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LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY
V
LISMORE

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"We hope kick start our season with a win today"

Ben Wilkinson
Club Captain

I'd like to welcome everyone to Academy Park for the BT East 2 League fixture against familiar foes Lismore. Over the years we have had some exciting battles and today I'm sure we can expect more of the same. A warm welcome to those from The Inch this afternoon.

Tough opening fixtures against Barnton and Hawick Linden saw the Leith men going down with heavy losses and we will hope to turn this around and kick start our season with a win today. Lismore find themselves in the same position after two defeats so will be feeling the same, so today's game should be a cracker.

The 2nd XV start their season today in Tranent against Ross High, and will hope to record a win as well. The 2s have seen many good additions this year and I'm sure you'll be seeing many of the guys involved in the 1st XV throughout the season.

This evening also sees the first social of the year, the Leith Rugby Treasure Hunt. After great success last year, this tour of Leith is again bound to be fantastic craic. Be at the club for 6.45pm. All welcome.

Enjoy the game!

LEITH RUGBY FIXTURES



SAT 26 AUG LEITH RUGBY v BARNTON
SAT 2 SEPT HAWICK LINDEN v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 9 SEPT LEITH RUGBY v LISMORE
SAT 16 SEPT EARLSTON v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 23 SEPT LEITH RUGBY v ED. NORTHERN
SAT 30 SEPT PENICUIK v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 7 OCT LEITH RUGBY v ROSS HIGH
SAT 14 OCT GALA YM v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 21 OCT LEITH RUGBY v ED. UNI MEDICS
SAT 28 OCT RDVC RFC v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 4 NOV LEITH RUGBY v DALKETH
SAT 18 NOV LIBERTON v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 2 DEC LEITH RUGBY v TRINITY ACADEMY
SAT 9 DEC INVERLEITH v LEITH RUGBY
SAT 16 DEC LEITH RUGBY v LANGHOLM



Join us at Academy Park
for a night of fun,
exploration and challenges!



MATCH REPORT LEITH 12 - 95 BARNTON

League favourites too hot to handle in second half

Leith began their BT East Division 2 campaign with the visit of the newly formed/reformed Barnton RFC, who feature the bulk of the National League Royal High squad from the past few seasons. The men from the west of the city proved too hot for the home side to handle, eventually running up a big score in what was the first of their 20 (?) game procession to an inevitable title.



Leith threw everything they had at their opposition in an opening 30-minute salvo that points to a great deal of potential in this season's squad, taking the lead twice, and defending manfully to keep the visitors out, and half an hour in the scores were 12-12, but as the visitor's clicked, and the home side tired, the away side streaked away, their back row of Dougie Sutherland, Andy Fraser and Anthony Reen, and tigthead Andrew Hicks in particular, wreaking havoc. Good on them - they play some great rugby and couldn't have deserved their win more.

Leith took the lead with a score out wide after some piercing drives from the forwards on the right wing facilitated and quick ball for the backs to get winger Ross Marwick involved in midfield, and his powerful run and offload to centre Stevie Muirhead allowed the debutant to put fullback Kenny Dannfald over in the left corner.



Last season's top try scorer completed his double on the day, finishing off an excellent 10-phase period, after exchanging passes with openside Grant Aitken to go over from 5 metres out, converting his kick for a then 12-7 lead. And then it started raining...

#persevere



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.

Starting in August we look forward to delivering rugby to Primary 4 pupils in the Leith primary cluster. We will be delivering sessions at Lorne Primary, Leith Primary, Craigintinny Primary, St Ninians and Hermitage Park Primary.

We are also starting to deliver curriculum rugby to the S1 pupils at Leith Academy. We have just begun a 6 week block of rugby for the boys and after the October school holidays we will be coaching the girls for 6 weeks. At the end of the delivery we will be running a rugby interhouse competition which has not been done before at Leith Academy.

Our afterschool clubs start up again Friday 1st September for the Secondary school boys while the Primary school cluster club starts back up again on Friday 15th September. In addition to this, we have now set up another afterschool club also on Fridays at St Ninians Primary school. This will start on Friday 15th September.

We're looking forward to hosting a rugby festival at Leith Rugby after the 6 weeks of delivery at the primary schools. The next rugby festival will be on the 12th October and will be for the Primary 4 children. We are still looking into the idea of having Minis rugby on Sundays in the coming months. We will be looking to create an opportunity for children to come along to Leith Rugby to participate in rugby and develop their skills.

This is a really exciting time for Leith Rugby club youth section.

During the summer Leith Rugby 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. We plan to run an easter camp and another summer camp next year.

Going forward we are starting to look at putting volunteers through rugby qualification courses so they can help out with game coaching at our rugby festival and assist the rugby development going on in the Leith area. In addition to this the LRYD were given money to spend on rugby equipment and with this we 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.

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 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

With 26 new players joining the club this summer, we profile another two newbies this week, in Ulsterman Matt Rea, and Fife (the good part) flanker, Tony Kestner. Here's what they had to say....

