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LEITH RUGBY

TENNENTS EAST LEAGUE 2

LEITH RUGBY

V

GALA YM RFC

SAT 13 OCT | ACADEMY PARK | 3PM

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"We're hoping to continue the excellent form"

Ben Wilkinson
Club Captain

This week, we welcome Gala YM RFC to Academy Park. Leith are currently at the top of the table and will be hoping to continue the excellent form shown over the opening games of the season. Gala have had a decent start in the league. They are sitting in 5th place in the table with some impressive results. They will look to build on last weeks win against Dunbar. Leith went down to Gala in last years league campaign so will be looking for a better performance today and keep the pressure on at the top of the table.

Last weekend, Leith traveled across town to league newcomers Corstorphine RFC. This was the second and final fixture with the Edinburgh side. A physical and scrappy affair saw Leith produce another good performance and take all 5 points. Leith remained in control for the entire game but again leaked a few late tries. Scores from Paterson, Baxter, Kaihe and Wilson. The 2nd XV are in action today away to Edinburgh Accies Blues. Last week saw again a good performance and another fantastic win against Corstorphine. Some heroics from MOTM Will Tuft guided the way to a 24-12 win which sees the seconds sitting in 4th place. Accies have had a perfect start to the season with 5/5 wins so leith will have to be at their best today

In club news, we continue to provide the best available youth rugby in the area. Last Thursday saw another massively successful Youth Rugby Festival at Academy park! We saw another 300 kids getting involved in rugby. This is fantastic work from all involved in the youth section here at Leith. Long may this continue and thanks to all volunteers for their support. 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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CORSTORPHINE 1ST XV 10

V LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV 28

Following an opening day victory at Academy Park against Corstorphine, Leith had the chance to do the double over the team who came down from East League 1 last year.

It was a bright and bluster day as Leith kicked off and immediately had the chance to put pressure on Corstorphine as they knocked on when trying to exit their 22m but Leith were unable to make them pay from the resulting scrum. The game ebbed and flowed between both teams trying to establish a foothold of dominance in the game. It was indeed the hosts who had the best of the early position, but the attack did not cause Leith too many issues as they were able to repel the



attack with organised defence.

With that Leith were growing with more confidence into the game. Despite a missed penalty attempt from Dannfald, they were starting to work into a structure and game plan which was putting the hosts under pressure. Simple and slick handling from the back line saw Tomek, race down the left touchline, only to be bundled into touch 10ms out. However it wasn't long before Leith would take one of the opportunities when again crisp pacing see us exploit the wide channels and quick ball from the resulting ruck and offloads saw Craig Winton give the pass to Andrew Paterson who was able to race round the front row he found in front of him.

The Leithers didn't have to wait too long for the next try as following a good line out steal from Liam

Wilkinson allowed the pressure to be kept on the home team as we worked into the 22m. Again the ball found itself to Craig Winton who gave a sumptuous delayed pass which allowed full back Andrew Baxter to burst through the line and beat a couple of defenders to make it to the line. Conversion good on the stroke of made the score 14-0.

Leith wanted to kick on in the 2nd half and secure the victory before thinking about the bonus point. Much like in the first half they were called on to defend in the initial forays as both teams gave away a couple of penalties which saw the game played between the 22ms. Just as the game was becoming a bit scrappy Leith again began building upon their structure which saw prop Stuart Wilson burst



through a wide gap and out paced their 9 from 50meters towards the line, with the covering full back, he was unable to make it but passed inside to Kaihe who rushed under the sticks.

It would be that combo which would be involved in Leith's bonus point try. After pushing Corstorphine off their own ball in the scrum the backs were able to go wide quickly. Kaihe was able to make a break on the outside before interlinking with fellow centre Craig Williamson a number of time getting tackled just short of the line. MacNamara had the simple task of hitting Wilson on a hard line as the Prop hit through the gap and went under the posts. 28-0 to Leith with 20 to go and Leith would have been expected to kick on and score a couple more tries but skills and poor decision making saw that scuppered, in fact a lack of concentration saw Corstorphine run in for a couple of

tries of their own which was disappoint way to end the game.

Overall a good victory, which sees Leith head to the top of the league. Plenty for the squad to work on as they look forward to the visit of Gala YM at the weekend which will prove to be another tough encounter at Academy Park.

LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV 24

V CORSTORPHINE 2ND XV 12

Leith welcomed Corstorphine back to Academy Park, this time for a 2nd XV contest. Leith were riding high after 3 wins in a row and were looking to continue that momentum. The game started with Corstorphine kicking off and putting Leith immediately under pressure, as Leith knocked on. This gave Corstorphine favourable field position to begin and allowed them to build pressure on the home side. Unable to get out of their own 22, Leith then conceded a penalty which the visiting 9 took quickly and offloaded to his supporting flanker who crash over for the first try of the game, conversion was successful.

This score spurred the Leithers on who managed to work their way into the game, and after a great break down the touchline by Andy Barr, Leith were able to start building pressure of their own. Some nice hands through the backline, sent Tommy Seymour very close to scoring on the opposite touchline but he was unable to cross the line. After a first rolling maul taking Leith close they were able to score with their second rolling maul attempt, Ben Place getting the congratulations after emerging from the bottom of the pile, conversion from the touchline was missed.

Both teams began to find their rhythm with some enterprising attacks but ultimately both defences were standing strong. It looked as though Leith would go into half time trailing 7-5 until a half break from Tony Kes and an offload to Reece Barclay allowed the backs time and space to move the ball wide to Andy Barr. Who broke round the outside of the defence and beat the fullback to score in the corner, the try was converted from the touchline by Will Tuft.

The second half played out in similar fashion to the first half with both teams moving the ball around and creating spaces but with the defences remaining solid. With both teams beginning to tire, more gaps were opening up with Josh Barker making a great break down the middle of the pitch, carried on by the supporting Cristian Jetuah. Quick ball at the breakdown allowed George Lees to find prop-come-stand off Reece Barclay and after a couple of quick passes Will Tuft was able to put the charging Matt Allison away down the wing. Allison drew the fullback and passed to Patrick Campbell to score out wide, Campbell missed the conversion to leave the scores 17-7.

Corstorphine fought back into the game after that try and mounted pressure onto the home side. After stringing together a few phases they were able to create an overlap out wide with the fullback finishing in the corner, conversion was missed 17-12.

With 10 minutes left to play Corstorphine threw everything they had at the home side trying to grab the win, and after a great break by their centres they looked to have done just that. The Corstorphine fullback looked certain to score and while trying to make the conversion easier by getting closer to the posts he was tackled by the evergreen Will Tuft who dislodged the ball winning Leith a scrum. After conceding a penalty just outside the 22 Leith managed to get lucky when Corstorphine kicked the ball over the deadball line. This allowed Leith to relieve pressure as Reece Barclay drove the drop out towards halfway and with the ball bouncing into touch. Leith were able to steal the resulting lineout with Matt Allison breaking through the defensive line to draw the fullback again and put Andy Barr over for his second try, and Leiths fourth of the day. Conversion was made by Reece Barclay showing he has many strings to his bow.



PLAYER PROFILES

LIAM

PLAYER PROFILES

SEAN GUESFORD



Flanker
24
Ayr, 13

Ayr youth, Heriot
3s, Edinburgh Uni
Business Rugby and
Chengdu Pandas
Glasgow Warriors

Position
Age
First club

Former clubs

Pro team

Stand-off
22
Sutton
Coldfield, 11
Sutton
Coldfield,
old Yardorians, old
salts
Wasps



This week Programme Corner sat down with flanker Liam Wilkinson and stand-off Shaun Guesford to find out more about two guys who've both joined the club in the past few months.

How/when did you come to join Leith?

LW: Just at the end of last season. I Googled the closest club to my flat!

SG: Same, but I came down first session of this season's pre-season.

What are you enjoying most so far about playing at Leith?

SG: I'm enjoying the challenge of fighting for positions every week nothing is guaranteed.

LW: Knowing that if I do my bit we have good backs behind us that will score tries.

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

SG: Forgetting my old teams moves and learning Leith's!

LW: Understanding the lyrics to the victory song!

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

LW: Probably Jamie so I could see what it's like being able to grow facial hair.

SG: Craig Allan, or Liam here. Just to see what life is like at flanker!

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

LW: I dunno maybe Marcos? Spanish people don't look out of place on a beach. Haggon out first but just for 10 minutes.

SG: Andrew Paterson to win, first out- Robert Stitt.

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

SG: My boss.

LW: The dentist because I'd just get all gold teeth and pay someone else to chew my food for me.

Who was your favourite player growing up?

LW: Chris Paterson

SG: Johnny Wilkinson

Describe your playing style in no more than 5 words.

