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**SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016**

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## LEITH RUGBY

**BT East League Division 2**

**LEITH RUGBY  
v  
BROUGHTON**

**27 FEBRUARY 2016**

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



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### Kenny Dannfald Club Captain

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Finally we see a return to 1st XV action at Academy Park after what has been a hard few months for all in the division. The start – stop nature of season means it is difficult to have any continuity in the season and with training facilities being affected as well it has been very hard for all in the teams. Unfortunately there is no magic fix to the annual issue, unless we move to summer rugby or we start playing our home games in Tenerife (though I'm not sure the budget will stretch to that). We have however had some games in the past few games however the results have not all been all in the Leithers favour. A 10 – 10 away to Langholm with a threadbare squad was a highlight before a couple of defeats away to Ross High and a tight and muddy encounter away to league leaders Penicuik resulted in a 10-0 defeat (Match Report overleaf). Our guests today have been in a fine vein of form in recent weeks, with victories over Northern, Liberton and Trinity since the turn of the year only losing out in an epic 50-48 last minute loss to Portobello. With only 13 points separating 6 teams in the league, no game is a 'gimme' and the men from Academy Park will be well up for this to ensure the points stay in Leith. Off the pitch we have been busy with social events and we are well on our way in planning some more. We hosted a very successful and enjoyable Burns Supper towards the tail end of January. Paul Allison was the hostess with the mostest on the evening and kept both the audience and speakers in check throughout the evening. Craig Winton should that he was a bit of a poet himself with a little ditty he penned called 'Derby Day' and I went up against my sister as I gave the Toast to the Lassies and she replied. All agreed that a fantastic night was had and are looking forward to next years! Looking ahead we have our annual Presidents day next week (6th March)

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## WHAT'S ON AT LEITH RUGBY

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SATURDAY 26TH MARCH



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## Rearranged Fixtures

12 Mar: Portobello Home (2pm)

2 Apr: Liberton Away (3pm)

## Social

6 Mar: President's Day

19 Mar: RBS 6 Nations

Super Saturday

26 Mar: Race Night

30 Apr: Leith Rugby 7s

7 May: Awards Night 2016

## MATCH REPORT: PENICUIK v LEITH RUGBY

As the Leith team rolled into Penicuik they could have been forgiven that monsoon season had arrived in Midlothian as the rain poured down when they arrived in town. There was much concern for pitch due to the rain which had fallen over the past 24 hours, however officials from both teams agreed that there was no danger to players and the game would begin.

Leith were playing against the wind and up the slope in the first however it was evident that despite the conditions both teams were looking to play some rugby on the Penicuik pitch. However it was soon evident that the pitch was cutting up rapidly and a running game of rugby was becoming increasingly difficult. Both teams had their chances however handling in the torrid conditions meant that of the final pass or so was not going to hand and the chance would go a begging. However with the assistance of the wind and a few Leith penalties, Penicuik were able to build some territory and possession which eventually led to a driving maul from the powerful Penicuik pack 10 meters out which the Leith Forwards were unable to repel. 5-0 to Penicuik at Half time.

At the start of the 2nd half Leith were looking to use the elements to their advantage and play more rugby in the Penicuik half. The Leith forwards were playing well and to their strengths, more and more pressure was being put on Penicuik however the final pass was often missing and Leith were unable to convert. Penicuik were able to eventually clear their lines and begin to work their way back up the pitch and it was Leith's turn to put in some



## MATCH REPORT: PENICUIK v LEITH RUGBY CONTINUED...

determined defence to repel the larger pack for so long. However much like the first half the toll of the pressure was just too much and when the opposition pack was able to get the shove on from a maul there was no stopping them from 5ms out. Penicuik 10-0 Leith

Leith did rally and weren't willing to let the game go and for the remainder of the game put pressure on the Penicuik line. The forwards were putting on a great shift in what was now a mud bath of a pitch which made the ball like a bar of soap and impossible to handle. Due to this and a lack of a little bit of luck perhaps Leith fell short and were unable to get over the line for what would have been a much deserved try and a least a bonus point from the game.

Full time - Penicuik 10 - 0 Leith

Overall it was a decent performance put in in what was some of the worst conditions many have played in. It was a very open game of rugby which could have went either way with both teams looking to run the ball. Many of the forwards put in fantastic shifts and it is that which we need to take forward into the remaining games. Many put their hand up this week and choosing a man of the match was no easy feat however this week it goes to Ben Place, who put in a fantastic shift in the 2nd row and got through a power of work.



THOMAS "CHOO" LAWRIE



Position

1ST XV

Prop/ Hooker

Thomas, or Choo as he is known by pretty much everyone within the club, is a player who has come on leaps and bounds in the few years he has been at the club. From a player who had difficulty catching the ball when he first arrived he is now able to catch almost everything that is thrown in his direction. For the first 18 months at the club Choo has been deployed as a prop however it is in the past few months he has looked to move to hooker and after a good showing in a 2nd xv fixture at North Berwick it looks to have sealed the deal.

Choo and girlfriend Courtney are avid supporters of the club and have not only been regular attendees at social functions but have started to help out behind the scenes which is always appreciated!

## LEITH RUGBY V BROUGHTON 12PM ACADEMY PARK

### PREVIOUSLY

26/09/2015  
EAST 2 LEAGUE  
LEITH 23 v 17 BROUGHTON

### LEITH FORM



### BROUGHTON FORM



### BT RESERVE EAST LEAGUE 3

NO FIXTURE THIS WEEK

### LEITH BROUGHTON

K Dannfald (C)	15	C Etchells
T Hunt	14	R Robertson
R Kilgour	13	N Armstrong
C Williamson	12	R Brown
M Balmer	11	A Tainsh
B Wilkinson	10	G Tainsh
A Paterson	9	C Jones
P Mitchell	8	C Wishart
P Haggon	7	C Forlow
PN Paterson	6	A Archer
BM Mcleish	5	G Stedman
F Forsyth	4	R Cockburn
C Kerr	3	G Duncan
W Cook	2	C O'Neill
J O'Neil	1	TBC

T Lawrie	16	S Urquhart
C Winton	17	S Thompson
B Place	18	T Ryan
G Aitken	19	M Morgan
E Murphy	20	J Beaton
D Robertson	21	S Somervail
C Johnson	22	J Achard
	23	-

### 15/16 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
1	PENICUIK	12	52
2	ED. NORTH.	12	36
3	ROSS HIGH	12	33
4	BROUGHTON	13	29

### GAMES



### POINTS



### TRIES



### MAN OF MATCH



### GEORGE LEES



George is one of our new players this year following his move to Edinburgh after graduating from university last year. George is one of the more lightweight style of hookers, infact i think it has been said 3 George's = 1 Cookie. However George's attributes are obvious very quick around the park, good hands and fearless in the tackle all mean George is a valued player to have. There is however one sticking point in that the Hampshire lad's shoulders have a habit of popping out, whether it is in the shower, getting change or other, undisclosed, activities they have a habit of popping fairly regularly, which makes contact sport fairly difficult. Off the park Englishman George has fitted in with the boy seamlessly, main due to is fondness for a night out. Infact on his first Leith night out he made a bet regarding the rugby world cup.....needless to say he now has an Irish rugby and Scottish Rugby tattoo on his leg.

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