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## MEN'S CAPTAIN'S CORNER

We're already halfway through October but it seems no let-up in rugby here at Academy Park! The 1st XV welcome Langholm, who last played the Leithers in the East 2 promotion decider back in May 2022. On that day it was the men in Blue and White who were victorious, earning them the final spot for promotion to East 1. With Langholm joining East 1 this season, it will no doubt be a tough afternoon, but with a strong squad, belief is strong within the club that a win is on the cards.

Last weekend saw the first rest weekend in East 1, which left the mighty 2s to host Thebans at Academy Park and they certainly did not disappoint! The boys were on fire with some scintillating rugby and tries galore, leading to a very impressive victory! Clearly raring to go after their cancelled game last week. With a result like this, it is exciting to see how far this group of players can go this season! But next up, is a trip down south to play Walkerburn. The boys will be looking to build on last week's performance and put in another impressive display and I am sure they will enjoy their bus journey back!



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## WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It's been an exciting couple of weeks here at Leith Women's Rugby - here's what's been going on... Our team's hard work and dedication paid off with a convincing 22-3 victory over RDVC. It was a fantastic display of our teams' growing confidence and determination. The visitors gave us a brilliant, competitive game, but our solid defence held them off. Celebrations afterwards were well deserved.

In a significant development, our coach, Emily Evans, has secured invaluable support with the addition of James Williams to the women's coaching team. This addition promises fresh perspectives, strategies, and guidance as the team prepares for the playoffs.

Nature threw us a curveball with flooding in Perthshire, causing a delay in our final game before the playoffs. However, this obstacle hasn't affected the team's determination, and we remain focused on our upcoming games.

Every week, we're seeing new faces at training. Loads of talent, potential, and enthusiasm is making it an exciting time to be part of Leith Women's Rugby. It's a testament to our growing community and the positive direction we're heading in. I can't help but feel proud and optimistic about our future!

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## CLUB NEWS

**Brick Wall** - You may have noticed that over the summer we have managed to install the commemorative bricks bought over the centenary year in the club house. We would love to add to the wall in the next few months. You can buy the bricks on the website today!

**Subs now due!!** - All players and supporters are reminded that subs for the year are now due. This support of the club is invaluable and would encourage all who are able to take out membership. If you require the details or costs please email [leithrhc@gmail.com](mailto:leithrhc@gmail.com)

**New Sponsors** - Many thanks to our new sponsors who have joined us this year. We have a couple of announcements in the next few weeks but welcome aboard, VX3, Campervan, CA Massage, and Leith Bottle Shop! Look forward to working with you!!

**Volunteers Needed** - The club is on the lookout for more people to help out. From the small jobs like getting trophies engraved to weekly Youth Rugby coaching, get in touch if you can help



## NEXT CLUB EVENTS

Those who took part had a great night at the treasure hunt at the start of the month. Several teams solved the clues as they worked their way through the bars of Leith before finally making it to new sponsor Malones! Thanks all who came!

The social team are busy in the background putting the finishing touches on the next event - stay tuned to our social media for the details.

Meanwhile, despite Scotland's untimely exit from the tournament, we will continue to show the Rugby World Cup games where possible. We will be open for both games on Saturday 14th October!

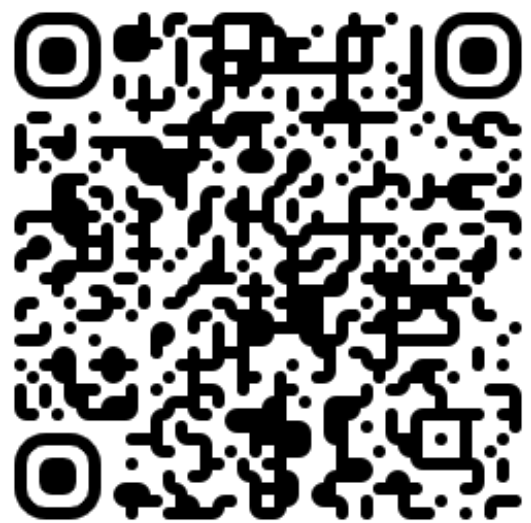






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## MEN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Name:** Logan Palmer