SG: Fast, Spontaneous, Boot to ball.

LW: Run around. Look busy.

Best moment of your rugby career so far?

LW: Playing 10 minutes at fullback and crunching the boy that broke through (he still managed to offload though and the other team scored)

SG: Nailing a 45 metre kick to win a final.

Most embarrassing moment of your rugby career so far?

LW: Getting sunburnt at a 7s tournament on a rainy day.

SG: Having my shorts pulled down during a game.

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

SG: I'm teetotal.

LW: When I was 11 I was extra on Still Game!

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

LW: Hawick at home. We owe em.

SG: Ferry Road Wanderers, or whoever they are.

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

LW: Whichever Scottish pro team was playing.

SG: I look for the squad I'm not playing for first so if I'm in 2's I'll be looking for the 1's score and the other way around.

LEITH RUGBY V EARLSTON 3PM ACADEMY PARK

TENNENTS EAST 2

| # | TEAM | P | PTS |
|----|-------------|---|-----|
| 01 | LEITH RUGBY | 6 | 24 |
| 02 | HAWICK | 5 | 23 |
| 03 | LANGHOLM | 5 | 21 |
| 04 | DUNBAR | 5 | 16 |

TENNENTS EAST RESERVE 2

ED ACCIES BLUES V LEITH 2ND XV
SAT 13 | 3PM | RAEBURN PLACE

LEITH RUGBY

| | |
|---------------|----|
| K Dannfald | 15 |
| A Paterson | 14 |
| K Kaihe | 13 |
| C Williamson | 12 |
| R Marwick | 11 |
| B Wilkinson | 10 |
| F Mc | 9 |
| A Homer | 8 |
| L Wilkinson | 7 |
| J Drummond | 6 |
| N Paterson | 5 |
| T Kirkwood | 4 |
| B Connelly | 3 |
| C Winton | 2 |
| S Wilson | 1 |
| J O'Neil | 16 |
| C Cobra | 17 |
| P Haggon | 18 |
| C Allen | 19 |
| S Patchett | 20 |
| D Sommerville | 21 |
| I Ross | 22 |

GALA

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| G Dun |
| C Bell |
| M Ormiston |
| S Patterson |
| S Mitchell |
| K Andison |
| N Lees |
| R Horsburgh |
| D Broatch |
| G Douglass |
| B Reid |
| K Ramage |
| R Patterson |
| J Dewar |
| A Donoghue |
| S Kellett |
| B Falconer |
| F Rutherford |
| K Douglass |
| B Reavely |

ED. ACCIES BLUES

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| 15 O Dunko |
| 14 G Easdon |
| 13 T Seymour |
| 12 J Derrin |
| 11 A Barr |
| 10 S Guesford |
| 9 J Fleky |
| 8 J Barker |
| 7 E Humphreys |
| 6 M Crolla |
| 5 M Allison |
| 4 B Place |
| 3 R Barclay |
| 2 R Stitt |
| 1 J Nimmo |
| 16 L Troyano |
| 17 D Cordoba |
| 18 F Stewart |
| 19 A Hepworth |
| 20 F Palin |
| 21 D Baptie |
| 22 P Duncan |

LEITH 2ND XV

1ST XV



| | |
|------------|---|
| MACNAMARA | 9 |
| A PATERSON | 9 |
| B CONNELLY | 9 |

GAMES

| |
|--------------|
| 5 W COOK |
| 4 M ALLISON |
| 4 S GUESFORD |

2ND XV



1ST XV



| | |
|-------------|----|
| K DANNFALD | 52 |
| A BAXTER | 50 |
| B WILKINSON | 34 |

POINTS

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|--------------|
| 15 M ALLISON |
| 10 C SMITH |
| 7 K DANNFALD |

2ND XV

1ST XV



| | |
|------------|----|
| A BAXTER | 10 |
| R MARWICK | 5 |
| A PATERSON | 4 |

TRIES

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|--------------|
| 3 M ALLISON |
| 2 C SMITH |
| 1 K DANNFALD |

2ND XV

1ST XV



| | |
|------------|---|
| WILLIAMSON | 1 |
| T KIRKWOOD | 1 |
| R MARWICK | 1 |

MAN OF MATCH

| |
|---------------|
| 1 M ALLISON |
| 1 D ROBERTSON |
| 1 W TUFT |

2ND XV

TRY OF THE SEASON

