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LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY
V
HAWICK LINDEN

15 OCTOBER 2016

leithrugby.com



CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"The boys are focused and determined to keep the winning momentum up"

Kenny Dannfald
Club Captain

A very warm welcome to our visitors from Hawick in what marks Leith and Hawick Linden's first competitive match up in a number of years. The clubs however are not as unfamiliar with each other as the lack of fixtures may suggest as Robert Stitt, Bruce Connelly, Lee Robson and Linden's previous club captain, Gary Wardle, have played in both the royal blue of Linden and the blue and white hoops of Leith.

Both teams will be looking to continue on the momentum they have built. Linden have notched up two victories in a row, beating Northern at home and gunning down Earlston away. This marked Linden's first victories in over a year after a torrid season in BT East 1, so we're well prepared for a Linden team who will want to make it three in a row. Leith on the other hand are already at '3 in a row' after victories away to Liberton and a cracking 54-17 home victory over Inverleith, before making it three on the bounce at the Inch by defeating Lismore last week. The boys are focused and determined to keep the winning momentum up and that will start with a home win today.

As ever, off the pitch we're busy preparing for a number of events. Next week we have our President's Day in which Jim Smith will be welcoming all ex-Leith players and members to take in the Trinity game on the 22nd. Following the game we host our annual quiz which promises to be a cracker, see Craig Winton to enter your team. Finally, tickets are available for our Hogmanay Bash which is the hottest ticket in town this Edinburgh Hogmanay! You can buy the tickets from me in the bar.

£20 FOR A TABLE OF FIVE!

LEITH RUGBY PRESENT THE ANNUAL

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

7.30 PM

ACADEMY PARK EASTER ROAD

There will be a cash prize for the winners and a lot of fun along the way!

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LEITH HAWKS

Ever wondered how you could help with developing youth rugby in the Leith area? We are now looking for individuals and businesses to support the permanent establishment of rugby for the young people of Leith. All funds raised would contribute greatly to coaching costs, acquiring kit and equipment.

Leith Rugby has implemented a rugby development programme in the primary schools in the Leith area. A block of rugby coaching, teaching the basic skills, were delivered during the last academic year across all Leith primary schools, culminating in a Festival of Rugby at Academy Park, attended by 250 children. This year we also intend to run S1 rugby in conjunction with Leith Academy, in addition to our established commitment to primary school pupils.



We are looking to raise funds to further progress the level of rugby and sporting participation of local children. They represent the future of rugby within the Leith area and we aim to support the health and wellbeing benefits derived from playing this great team sport.

All contributions will be featured on our website pages and in future copies of the match day programme. Opportunities also exist for sponsorship of future Leith Festivals of Rugby.

If you or your company or your employer would be interested in making a donation to such a worthwhile cause, please contact Gordon Anderson at gordon.anderson@kaimes.edin.sch.uk or send an email to us at leithhawkslugby@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



MATCH REPORT: LISMORE 12 V 24 LEITH RUGBY

Leith started the game with the majority of the ball however the Lismore defence proved resolute throughout the park making it difficult for Leith to get any territory to go with their possession. However a few good breaks from centre Eoin Murphy and 2nd Row Mike McLeish kept Lismore on the back foot. Leith continued to put pressure on and that was telling in the penalties that Lismore gave away at the ruck. However Leith were often a little too rushed on the ball meaning any meaningful chances to score were thwarted despite Thomas 'Choo' Lawrie's dancing feet on the touch line. This led to Captain Kenny Dannfald opting to take the points on offer and slot his first penalty of the year.

Lismore were starting to come into the game and their brand of running rugby, which Leith are more accustomed to playing rather than defending against, meant the Leith line was under pressure. The away side thought they cleared the imminent danger. However from a scrum Lismore were able to launch their backs from deep and beat the covering defence with good support play. Conversion missed and the half time whistle meant it was a tight game at 5-3.

Leith were looking to keep calm after the break and keep their first half efforts up, sure that the rewards would come eventually. They didn't have to wait long for that to happen. With the 2nd half looking much like the first, after yet another penalty given away by Lismore at the ruck, scrum half Andrew Paterson saw the gap open up in front of him and he was able to tap just outside the 22m and jink between a couple of players to dot down for his third of the season under the posts, the extras were added by Dannfald meaning the score was now 10-5 in Leith's favour.



Andrew Paterson



Jon Derrin

Leith were looking to add to their tally with powerful runs in the backs from Murphy, Homer and another new boy, Cameron Whiteside backed up by good tactical kicking from Ben Wilkinson was pinning Lismore back and kept Leith in the ascendancy. The forwards were putting in a shift too with Hancock, Connelly, Phillips and Paterson buzzing around the pitch. However again the scores were hard to come by, Dannfald missed a shot at goal pulling it wide of the left hand post before Ben Wilkinson had an attempted drop goal charged down.

