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# LEITH RUGBY

## TENNENTS EAST LEAGUE 2

**LEITH RUGBY**

**V**

**EARLSTON**

SAT 15 SEP | ACADEMY PARK | 3PM

**#BELEITH**



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



*"We'll need to get back to a more consistent structure today"*

**Ben Wilkinson**  
**Club Captain**

I'd like to welcome everyone to Academy Park for the Tennent's East 2 fixture between Leith and familiar rivals Earlston. Over the years we have had some exciting battles and I'm sure it will be the same today.

Last weekend Leith went down to the borders to face a strong Hawick Linden side off the back of a great opening league performance against Corstorphine. Unfortunately we couldn't find the rhythm of previous fixtures and came away with disappointing result. We'll need to get back to a more consistent and positive structure today.

Our opponents started their season with a two point loss at home to Dunbar and will hope to return to winning ways this afternoon.

The 2nd XV are in action away to Penicuik and will look to improve on a good performance against a strong Peebles side last week.

Leith Rugby have introduced a senior women's team for the first time in ever. This shows tremendous progression. Spread the word! Training every Tuesday and Thursday @6.45pm at Academy Park.

Off the pitch, we have a 90's night at the club on 22/9 and would encourage you all to get involved. Due to be a cracker! Tickets £5 from Craig Winton.

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



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90'S

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# HAWICK LINDEN 19

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# LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV 5

Leith were feeling buoyant heading in to game, but found themselves on the back foot from the kick off after they knocked on allowing Hawick a good attacking platform. The hosts created an opportunity wide, but with the tryline gaping, the winger knocked on. Leith's defence was not as strong as it has been over the last couple of games with players tackling too high. This seemed to be a common thing throughout the game allowing Hawick to break tackles resulting in them scoring in the 24th minute. Con good. 7-0.



Leith broke out of their 22 after Andrew Baxter received the ball from a kick. He ran past a few Hawick players with Andrew Paterson and Nick Andrews in support. Unfortunately he took the ball on when the pass seemed the better decision. Leith did get some continuity in their play, taking them into the Hawick 22 where they were awarded a penalty and chose the scrum option. With Leith being dominant in the scrum they looked to drive the Hawick pack over the tryline but chose to pick up instead. They recycled the ball and after two drives Toby Kirkwood powered over the line. Conversion missed by Ben Wilkinson, 7-5.

Hawick made another break in to Leith's 22 with no one managing to tackle the ball carrier he broke free but when it looked like he was going to score Marcos Teixeira and Baxter managed to put him into touch in the corner. Half time 7-5.

Leith tried to get back into the game and take control but some more poor decision making allowed Hawick to score again 12-5. Leith seemed to be at sixes and sevens around the contact area and not really knowing what to do at times. They did manage to get near Hawick try line. With a three man overlap the forward took the ball but were penalised for crossing. Chance missed.



Wilkinson saw space behind the Hawick defence and put in a nice kick with Ross Marwick chasing the kick he slightly over ran it when he went to pick it up but knocked on another chance missed. With the game nearer its end Leith looked like they might at least get a losing bonus point. Hawick turned over the ball and attacked the try line. It looked like Leith would hold them out but they took enough control and eventually crossed the try line with what was the last play of the game. Con good full time 19-5.

**Try: Toby Kirkwood**  
**MOTM: Joe O'Neil**

# LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV 14

V

## PEEBLES A 47

A strong Leith squad with a mix of new and experienced players kicked the game off against a Peebles team who registered a good win in the capital last week against Heriots 3rd XV. The opening exchanges had both teams feeling each other out in the midfield. Leith had some of the early possession as Matt Allison and Michele Crolla made some surges with the ball but they were repelled by the Peebles defence.

The borders men started growing into the game. They were able to string multiple phases together but the Leith defence managed to stop them. The work of loose forwards Andy MacIntosh and Stephen Baker as well as scrum half David Robertson and centres Will Tuft and Shaun Guesford were pivotal in keeping the score at 0-0. Leith struggled to keep their own ball and were penned into their own half which invited more and more pressure. The Leith defence did keep standing up and as a testament to this Peebles captain opted to go for the posts 3 times for the opening points of the game as he made 2 of the 3 to make it 6-0.

Leith would have taken great heart from this, however just as the game was approaching half time the first 2 missed tackles of the day for Leith in a half of defence resulted in 2 converted tries for the away team, giving Peebles a bit of a cushion on the scoreboard.

