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## LEITH RUGBY VS FORRESTER

3PM. ACADEMY PARK. EAST DIVISION LEAGUE 1

## MEN'S CAPTAIN'S CORNER

A very warm welcome to everyone who's braved the weather to watch today's game against Forresters and to celebrate our Ladies day in the clubhouse.

Our penultimate game of the season promises to be a tight affair with both teams fighting it out for 6th spot in the table. After back to back wins in our last 1XV games, including a comprehensive win away to Duns last week, I'm confident we'll be making it 3 wins from 3 this week.

Unfortunately due to a huge injury list our 2XV haven't been able to field a team this week. While we'd all rather be playing than watching it just wasn't possible to put out a competitive team this week.

Today we are celebrating all the wonderful Ladies of Leith. The support, hard work, drive and patience of our ladies cannot be underestimated and I would like to take this opportunity to say, on behalf of all the male players, thank you for everything you do to make Leith the club it is today.

Good luck to everyone pulling on a Leith top today, hopefully I'll see you all in the bar after the game to celebrate another Leith win.



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# CLUB NEWS

Sevens Tournament - Our Annual Sevens tournament returns on the 29th of April. Its always a fun day for the whole family, with plenty Rugby on show. More details to be announced very soon, but for now make sure the date is in your diary so you don't miss out.

Coaches needed - We need coaches! At all levels from coaching the minis and midi's on a Sunday morning to assisting with our Men and Women's teams at various levels and ways - if you would like to know more or get involved get in touch at [Leithrfc@gmail.com](mailto:Leithrfc@gmail.com)

SRU Surveys - The SRU have released a number of surveys which we appeal to members to complete. The first one relates to concussion and your experiences of (<https://bit.ly/3YH7pq2>) and the second relates to a Scottish Government consultation on alcohol advertising in sport - this could have a major effect on all of Scottish Rugby and our club (<https://bit.ly/3XEYgwU>)

Club 100 - Congratulations to Ross Marwick on making his 100th Leith appearance for Leith Rugby, against Portobello. Marwick joined Leith in 2015 after being persuaded by a few of the guys in the team. After they succeeded, he joined us for the Sevens tournament and remained part of the team since. He has been a valuable player and an integral part of the team



## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Name : Julien Rodriguez

Position : Scrum Half

Joined the club : I joined the club in April 2021 after seeing an advert on Facebook.

Sporting Hero : Kobe Bryant

Favourite food : Japanese

Pre Game Hype song: Omar S - Thank you 4 letting me be myself

Fun Fact: I am always swearing in French during the games

Favourite Leith memory: Winning the home game against Langholm (season 2021-2022) which allowed us to get promoted in to East Division 1



# LEITH HAWKS



It has been a busy few months for Leith Rugby's Development team. In February we have been delivering rugby sessions to P7 pupils in 12 Primary Schools around the Leith area. We are running 4 Primary afterschool sessions with over 80 male and female players. We continue to run the Developing player programme at Leith Academy, the programme aim is a school of rugby model where S3 & S4 pupils take part in rugby sessions and strength and conditioning sessions. We now run pre-school strength and conditioning sessions. We continue to grow our partnership with Drummond High School running a lunch club with further curriculum delivery planned in the coming months.

On March 16th we are hosting a P7 festival at Leith Rugby club and are expecting 350 kids throughout the day. If you want to help out on the day please get in touch. Also on that week on Sunday 19th March we will be running a come and try session. The focus here is to welcome new players along to the club who are new to the game or looking to get back into rugby. The session will be free and running 10:30-12:00, Age 3 to U16's.

Over the course of the past few months our boys and girls Secondary School teams have been involved in weekly fixtures and festivals. Our girls teams were very excited about the announcement that Leith Rugby have now set up a Women's section and this will be a great pathway for all our your female players to aspire to.

We have 2 U15 boys players who have been nominated for the Player Development Hubs as they progress through Scottish Rugby's performance pathway.

We have a busy few months ahead and if you would like to get involved with coaching on Sunday's please get in touch we have over 120 youth members and are always looking for additional helpers when it comes to coaching and running fixture weekends.





# Dates for the Diary at Academy Park

## 1st XV Fixtures

## 2nd XV Fixtures

## Social Fixtures

18th March v Broughton

25th March - Lasswade 2XV

12th March - Scotland V  
Ireland

17th March - Super  
Saturday

29th April - Leith 7s

TBC - Club Awards

## NEXT CLUB EVENTS

Today the Club will be hosting, the return of Ladies day. The event team have been busy planning a fun filled day and tickets have been flying out the door. We have dedicated a special page of today's programme to Ladies Day so check that out. If you have not yet bought a ticket but would like to still come you can buy a ticket on the day however we may not be able to give you the full experience.