It looked like it could have been one of those days as Dannfald glided past the defence and into the 22m, looking to bear down on the line he was certain to score before an ankle tap had him flying face first into the ground, spilling the ball 10 metres from the line. However from the resulting scrum Lismore cleared the ball straight down full back Dannfald's throat. Dannfald nipped back down the blindside and after drawing the defence to the touchline he slipped the ball to winger Jon Derrin who was able to power his way through the defence and make it behind the posts.

The third Leith try wasn't too far away either. With limited time on the clock Leith were pressuring the Lismore line, keeping the ball well and putting the defence under pressure. There were a few near things from Homer and Place as they surged deep into the 22m. Leith were able to switch the play quickly and Dannfald gave Murphy a flat pass 7m out and there was no chance to stop him from there. Conversion successful giving the score as 24-5 with four minutes left.

The Academy Park side pushed for a bonus point try in the last few minutes, however a loose ball in the middle of the pitch was sized upon and allowed the Lismore 12 to go over for the final score of the game.



Eoin Murphy

WHAT'S ON AT LEITH RUGBY

COMING SOON TO ACADEMY PARK

PRESIDENTS DAY
2.30PM, 22ND OCTOBER
QUIZ NIGHT
7.30PM, 22ND OCTOBER
HOGMANAY PARTY
8.00PM, 31ST DECEMBER
AUSTRALIA DAY
BURNS PARTY
7.30PM
28TH JANUARY

Hogmanay Party

BRING IN THE BELLS WITH LEITH RUGBY

INCLUDES DRINKS ON ARRIVAL, A FULL BUFFET
SERVICE, DISCO, BACON ROLLS AND A
FIREWORKS SHOW* AT MIDNIGHT!

£15 Per Person
£12 Per Member



Book Early LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

LEITH RUGBY V HAWICK LINDEN 3PM ACADEMY PARK

LEITH LAST THREE

08/10/16 LEAGUE
LISMORE 12 V 24 LEITH
01/10/16 LEAGUE
LEITH 54 V 16 INVERLEITH
24/09/16 LEAGUE
LIBERTON 6 V 10 LEITH

LEITH FORM



HAWICK LINDEN FORM



BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

LEITH 2ND XV V BROUGHTON 2ND XV
Wardie | Edinburgh

LEITH

HAWICK

K DANNFALD (C) 15
S EADIE 14
D WATTERS 13
E MURPHY 12
J DERRIN 11
B WILKINSON 10
A PATERSON 9
L MCKINNEY 8
O MAIN 7
A HOMER 6
B PLACE 5
M McLEISH 4
M PHILLIPS 3
K AITCHISON 2
B CONNELLY 1

D CORNWALL 16
R STITT 17
F FORSYTH 18
G LEES 19
C WHITESIDE 20
A BARR 21
J MPOFU 22

16/17 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
3	BROUGHTON	5	22
4	LEITH RUGBY	5	19
5	NORTHERN	5	19
6	TRINITY	6	14

GAMES



POINTS



PLAYER PROFILES

NEIL PATERSON



Position Flanker
Nationality Scottish
Appearances
1st XV 7
2nd XV 0

1st rugby club?

Greenock Wanderers as a 5 year old.

How did you come to join Leith?

I wanted to get back into rugby after a few years out the game, saw that Leith were close by and thought I'd give it a go.

Best moment in rugby?

Leith refusing to play a rearranged game and keeping their commitment to helping a charity two years ago, showed what rugby is really all about!

How do you think your teammates would describe you?

Polis b*****d!!

Who would you want in your corner in a scrap?

Probably big Luke, don't think too many folk would hang around long for a scrap with him. If not then Paul Haggon, he seems like fairly level headed guy...

Who do you think fancies himself the most?

Probably big Fraser...pretty sure he compared himself to George Clooney on Facebook last week.

PLAYER PROFILES

KENNY DANNFALD



Position Fullback
Nationality Scottish
Appearances
1st XV 8
2nd XV 0

1st rugby club?

First joined Paisley at the tender age of 7.

How did you come to join Leith?

I moved to the area for work and just looked around for a club. It was a toss-up between Leith and Inverleith (had no idea what either were like). Chose Leith on the strength that Sarah preferred the strip, wise move.

Best moment in rugby?

As a team, winning the league in St Boswells will be hard to beat. Individually scoring the infamous last minute winner at Penicuik after a dodgy Craig Smith cross field kick.

How do you think your teammates would describe you?

Long.

Who would you want in your corner in a scrap?

Is Rory still registered?! If not handsome Jon and Brucey (demons at the slapping)

Who do you think fancies himself the most?

Any of the lads that go to the sunbeds and pump the disco weights, you know who you are!!

TRIES



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MAN OF MATCH



This week we profile two of the club's players from the wild west, our resident copper Neil Paterson, and club captain Kenny Dannfald. We sat down with the two wanna-be-Weegies to pose a couple of questions.