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ALL PROCEEDS TO LEITH RUGBY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

LEITH RUGBY 1ST XV

V NORTH BERWICK RFC

SAT 28 SEPT | ACADEMY PARK | 3PM

LEITH RUGBY 2ND XV

V FERRY ROAD WANDERERS

SAT 28 SEPT | INVERLEITH PARK | 3PM

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



"Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you enjoy a great game of rugby today!"

Jamie Drummond
Club Captain

I'd like to welcome everyone to Academy Park for this Tennent's East 2 fixture against North Berwick who, down from East 1, will look to stamp their authority on this league and we expect a mighty challenge from them following victory over Dunbar last weekend. Elsewhere our 2nd XV play Ferry Road Wanderers and will look to continue their unbeaten record in this top of the table clash. Good luck 2s!

The 2s have claimed large victories in their fixtures against Inverleith, Ross High and Lismore. They have been playing an exciting and expansive game and raising their hands for 1st XV selections, which is really encouraging for the whole club.

The last 1st XV fixture saw us take on our local rivals, Trinity. It was a hard fought encounter by both teams, full of drama right to the final whistle, when a last play try and conversion got us home 27-25. I was very proud of the squad that they kept their heads in the game right through the 80 after facing much adversity throughout. Having a bye this past weekend has allowed us to work on a few aspects of our game as well take a good travelling support to watch our 2nd XV play Lismore.

I'd like to thank everyone involved with making our RugbyForce Day such a success. There was a huge response in donations for Edinburgh North Food Bank as well as Socks for The Street. The boys did a great job with the litter pick at Leith Links with the help of Leithers Don't Litter. If you would like to continue supporting these initiatives, please let me know. 2 wins from Leith topped the day off in a great way!

On the social front, preparations are well under way for our Oktoberfest which will take place on the 12th October. Tickets are £10 (first 50 tickets sold include a free stein glass), please see Danielle Haggon or myself if you would like to purchase tickets.

Thanks for your on-going support and I hope you enjoy a great game of rugby today!



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?.....DUNCAN FORD

This week we spoke to Shuggie Rodden, star of the Leith pack 1986-1994, during a period when the club competed higher up the Scottish pyramid. In less flattering terms, he was once mistaken for his lock partner Tam Bennett and ordered from the field as a result!

Name: Duncan Ford

Hometown: Leith

Position: Wing

Age: 38

Playing Years: Leith mini rugby 1989 – 92, Leith Academy 1993 – 98, Leith Rugby 1999 – 01 (then anytime I was home till 2005)

Where are you these days? I'm living in Windsor and working as a Client Service Manager for an Internet and Data Centre company

Have you played any rugby since Leith? Jonah Lomu Rugby for the PlayStation count?

Favourite Moment in a Leith jersey? Tam Bennett's face when he got 'bus' on his strip when he wanted 'coach'

Funniest moment down the club? Anytime Rob Storey had a go at Woody - priceless. Also Deek Greenan getting smashed from a restart in Dendermonde after I managed to somehow drop kick the ball backwards!

Best player(s) played with? Jackie Welsh, the aforementioned Deek Greenan and Paul Rowlings

Toughest training ground opponent(s)? Keith Smart (a.k.a Ninja), Phil Craze and I better say Aitchy or he'll kick my heid in

What do you miss most about Leith Rugby? The social side. Propping up the clubhouse bar with Dave Wilson drinking Willie Cook's aftershave

How do you keep in touch with the club? Sadly its been a few years. Social media keeps me up to date with what's going on. Hoping to be up for the North Berwick game though

Have you any message for the current playing squad? Go and smash the league this year boys and someone take Russell Smith for a haircut!



"Go and smash the league this year boys...and someone take Russell Smith for a haircut!"

Former player

Duncan Ford

[If you'd like to recommend a former player for us to feature, get in touch at leithrfc@gmail.com]



YOUTH RUGBY UPDATE



Leith Rugby's youth section continues to develop rapidly, and we now have over 40 youth members attending Sunday sessions and have 15+ fixtures scheduled for the season. This is a great opportunity for the kids in Leith to get playing some competitive games of rugby. Sunday rugby continues each week and we encourage all kids to come along from P1-7. The sessions are on Sunday mornings 10:00-11:30 at Leith Rugby club.

