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ALL PROCEEDS TO LEITH RUGBY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV

V PENICUIK RFC

SAT 12 OCT | ACADEMY PARK | 3PM

LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV

V PENICUIK RFC

SAT 12 OCT | PENICUIK PARK | 12.30PM

#PERSEVERE



CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you enjoy a great game of rugby today!"

Jamie Drummond
Club Captain

A very warm welcome to all of you, including our visitors from Penicuik RFC. I hope you are all looking forward to the double-header today as much as we are.

The 1st XV played North Berwick a fortnight ago, a top the table clash with the lead going back and forth between the 2 teams. Unfortunately we let ourselves down with a lack of ball control and not being clinical in the red zone. We went down 23-32 but knew what we had to work on, and look forward to the return fixture down the coast. Last Saturday we took on Costorphine at a very wet Union Park, where we were made to work for the bonus-point victory of 30-25. We expect tough opposition from Penicuik today, who have started their season well, with one of the best defensive records in the league so far and coming off the back of a victory at home to Dunbar. The 2nd XV continued their unbeaten record, which is now 5 from 5. Recent fixtures being a walkover win over Ferry Road Wanderers then a big 49-0 victory against Costorphine. The 2s continue to impress, and face the same opposition in Penicuik today, in their case away in Midlothian.

Our numbers continue to grow every week and I encourage anyone interested to come join us at Oriam on Wednesdays or Academy Park on Thursdays. Get in touch for more details.

Feeling thirsty? Tonight is our inaugural Leith Rugby Oktoberfest. Plenty beers on offer, including our own RWC-Japanese edition crafts beers brewed and bottled by Leith Rugby (a must-try!), DJ, Karaoke and more. Tickets (£10) still available through myself, Danielle Haggon or on the door. Steins up at 7pm! Thanks to the social committee for all the hard-work so far!

The club will be open for the Scotland Japan game tomorrow morning. Join us in cheering on the boys in blue to the quarter-finals!

Thanks again to everyone supporting Leith Rugby, your support is always very much appreciated. Good luck for the on-going seasons for both Penicuik squads! Prost!



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?....GARETH MARSHALL

This week's Where Are They Now? sees us chat with Gareth Marshall, Club Captain 2010-2012 and a leading figure at Leith during some difficult years that saw the club blood many of the current playing squad straight from school. Gareth retired following the East 3 League title campaign in 2013, and famously played against Inverleith on the day his first daughter arrived! He was the club's top try scorer for 5 straight seasons, 2008-2012.

Name: Gareth Marshall

Hometown: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Age: 40

Position: Too many to mention...usually centre, fullback or wing. Occasional scrum half, and a game each at No.8 and blindside!

Playing Years: 2005 - 2013, (Club Captain 2010 - 2012)



Where are you these days? Living in Dalkeith and still working in Edinburgh. My 2 daughters take up most of my free time

Have you played any rugby since Leith? None at all since finishing at Leith!

Favourite Moment in a Leith jersey? Winning the league down at St Boswells - think it was my last competitive game of rugby too!

Funniest moment down the club? Too many to list them all. Certainly the rugby tours!

Best player(s) played with? There's been a few. It was great to play with my cousin Colin.

Then there's Pete Lamont, Stevie Hutch....and Aitchy - just don't tell him I said that! :)

Toughest training ground opponent(s)? Doddie MacHardy. Maybe not necessarily the toughest - but he ran the most fun & competitive ones. Especially on the tackle bag!

What do you miss most about Leith Rugby? Definitely the craic with the boys after training and matches - that and tackling/contact training sessions

How do you keep in touch with the club? Online mostly. Last time I was down at the club was the 2017/18 Awards

Have you any message for the current playing squad? All the best for the year ahead boys. Do the hard work in training - if you don't do it then, you'll never do it!

"Do the hard work in training - if you don't do it then, you'll never do it!!"

Former player

Gareth Marshall

[If you'd like to recommend a former player for us to feature, get in touch at leithrfc@gmail.com]



YOUTH RUGBY UPDATE



Leith Rugby's youth section continues to develop rapidly, and we now have over 40 youth members attending Sunday sessions and have 15+ fixtures scheduled for the season. This is a great opportunity for the kids in Leith to get playing some competitive games of rugby. Sunday rugby continues each week and we encourage all kids to come along from P1-7. The sessions are on Sunday mornings 10:00-11:30 at Leith Rugby club.

