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## LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY  
V  
PORTOBELLO

03 DECEMBER 2016

leithrugby.com





## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



*"Leith will be looking to get their season back on track"*

**Kenny Dannfald**  
**Club Captain**

Well it has been a while hasn't it! A combination of cancelled games, bad weather and the Autumn Tests have ensured rugby action has been scarce at Academy Park recently. In fact the Leithers haven't played a home game since President's day on 22nd October! There has been one competitive game in the period as Leith travelled to Dunbar in the cup but were unfortunately on the wrong end of a 19 try epic (match report overleaf). So after a few games without a win the Leith team will be looking to get their season back on track with a victory over today's visitors Portobello. Our neighbours have been flying high in BT East 2 with a good victory over Dalkeith cementing their 3rd spot. Leith will be doing everything they can to repeat last season's two league victories over Portobello. Beforehand the 2s will take on Duns RFC looking to maintain their good form.

There has been tonnes happening off the pitch. We held a very successful Quiz night in October, many thanks to Conor Kerr and Craig Winton for organising. We also hosted Monthey Rugby from Switzerland who they played out and entertaining game on Academy Park before visiting the even more hallowed turf of Murrayfield. Looking ahead we have our big Hogmanay Party coming up, at the time of going to print there were only 25 tickets left so see me soon if you want to come!

We are also still running our Youth Rugby Raffle with prizes ranging from tickets to Scotland v Ireland and a round of golf at St Andrews to vouchers for getting your hair and make-up done (something for the front row union!!). If you would like to buy tickets before the draw on December 17th see Derek Greenan, Gordon Anderson or Alex Bowman. Enjoy the games today.

**COMING SOON TO  
ACADEMY PARK**

**HOGMANAY PARTY**  
**31ST DECEMBER 8.00PM**

**AUSTRALIA DAY  
BURNS PARTY**  
**28TH JANUARY 7.30PM**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY  
SUPER SATURDAY**  
**18TH MARCH**



*Hogmanay  
Party*



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## LEITH YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

For those of you that don't know what's involved it is an 11km trip from Stanley Mills to Perth on the biggest volume river in Britain. Certainly not for the faint hearted and we all wish Gordon good luck and a safe trip. Hopefully he'll stay dry! You can sponsor Gordon and help the youth rugby at [www.everyclick.com/leithhawks](http://www.everyclick.com/leithhawks)

Derek Greenan is also in the process of organising a Christmas raffle that will be drawn on the 03 December 2016. Some fantastic prizes have already been donated and we expect to be selling tickets for this soon.

**This is great opportunity for the members of Leith to support the hard work of the youth rugby committee so that we can continue the funding of primary and secondary school rugby.**

We all know the benefits of team sport, the health benefits to be gained from children being active, how sport can help develop social skills, build self-esteem and confidence and help kids learn valuable life skills.

We also know how rugby helps you make life-long friends. We have all been there and we have all experienced the above and we still do. If it wasn't for rugby would you be reading this today? Would you be standing reminiscing about a tour to somewhere 20 or 30 years ago with someone you would never have met if it hadn't been for playing rugby?



Rugby is a great game to be enjoyed by all. Please help LRYD pass on these opportunities to the local children in Leith by supporting our work.

The LRYD steering group is made up of:  
Gordon Anderson, Bruce Tyler, Derek Greenan, Alex Bowman, Willie Cook, Russell Duncan, Brian Samson and Andrew McIntosh.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please do get in touch should you wish to discuss any of the above.

**LRYD**



## LEITH HAWKS



Leith Youth Rugby Development (LYRD) was set up as a charity earlier this year to deliver rugby to children within the local Leith primary schools.

Following on from the initial delivery period a very successful Festival of Rugby was held in June at which 300 local children attended. The feedback from the day was incredible. From the short questionnaires handed out:

**97% of the participants said they enjoyed the rugby sessions**

**91% said they wanted more rugby sessions**

**66% said they would like to attend an after-school rugby club**

The second session of curriculum time delivery has already started with sessions taking place in five local primary schools involving upwards of 300 children. We have also helped deliver at some of the schools' Healthy Living weeks and after the October school break, LYRD has arranged to deliver curricular time rugby to S1 and S2 pupils at Leith Academy.

We are involved with Active Schools in the Friday afternoon coaching of early year secondary pupils and a primary school cluster club has recently been set up and has generated a great deal of interest.

