



WELCOME TO BRIDGEHAUGH

10TH DECEMBER | 3PM



STIRLING
COUNTY
RFC
1ST XV

EX CORDE CARITAS
v • WATSONIANS • WATSONIANS
EST. RUGBY 1875

TODAY'S MEN'S FIRST TEAMS



STIRLING COUNTY

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| 1. Kevin Crainey | 9. David Scott |
| 2. Callum Hunter | 10. Jonathan Hope |
| 3. Cameron Murphy | 11. Gregor Smith |
| 4. James Brough | 12. David Smith |
| 5. Andrew Rutherford | 13. Mikey Heron |
| 6. Calum MacPherson | 14. Rory Sangster |
| 7. Shaun MacDonald (c) | 15. Lewis Jamieson |
| 8. David Montgomery | |
| 16. Callum Richardson | 19. Euan Cairns |
| 17. Fraser Muir | 20. Callum Jardine |
| 18. Andrew Budde | |

WATSONIANS

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| 1. Craig Davidson | 9. Emmet Strachan |
| 2. Matt Pritchard | 10. Lewis Burns |
| 3. Tom Gracie | 11. Ross Stanley |
| 4. Rob Hastie | 12. Ben Heber |
| 5. Josh Minty | 13. Charlie Kidd |
| 6. James Wilson | 14. Josh Mitchell |
| 7. Andrew Steven | 15. Benn Morris (vc) |
| 8. Stu Allison (c) | |
| 16. Jamie Holligan | 19. Fin Jacobs |
| 17. Josh Law | 20. Callum Martin |
| 18. Jonny Roberts | |





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to this thirteenth fixture of the Tennent's National One League competition and to our Christmas lunch.

I extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to all visitors, sponsors, and members, along with a special welcome to today's opponents Watsonians FC and their President Richard Kelly, and friends.

As has been mooted before this is a must-win game for both sides. County lost out last week 47 -13 to Melrose at the Greenyards, whilst Watsonians beat a plunging Gala 52-14 at Myreside. This reverses their previous loss of 32-10 at Netherdale. County was due to play Watsonians, on the evening of 18 November, but this was cancelled due to flooding. County now sits on 23 points, having now lost six and won five games, also losing heavily to Gala, at Netherdale, 55-17. Watsonians are a good rugby footballing side on their day but today sit on 16 points having lost 8 games and won 3, to date.

As commented before whilst the County squad is very young, with an average age of under twenty, they must start to learn and stop their mistakes. It was pleasing to see again the improvement in the set piece but too many mistakes in defence and a lack of control in the attack have meant they are not winning the games which are there for the taking. If they can maintain consistency in tactics and especially defence, they can beat anyone in the league.

Both teams have a game in hand, and they will play the last fixture of the league at Myreside on the 1st of April. Watsonians will be desperate for a win, so County be wary today and on guard.

May the best team win.

County's next fixture in Tennent's National One is away next Saturday 17th December, to Ayr, at Millbrae, with a 3.00pm kick-off.

2ND XV

The Second XV played Ayr last week and went down 31-28. Today they play GHK at home so they will be looking to home advantage to win this fixture in the Division One West Reserve League. The next fixture is on 17th December, away to Cartha Queens Park.

County Women

Our County Women's Team sits at the top of the Tennent's Premiership (Women) League table having beaten Heriot's Blues on Saturday 41-21. They now play Corstorphine away tomorrow, 11th December, in a table-topping fixture. Having now played 11 games County have 51 points whereas Corstorphine have 45 points.

It should also be noted our girls U16 and U18 teams contest the finals of the National Cup today, at Murrayfield. The U18 girls play Edinburgh Harlequins and the U16 girls play Biggar. Our U16 boys play Peebles in the final of the Shield. Our best wishes go to both teams and well done for reaching the finals.

Let's hope for some great games and enjoyment of rugby today and over the weekend, may the best teams win.

We have a number of planned events coming up in 2023 so please keep an eye on our social media platforms for the details of these. We also have a variety of hospitality packages available for upcoming fixtures.

If anyone is interested in taking a table for hospitality or a place at a table, for any fixtures, 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 enjoyment of rugby today, and may the best teams win.

Like all clubs, we remain indebted to our sponsors and advertisers. Without their 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.

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Our thanks also go to shirt sponsors Douglas Park Stirling, Johnston and Carmichael, Belhaven, and Stirling Crematorium for the warm-up tops.

Remember if you would like to purchase any Stirling County rugby clothing our shop is now online where you can access the shop by going to the club website.

