



# WELCOME TO BRIDGEHAUGH

**3RD SEPTEMBER 2022**



**STIRLING  
COUNTY  
RFC  
1ST XV**

**V**



**MELROSE  
1ST XV**

# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING COUNTY

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cam Murphy          | 9. Harry Bone        |
| 2. Callum Hunter       | 10. Jonny Hope (cc)  |
| 3. Frazer Muir         | 11. Ross Maiden      |
| 4. James Brough        | 12. Liam Carroll     |
| 5. Andrew Rutherford   | 13. Mikey Heron      |
| 6. Rory Sangster       | 14. Gregor Smith     |
| 7. Shaun MacDonald (c) | 15. Daniel Tomanek   |
| 8. Callum MacPherson   |                      |
| 16. Callum Richardson  | 19. David Montgomery |
| 17. Alex Dunlop        | 20. Ben Yarrow       |
| 18. Euan Cairns        |                      |



## MELROSE 1ST XV

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Elliot Compton    | 9. Bruce Colvine (c) |
| 2. Logan Kirk        | 10. Luke Townsend    |
| 3. Calum Crookshanks | 11. James Brown      |
| 4. Thomas Brown      | 12. Mitch Richardson |
| 5. Angus Runciman    | 13. Donald Crawford  |
| 6. Ben Mclean        | 14. Elliot Crawford  |
| 7. Will Ferrie       | 15. Hamish Weir      |
| 8. Ruairidh Lindsay  |                      |
| 16. Robbie Robinson  | 19. Euan Lindsay     |
| 17. Ross McConell    | 20. Zander Ramage    |
| 18. James O'Neil     |                      |



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to the first fixture of the Tennent's National League Division One. Today we extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to all visitors, sponsors, and members, along with a special welcome to our opponents from the Borders, Melrose Rugby Club, and their President George Elliot and Vice President Andy Purves.

This being the first fixture of the season will provide an interesting insight into the progress of our first XV team, now playing as Stirling County RFC. Last season County played one of the youngest, if not the youngest, squads in the league. This season is no different with players stepping up from the U18's and making their debut season in senior rugby. Likewise, Melrose had a young squad last season with a couple of experienced players. Both teams played attractive rugby last season but County lost both home and away to Melrose, and that factor of having more experience in the squad was lacking. This season should be different with more experience blended with the younger players who have come up through our youth pathway. County's pre-season preparation culminated in a fixture against Cartha Queens Park last Saturday which provided a good work out for the squad and a convincing win. Melrose have also had extensive preparation for the league by touring Canada and judging by their results this was successful and should help them start the league programme with a bang. Let's hope with the recent good weather and great pitch that we have a great game. May the best team win.

Today, our second XV team play GHA, winners of the reserve league last season, in an interesting encounter in the Division One West Reserve League. Our County Women's Team don't have a fixture next week but started off the season with an emphatic 54-17 win against Hillhead Jordanhill on Sunday 21st August. Next week, County first XV are away to Watsonians with a 3pm kick off, the Women's team next play Garioch RFC away on the 17th September in the Premiership and the Second XV are away to Marr in the Division One West Reserve League. Let's hope for a good game and may the best team win.

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

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To all our visitors, members, and supporters, please enjoy the rugby, enjoy your day, and keep on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