MATTHEW REA



Winger
25
Lisburn, N Ireland
After moving to
Scotland I joined
Hillhead/Jordanhill.

PLAYER PROFILES

Position
Age
Hometown
Former club

Flanker
22
St Andrews
British School of
Brussels. I've been
on a long break!

TONY KESTNER



When did you both start playing rugby?

MR: I first played rugby for my school 'Friends' at the age of 11 where I played all my junior rugby.

TK: British School of Brussels aged 8.

How did you come to join Leith?

TK: I just moved into the area and wanted to do something more interesting. It has been a while since I've played any team sports so thought I'd give rugby a try.

MR: When I moved to Edinburgh I had heard good things about Leith from my previous club and people I knew who had played against them. I saw on social media that they were looking for new players and decided to try out a training session and was impressed enough to stick around.

And what are you enjoying about the club so far?

MR: So far I've enjoyed the friendly welcoming atmosphere I've received and I'm excited by the player-led environment. It forces the team to work hard for each other and push yourself to improve. Although the result against Hawick Linden wasn't what we wanted, I was glad to make my debut for the club and am looking forward to contributing to a good season!

TK: It's a good atmosphere in the team, it's good to see that people are actually mates and willing to put the work in as well as really help novices like me out.

Which pro player do you (loosely) resemble?

MR: As an Ireland and Ulster fan who plays on the wing I have always enjoyed watching Tommy Bowe play. He runs great support lines and is always strong in the air. I've tried to watch him closely to see if there's anything I can pick up from the way he plays. I also love watching Ben Smith for the All Blacks who's the best 15 around.

TK: Unsure, most pros possibly have a bit more awareness of what is going on!

LEITH RUGBY V LISMORE 3PM ACADEMY PARK

LEITH FORM



LISMORE FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

ROSS HIGH 2ND XV V LEITH 2ND XV
3PM | TRANENT

LEITH 2ND XV

15 M RAE
14 A BARR
13 W TUFT
12 R HASTINGS
11 G EASDON
10 F ROSS
9 J BALMER
8 E SUTHERLAND
7 T KES
6 A SEIGNOUX
5 D CORDOBA
4 B PLACE
3 P ALLISON
2 W COOK
1 STITT
16 J GENTLEMAN
17 S DAVIES
18 D BROWN
19 G MACHARDY
20 D BAPTIE
21 A KIRK

LEITH

K DANNFALD 15
D BALLESTA 14
A PATERSON 13
R ALLEN 12
G FORREST 11
D WATTERS 10
R KILGOUR 9
L MCKINNEY 8
P HAGGON 7
O MAIN 6
N PATERSON 5
T KIRKWOOD 4
J O'NEIL 3
C WINTON 2
S WILSON (C) 1

LISMORE

D HUTSON
G MANDITSCH
S MITCHELL
G SNEDDON
A FERGUSON
D SPENCER
A CROY (C)
G PARDOE
D WILSON
J GRANT
R SUTTON
T HALLAM
P SANDERSON
D HOGAN
C FINDLAY
G CALABRESE 16
M CROLLA 17
F FORSYTH 18
P MITCHELL 19
J DERRIN 20
B WILKINSON 21
S EADIE 22
F MCNEIL
D FORDE
R NICHOLL
L MAVOR
M DONALDSON
R FEATHER-
STONEHAUGH

17/18 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
12	LISMORE	2	0
13	LIBERTON	1	0
14	ED UNI MEDICS	2	0
15	LEITH RUGBY	2	0

PREVIOUSLY

08/10/16 BT EAST 2
LISMORE 12 V 24 LEITH
22/08/14 FRIENDLY
LEITH 26 V 12 LISMORE
28/02/14 FRIENDLY
LEITH 28 V 10 LISMORE

GAMES

WATTERS 5	WILSON 5	FORSYTH 5

POINTS

DANNFALD 24	MARWICK 20	KILGOUR 15

TRIES

MARWICK 4	KILGOUR 3	DANNFALD 2

ASSISTS

DANNFALD 2	WATTERS 2	KILGOUR 2

What is your proudest rugby moment to-date?

MR: I won a most improved player award at Hills last year after I moved to play predominately at full back which was encouraging following some good displays.

TK: When I was 7 I floored over one of our coaches in practice. It was more of an achievement back then.

What are your goals for the season?

TK: Not really sure just now, I just want to make some bigger hits to be honest!

MR: This season I'm hoping to improve my all round game and learn the different systems they have in place at Leith and hopefully help the team have a successful season. Specifically I'd like to score a few more tries this year.

As a newbie, tell us something your team mates probably don't know about you yet?

MR: My main sport growing up was badminton and I have junior representative caps for Ireland, but I've given up to play rugby again and move towards a team sport.

TK: I spent a few months living in Berlin before I came to Leith, to try learn German and maybe brush up on a bit of culture. Neither of those things happened, that city needs to calm down a wee bit.