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TODAY'S TEAMS



STIRLING WOLVES

1. NATHAN MCBETH
2. ANGUS FRASER
3. GEORGE BREESE
4. JAMES POW
5. MAX WILLIAMSON
6. JACK HILL
7. GREGOR HIDDLESTON
8. BENEDICT GRANT
9. GREGOR CHRISTIE
10. MARCUS HOLDEN (C)
11. WALTER FIFITA
12. ALEX THOM
13. RYAN SOUTHERN
14. LOGAN JARVIE
15. CRAIG ROBERTSON

16. RHODRI TANNER
17. ADAM WOOD
18. CALLUM NORRIE

19. HAMISH FERGUSON
20. GEORGE ARNOTT
21. FINLAY BURGESS

22. LIAM BRIMS
23. EUAN CUNNINGHAM



WATSONIANS

1. COLE LAMBERTON
2. CAL DAVIES
3. ANGUS WILLIAMS
4. KWAGGA VAN NIEKIRK
5. JAMIE BERRISFORD
6. SEB CECIL
7. CONNOR BOYLE
8. BEN MUNCASTER
9. DOM COETZER
10. LOMOND MACPHERSON
11. LEWIS BERG
12. CONNOR EASTGATE
13. ANGUS GUTHRIE
14. LEE MILLAR (C)
15. RORY BRAND

16. CAMPBELL WILSON
17. BOBBY BRATTON
18. GREGOR SCOUGALL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, all, to this evening's fixture and the last home game of round 7 of the FOSROC Super6 Championship.

Today we extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to all visitors, sponsors, former players, and members, along with a special welcome to our opponents from Edinburgh, Watsonians. Watsonians represent the S6 semi-pro side playing in the FOSROC Super6 Championship.

This is a top versus bottom game, with Watsonians sitting top of the championship table after winning 5 games and amassing 26 points. The Wolves are clearly anchored to the bottom of the table having had a "tempus horribilus", due to injuries which have depleted the squad over this seven-week period. The last fixture, on the 3rd of September, between the two sides, at Myreside resulted in a 66-7 win for Watsonians, in a match which reflects the current league position the Wolves find themselves in. This contrasts with the sprint series, where the matches were a lot closer and more competitive.

The Wolves played the Ayrshire Bulls last week, racking up a 66-4 loss, whereas Watsonians played the Boroughmuir Bears, winning the match 31-10. Last week's first-half performance, well 30 minutes of it showed promise, however, this fell apart as too many first-up tackles were missed and too many mistakes were made during this half resulting in the final score, outlined above. We can only hope that the squad can play for the 80 minutes and make this last home fixture one to remember. Next week they play Boroughmuir Bears, at Meggetland, on Friday evening, with a 7.45 pm kick-off.

Best wishes from the club go to Logan Trotter, who recently signed for London Irish, and made his debut on Wednesday evening against Harlequins in the English Premiership. I've known Logan since he started with County in the mini P4's, and he's an excellent example of a player who has come through the club and U20 international pathway. Our congratulations go to Logan, and I am sure he will prosper in the professional environment that London Irish will provide him with.

1ST XV

County's game against Ayr last week brought the 1st XV squad back to earth after the fine 20-7 win against Melrose. Ayr played the game smarter and were better at the basics and were deserved 18-10 winners. County travel up to play Aberdeen Grammar up at Rubislaw, who sit second bottom of the table, having lost 34-12 to table-topping Gala. This will be a hard game as, no doubt, Grammar will be looking at their home advantage to pull themselves up the table. Next week they play Dundee Rugby at home, with a 3.00 pm kick-off.

2ND XV

The 2nd XV played Ayr last week in the Division One West Reserve League, where they lost 17-5. This is a young squad, and they will learn from the first two hard games and start to improve as the season goes on. Their fixture this Saturday is away to GHK at Anniesland. Next week they play Cartha Queens Park at home, with a 3.00 pm kick-off.

WOMEN'S TEAM

Our County Women's Team started off the season with an emphatic 54-17 win, against Hillhead-Jordanhill, in the Premiership, on Sunday 21st August, and then winning 17-14 against Watsonian FC, at Myreside on 3rd September. Their next fixture is tomorrow, Saturday 24th September, at home, against Cartha Queens Park, with a 2.00 pm kick-off. Next week they play Heriot's Blues away, at Goldenacre, with a 1.00 pm kick-off.

If anyone is interested in taking a table for hospitality or a place at a table for this fixture, please contact Daryl, our Events Manager at the club or by email EDM@stirlingcounty-rfc.co.uk. Let's hope for some great games and enjoy rugby today, and may the best teams 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 our community, no matter their ability, age, or background. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor, Wolfcraig.

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Our thanks go to shirt sponsors Douglas Park Stirling, Johnston and Carmichael, Belhaven, and Stirling Crematorium. Remember, if you would like to purchase any Stirling County rugby clothing, our shop is now online and you can access the shop by going onto the new club website.

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

John T. Gibson

John Gibson
President, Stirling County R.F.C. 2022 – 2023

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COACHES' VIEW

Tonight's match is our last at Bridgehaugh in what has been a very disappointing Championship so far. Several factors have meant we have had no consistency in terms of training or selection, and this has resulted in some really disjointed performances on match day too. To give an idea of the challenges, we have used 45 players in the first 6 Rounds of the competition. Our registered squad is capped at 32 which has meant a need for a lot of emergency loan and permit players. Whilst in general these guys have slotted in well and have put their hand up to play, it's obviously a struggle trying to build cohesive partnerships when there are so many changes on a weekly basis.