**LYRD is dependent entirely on contributions from charitable funds and trusts, private donations and our own fundraising.**

As you can imagine that fundraising effort is constant as without it, none of the above would have been possible. We currently have various plans in place to maintain the fundraising effort. For example, Gordon Anderson is canoeing the Tay Decent today to raise funds.



*"Rugby is much more fun than football"*

**Festival of Rugby  
Attendee**



## MATCH REPORT: DUNBAR 60 V 53 LEITH RUGBY

After a couple of weekends without a game, the 1st XV travelled to Hallhill to take on Dunbar in the quarter final of the Edinburgh Regional Shield. In the end though, it was a fairly patched up Leith team that took the field as several key members were missing with injury, sickness or unavailable, meaning Leith travelled to Dunbar with a squad of only 16. In fact it wasn't just the team that was patched up, 2 incapacitated coaches, a Club President who was with the Argentina team and the rest of the club back at the ranch meant that Physio Gemma Donahoe and injured prop Conor Kerr were lonely figures on the Leith touchline.



*Man of Match Luke McKinney*

While Dunbar dominated the early exchanges, some dominant defence allowed Leith to start to have a go at the Dunbar rearguard and some quick play allowed the likes of Toby Kirkwood, Mike McLeish, Luke McKinney to make hard yards in the forwards and Doug Watters and Eoin Murphy started to breakout in the backs. After a quick penalty was taken the ball was spun to Kenny Dannfald who was able to burst over the line for the first score of the game in the corner, the captain converting his own try. Shortly after though, the home team were able to put some quick phases together and score in the opposite corner, following it up with another shortly after from the kick off. 10 - 7 to the home team.



*Try scorer Marcos Teixeira*

After a couple of penalties were conceded in the 22m Leith were getting closer and closer and from 5ms out scrum half Andrew Paterson was able to snipe over the line for his first of the game. This is where the game started to get a wee bit mental..... A double from Luke McKinney, and Paterson grabbing his 2nd before there were first tries for the club from Javier Hervás, linking up with fellow Spanish compatriot Marcos Teixeira, and Andy Homer, all as a result of being able to recycle the ball quickly and play the ball through the hands for scores in the corners. In amongst this glut of tries, Dunbar were able to hit back with one of their own which brought the half time score to 41-17 in favour of the Academy Park men.

A reshuffle in the backline due to the withdrawal through injury of the influential Paterson and a further reshuffle to the backline as Eoin Murphy paid the price for the teams indiscipline and headed for a 10 minute rest. Leith battled bravely but eventually the floodgates opened a little as Dunbar scored 29 points without reply to lead 48-41.

The game became more even with the return of Murphy but our hosts would strike again before McKinney crashed over the top of a few helpless defenders for his hat trick score, proving that the game was still on! Leith pressed for a further try that would level the game, but Dunbar were able to break away and score what would prove to be the winning try. Leith had the final say however, as Doug Watters was able to crash over from a quick tap 5ms out for the last score of the game as the away side continued to persevere deep into injury time.

Overall it was hugely disappointing to lose in the manner we did from the position of ascendancy we found ourselves in at the start of the 2nd half. However the Leith team and wider squad will take great experience from the game and heart that they were able to more than compete with a team that is mid table in the league above. The first half showed the standards that can be reached when we play to our full ability and we look to take this in to the rest of our league campaign.



*Andrew Paterson*



## PLAYER PROFILES

This week we profile 1st XV no 8 Luke McKinney and 2s flanker George Lees, who in the past have proven quite the night out double act. (Further details below) Luke, from Banbridge, Northern Ireland scored a hat-trick last time out at Dunbar, while George, from Fleet, Hampshire, also scored a hat-trick once.....at training. We sat down with the pair ahead of today's games.

### LUKE MCKINNEY



Position  
Nationality  
Appearances

Second row  
Northern Irish  
1st XV 11  
2nd XV 1

### PLAYER PROFILES

### 2ND XV

### GEORGE LEES



Position  
Nationality  
Appearances

Flanker  
English  
1st XV 2  
2nd XV 2

#### What was your first rugby club gents?

LM: Banbridge RFC when I was 10. And only 5'11'...

GL: That would be Aldershot and Fleet RUFC, aged 6.

#### How did you come to join Leith?

LM: I moved to Scotland and Leith was on my doorstep, and at the top of my google search. I was at training 24 hours after moving up here.

