



# LEITH RUGBY BULLETIN

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## LEITH RUGBY VS DUNS RFC

2PM. ACADEMY PARK. EAST DIVISION LEAGUE 1

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

A very warm welcome back to Academy Park as we resume league duties with a bang following two weeks without grass roots rugby.

We welcome Duns to Leith for our first meeting in several years. Both teams have had a tough start to the campaign and will be looking to kick start their season within a win today. It'll be a tough game for both teams but I'm confident we will have enough quality to come away with the win.

Meanwhile our 2s travel to a traditional heart land of borders rugby, Kelso. While both teams are at opposite ends of the table after the first 6 games, we've put in several strong performances this season and, with a full complement of subs to bring on, results could have been very different. This is also the first bus trip of the season for either Leith team and I'm sure choir master Connolly will make sure it's one to remember.

Please also remember to check our social media sites for regular updates on events at the club, including our Christmas night on the 10th of December.

Enjoy the game and hopefully you can join me in the club afterwards for tonight's Autumn Nations series games.



## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name : Scott McAteer

Position : Back row

Joined the club : JMet Craig Allan and he suggested that I come down

Sporting Hero : Richie McCaw

Favourite food : Steak

Pre Game Hype song: Any early 2000s dance music

Fun Fact: I won a scottish dancing competition in primary school

Favourite Leith memory: promotion at the end of last season!





# LEITH HAWKS



## What's been on?

On Friday we had an U14's development conference match against Broughton High School U14's. We had 23 players representing Leith Rugby/Leith Academy U14's with 7 players making their debut. The rugby on show on Friday afternoon was brilliant, some great skills on show in attack but we could see a huge improvement around team defence and breakdown skills especially around rucking. This week we have a training week. S2 player of the match was Jayden Reid and S1 player of the match Aidan Hamilton.

On Sunday morning the mini section traveled to Dunbar for fixtures. There was so much fantastic rugby played and try's scored. A brilliant morning of rugby for all involved. A huge thank you to Dunbar for hosting!

On Sunday afternoon the girls traveled to Boroughmuir to take part in a festival. The u14 girls joined by girls from Kirkcaldy RFC played some excellent attacking rugby with lots of offloading and keeping the ball in play in order to score some great team try's. The u16 girls joined up with girls from Dundee and Dunfermline and put on a strong performance in a joint match. The u14s player of the match was Evie Burnet and u16s player of the match goes to both Megan Shaw and Abi Cook.

## What's up next?

There are no games this weekend, Sunday rugby training is 12-13:30 which will be followed by the Scotland V New Zealand game being shown in the clubhouse and a BBQ on the go outside, with everyone being encouraged to stay!



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# Dates for the Diary at Academy Park

## 1st XV Fixtures

7th Jan v North Berwick

21st Jan v Broughton

18th Feb v Portobello

## 2nd XV Fixtures

26th Nov v Edinburgh Accies  
3rds

3rd Dec - Peebles Reds

14th Jan v Gala A

## Social Fixtures

10th Dec - Christmas  
Night

Jan - Burns Night

Feb - Open Mic Night

## NEXT CLUB EVENTS

Tomorrow the club will be hosting a BBQ following on from the conclusion of Youth training at 13.30 ahead of the kick off at Murrayfield for the Scotland vs New Zealand Games. All are welcomed to probably the last BBQ of the year!!

On Saturday the 10th December the club will be hosting its annual Christmas Party A popular fixture in the events calendar which follow on from our last games in the calander year. More details will be announced soon in what will be a fun night!! See you all there!





## LAST GAMES

It has been almost a month since the 1st XV's last game, an outcome of the Autumn Internationals, a uneven number of teams in the league and being out of the Cup competition. However last time out Leith unfortunately went down 22-15 against a spirited Portobello. Porty made use of the conditions to race to a 22-0 lead at the half, Leith then began to claw that back and despite tries from Michele Crolla and Jamie Drummond fell just short.

The 2nds recorded their first victory of the season as they managed to triumph 50-24 over Linlithgows 2d XV. The game started as a tight affair with both sides trading blows before Leith managed to pull away from the West Lothian men. Tries coming from Craig Smith (3), Michele Crolla, Josh Campey and Aled Herbert. Making their debuts, also with a try each, Euan Guthrie and Declan Gordon-Astbury.



## THIS WEEKS GAMES

This weekend Leith 1st XV welcome Duns RFC to Academy Park. After a short break in league actions the 1st XV are well rested and fighting fit, ready to continue their season. It has not been the happiest of season for opponents so far and Leith will be very wary of a Duns team with the bit between their teeth. An important afternoon is in store

Our 2nd XV will be travelling to the borders to take on this week's opponents, Kelso Sharks. With confidence on their side from their previous victory, we hope that the strong squad that is travelling down south.



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# TEAM LINE UPS

## LEITH 1ST XV v DUNS RFC

### HOME

### AWAY

J NIMMO 1.

T LAWRIE 2.

I ACOSTA 3.

P BLASCO 4.

M CROLLA 5.

J DRUMMOND 6.

M MUNRO 7.

S MCATEER 8.

J RODRIGUEZ 9.

R JOHNSTON 10.

R MARWICK 11.

J CAMPEY 12.

C SMITH 13.

A BAXTER 14.

G WEIR 15.

C WINTON 16.

P HAGGON 17.

S LEE 18.

K DANNFALD 19.

J CARTER

C ANGUS

C ROBERTS

A DAVIDSON

O SMITH

C REDPATH

A MITCHELL

S MILLER

F REDPATH

B REYNOLDS

H MCVIE

H FULLER

J ELLWOOD

F THOMSON

L HARDIE

T DURAN

J SANDERSON

L BARKER

R WILDE





# TEAM LINE UPS

## KELSO SHARKS v LEITH 2ND XV

### HOME

### AWAY

1. J O'NEIL
2. A MOHAMED
3. B CONNELLY
4. R FAIRHURST
5. B PLACE
6. D MULLENS
7. C FINDLAY (C)
8. W TUFT
9. S BRIGGS
10. B WILKINSON
11. A ALEXANDER
12. J HENRY
13. J CRIG
14. A SLESSOR
15. A GHIGI
16. L BRANA

