



# WELCOME TO BRIDGEHAUGH

**FOSROC SUPER6 SPRINT SERIES  
6TH MAY 2022**



**STIRLING  
COUNTY** **v**



**BOROUGHMUIR  
BEARS**

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING COUNTY

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. George Breese     | 9. Harry Russell    |
| 2. Angus Fraser      | 10. Euan Cunningham |
| 3. Callum Norrie     | 11. Ben Salmon      |
| 4. James Pow         | 12. Marcus Holden   |
| 5. Harris McLeod     | 13. DJ Innes        |
| 6. Hamish Ferguson   | 14. Ross McKnight   |
| 7. Connor Gordon (C) | 15. Logan Trotter   |
| 8. Benedict Grant    |                     |

16. Gregor Hiddleston

17. John McKenna

18. Murphy Walker

19. Lewis Skinner

20. Jake Spurway

21. Finlay Burgess

22. Callum Beckett

23. Mike Gray



## BOROUGHMUIR BEAR

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Brandon Sweet      | 9. Murray Johnstone |
| 2. Corey Tait         | 10. Harry Mercer    |
| 3. Callum Smith       | 11. Adam Scott      |
| 4. Ewan Stewart       | 12. Robbie McCallum |
| 5. Hamish Bain        | 13. Duncan Munn     |
| 6. Josh King          | 14. Glen Faulds     |
| 7. Scott McGinley (C) | 15. Tom Brown       |
| 8. Trystan Andrews    |                     |

16. Iain Carmichael

17. Chris Anderson

18. Marcus Goodwin

19. Jack Fisher

20. Mzwandile Mncube

21. Brodie Young

22. Liam McConnell

23. Ronan Kerr



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to this Friday's evening fixture at Bridgehaugh, as part of the FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series campaign.

A warm welcome to all our visitors and spectators to Bridgehaugh, we extend a warm welcome to all from Edinburgh, including Boroughmuir Bear's representatives, Ali Hay and colleagues.

The Bears lost their first game against the Bulls, 24-17, in a bruising and cracking encounter at Millbrae. They then lost to Heriot's, 38-2, and suffered a 15-0 defeat to Watsonians at Myreside last week. This makes them all the more dangerous and County will have to be at their best this evening to record another win. The Bears have some classy operators and experienced players such as Tom Brown and centre, Robbie McCallum.

We also extend a warm welcome back to Bridgehaugh to two ex-County players, Ruairidh Swan and Ross Dunbar.

County lost narrowly 26-24 to Watsonians in the first game of the FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series and have now recorded two wins: one against the Ayrshire Bulls, 33-24, and then against the Southern Knights, 24-10, last Friday at The Greenyards. Head Coach Ben Cairns extolled both the way the team controlled the game and once again how a strong defensive performance allowed County to win this fixture. It seems the squad is also starting to be more consistent and better disciplined, both are necessary when you want to win, so let's hope we can improve on all the hard work for this fixture.

As President, it's pleasing to note the number of U20 players featuring for County and the emphasis on giving young players the opportunity to play in the FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series. My personal view is that it's all about learning and development, for our players, coaches and the staff who manage the off-the-field functions. Our fixture against Ayrshire Bulls attracted nearly 1,500 spectators and so hopefully we can start to build and sustain those numbers.

Our next FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series fixture is at home, against Heriot's Rugby, on Saturday 21st May, with a 4.30 pm kick-off.

Tonight's game is being televised live on FREESports.

Like all clubs, we remain indebted to our sponsors and advertisers, without whose valuable regular support we would have difficulty running an all-inclusive rugby

club for the benefit and enjoyment of all players and members of our community, no matter what their ability, age, or background. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor, Wolfcraig.

Wolfcraig is a new distillery that is being built at Craigforth in Stirling next year. The Wolfcraig whiskies will be original creations from two heavyweights in the Scottish whisky industry and will use the rich natural resources of the Stirling area. Wolfcraig is keen to become an active and positive part of the local community and will be taking steps to support its development. The first of which is sponsoring local men's and women's sports teams, which has brought the team here today.