GL: I moved to Edinburgh for a new job and had a look around local clubs. A lad approached me from Trinity, I was new to town and knew little about the dirty filth they are (). I finally joined Leith because the club was within walking distance of my flat, and we were mid-table at that time - meaning there would be competitive rugby getting played.

#### Best moment in rugby?

LM: Ireland winning the 2009 Grand Slam is up there. Mostly because both the Irish and Welsh fans clapped each other out of the pub that day; the kind of mutual respect that makes rugby a great game.

GL: Christchurch to a win in the varsity game against Kent.

#### What about your dumbest moment?

LM: I once ran in for a try, got over the line, and decided to score under the posts, despite there being three defending players ahead of me. Needless to say I got bundled over the dead ball line, and was quickly crowned Dick of the Day.

GL: That's probably charging down a conversion and getting hand to it, changing the direction enough to put it over instead of going wide!

#### Luke, George is famed for his ability to dislocate his shoulder, what's your most gruesome injury?

LM: have a habit for splitting open my left eye. All combined I have amounted 14 stitches in that eyebrow, the most recent ones having been removed by team-mate Dr. Hoy - under the most pristine medical conditions.

#### It's the player's Christmas night out next week, which of your team-mates is the best value on a night out?

LM: It's got to be George here. Making a bet that results in rival nations' rugby emblems being tattooed on your body (during your first team night out) sets the bar pretty high. No one in his presence can

## LEITH RUGBY V PORTOBELLO 2PM ACADEMY PARK

### PREVIOUSLY

12/03/16 BT EAST 2  
LEITH 18 V 7 PORTOBELLO  
12/09/15 BT EAST 2  
PORTOBELLO 22 V 38 LEITH  
11/10/14 RBS SHIELD  
PORTOBELLO 36 V 7 LEITH

### LEITH FORM



### PORTOBELLO FORM



### BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

#### LEITH 2ND XV V DUNS

12PM | ACADEMY PARK | LEITH

### LEITH 1ST XV

K DANNFALD (C) 15  
A HOMER 14  
E MURPHY 13  
D WATTERS 12  
J DERRIN 11  
B WILKINSON 10  
A PATERSON 9  
L MCKINNEY 8  
O MAIN 7  
N PATERSON 6  
T KIRKWOOD 5  
M McLEISH 4  
B CONNELLY 3  
G HANCOCK 2  
T LAWRIE 1

### LEITH 2ND XV

A DICKSON  
I MCGINLEY  
C MORIARTY  
O JENKINS  
G EASDON  
G FORREST  
J FLEKY  
J DRUMMOND  
G LEES  
N OLSON  
C HOY  
S DAVIES  
C KERR  
S HALL  
R STITT (C)

W COOK 16  
C WINTON 17  
B PLACE 18  
A MACINTOSH 19  
M COBRA 20  
D ROBERTSON 21  
H CRASH 22

### 16/17 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
7	LISMORE	10	23
8	LEITH RUGBY	8	21
9	INVERLEITH	10	21
10	ED UNI MEDICS	9	16

### GAMES



### POINTS



### TRIES



### ASSISTS



### MAN OF MATCH



legitimately refuse a forfeit, and we all live in hope that we can get him to pierce something next.

GL: When you say best value, do you mean the cheapest, or the most fun? Either way it's Handsome Jon Derrin.

#### And who's banter is the worst?

GL: Sam Davies has pulled some questionable jokes out.

LM: Two horse race this one, I can't decide between Stitto and Haggon. Stitto based on everything he says forces me to count to 10 before responding. Haggon after watching him destroy a fellow player's chances with a not so young lady by screaming, "I will cut you" at her for no apparent reason.

#### Who is the best and worst dancer?

LM: Not sure if I can even answer this one, normally by the time it gets to dancing my memory of the evening has deteriorated beyond recall. I think I once saw Ross Marwick dancing on a bar in Munich, not sure how good he was. I do like the club tradition of playing Sunshine of Leith, trying to balance while standing in a circle, and screaming the lyrics at each other.

GL: Best, Rusty Smith. Worst, Chris Hoy.

#### And finally....last home game before Christmas - what do you want from Santa?

GL: The new England Rugby Jersey for me.

LM: Some form of human slave would be nice, someone who cleans and cooks preferably. Might work that into my next bet with George.