Next up is the BIG one, Leith Sevens Rugby Tournament. This will be held on the 29th of April, hopefully at this point the weather will be better and the sun will be shining. Its a day for all the family with plenty rugby on show. Get the date in your diary and we will see you there.





## LAST GAMES

Last week Leith 1st XV took the long trip down to the borders as they came up against Duns RFC. The game started off with a few mistakes from Leith allowing Duns to take an early lead from a penalty. In the first 20 minutes the two teams were evenly matched. However, Leith started to progressively keep the scoreboard ticking over. Duns constant penalties resulted in them being issued a Yellow card and a player was sent off. Leith went in to the second half with a 28-13 lead.

In the second half Leith ramped up the pressure, keeping possession and using the width to their advantage. Duns then conceded a second yellow card for a high tackle. With a impressive final score of 61-20 Leith got a third and well deserved win of the season. Tries coming from Craig Smith (2), Julien Rodriguez (2), Andrew Baxter (2), Craig Winton, Logan Palmer and returning Captain Neil Paterson. MOTM went to Flanker Duncan Mullins.



## THIS WEEKS GAMES

This weekend the 1ST XV welcome Forrester to Academy Park for their penultimate league game. The last time the Leith men played Forrester it was another close game. With Leith holding the lead in to the second half, playing a well structured game. However the win slipped away from them in the and the game ended with Forrester taking a 31-24 win.

Hopefully with a boost of confidence from their last two successful games they will be going in with a clear mind and will be able to play out the game they want and take the victory.

Go well boys - you've got this!!

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# TEAM LINE UPS

## LEITH 1ST XV v FORRESTER

### HOME

J NIMMO

C WINTON

T LAWRIE

D MULLINS

M CROLLA

J DRUMMOND

C ALLAN

S MCATEER

S GUESFORD

R JOHNSTON

R MARWICK

L PALMER

C FLANAGAN

A ALEXANDER

A SLESSOR

B CONNELLY

B PLACE

R GREENAN

A GHIGI

### AWAY

1. C AITKEN

2. C MCMILLAN

3. R STRACHAN

4. K MONCRIEFF

5. R INGLIS

6. S ABEL

7. D PARK

8. C MORRISON

9. J COWE

10. N ROBERTSON

11. S FULTON

12. C PRIOR

13. A GILFILLAN

14. R DOUGLAS

15. S DELAHUNT

16. C FAHERTY

17. S FINDLAY

18. P BREE

19. S MALDEN





# Leith Ladies Day

## Today's Itinerary

1230 - Arrival Drinks!

1300 - Afternoon Tea Buffet

1400 - Gin Tasting

1500 - Leith VS Forrester with VIP area

Alternative - Stay indoors for a chick flick

1700 - Boozy Bingo

1730 - Glitter Face paint

1800 - Evening Buffet

1900 - Dance the night away!



## Ladies Day 2023

By Captain's wife, Jill Paterson

In the same week as we have celebrated International Women's Day, Leith Rugby Club celebrates Ladies Day 2023. This is an opportunity for the club to celebrate the women who contribute to making Leith Rugby Club everything that it is today. This may be by supporting the teams on game days at the side of the pitch, taking on jobs behind the scenes, being part of the committee or just by holding the fort at home while their partners, brothers, sisters or parents pull on a Leith shirt to represent our club on the pitch.

It has been a while since we have celebrated Ladies Day. The last one being held on 7th March 2020 and what a day that was! Personalised prosecco glasses, gin tasting from Lind & Lime, glitter face paint, gift bags, games and amazing raffle prizes, led to a fantastic day being had by all in attendance.

This year, we aim to live up to the standard set at the 2020 Ladies Day and replicate the good times by preparing a day full of fun activities. These include afternoon tea, VIP pitch side area, cocktail making, glitter face painting and boozy bingo. Plenty to keep everyone entertained throughout the day.

By the time you are reading this the prosecco will be flowing and a fantastic day will be being enjoyed by all, but this has not all come together on its own. A huge thank you has to go everyone involved in the planning and preparation of the day. An extra special thank you is reserved for Joanne McNicol and Danielle Haggon, without their relentless hard work, this day would not have been possible.

ENJOY YOUR DAY LADIES!



## Raffle prizes up for grabs

Ocean Vertival £50 voucher

TISO £20 voucher

Rugbystuff.com £20 voucher

Pilot Beer, hat and bag (worth £50)

Lotus Nails £30 voucher

VICI hair and beauty £50 voucher

Moonwake beer and pin badge

Thank you to our Ladies Day Sponsor Vici Beauty and Hair Salon

