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**FOSROC SUPER6 SPRINT SERIES  
21ST MAY 2022**



**STIRLING  
COUNTY**



**HERIOT'S  
RUGBY**

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING COUNTY

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. John McKenna      | 9. Sean Kennedy       |
| 2. Angus Fraser      | 10. Euan Cunningham   |
| 3. Lewis Skinner     | 11. Walter Fifita     |
| 4. James Pow         | 12. Marcus Holden (C) |
| 5. Adam Sinclair     | 13. Ben Salmon        |
| 6. Hamish Ferguson   | 14. Ratu Tagive       |
| 7. Connor Gordon (C) | 15. Logan Trotter     |
| 8. Benedict Grant    |                       |

16. Gregor Hiddleston

17. George Breese

18. Callum Norrie

19. Max Williamson

20. Callum Cruickshank

21. Finlay Burgess

22. Craig Robertson

23. Steven Hamilton



## HERIOT'S RUGBY

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Chris Keen            | 9. Murdo McAndrew |
| 2. Michael Liness        | 10. Bruce Houston |
| 17. Euan McLaren         | 11. Sam Pecqueur  |
| 4. Jamie Campbell        | 12. Nyle Godsmark |
| 5. Sean Johnstone        | 13. Robert Kay    |
| 6. Ronan Seydak          | 14. Jack Blain    |
| 7. Iain Wilson           | 15. Ross Jones    |
| 8. Ruairidh Leishman (C) |                   |

16. Cameron Fenton

3. Ross Hutchison

18. Angus Munro

19. Keith Melbourne

20. Callum Anderson

21. Jed Gelderbloom

22. Luke Armstrong

23. James Couper



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to Bridgehaugh for the final Super6 fixture for Stirling County as part of the FOSROC Super6 Sprint campaign, before we move to the play offs.

Please note, there is a QR code on the club house walls and on the fences outside where you can download the match programme for this evening. This is part of our development to digitalise our club procedures. We will soon announce the launch of our club App, which is going through a checking process as we speak today. This will cover memberships, club purchases, and a variety of in-house club functions to improve communications across the club.

A warm welcome to all our visitors and spectators to Bridgehaugh. We extend a warm welcome to all from Heriot's Rugby and to Mel McCallum, their Vice President. Our thoughts and best wishes are with their President, Iain Duckworth, who can't be with us today as he recovers from a recent stroke.

I welcome all today to hospitality and hope you enjoy the food and of course the game. I would also be interested to hear from those of you who are attending a Super6 game for the first time to gauge your thoughts on the match.

To today's match. Heriot's sit just below County on 11 points, having won their first two games against the Southern Knights and the Boroughmuir Bears. Like County, then losing two fixtures to the Ayrshire Bulls and Watsonians Rugby, respectively. So this is a must win fixture for them, I am sure they will be looking to down County as the play offs approach. As I have said before, there are no easy games in this competition and County will have to be at their best today to record a win. This afternoon, we also welcome back to Bridgehaugh former County player, and now, Heriot's Rugby captain, Ruaridh Leishman.

County now sit with 13 points having won two and lost two, losing narrowly to the Boroughmuir Bears 25- 26, as they did in their first game, 26-24 to Watsonians Rugby. Against the Bears, County made far too many mistakes and handling errors, and, at times, were too ambitious, trying to "play rugby" in the wrong parts of the field when exiting from their own 22 or when in attack and not using the advantage of overlaps and simple one to one passing. Although Stirling were certainly the better team in the tight exchanges, the insurances on throwing the ball about and not playing with some control produced the inevitable knock-ons. Having now recorded two wins, against the Ayrshire Bulls, 33-24, and then the Southern Knights, 24-10, County have it all to play for today as the play offs await.

Incidentally, on reading a recent article in The Offside Line, I note the comments from the well respected Director of Rugby for Melrose, Rob Moffat,

"I remember when it [Super6] was first brought up, I wasn't actively involved with the club at the time, but they asked me and a few other old worthies along to find out what we thought, and straight away I said: If Super6 is there then we want to be in it. That's the mentality at this club: we want to be the best we can be, playing at the highest level we can."

