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## LEITH RUGBY

BT East Region League 2

LEITH RUGBY  
V  
EDINBURGH NORTHERN

23 SEP 2017  
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*"We'll need a more consistent performance today"*

**Ben Wilkinson**  
Club Captain

Welcome everyone to Academy Park for the BT East 2 fixture against Edinburgh Northern. Over the years we have had some exciting battles with Northern, and today I'm sure we can expect more of the same.

Last week Leith recorded their first victory of the season away to Earlston. We needed to hit back after three opening losses and controlled the first half. However indiscipline nearly cost us the game and thankfully Earlston missed a conversion to win the on the last play. We'll need a more consistent performance today to have any chance of putting one over Northern. Our opponents started the season well with two victories but were unlucky in the last two fixtures, losing narrowly. They'll hope to return to winning ways this afternoon so you'll be in for a great game.

The 2nd XV are in action today in Walkerburn and will look to improve on a good performance against Ross High last week, and at the time of this going to print we were on track to field a 3rd XV for the first time in a good while. This shows great progress for our club and shows just how many guys are enjoying their rugby at Leith.

Off the pitch, thanks to Craig Winton for arranging the Leith Rugby Treasure hunt. I'm sure everyone would agree what a good night it was. Also, on behalf of the club we'd like to wish Anita Cook a happy 40th birthday and thanks for a great party last Saturday!

Good luck to both teams today and hopefully we'll be in for an entertaining game of rugby. Enjoy the game!

Leith headed down the A68 for the second time this season, however this time the result favoured the Edinburgh men as they returned with their first victory of the year. Earlston enjoyed much of the early possession but Leith were able to absorb the pressure well as the one out runners weren't troubling the more aggressive Leith defence with Neil Paterson and Paul Haggon leading the charge. Leith kicked into gear and motored up the other end of the park. After a good run by Andrew Paterson, Leith had a number of phases before Earlston infringed but like the home kicker, Dannfald drifted his kick wide of the post.

Leith were still camped in the home teams half and after kicking a penalty to the corner the away side sniffed its first chance of points. A good catch and drive from the forwards set the platform for the backs and powerful winger Ross Marwick to latch onto the pass from Ben Wilkinson, burst through the defence and touchdown from 15m out. Dannfald duly converted and Leith were first on the board.

It didn't take long for Leith to grab their second as from the kick off Paul Haggon burst through the Earlston defence and made good yards into their hair. Whilst the ball was knocked on, from Earlston's resulting clearing kick, winger Paterson gathered and with pace, footwork and power beat 3 or 4 defenders on a 60m dash to the line. This time the conversion was missed leaving the score 12-0 to Leith. Paterson almost scored the third try of the afternoon as once again he shrugged off a couple of defenders and made 50m deep into the 22. However the full back eventually brought Paterson down and Leith were unable to convert more goal line pressure into points.

Earlston finished the half where they started it by piling the pressure on the Leith line after a few penalties gave them field position. Flanker Paul Haggon was sent to the bin after one too many penalties in the red zone from the team but the defence stood firm and showed no way through for the home side. Eventually Marcos Teixeira who was at the heart of a great defensive effort secured the turn over for Leith to clear. Earlston came again but after being constantly repelled back, opted instead to take the points and draw an end to the half.

The message was clear for Leith at the half, keep the discipline and keep the same level of performance as they had in the middle 25 of the first half. The weather was now closing in and making handling conditions difficult for both teams which did not suit the rugby Leith were trying to play. A few errors and penalties once again gave the home team some field position and they took the chance to double their points tally to 6. Ranging runs by Marwick, Kilgour and Paterson once again got Leith into the Earlston half. Paterson did manage to breach the defence again but was hauled to the ground just short on the 5m line and his attempted offload could not be gathered by the onrushing McNamara. Leith piled on the pressure but were being let down by their handling in the tough conditions. However it was from this pressure and bad handling that gave that man Paterson the chance to run against a broken defence and step his way to his second score of the day. Converted to give Leith a 19-6 lead.