To all our visitors, members, and supporters, please enjoy the rugby, enjoy your day. To you and your close ones, have a great festive season and keep on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

John T. Gibson

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



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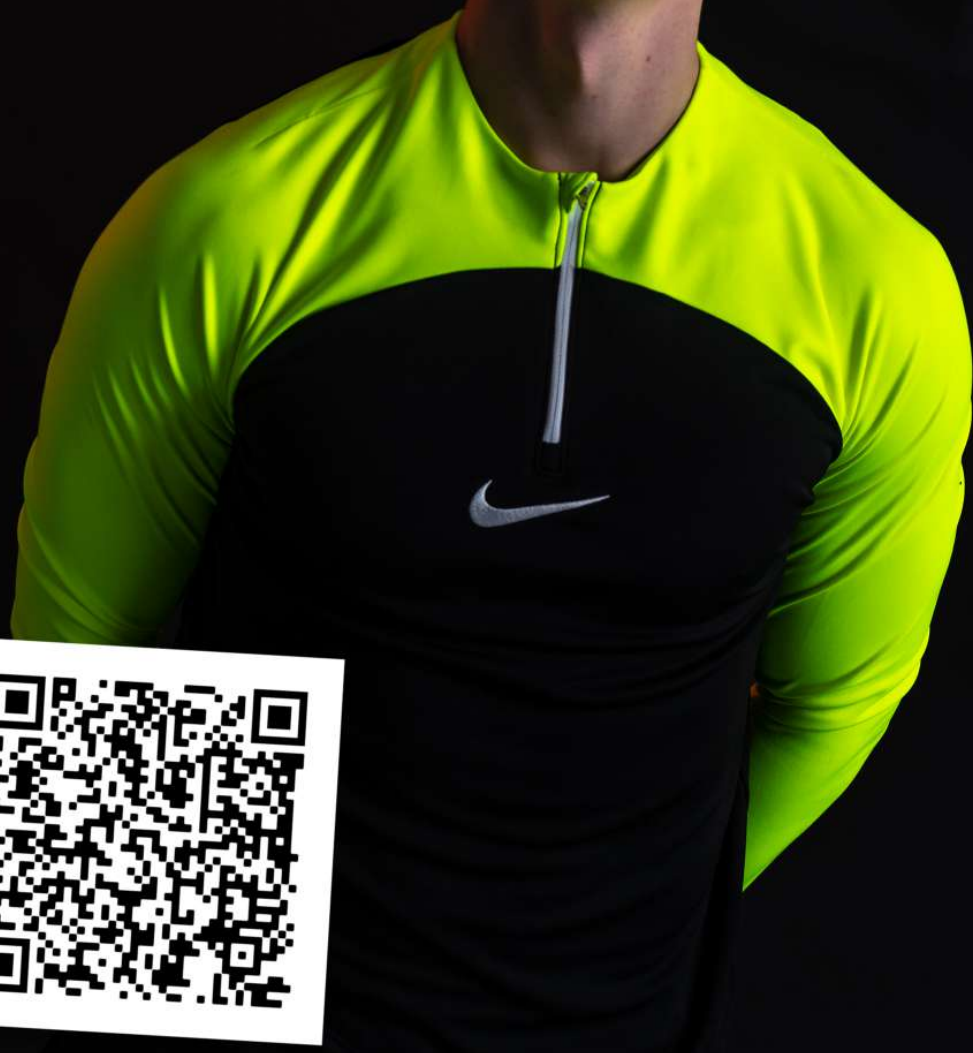
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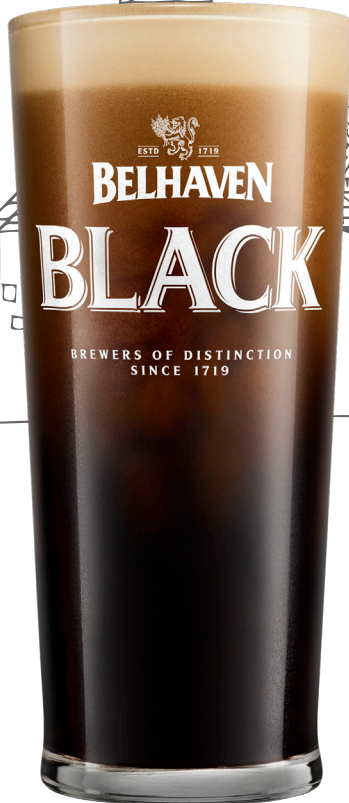
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