Our thanks also go to shirt sponsors Douglas Park Stirling, Johnston and Carmichael, and Belhaven.

A welcome to all of those companies and individuals who have taken table hospitality, folks enjoy the rugby and your evening. To all our visitors, members, and supporters of the club please enjoy the rugby and your evening, and keep on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

*John T. Gibson*

**John Gibson**  
**President, Stirling County R.F.C. 2021 – 2022**



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# COACHES' VIEW

A bonus point win away from home against the only side in the competition we were yet to beat isn't a bad way to go into our 2nd home match of the season. We have been happy with the progress the squad has made to date but know we need to keep striving to be better.

After 3 rounds of the competition, we have had a total of 31 players involved in our match day squads, 12 of whom are under 20, which shows the depth of squad required. We have been really pleased with how our young players have come into the group and driven us forward. The Sprint Series was always a chance to give some of the best young talent an opportunity to play at this level and the guys we have had involved have largely seized that opportunity. There have also been 18 debutants over the first 3 rounds which has meant we've been very conscious of how we connect the squad, however, I think the cohesiveness of our squad has really shone through in our performances so far.

Our 1st home match of the season was a great event. Daryn Cochrane, our commercial manager, and his team did a brilliant job of really enhancing the match day experience for all. The atmosphere which was created really had an impact on the players and I thought this was the catalyst for the energy and work we put in for each other on the field to get the win against last year's champions. We are hoping for another big crowd this week. Tickets are free and there will be a lot of the same attractions as last time around but with the added benefit of hindsight and taking the learnings from the first match at Bridgehaugh.

On the field, we face a Boroughmuir Bears side who are yet to claim their first win but have been very competitive throughout. They have really developed their squad through the off season and are playing some excellent rugby so we know we will need to be at our best to pick up another win. Every match is crucial in this Sprint Series and with only 2 more matches to go until the league is split in two we really need to make home advantage count.

**Ben Cairns**  
Head Coach - Super6 Stirling County

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## EUAN CUNNINGHAM

**POSITION:** FLY HALF  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 05/06/2002  
**BORN:** STIRLING

Euan was born in Stirling and was brought along to County by his father at the age of six. Having played through all of the age groups since, he is now part of the Super6 squad.

Euan has also represented Caledonia U16s, been selected for the Scotland U20s squad and is also part of the senior academy at Glasgow Warriors.

Euan comments on tonight's upcoming Super6 game:

*"I am excited to play in my third season of Super6 rugby with Stirling. Playing for my boyhood club has been a massive privilege, because as a youngster I would look up to the boys playing for the first team and now playing for them is an honour. I am excited to see where the season can take us, and after two big wins, we can hopefully carry this momentum through to the game against bears at a busy Bidgehaugh."*





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Fosroc is excited for Super6 Sprint series and looks forward to seeing the tournament unfold in the coming weeks. The tournament plays an important role in developing players and providing an opportunity for them to reach their full potential and progress in the game. Fosroc wish all players and teams well for the season ahead.



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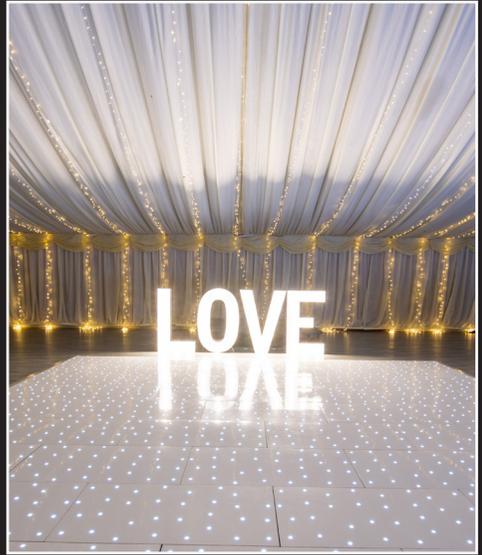
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