We've started the season with a doubleheader of games with Royal High Rhinos, playing our first ever game at Barnton, before welcoming the Rhinos to Academy Park earlier this month for a P4-7 fixture, as well as a joint training session for the P1-3s, which was a huge success. Thanks to everyone at Royal High for helping to make that happen.

Just Thursday passed we hosted our 13th Primary youth rugby festival, at Leith, and featuring in the P4 festival we had Leith Primary, Lorne Primary, St Mary's Primary school, St Ninians Primary school, Hermitage Park Primary school and Craigentenny Primary school, and a total of over 300 kids taking part - taking the total number of kids who've participated in our festivals to nearly 3000.

We have also welcomed 3 new primary schools into the primary school rugby development programme, in Royal High Primary School, Leith Walk Primary school and Bun-Sgoil Taobh na Pairce.

We're also continuing to build a great relationship with Leith Academy, having last year managed to put out an S1/2 and U16's boys' team for the first time in over 20 years. Our afterschool clubs are in full flow again this academic year with over 35 boys attending sessions at Leith Academy on Monday nights 15:15-16:45. The girls rugby at the school continues to grow with around 40 girls training on Wednesday nights 15:15-16:45.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in helping with the rugby development programme in Leith.

Thanks,
Ross Johnston, Leith Rugby Development Officer
Leithhawks@gmail.com





MINI RUGBY AT LEITH

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PRIMARY 1 - 7 | BOYS AND GIRLS



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IN MEMORIAM.....DAVID ARMSTRONG & BOB HOMEWOOD

It's with tremendous sadness that we advise of the deaths of two former Leith members, David Armstrong and Bob Homewood, who passed away earlier this month. Our thoughts are with both families at this sad time.

David Armstrong passed away on Saturday September 14, and is described by President Jim Smith as a Leith Rugby legend. On leaving Leith Academy, where he was school Dux, David joined Leith Accies RFC and rapidly made a name for himself as a very talented and aggressive No 8. His skills soon came to the attention of Edinburgh selectors and resulted in him playing for Edinburgh on numerous occasions, and culminating in his playing against the All Blacks in 1979 - playing superbly opposite an All Black great, Andy Haden. David was a larger than life character both on and off the pitch, and will be remembered as one of the greatest players to have worn a Leith Accies jersey. He was extremely unfortunate not to have received International recognition.

David's funeral will take place on Monday 30th September at 12.30pm at Mortonhall.

Bob Homewood passed on Sunday September 15, and his funeral is at Seafield Crematorium on Monday 30th September at 11am.



PLAYER PROFILES

MARCOS TEIXEIRA



Back Row / 2nd Row	Position	Hooker / Prop
32	Age	24
Madrid	Hometown	Buenos Aires
C.C Informacion, aged 24	First club	C.R.Vila, aged 14
XV Hortaleza R.C (2012-2016)	Former clubs	C.R.Vila

IVAN ACOSTA



In this week's programme we profile two of the the club's 6-strong Spanish-speaking contingent (7 if you include Coach Kev.), in Madridista Marcos Teixeira, entering his 4th season at Academy Park, having joined in 2016; and Argentine hooker Ivan Acosta, new to the club at the end of last season, and enjoying his 1st full season at Leith.

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - nothing particular, just a small breakfast

My pre-game music selection is - The internationale

If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - fight with the hangover, or probably I would be working

My best claim to fame is - my highly qualified English

If I was an animal I would be - a monkey

Who would play you in a movie about your life? - any bad actor who wants to win an Oscar

My dream date is - Sarah Connor

My sporting hero was/is - Muhammad Ali

My favourite fast food is - chicken kebab

My favourite App is - HBO Spain

My middle name is - Alberto

You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? - Paul Haggon and his dogs

And which one are you hoping isn't there? - Bruce Connelly, I wouldn't want to fight him for the last food

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why? - Willie Cook. So I can know the life of one of the wildest men I've ever known

Best dressed team mate? - Will Tuft

Worst dressed team mate? - Reece Barclay

Smartest and dumbest team mates? The answer depends on whether you like to waste time playing touch or not..