However, in despite of what the results would suggest, we are starting to see some green shoots from this group. We are starting to get some of our more experienced guys back on the pitch and starting to see some of the combinations that worked so well through the Sprint Series.

There is no getting away from how disappointing the final scoreline was versus the Bulls last time. We gave the ball away far too cheaply in our half, our reaction to turnover wasn't good enough and we paid a heavy price with some clinical finishing from our opponents. However, for large spells, we were competitive. It's the most intensity we have shown, and we created some good opportunities ourselves. The challenge now is to replicate this for longer spells and ensure we start making teams work harder for their points.

The task doesn't get any easier this week against one of the form teams in the league and the reigning Sprint Series champions. However, we have had some great results versus Watsonians at Bridgehaugh in the past and we go into the match believing that if we stay in every moment and fight through every passage, we will give ourselves a chance of getting our first win of the season.

BEN CAIRNS
HEAD COACH - SUPER6 STIRLING COUNTY

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PLAYER PROFILE

RYAN SOUTHERN

POSITION: SCRUM HALF
DATE OF BIRTH: 17/06/1996
BORN: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Ryan began playing rugby at the age of 6 and did so throughout his school years, playing 2 seasons in his high school 1st XV. He then went on to play for False Bay Rugby Club in South Africa, from the U20s through to the 1st XV. Ryan has played for three different teams in the Scottish Premiership, most recently playing for Currie Chieftains.

Career highlights:

- Schoolboy 1XV team being ranked in the top 10 in South Africa (2014)
- Unbeaten season and winning the league with False Bay Rugby U20s (2016)
- Player of the year and Players Player of the Year for 2ndXV FBRC (2018)
- Sevens Player of the Year FBRC (2019)
- FBRC 1XV player (2019)
- Runners up in Scottish Tennents Premiership with Currie Chieftains (21/22)
- Scoring on debut for Stirling County against Ayrshire Bulls in the FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series (2022).

“Really excited to be back on the field. Going to be a very tough game but we have nothing to lose and can throw everything at it!”





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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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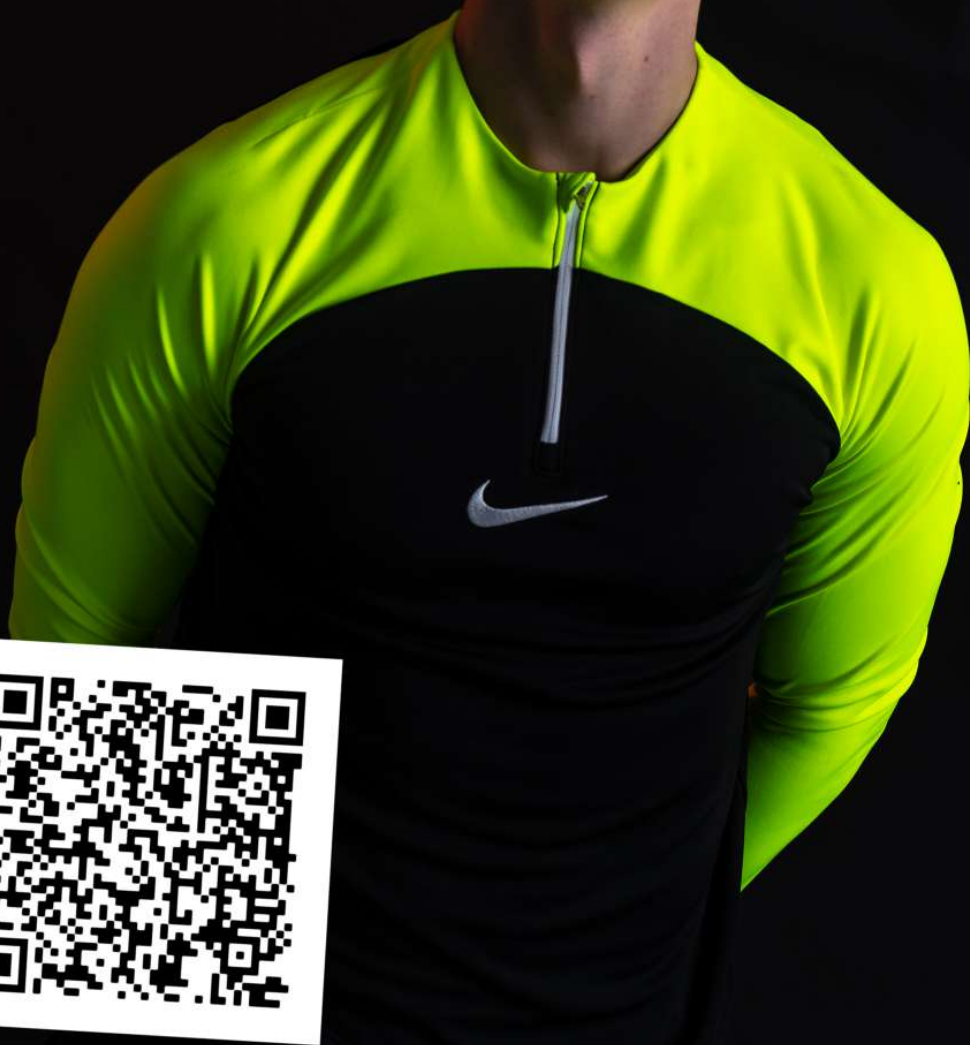
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