We've started the season with a doubleheader of games with Royal High Rhinos, playing our first ever game at Barnton, before welcoming the Rhinos to Academy Park earlier this month for a P4-7 fixture, as well as a joint training session for the P1-3s, which was a huge success. Thanks to everyone at Royal High for helping to make that happen. Tomorrow we take on Preston Lodge at Prestonpans. 10am KO at the park opposite Pennyvit.

At the end of September we hosted our 13th Primary youth rugby festival at Leith, and featuring in the P4 festival we had Leith, Lorne, St Mary's, St Ninians, Hermitage Park and Craigentenny Primary schools, and a total of over 300 kids taking part - taking the total number of kids who've participated in our festivals to nearly 3000.

We have also welcomed 3 new primary schools into the primary school rugby development programme, in Royal High Primary School, Leith Walk Primary school and Bun-Sgoil Taobh na Pairce.

We're also continuing to build a great relationship with Leith Academy, having last year managed to put out an S1/2 and U16's boys' team for the first time in over 20 years. Our afterschool clubs are in full flow again this academic year with over 35 boys attending sessions at Leith Academy on Monday nights 15:15-16:45. The girls rugby at the school continues to grow with around 40 girls training on Wednesday nights 15:15-16:45.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in helping with the rugby development programme in Leith.

Thanks, Ross Johnston | Leith Rugby Development Officer | Leithhawks@gmail.com

MINI RUGBY AT LEITH

EVERY SUNDAY, 10AM - 11.30AM

PRIMARY 1 - 7 | BOYS AND GIRLS



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PLAYER PROFILES

FINLAY STEWART



Wing

26

Leith

Leith, aged 24

Edinburgh

PLAYER PROFILES

Position

Age

Hometown

First club

Pro Team

Hooker / Standoff

29

Leith

Leith, aged 14

Think I need to say
Edinburgh?

CRAIG WINTON



In this week's programme we profile two of the club's home-grown talents, in Leith Academy grads Finlay Stewart and Craig Winton. Both are one club men, with Leith being their only club since school - although in Winton's case straight from school, Finlay's after a wee break - he's been known.. They dish on their team and team mates below.

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - arrive half an hour late, explain I don't have £5 but someone else will pay my match fee, get left with smallest shorts left so rocking the Robert Stitt look, before injuring myself in the warm up

My pre-game music selection is - it varies but Willie Cook always kicks off about it

If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - sleep

My best claim to fame is - my five star Uber rating

If I was an animal I would be - a sloth

Who would play you in a movie about your life? - Denzel Washington

My dream date is - Kim Little

My sporting hero was/is - Andy Murray

My favourite fast food is - pizza

My favourite App is eh no comment....or Spotify

My middle name is - Joseph Michael Nicholas

You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? - Fergal - for the benefit of the rest of the team

And which one are you hoping isn't there? - Fergal - for my own benefit

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why? - Marwick. To have his pace for a week and then just run everywhere

Best dressed team mate? - Tommy Seymour purely for the outstanding kilt he wore at his wedding

Worst dressed team mate? - literally anyone at the club who wears grip gloves

Smartest and dumbest team mates? Tomek (spotted in a Cambridge Uni top) Nawrocki and Paul ("illumerous") Haggon

Best value on a night out? no matter how drunk I get you can always rely on me to make my own way to bed

I joined Leith because - I wanted to get back into rugby after playing in school, then Andy Pat (steaming) came into the bar I worked in and said I should come along the next week. Never looked back.

What is your goal for the season? stay injury free and play more

What is your least favourite training drill? as if I'm going to let Kev know that??

Favourite rugby moment? my first try for Leith

Most embarrassing rugby moment? being beaten by Jose in the fastest sissy race at the end of last season

Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season? anyone, given how little I was able to play last year

Who will win the World Cup? I can see Wales getting lucky

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - make sure the coupons are on!

My pre-game music selection is - whatever comes on when I hit shuffle - there's a pretty wide range!