Leith started the 2nd half how they finished the 1st - on defence. The effort and sheer number of tackles was taking its toll as changes were starting to be made, Ewan Sutherland making an impression early on for the injured MacIntosh. Peebles once again kicked for the posts successfully before making the fresher legs pay with 3 or 4 scores in quick succession.

To their credit Leith still had their heads up and were trying to play rugby, starting to retain possession more and getting the front foot ball they needed to attack. Leith finally got on the scoreboard when Will Tuft, held together by sticky tape at this point, burst through the centre of the field from his own 22m surging towards the half way. His offload found Robertson who was able to attract a number of defenders before floating a wider pass to Dannfald who sprinted in from 40 metres out.

This spurred Leith on to attack. They were getting more success with the ref and were able to get crucial field position to put pressure on the Peebles line. Felix Palin and in particular Ewan Sutherland came close to dotting down for Leith. The ball was worked out to the backs and Olexa Dunko came close to crossing for his first Leith try. A penalty was awarded and after several pick and go's Matt Allison crashed over to keep his scoring record up. The touchline conversion brought the scoring to an end, 47-14 to the visitors.

Despite the scoreline the team can take great heart from the performance. They were up against a very well drilled and organised 2s team, Leith will be unlikely to face as good a 2s team all year, so the competitiveness until the half can be seen as a positive. There were several great performances across the pitch but the Man of the Match was stand in scrum-half, Dave Robertson, whose work in attack and defence was tireless throughout the day.

**Tries: Kenny Dannfald, Matt Allison**

**MOTM: David Robertson**



## PLAYER PROFILES

### JAMIE DRUMMOND



Flanker  
32  
Glenwood High  
School, age 12  
College Rovers (SA),  
Royal High School,  
University of Kwa-  
Zulu Natal (SA)  
The Sharks (SA)

### PLAYER PROFILES

**Position** Fullback  
**Age** 28  
**First club** Leith Rugby  
**Former clubs** None  
**Pro team** Leicester Tigers

### LEX DUNKO



This week programme corner welcomed another newbie for a chat, in full-back Lex Dunko, who joined this summer, and paired him up with flanker Jamie Drummond – 1 year into his Leith career – to see what Lex could learn from our resident Saffer.

#### How and when did you come to join Leith

JD: I met Jim Smith (President) while he was chaperoning The Springboks and he spoke very highly of Leith Rugby. I couldn't join at the time due to unsociable working hours but when I started a new job, I joined middle of 2017 season after a 7 year break from rugby.

LD: I met some of the lads at a mutual friend's party who encouraged me to come for pre-season. The guys seemed like a good bunch, so I thought - why not! I'm just moving to Edinburgh from Falkirk and needed to meet new people, and this was the best way for me.

#### What's the best thing about playing at Leith?

JD: The new card machine at the bar! Seriously, the camaraderie throughout the club and playing for a club in a community which is such a big part of my family heritage.

LD: Meeting new people and the social life. The club is very diverse, with players from all over the world and different walks of life and the social side of the club is great, with organised club events and nights out and parties. Great for people new to Edinburgh or Leith.

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

LD: Learning the game! I've not played since high school and more of a passive rugby fan, so learning all the rules and aspects of the game requires extra homework for me.

What is good, is the support you get from your team mates. I have asked a million questions, right down to the basic stuff, and no one has made me feel like an idiot for asking.

This gives me the confidence to keep asking more!

JD: Tough (but healthy) competition, especially in the backrow.

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

JD: Handsome Jon (Derrin) - It's in the name (except for the being Australian part!).

LD: Got to be Jonny Peter. He's never here! Either flying over to Ireland for parties or sailing around the coast!

#### Which one of your teammates would you bet to win on Love Island? Who'd go out first?

JD: Winner: Fraser "Spiceboy" Forsyth or Fergal "Faf" McNamara. First Out: Paul "Chewy" Haggon

LD: Marcos Teixeira - That deep Spanish accent would melt the coldest of hearts. Pat would be out first, but be a record holder for most damage caused in the shortest of time.

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

LD: My boss - They'll never see me again!

JD: Can it be an app instead? Tinder.

#### Who was your favourite player growing up?

JD: Andre Venter.

LD: Chris Paterson. I wasn't a die-hard rugby fan when I was younger, but I liked watching Chris Paterson play. He plays the same position as I do, so we have that in common

#### Describe your playing style in no more than 5 words.

LD: Explosive/nobody gets past mentality.

JD: (Not) The ref's best friend.

#### Best moment of your rugby career so far?

LD: Well, I've only played 4 matches so far, but getting a mention from the club on social media for being a standout performer at the Queensferry 10s tournament was a huge boost for me and has given me the motivation to keep pushing and training.