**Position:** Centre

**Joined the club:** 2022

**Sporting Hero:** Michele Crolla.....or  
Conrad Smith/ Mike Tyson

**Favourite food:** King Prawn Balti

**Pre-Game Hype song:** Aint Got no Haters -  
Ice Cube

**Fun Fact:** I own one of the last match day  
Border Reviers jerseys

**Favourite Leith memory:** Winning  
newcomer of the year last year



## WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**Name:** Aasiyah Patankar

**Position:** 9/Centre

**Joined the club:** 2023 when the women's team  
formed

**Sporting Hero:** Simone Biles/Cristiano Ronaldo

**Favourite food:** Noodles

**Pre-Game Hype song:** Dance Wiv Me by Dizzee  
Rascal

**Fun Fact:** I'm a serial apologist, I'll tackle  
someone and apologise

**Favourite Leith memory:** Celebrating our wins,  
little successes and improvements between  
games. The whole Leith rugby network is so  
supportive on and off the pitch. I can't wait to  
continue to see us grow



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Saturday morning saw the u14 boys participate in a festival at inch park. Some great flowing rugby on show with plenty of offloads! Player of the day was Alex McClay for his strong running and commitment to tackles.

Likewise the u16 boys were in action at inch park. The boys showed some great knowledge of the game in their festival of rugby. Player of the day was Hamish Uttley strong tackling and defensive knowledge.

Sunday morning saw the u14 girls head to Berwick for a festival of rugby. Some great rugby on show with Lilly Tipton for her defensive work and good running with the ball.

The u16 girls joined the u14 at Berwick playing against Currie, Kelso and Gala. The girls really enjoyed their outing playing some expansive rugby. The player of the day was Isabelli Monteiro for her quick running and communication.

The Hawks had their first fixture of the year against Royal high with primary 1-7s participating. Great to see so many kids down playing some great rugby!



### THIS WEEKEND

Little Leithers & Primary 1-7

No Game or training

U14 Girls

No Game

U14 Boys

No Game

U16 Girls

No game

U16 Boys

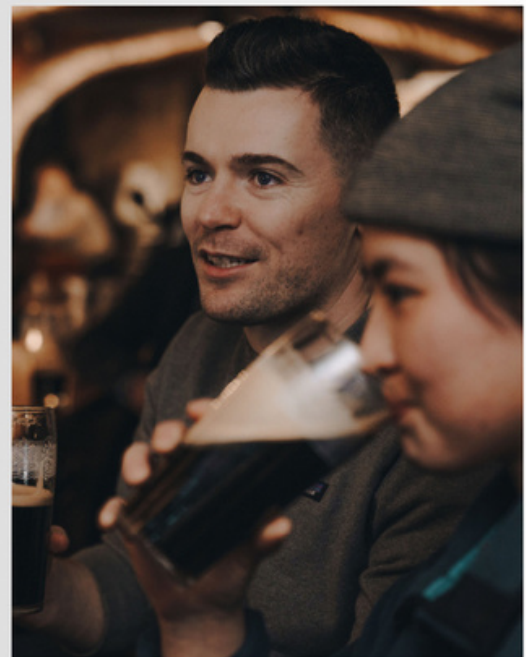
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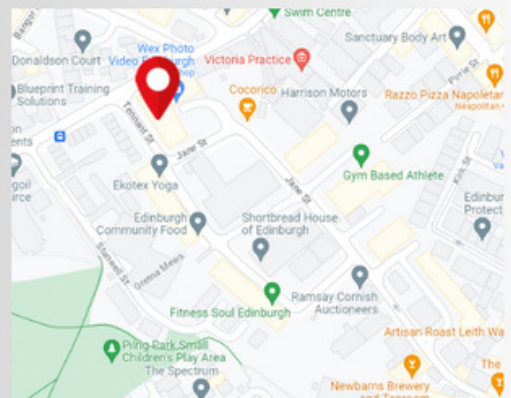
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## MEN'S TEAM UPDATE

Each team has only had one game since our last edition with some mixed fortune for either team. The first XV had a home game against Royal High in which nothing seemed to go right for the Leithers in a game that was 24-5 to Royal High at half time it threatened to get completely away but a tough 2nd half meant there was little added to the score, 27-5 to the visitors it finished.

