



# LEITH RUGBY BULLETIN

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## LEITH RUGBY VS LINLITHGOW

3PM. ACADEMY PARK. EAST DIVISION LEAGUE 1

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Academy Park for our East 1 game against Linlithgow.

Today we welcome a Linlithgow team who finished third last time around. I'm sure it will be a competitive game but as Haddington discovered a fortnight ago, there's no easy 5 point wins to be found in Leith this season.

Last time out a highly entertaining game saw us beat Haddington, 34 - 27. Despite the step up in opposition the whole squad really put down a marker and if we maintain those standards it's going to be a very good season for Leith.

Unfortunately there's no 2XV game this week, with the league having 9 teams, and we will have to wait until next week to finally kick off our season, away to Gala.

Following the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen all rugby was cancelled last weekend. These game have now been rescheduled with our 1XV playing North Berwick away next week (24/9/22) and our 2s away to Peebles on 29/10/22.

After the success of the Treasure Hunt a fortnight ago our social committee are busy making preparations for a Wild West Country night on the 15th of October. Full details on our social media channels!!

Hopefully you can join me on the sidelines to cheer on the boys as we look to make it two from two in East 1.



## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name : Pau Boils Blasco

Position : 2nd row / Back row

Joined the club : Joined in 2021 after being pushed by Pardo. After playing the first game I fell in love with the atmosphere of the club.

Sporting Hero : Any person that is able to develop great skills, doing any sport, whilst keeping humble and inspiring good values to others is automatically my hero.

Favourite food : Ramen

Pre Game Hype song: Out of control - Rancid

Fun Fact: I never liked football and apparently that is a disgrace for a Spanish person.

Favourite Leith memory: My first victory for Leith when we played Preston Lodge or my first game with the 1XV team two weeks ago against Haddington.





# LEITH HAWKS

The Hawks now have over 70 children each week getting reacquainted with kicking, passing, tackling and dodging and having fun as they do so. Training continues on Sunday from 10:30.

Next weekend there will be a boys U14s and U16s game at Academy Park against Wolves Rugby on Saturday 24th, kick off at 10:30am. Elsewhere the youth section will be travelling to Penicuik for a Rugby Festival on Sunday 25th.

If you know someone who would like to take part contact Ross Johnston on [ross.johnston@leith.edin.sch.uk](mailto:ross.johnston@leith.edin.sch.uk)



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## Dates for the Diary

October 1st - Broughton (A)

October 8th - Ross High (H)

October 15th - Portobello (A)

October 24th - North Berwick (A)

October 15th - Country Night

February 11th - Open Mic Night

March - Quiz Night

March - Ladies Day



## NEXT CLUB EVENT

On Saturday the 15th of October, the club will be hosting their first Wild West Night. If you love Country music and fancy dress this is the event for you. More details to follow soon but for now keep the date free. Tickets will be £5.

See you all there!





## LAST WEEKS GAMES

Leith welcomed Haddington to Academy Park for the first league match of the season. Leith started off really quickly with the Forwards putting Haddington under pressure right from the kick off. Strong ball carrying from Corolla fixed the defence quick ball from Leith released Johnston who was tackled short Leith recycled the ball through the forwards releasing the backs quick passing from Smith and weir created space for Baxter to run in for the try. Conversion Johnston. 7-0. Leith kept the pressure on with a string of scrums driving Haddington backwards. A set move from Leith saw Marwick tackled short. Leith were quick enough to secure ball with the forwards taking it on. Marwick gets his hands on the ball and this time manages to stretch out for the score. Conversion Johnston 14-0. Haddington we're finding it hard to get in to the game but we're rewarded after a mistake from Leith gave them a penalty. Leith switched off from the quick tap allowing Haddington to cross the try line 14-7. Leith defence was working really hard but the referee penalised Leith for going off their feet. Haddington kicked for touch. From the line out poor tackling from Leith allowed Haddington in for a try. 14-14. Leith were showing frustration resulting in Haddington being awarded a penalty for talking back penalty is good for points. 14-17. Half time.

Coach Greenan managed to get the team together and sort out the problems. Lack of communication from Leith allowed Haddington in for their third try of the day. 14-24. Haddington we're reduced to 14 men when their No6 made a late tackle on Johnston. Johnston scored from the kick. 17-24. Leith had the ascendancy with good team work. Haddington's defence were strong they were awarded a penalty kick was good. 17-27. Leith were not down the kept working and were awarded a penalty a quick tap kept the momentum going a switch pass to Smith released Baxter who skipped past a few Haddington players creating space for Marwick in for his second try. 22-27. Haddington made another good break but Leith's determination in defence had Weir and Marwick chase him down to make the tackle and turn over the ball. Leith had a line out in Haddington's 22 strong running from Campy fixed the defence again Leith had quick ball putting Weir in for the bonus try. 27-27. Leith kept up the pressure on Haddington's try line. It look like Acosta managed to touch down but the referee said he was held up. He went back to the penalty advantage Leith decided to tap and go through the forwards. Kirkwood took the ball on tackled short quick ball again saw Acosta take the ball fix the defender and tip the ball on to Wilson who barrelled through the gap. Conversion Johnston 34-27. Haddington we're awarded a penalty with the last play of the game. They decided to run the ball but blitz defence from Leith forced Haddington to knock the ball on. Final score 34-27.  
MOTM Ross Marwick.



## THIS WEEKS GAMES

A few words from President Jim Smith on this week's game.

A warm welcome to Linlithgow to Leith Rugby for this East Region 1 League match. If memory serves me right this is the first time that both teams have met in the leagues.

This is the inaugural game for the R.G.L. "Bob" Green Memorial Trophy. Bob was a long-time player and member of Leith Rugby, formerly Leith Accies RFC. He was a superbly gifted player who made his team debut as a teenager and went on to represent the Club over several decades.

Bob was one of a number of Leith players who would have gained representative honours if they had played for a more fashionable club. Bob was not only a superb player he was first and foremost a gentleman through and through.

A warm welcome to Linda and family. Hopefully the game will be a rugby spectacle that Bob would have loved.

Pictured below Leith Accies 1971 team, featuring Bob (front row 3rd left)





# TEAM LINE UPS

## LEITH 1ST XV V LINLITHGOW

### HOME

J NIMMO	1.
C WINTON	2.
I ACOSTA	3.
T KIRKWOOD	4.
B CONNELLY	5.
J DRUMMOND	6.
F PALIN	7.
M CROLLA	8.
J RODRIGUEZ	9.
R JOHNSTON	10.
R MARWICK	11.
R GREENAN	12.
L PALMER	13.
A PATERSON	14.
G WEIR	15.
P MCKERR	16.
T LAWRIE	17.
S GUESFORD	18.
N ANDREWS	19.

REFEREE - G ALLEN