JD: Winning Leith Newcomer of the Year last season, closely followed by playing centre with the elusive David Meadows.

#### And as reigning Leith Newcomer of the Year Jamie, any advice for Lex following in your footsteps?

JD: Haha, I'd say train as you play on game day and when you go on Tour.....obey the Virgin Master at all times! And whatever happens, Once a Leither, Always a Leither!

# LEITH RUGBY V EARLSTON 3PM ACADEMY PARK

## TENNENTS EAST 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
04	LEITH RUGBY	2	5
05	DUNBAR	1	5
06	HAWICK	1	4
07	EARLSTON	1	1

## TENNENTS EAST RESERVE 2

PENICUIK 2ND XV V LEITH 2ND XV  
FRI 14 | 7.30PM | OLD PAVILLION

### What's the most embarrassing moment of your rugby career so far?

JD: Too many from tour last year!

Top of the list: Having to wear a Santa Mankini at the Hamburg Sevens tournament while eating a full raw onion. Let's just say I was not beach body ready.

LD: Kicking from Full Back and not chasing it at the Peebles match recently. Lesson learned!

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

LD: I've been to Florida 17 times!

JD: I streaked (kilt only) across Murrayfield at the 2014 Calcutta Cup. Clive Woodward quoted that I was the only Scotsman to be in the English 22 that day!

### Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season?

JD: Trinity.

LD: Ross High - I've not played them before, but looking at last season, it looks like we deserve a win against them soon.

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

JD: Leith 1s or 2s (depending who I've played for) and then The Hibeels.

LD: The 1st XV result! Then any SPFL results - Rangers mainly, for my sins.

### 90s night. What's your favourite 90s tune and what you wearing?

JD: Born Slippy - Underworld. One of the dudes from ZZ Top (No one else had beards!)

LD: Vengabus - banger! And I think my girlfriend and I are going to do a Rugrats theme - Angelica and Chuckie!

## LEITH RUGBY

A BAXTER	15
R MARWICK	14
D WATTERS	13
C WILLIAMSON	12
A PATERSON	11
C SMITH	10
F MCNAMARA	9
F FORSYTH	8
C ALLAN	7
J DRUMMOND	6
T KIRKWOOD	5
N PATERSON	4
B CONNELLY	3
C WINTON	2
J O'NEIL	1
S WILSON	16
M TEIXEIRA	17
A HOMER	18
D SOMMERVILLE	19
N ANDREWS	20
K DANNFALD	21
	22

## EARLSTON

D HUNTER
J BROWN
S RAMSEY
R MCLEAN
C MCNEIL
C SHAND
I DICK
M STEWART
R WILDE
M HENRY
S CESSFORD
A CESSFORD
J BOWIE
M NIVEN
F GOVAN
A CRICHTON

## PENICUIK 2ND XV

G BORTHWICK	15
J MORRIS	14
F MITCHELL	13
P HOPE	12
P WATT	11
C SMITH	10
A FINDLAY	9
R MOFFAT	8
M WOLFENDEN	7
P O'SULLIVAN	6
J CONNOR	5
J MACFARLANE	4
D PEARSON	3
R MACTAGGART	2
D GOODALL	1
R MANN	16
R AITKEN	17
B CARTWRIGHT	18
I SANDERSON	19
	20
	21
	22

## LEITH 2ND XV

O DUNKO
T NAWROCKI
J DERRIN
S GUESFORD
P DUNCAN
D ROBERTSON
D SOMMERVILLE
A MACINTOSH
E HUMPHREYS
F PALIN
J BARKER
A HEPWORTH
R BARCLAY
S WILSON
M MINUTI
W COOK
D CORDOBA
A HOMER
S BAKER
S EADIE
D KEOGH
J FRASER

## 1ST XV



B CONNELLY	5
A PATERSON	5
C WINTON	5

## GAMES

W COOK	5
M ALLISON	4
S GUESFORD	4

## 2ND XV



## 1ST XV



A BAXTER	35
B WILKINSON	32
M TEIXEIRA	10

## POINTS

M ALLISON	15
C SMITH	10
K DANNFALD	7

## 2ND XV



## 1ST XV



A BAXTER	7
A PATERSON	2
M TEIXEIRA	2

## TRIES

M ALLISON	3
C SMITH	2
K DANNFALD	1

## 2ND XV



## 1ST XV



B CONNELLY	1
J O'NEIL	1
A PATERSON	1

## MAN OF MATCH

M ALLISON	1
D ROBERTSON	1
W TUFT	1

## 2ND XV





# TRY OF THE SEASON