Meanwhile the 2nd XV have also only played one fixture running out strong winners against Caledonian Thebans, 71-5 the score in the end. A hat trick from Ryan Notton a double from Declan with other tries coming from Alexander, Stewart, Mohamed, Barclay and McAteer.



This week Leith welcome Langholm to Academy Park once again as the sides are reunited following Langholms promotion last year. The last time the sides met was when Leith manage to just pip Langholm to the promotion spot a few years ago. Langholm have had a strong start to the season picking up a couple of wins against Forresters and Royal High, whilst they have pushed Linlithgow close too. Another tough game in store for the 1st XV.

The 2s meanwhile are on the bus! Walkerburn await down at Caberston Haugh. Always a great place to visit and play rugby and some even better hospitality! Boys are looking forward to the trip and hope to be coming back with a win!!



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## Leith Vs RDVC: 22 - 3

A huge result for Leith women's rugby over RDVC, who provided Leith a great challenge despite it being their first game of the season.

After an intense week of training working on their set piece, communication and support in attack and defence, it was great to see Leith reaping the rewards on the pitch.

They put in an immense effort to stop RDVC scoring any tries, despite getting into their 22 on multiple occasions.

The game featured incredible tries from Dani Stirling-O'Kane, along with Phoebe Tebb and AJ Rosloniec (2) in what were their first caps for Leith, earning themselves the forward and back of the match awards respectively.



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## UPCOMING FIXTURES

TEAM	DATE	TIME	VS	LOCATION
1st XV	14/10	2pm	Langholm	Academy Park
2nd XV	14/10	2pm	Walkerburn	Caberston Haugh
1st XV	21/10	3pm	Haddington	Neilson Park
2nd XV	21/10	3pm	Preston Lodge 2nd XV	Academy Park
1st XV	28/10	3pm	Linlithgow	Academy Park
2nd XV	28/10	3pm	Dalkeith 2nd XV	Academy Park
1st WXV	29/10	2pm	TBC	TBC
1st XV	04/11	2pm	Forrester	South Gyle
2nd XV	04/11	2pm	Edinburgh Northern 2nd XV	Inverleith Park
1st WXV	05/11	2pm	TBC	TBC



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## LEITH MEN'S 1ST XV VS LANGHOLM

**OCTOBER 14 @ 2PM, ACADEMY PARK**

1. R BARCLAY
2. T LAWRIE
3. C FINDLAY
4. D MULLINS
5. R LANCASTER
6. S MCATEER
7. J DRUMMOND
8. M CROLLA
9. J RODRIGUEZ
10. R JOHNSON
11. R NOTTON
12. F STEWART
13. J CRAIG
14. R MORRISON
15. A SLESSOR

### REPLACEMENTS

16. L MITCHELL
17. C WINTON
18. A PATERSON
19. A ALEXANDER





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## LEITH MEN'S 2ND XV VS WALKERBURN

**OCTOBER 14 @ 2PM, CABERSTON HAUGH**

1. A NOTHER
2. S WILSON
3. A MOHAMED
4. B PLACE
5. P HOPE
6. C MCLEOD
7. L BATH
8. P HAGGON (C)
9. S BRIGGS
10. C PATERSON
11. A PATTERSON
12. J DERRIN
13. J HOUGH
14. L BRANA
15. C SMITH

### REPLACEMENTS

18. O BISSET
19. D ORLOWSKI
20. B FREER