His comments certainly resonate with me. Stirling County is an ambitious club and as such we must be able to offer our players a pathway to play at the highest level. As I have stated previously, my personal view is that the

Super6 is also very much a learning experience. It's all about learning and development, for our players, coaches, and the staff who manage the off-the-field functions and offer a pathway for ambitious players and coaches. It's also a key feature in developing the young players who feature for County.

Our fixtures against both the Ayrshire Bulls and Boroughmuir Bears attracted over 1,500 spectators, so hopefully, we can start to build and sustain those numbers. The atmosphere around the club house and pitches is great to both see and feel. My thanks go to our S6 Manager, Daryn, and Emma, our Club Manager, and all the staff and volunteers for their hard work in putting the event together.

Let's hope for a cracking game this evening!

Other FOSROC Super6 Sprint fixtures today are Ayrshire Bulls v Watsonians Rugby, and played last evening the Boroughmuir Bears and Southern Knights.

Today's game is being televised live on BBC iPlayer & Scottish Rugby website. For your information, we are also going to televise the Scottish Cup Final, with a 3 pm kick-off, and then the 1872 game which kicks off at 6.30 pm.

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 maybe.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor, Wolfcraig.

Wolfcraig is an active and positive supporter 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.

A welcome to all of those companies and individuals who have taken table hospitality, folks enjoy your rugby and your evening.

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

To all our visitors, members, and supporters of the club please enjoy your rugby this 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

It's great to be back at Bridgehaugh for the 2nd match on the bounce and with both sides losing last time out, it has made this match a must win for both teams – whoever wins will make the top 3 for playoffs.

With a break week in between, we've had a bit of time to lick our wounds and reflect on an under-par performance in our defeat to Boroughmuir Bears. Credit must go to Boroughmuir, who I thought played with an intent and energy that we could not match on the day. The fact that this was at home in front of another big crowd made it all the more disappointing.

The off-field team have done a brilliant job in really driving supporters down to the club and improving the whole match day experience. I know there have been a few hiccups along the way but the team is learning fast and you can see the tangible improvements on a week by week basis. This is not lost on the players; they are loving the support they are receiving and cannot wait to be back out in front of another big crowd.

Heriot's have played some excellent rugby this season and will want to get back to winning ways after 2 defeats in a row to the top 2 sides in the league. Their game is based on an excellent set piece and they play in the right areas with a good kicking game. We know these are areas we will need to get parity in if we are going to get the right result.

Our focus has been on execution, we did not put Boroughmuir under enough pressure and did not take enough of our chances which ultimately cost us the game. If we can get that execution right, it allows us to play the brand of rugby we all enjoy and we know we can beat anyone in the league when this clicks.

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

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## LEWIS SKINNER

**POSITION:** PROP  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 3/7/1996  
**BORN:** FALKIRK

Lewis has previously played for Falkirk, Glasgow Hawks, Gordon and Lincoln University and has also been involved with the Scotland Club XV and Caledonia Reds. He joined us at County in 2019.

Reflecting on the FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series so far, he commented:

*"It's nice to have some normality back, we have worked hard going into this Super6 season. There has been a lot of work from players, coaches and club volunteers to put us in the best position to win the league. Normally, people say it's 23 players named in the squad that win the match but in our case it's been a full squad and club effort.*

*We look forward to Saturday where we take on Heriot's in what is sure to be a physical match. Preparation has been good and the boys are ready to go. We can't wait to play in front of a packed out Bridgehaugh. I'm sure I can speak on behalf of the squad when I say thank you to all the supporters, club members and back room staff for making Bridgehaugh an electric venue to play at. Your support really makes the difference."*





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## **INDIVIDUALS**

There is no charge for Stirling County RFC members to be part of this scheme. Please show your Stirling County RFC membership to any of the businesses named under County Kickbacks on our website in order to take advantage of any of the offers detailed.

Visit our website to see our full list of County Kickbacks currently available. More businesses will be added as and when they sign up.



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Please contact Emma, our Club Manager, on 01786-478866 or email [emma@stirlingcounty-rfc.co.uk](mailto:emma@stirlingcounty-rfc.co.uk)



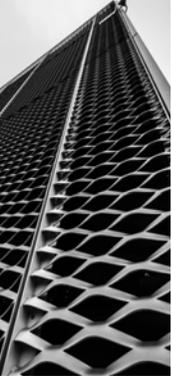
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