*John T. Gibson*

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





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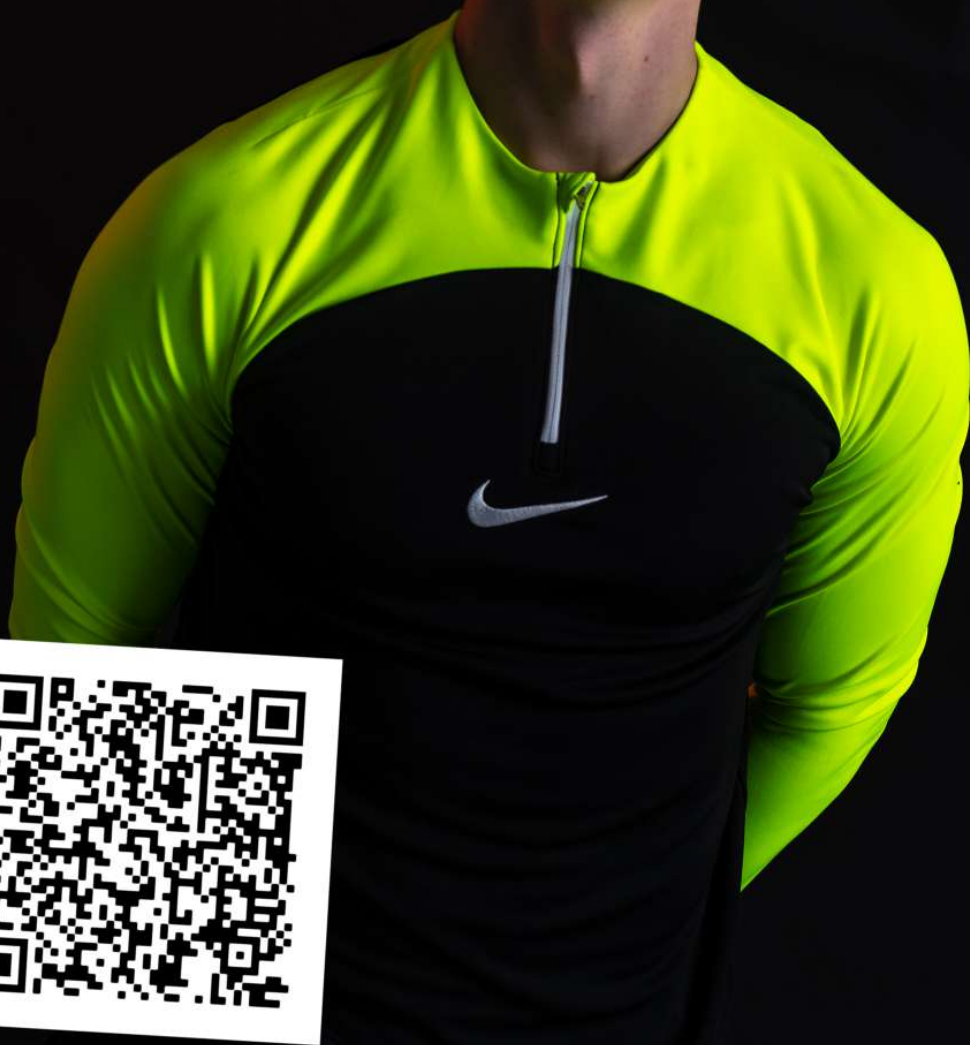
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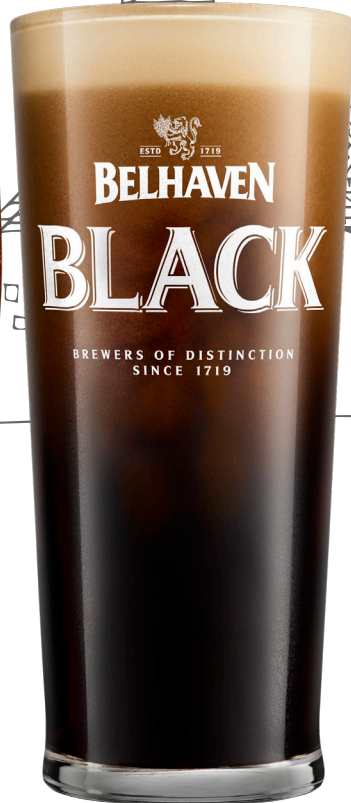
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**AYR RFC  
1ST XV**

**17TH SEPTEMBER 2022 | 3.00PM**



**STIRLING  
WOLVES**

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**17TH SEPTEMBER 2022 | 5.00PM**

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