Best value on a night out? Jamie Drummond

I joined Leith because - it was the first social team I saw when I moved to Edinburgh. It's a good thing I didn't see another one

What is your goal for the season? promotion. And to see the 2nd XV improving and getting stronger

What is your least favourite training drill? Rugby touch

Favourite rugby moment? after games when I drink with the boys, especially if we won

Most embarrassing rugby moment? any hand-off, those can be embarrassing

Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season? Trinity

Who will win the World Cup? New Zealand, but it would be great if Georgia won

My pre-match Saturday ritual is - thinking about the game to come

My pre-game music selection is - usually soundtracks from my favourite TV shows or movies

If I didn't play rugby on a Saturday I would - read manga

My best claim to fame is -

If I was an animal I would be - a sloth

Who would play you in a movie about your life? - Zac Galifianakis

My dream date is -

My sporting hero was/is - Facu Campazzo

My favourite fast food is - pizza

My favourite App is -

My middle name is - Sebastian



You're stranded on a desert island, which team mate are you taking with you? - Marcos Teixeira, so that I can speak in Spanish

And which one are you hoping isn't there? - Reece Barclay, only because i don't understand what he says!

If you could be one of your teammates for a week....who would it be and why? - Andrew Baxter, because I would like to be fast for one week of my life

Best dressed team mate? - Felix Palin

Worst dressed team mate? - Euan Humphreys

Smartest and dumbest team mates? James Nimmo, the Maths teacher. Dumbest, I'll say Euan [Humphreys] again - sorry!

Best value on a night out? I enjoy spending time with all of my team mates

I joined Leith because - I wanted to get back into playing rugby again

What is your goal for the season? to be good in defence

What is your least favourite training drill? jump squats

Favourite rugby moment? half time!

Most embarrassing rugby moment? any bad line out throw

Which team are you looking forward to playing most this season? all of them!

Who will win the World Cup? Argentina

TODAY'S TEAM LISTS

2019/20 SEASON STATS

1ST XV vs NORTH BERWICK, 3PM

1 J NIMMO
2 R MARSHALL
3 I ACOSTA
4 M TEIXEIRA
5 N PATERSON
6 S McATEER
7 C ALLAN
8 J DRUMMOND (c)

16 C WINTON
17 T KIRKWOOD
18 L MCKINNEY
19

9 D SOMMERVILLE
10 B WILKINSON
11 N ANDREWS
12 J CAMPEY
13 D WATTERS
14 M BOWMAN
15 A BAXTER

1ST XV



APPEARANCES

A BAXTER 5
J DRUMMOND 5
R JOHNSTON 5
8 players 4

2ND XV



P DUNCAN
M HEPBURN
B PLACE
5 players

TRIES



A BAXTER 8
M TEIXEIRA 4
N ANDREWS 2
R MORRISON 2
N PATERSON 2
B WILKINSON 2

5 R MARWICK
3 A BARR
3 K DANNFALD
3 P HAGGON
2 7 players



2ND XV vs FERRY ROAD WNDERS, 3PM

1 M HEPBURN
2 R BARCLAY
3 R STITT
4 S BATES
5 D CORDOBA
6 P HAGGON (c)
7 S MOORE
8 D MEADOWS

16 A MACLEOD
17 S DAVIES
18 J FOGARTY
19 I DE BOER

9 S GUESFORD
10 C MURRAY
11 D BOMPAS
12 W TUFT
13 G EASDON
14 D BOMPAS
15 L DUNKO

ASSISTS



R JOHNSTON 7
N ANDREWS 2
A BAXTER 2
J CAMPEY 2
R MARSHALL 2

7 K DANNFALD
7 G LEES
2 A BAXTER
2 M BOWMAN
2 F MACNAMARA



POINTS



R JOHNSTON 55
A BAXTER 40
N ANDREWS 10
R MORRISON 10
N PATERSON 10
B WILKINSON 10

41 K DANNFALD
28 S GUESFORD
25 R MARWICK
15 A BARR
15 P HAGGON
12 G LEES



COMING SOON

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

1ST XV @ CORSTORPHINE, 3PM

2ND XV @ CORSTORPHINE, 3PM

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

1ST XV vs PENICUIK, 3PM

2ND XV @ PENICUIK, 3PM

LEITH RUGBY'S OKTOBERFEST,

7PM - LATE

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

1ST XV vs LANGHOLM, 3PM

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

1ST XV @ DUNBAR, 3PM

(EDINBURGH SHIELD QUARTERFINAL)

MAN OF THE MATCH



S McATEER 2
A BAXTER 1
R JOHNSTON 1
M TEIXEIRA 1

2 A BARR
1 S GUESFORD
1 R MORRISON



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