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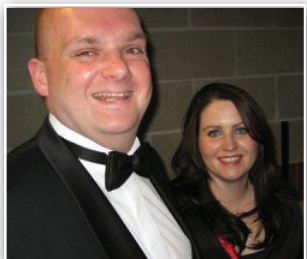
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RBS East League Division 2
Leith RFC v Dalkeith RFC
02 November 2013

Coach's Corner



"I believe the future of Leith Rugby Club lies with the people who know what it means to be part of Leith."

Eric Jones

October has been a difficult month so far. However, it has provided us with several learning points, possibly off the pitch more than on it. It's certainly reinforced my belief in fielding a team with our own players.

Whilst other teams in our league have brought players in from higher divisions to play us, I still believe that the future of Leith Rugby Club lies with the people who know what it means to be part of Leith.

This month also reinforced my belief in actually coaching players. As a coach, it's easy to look around and try to 'pull in a player' to plug a gap. However, our job as coaches is to develop players, so we should be looking amongst our squad to see how we can fill gaps. This approach is a long term view rather than a short term fix. This is what is currently going on at training, with a mixture of young lads learning the ropes and some more experienced players learning other roles.

Today's challenge from top of the table Dalkeith, will be a good one. These are the games that we wanted last season, so let's take up the challenge.

Once again, the vocal encouragement of you Leithers is valued.

Dates for the Diary

Whilst the players have been doing themselves credit on the pitch in our first season back in East 2 for a few years, there is also a great deal going on off it around the club just now and a few dates for the diary follow below.

Date	Event
02 Nov	Players Halloween Night Out
08 Nov	Disco Inferno 70s Night in support of Maggie's Centres Royal Marines & Navy Club (tickets £7.50 from Lauren Jones)
16 Nov	Quiz Night (tickets from A MacIntosh/C Winton)
07 Dec	Players Christmas Night Out
25 Jan	Leith Rugby Burns Supper

Previous Game: 26 Oct RBS East 2 Berwick 55 v 7 Leith

Player Profile



Position Fullback/
Scrumhalf
Age 22
Appearances 9
Tries 3
Assists 1
Points 15
MoM 2
@Burge91

Ryan Burgess

Ryan Burgess rejoined his first club in January last season after a spell with Heriot's FP. The former young player of the season has had a huge impact since returning, scoring 9 tries in the East 3 Championship run-in, including a hat-trick at home to Walkerburn, as well as the title-deciding score at St Boswells on the last day of the season in what was also a man-of-the-match-winning display.

Having moved from the back three to scrum-half to cover injury this season, Ryan has helped himself to 3 tries and 2 more MoM performances, scoring at Penicuik before a brace at Edinburgh Northern two weeks ago. Possessing great feet and electric pace, Burgess is a game-breaker who punches well above his weight, and is a key player in our backline wherever he plays.

Season Stats

RBS East Regional League Division 2 2013/14

#	Team	P	W	L	D	+/-	PTS
4	Trinity Academicals	7	3	4	0	70	17
5	Leith	8	3	5	0	-120	16
6	Edinburgh Northern	7	3	4	0	-181	14
7	Earlston	7	2	5	0	-68	13

Scorers 2013/14

Games	Tries	Points	Assists	MoM
9 R Burgess	3 R Burgess	30 K Dannfald	3 D Watters	2 R Burgess
9 C Winton	3 M Balmer	15 R Burgess	3 C Smith	2 R Clarke
8 M Phillips P Allison	3 G Aitken	15 M Balmer	2 D Robertson	2 D Watters

Leith last six: LWLLLL

Next Game: 16 Nov RBS East 2 Leith v Lismore