**Andrew Paterson**  
Man of the Match

Ill-discipline then handed Earlston chances to get themselves back into the game. Leith were able to soak up the majority of the pressure, the front row union of Wilson, Winton, Connelly and then O'Neil worked hard at the set piece and in the loose to thwart Earlston back. Kirkwood and McLeish were also important in their carrying and defence as Leith looked to close the game out, and off the line out Forsyth was stealing and disrupting the home team at any chance. However from a 5m line, Earlston did get a shove on and scored a try with big question marks over the grounding. The conversion was made from out wide which gave us a six point ball game heading into the last minutes. Earlston came at Leith again and after being thwarted by some tackles out wide, some quick pick and goes allowed them to crash over with time in the red. Leith chased down the kick with everything they had and the home kicker sent it wide to give Leith their first victory of the year.

Overall Leith were delighted with the result but disappointed with different aspects of the performance. Solid showings all over the pitch, the forward pack fronted up their defensive effort massively, a new centre pairing of Muiriden and McNamara were solid and allowed the outside backs to flourish. But unanimously man of the match was Paterson, two good scores, many metres gains and a solid defensive effort helped Leith to the victory.

# LEITH RUGBY FIXTURES



**SAT 26 AUG** LEITH RUGBY v BARNTON  
**SAT 2 SEPT** HAWICK LINDEN v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 9 SEPT** LEITH RUGBY v LISMORE  
**SAT 16 SEPT** EARLSTON v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 23 SEPT** LEITH RUGBY v ED. NORTHERN  
**SAT 30 SEPT** PENICUIK v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 7 OCT** LEITH RUGBY v ROSS HIGH  
**SAT 14 OCT** GALA YM v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 21 OCT** LEITH RUGBY v ED. UNI MEDICS  
**SAT 28 OCT** RDVC RFC v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 4 NOV** LEITH RUGBY v DALKETH  
**SAT 18 NOV** LIBERTON v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 2 DEC** LEITH RUGBY v TRINITY ACADEMY  
**SAT 9 DEC** INVERLEITH v LEITH RUGBY  
**SAT 16 DEC** LEITH RUGBY v LANGHOLM

# LEITH RUGBY COMING SOON

**OCTOBER 28**  
LEITH RUGBY PUB QUIZ

**NOVEMBER 11**  
AUTUMN TEST  
SCOTLAND v SAMOA

**NOVEMBER 18**  
AUTUMN TEST  
SCOTLAND v NEW ZEALAND

**NOVEMBER 25**  
AUTUMN TEST  
SCOTLAND v AUSTRALIA

**DECEMBER 31**  
HOGMANAY PARTY



LEITH HAWKS

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

Starting in August we look forward to delivering rugby to Primary 4 pupils in the Leith primary cluster. We will be delivering sessions at Lorne Primary, Leith Primary, Craigintinny Primary, St Ninians and Hermitage Park Primary.

We are also starting to deliver curriculum rugby to the S1 pupils at Leith Academy. We have just begun a 6 week block of rugby for the boys and after the October school holidays we will be coaching the girls for 6 weeks. At the end of the delivery we will be running a rugby interhouse competition which has not been done before at Leith Academy.

Our afterschool clubs start up again Friday 1st September for the Secondary school boys while the Primary school cluster club starts back up again on Friday 15th September. In addition to this, we have now set up another afterschool club also on Fridays at St Ninians Primary school. This will start on Friday 15th September.

We're looking forward to hosting a rugby festival at Leith Rugby after the 6 weeks of delivery at the primary schools. The next rugby festival will be on the 12th October and will be for the Primary 4 children. We are still looking into the idea of having Minis rugby on Sundays in the coming months. We will be looking to create an opportunity for children to come along to Leith Rugby to participate in rugby and develop their skills.

### **This is a really exciting time for Leith Rugby club youth section.**

During the summer Leith Rugby in partnership with Active schools ran a summer camp for the first time. We had a mixture of boys and girls from P4-P7. The summer camp covered some of the fundamental skills of rugby and also looked at playing through the game by playing fun games and developing the children's game understanding and skills. We plan to run an easter camp and another summer camp next year.

Going forward we are starting to look at putting volunteers through rugby qualification courses so they can help out with game coaching at our rugby festival and assist the rugby development going on in the Leith area. In addition to this the LRYD were given money to spend on rugby equipment and with this we purchased rugby balls and branded Leith Hawks bibs which have been given to the schools.

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

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 in December. 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



## PLAYER PROFILES

Another two club newbies under the spotlight this weekend, as the Programme sat down with scrum half Fergal McNamara, and back rower Ewan Sutherland to learn more about their rugby careers to-date, and ambitions for the season.