If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - watch my coupons get beat

My best claim to fame is - I'm a 2-time winner of the fastest donkey race

If I was an animal I would be - a boar

Who would play you in a movie about your life? - James Corden (or anyone else that's round)

My sporting hero was/is - Colin 'Chopper' Marshall

My favourite fast food is - Domino's

My favourite App is - Twitter

My middle name is - Steven

You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? - anyone slower than me so they get caught first...Bruce?

And which one are you hoping isn't there? -Marwick, he would be topless the whole time and no one needs that

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why? - Marwick, cos he has a body worth being topless the whole time

Best dressed team mate? - Ben10, never without boat shoe

Worst dressed team mate? - Stitt - he bought that belt yet?

Smartest and dumbest team mates? Smartest is Felix, for asking to leave the front row when he had the chance.

Dumbest, Heppy...obviously

Best value on a night out? what's a night out?

I joined Leith because - I played for the school team

What is your goal for the season? to throw at least some lineouts in straight

What is your least favourite training drill? anything without a ball

Favourite rugby moment? winning East 3, some night, plus I bumped in to Chunk [Alan Jacobsen] in town

Most embarrassing rugby moment? scoring from half way for the 2's this year... sooooooooooooooooooooo embarrassing!

Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season? Langholm.....bus trip!

Who will win the World Cup? New Zealand

TODAY'S TEAM LISTS

2019/20 SEASON STATS

1ST XV vs PENICUIK, 3PM

1 J NIMMO
2 I ACOSTA
3 B CONNELLY
4 M TEIXEIRA
5 F FORSYTH
6 P HAGGON
7 C ALLAN
8 J DRUMMOND (c)

16 M HEPBURN
17 L MCKINNEY
18 S MOORE
19 N ANDREWS

9 F MACNAMARA
10 B WILKINSON
11 S GUESFORD
12 W TUFT
13 J CAMPEY
14 M BOWMAN
15 D SOMMERVILLE

20 A PATERSON
21 J NAJERA-A
22 A ALESON

2ND XV @ PENICUIK, 12.30PM

1 C WINTON
2 R BARCLAY
3 R STITT
4 B PLACE
5 S BAKER
6 D MEADOWS
7 I DE BOER
8 M CROLLA (c)

16 R WILSON
17 S WILSON
18 D CORDOBA
19 C JETUAH

9 C MURRAY
10 D ROBERTSON
11 S EADIE
12 F PALIN
13 T SEYMOUR
14 G EASDON
15 A BARR

20 J FERNANDEZ
21 J COYLE
22 J FRASER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER
OKTOBERFEST, 7PM - LATE

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER
PRESTON LODGE V LEITH
HAWKS, 10AM @ PRESTON LODGE

SCOTLAND vs JAPAN, CLUB OPEN AT
11.30AM

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
1ST XV vs LANGHOLM, 3PM
2ND XV @ HADDINGTON A, 3PM

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
1ST XV @ DUNBAR, 3PM
(EDINBURGH SHIELD QUARTERFINAL)

1ST XV



A BAXTER 7
J DRUMMOND 7
I ACOSTA 6
J NIMMO 6
N PATERSON 6
M TEIXEIRA 6

APPEARANCES

2ND XV



P DUNCAN
M HEPBURN
B PLACE
4 PLAYERS

TRIES



A BAXTER 8
M TEIXEIRA 4
N PATERSON 3
6 PLAYERS 2

5 M CROLLA
5 R MARWICK
3 A BARR
3 K DANNFALD
3 L DUNKO
3 P HAGGON



ASSISTS



R JOHNSTON 7
A BAXTER 3
N ANDREWS 2
J CAMPEY 2
K DANNFALD 2
R MARSHALL 2

10 G LEES
7 K DANNFALD
2 A BAXTER
2 M BOWMAN
2 F
2 MACNAMARA



POINTS



R JOHNSTON 55
A BAXTER 40
B WILKINSON 15
K DANNFALD 12
5 PLAYERS 10

41 K DANNFALD
28 S GUESFORD
25 M CROLLA
25 R MARWICK
15 3 PLAYERS



MAN OF THE MATCH



S McATEER 2
C ALLAN 1
A BAXTER 1
R JOHNSTON 1
R MARSHALL 1
M TEIXEIRA 1

2 A BARR
1 R BARCLAY
1 S GUESFORD
1 R MORRISON



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