from stand-off Ben Wilkinson in the middle of the field. Wilkinson missed the tricky conversion, and Leith hoped that now that the gates were open, a few more tries would follow. It was not to be however, as despite dominating possession and territory for the vast majority of the half, the home defence stood firm, both through their own tenacity, and some unduly frantic attacking from Leith. The pack were operating well, with strong scrummaging and lineout, and some inspirational charges in the loose from the likes of Luke McKinney and Ollie Main. Stand-in full-back Steven Eadie had a good half, and having fielded a loose clearance kick a great 50m break down the left wing, he put Jon Derrin away inside the 22, but a good cover tackle forced the Aussie winger into touch, in what was the most promising attacking movement in the rest of the first half.

The second half began in similar fashion to the first, with Leith dominating territory and possession, and the early pressure told with substitute Ross Marwick finishing out wide on the right, following good hands and another impressive break and offload from Robertson. Following the missed conversion, Leith were determined to put the game to bed, and perhaps achieve a 4-try bonus, but were frustrated in their efforts by some poor finishing, some good home defence and a rising penalty count against our hosts, which included a yellow card for a stamp/old school ruck for the loosehead prop. A great break from stand-in captain Watters set up Wilkinson to engage Derrin and Eadie before the final pass went astray. Around this period the back row of Main, Neil Paterson and McKinney were increasingly involved in the loose making yards and setting up quick ball, as were replacement prop Colin Marshall and pack leader Bruce Connelly.

Playing with the wind however the home side kicked intelligently, and gradually increased their share of territory and subsequently possession, while Leith were guilty of trying to play a little too much rugby in their own 22, ceding possession via a couple of avoidable errors. After conceding a penalty outside the 22, expertly converted off the dirt and without a tee by the home captain, the hosts were back within 7 points, and a breathless final 10 minutes were assured after the hooker converted a 2nd penalty not long after. Tiffney was instrumental in bringing the home team back into the game in these closing stages, some clever gamesmanship in calling for a pass from Leith's McKinney resulting in his receiving the ball and kicking for his chasing support.

Thankfully scrum half Andrew Paterson was able to outpace the onrushing Liberton backs and knocked the ball over the dead-ball line for a 5m scrum for the hosts. There they would remain for the final 10 minutes, amid re-set scrums, a brilliant effort to hold up a burrowing forward over the line, and some committed Leith defence. On the final play of the game Liberton came wide, the Leith backs able to push them toward the touchline, where Marwick made a crunching tackle into touch to end the contest.

Leith tries: Dave Robertson, Ross Marwick

Man of the Match: Skipper for the day, Doug Watters organisation of the defence, and pressure-relieving breaks sees him squeak the award ahead of some other equally deserving candidates in the pack, and his fellow centre Robertson.





# **LEITH RUGBY V INVERLEITH 3PM ACADEMY PARK**



## 16/17 BT EAST LEAGUE 2 # TEAM P PTS 6 NORTHERN 4 10 **LEITH RUGBY** 10 3 8 EARLSTON 10 4 9 INVERLEITH 4 7

## **GAMES**



LAWRIE DANNFALD

## **POINTS**



DANNFALD WATTERS WILLIAMSON 25

## **PLAYER PROFILES**

# This week we profile newbie George Easdon, who joined the club from Dalkeith

this sum-mer, via a period out the game,

as well as (the imaginatively nicknamed)

scrum half An-drew 'Pat' Paterson. We sat

down with both this week to pose a few

team-mate related questions.

**ANDREW PATERSON** 

How did you come to join Leith?

at football than I am passing off my left hand.

Who would you want in your corner in a scrap?

Who do you think fancies himself the most?

t's got to be the head-butt hitman himself Paul Haggon.

What's your best moment in rugby?

whipped. In both cases, poor patter!

It's got to be Andy Mac.

The final whistle after a real tough game.

1st rugby club?

Leith rugby club

Position

I was invited down for my first game by David Meadows at what

Andy Mac would call the "ripe old age of 11". I stood on the wing all

and not for me until returning 2 years later because I'm even worse

game, never saw the ball once (standard), decided it was too cold

How do you think your team-mates would describe you?

Pre girlfriend - an absolute mess/liability. Post girlfriend - boring/

**Nationality** Scottish **Appearances** 

1st XV 2nd XV

1ST XV

Scrum-half

**PLAYER PROFILES** 

2ND XV **Position** Wina

**Appearances** 1st XV

2nd XV



## **TRIES**



## 1st rugby club?

That was as an 8-year old at Heriots.

## How did you come to join Leith?

seemed far too good to miss.

## What's your best moment in rugby?

for me to be able to move out of the second row... I can confidently say that I wasn't and never will be built for the engine room!

How do you think your team-mates would describe you? Bearded.

Who do you think fancies himself the most?

As much as he acts embarrassed about it, that would surely have to

## **ASSISTS**



DANNFALD MURPHY

## MAN OF MATCH



WATTERS DANNFALD

Nationality

I only came long this summer, but I'd been keen to get back into rugby for a while and a gruelling preseason at my local club

Scottish

Being told at the tender age of 14 that we finally had the numbers

## Who would you want in your corner in a scrap?

Given that I can't fight sleep, I'd be happy with absolutely anyone!

be fellow winger Jon Derrin... There's no way someone can be that handsome and not fancy themselves!