### FERGAL MCNAMARA



Scrum-half  
28  
Tipperary,  
Ireland  
Lasswade  
Munster

### PLAYER PROFILES

Position  
Age  
Hometown  
Former club  
Pro team

### EWAN SUTHERLAND



Back row  
24  
Didcot,  
Oxfordshire  
Stirling County  
Glasgow Warriors  
and Bath

#### What was your first rugby club?

FM: Clan William back in Tipperary  
ES: Oxford RFC, aged 16

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

FM: A mate of mine at work (Will Tuft) plays here, and recommended Leith as a good bunch of boys  
ES: Like a lot of the guys, I had moved to the area, and looked for my nearest club

#### Which pro rugby player do you play like?

FM: I'd like to think I play a bit like Jonathan Davies, good running lines and soft hands  
ES: I'll go Thierry Dusautoir

#### What is your favourite moment of your rugby career so far?

FM: Scoring from my own garryowen, whilst playing under 16 for Munster  
ES: Finishing my time at Oxford by scoring the winning try on tour in France

#### What are your hopes for this season?

ES: To go 3 weeks without getting injured! And to get a few wins for Leith.  
FM: I'd love to get promoted. The setup is here to do so.

#### As one of the new guys at Leith, tell us something interesting your team mates don't know about you?

ES: I played against Kyle Sinckler back when he played for Battersea Ironside  
FM: I was on the Irish version of Take Me Out! (Edited: True story - and the boys already know this!)

#### And finally, Saudi Arabia turns 85 today. What do you hope you'll be doing on your 85th birthday?

FM: Hopefully watching Ireland win the World Cup  
ES: Skydiving! Why not.

## LEITH RUGBY V EDINBURGH NORTHERN 3PM ACADEMY PARK

### PREVIOUSLY

17/09/16 BT EAST 2  
LEITH 31 V 40 NORTHERN  
27/08/16 BT EAST 2  
LEITH 47 V 26 NORTHERN  
26/03/16 BT EAST 2  
NORTHERN 29 V 41 LEITH

### LEITH FORM



### NORTHERN FORM



LEITH  
K DANNFALD 15  
R MARWICK 14  
D WATTERS 13  
S MUIRDEN 12  
A PATERSON 11  
B WILKINSON 10  
R KILGOUR 9  
L MCKINNEY 8  
M TEIXEIRA 7  
R FINLAY 6  
T KIRKWOOD 5  
M MCLEISH 4  
J O'NEIL 3  
C WINTON 2  
S WILSON (C) 1

Unavailable  
at time of print

G AITKEN 16  
B CONNELLY 17  
M CROLLA 18  
P HAGGON 19  
P MITCHELL 20  
F MCNAMARA 21  
S EADIE 22

### 17/18 BT EAST LEAGUE 2

#	TEAM	P	PTS
8	NORTHERN	4	10
9	EARLSTON	4	6
10	LEITH RUGBY	4	6
11	LISMORE	4	5

### GAMES



FORSYTH 8  
DANNFALD 7  
KILGOUR 7

### POINTS



DANNFALD 35  
MARWICK 25  
KILGOUR 20

### BT DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

WALKERBURN V LEITH 2ND XV  
3PM | CABERSTON HAUGH

### LEITH 2ND XV FORM



### LEITH 2ND XV

15 G LEES  
14 J DERRIN  
13 D ROBERTSON  
12 R ALLEN  
11 A BARR  
10 L ROBSON  
9 G FORREST

1 T LAWRIE  
2 G CALABRESE  
3 P ALLISON  
4 B PLACE  
5 D CORDOBA  
6 A SEIGNOUX  
7 E MURDOCH (C)  
8 E SUTHERLAND

### REPLACEMENTS

16 T KES  
17 N HOLMAN  
18 A CLUNIE  
19 W SPEAKMAN  
20 J MANUEL TRUJILLO  
21 P DUNCAN  
22 I YOUNG  
23 D MEADOWS

### TRIES



MARWICK 5  
KILGOUR 4  
DANNFALD 3

### ASSISTS



WATTERS 5  
DANNFALD 2  
KILGOUR 2

### MAN OF MATCH



FORSYTH 2  
PATERSON 1  
KILGOUR 1