

Weekly Review: 27 April 2016

# BATs Rugby

*Rugby for all in North Edinburgh*



## CLUB

Club rugby is now drawing to a close for the season, but the U16s have a game against Livingston at Murrayfield on Friday evening, in the Regional Bowl Final, and last weekend our P5s had a great time hosting a visiting team from Florence.

### Accies Minis P5s v Firenze Rugby 1931:



The weekend of 23 and 24 April saw the Accies Minis P5s hosting an Under 10 team and their parents from Firenze Rugby 1931.

Training in Inverleith Park on the Saturday was followed by a visit to Edinburgh Castle. The 22 Accies and 11 Firenze children then met on Sunday on the back pitches at

Murrayfield Stadium, which made a fine setting for the P5s' first taste of European competition. We were lucky with the weather, although our Italian visitors seemed a bit chilly as the temperature in Florence is currently over 20C.

## What's on this week

### Wednesday 27 April

- Ace Academy, RAF Hall, 18.0-19.00
- No training for U15/U16/U18

### Friday 29 April

- BATs U16 v Livingston, Murrayfield, 19.00 - Regional Bowl Final



After a joint training session, the clubs played two games, which ended with the honours even with one victory apiece. This was followed by a game of 16-aside with players from both clubs mixed together. It was great to see the red and white of Firenze and blue and white of Accies in action together.

Firenze brought a strong side. Their boys showed great determination and commitment and had a good blend of both pace and strength. They were tough but extremely fair opponents and the matches were entertaining, displayed skillful rugby and were played in great spirit. The future of Italian rugby looks good.



At the end of the session the boys from Firenze celebrated by singing their club song and waving their shirts in the air. Our Italian visitors then had a tour of Murrayfield Stadium and lunch with the Accies Minis. It was a fantastic weekend, enjoyed by all the children and their parents. The P5s have now experienced one of the great traditions of rugby: meeting people from other parts of the world, who may not speak the same language but who are brought together in friendship through their love of the game of rugby. We hope this new friendship between Accies and Firenze will grow in the years to come.

## SCHOOLS

**Trinity Academy:** The school of rugby programme at Trinity Academy is still operational, with all years receiving one session a week. The focus this week has still been 7s based, with the lower years still to have their school competitions.

Following the U18s example in their Edinburgh School's 7s competition the week before, last week saw the U16s perform strongly in their age grade competition at Murrayfield. The team had trained well during the week and were becoming a rather competent 7s side. They entered the competition in high spirits and were rewarded by a first round victory over Boroughmuir High School, followed by a win against Dunbar in the next round. A close semi-final against Lasswade High saw the Trinity boys through to the final, which they narrowly lost to a strong Royal High side. This was a tremendous achievement - well done boys.

