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28TH JANUARY | 1.30PM



**STIRLING
COUNTY
WOMEN
RFC 1ST XV**

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**CORSTORPHINE
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TODAY'S STIRLING WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



STIRLING COUNTY

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| 1. Ailsa Luke (c) | 9. Jodie Hutton (vc) |
| 2. Aicha Sutcliffe | 10. Ceitidh Ainsworth |
| 3. Katie Lindsay | 11. Sky Phimister |
| 4. Rachel Cox | 12. Lucy Macrae |
| 5. Sarah Murdoch | 13. Rachel Shankland |
| 6. Kiera MacDonald | 14. Nicole Flynn |
| 7. Heather Davis | 15. Fi Keys |
| 8. Giorstaidh Ainsworth | |
| 16. Megan Kennedy | 19. Ilja Puccianti |
| 17. Angharad Hopwood | 20. Brogan Henderson |
| 18. Sophie Murphy | |

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all, to the final of the Tennent's Women's Premiership Playoff.

I extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to all visitors, sponsors, and members, along with a special welcome to today's opponents Corstorphine RFC and their President Stewart Pilkington and colleagues.

Our County women's team sits at the top of the Tennent's Premiership Women League table, having played and beaten Heriot's Blues 28-5 last Saturday at Peffermill. Corstorphine RFC beat Watsonians RFC 17-0 the week before, so we now have the two best sides in the Tennent's Premiership contesting the playoffs.

County Head Coach Mark Ainsworth commented about the Heriot's Blues game: "It is an excellent result for us; credit Heriot's as they gave us a tough test and have improved dramatically. We made life difficult for ourselves in the first half hour, it might have been a bit of rustiness or a different surface, but our lack of dominance was down to Heriot's because they played well in that period."

County's only loss this season in the Premiership, was against Corstorphine on 7th January having played twelve games and won eleven, losing 19-15. Corstorphine has won ten games this season and sits second in the Premiership. So for both teams, there is all to play for in this final.

Mark Ainsworth commented on the final:

"We now play Corstorphine Cougars in the final at Bridgehaugh on Saturday in what should be a highly entertaining and tight final. I think it's only fitting that the two stand-out teams from the regular season are contesting the final, and the whole squad is looking forward to playing in front of our fantastic support at Bridgehaugh."

May the best team win!

Today County's Men's 1st XV in the Tennent's National One is away to Biggar RFC.

2ND XV

Today the Second XV play table toppers Glasgow Hawks 2nd XV away.

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

We have several planned events coming in 2023, so please keep an eye on our social media platforms for these details.

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 get in touch with Daryl, our Events Manager at the club or by email at EDM@stirlingcounty-rfc.co.uk.

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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Remember, if you want to purchase any Stirling County rugby clothing, our shop is online and you can access the shop by going to the club website.

Please enjoy the rugby to all our visitors, members, and supporters; enjoy the rugby; enjoy your day.

John T. Gibson

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







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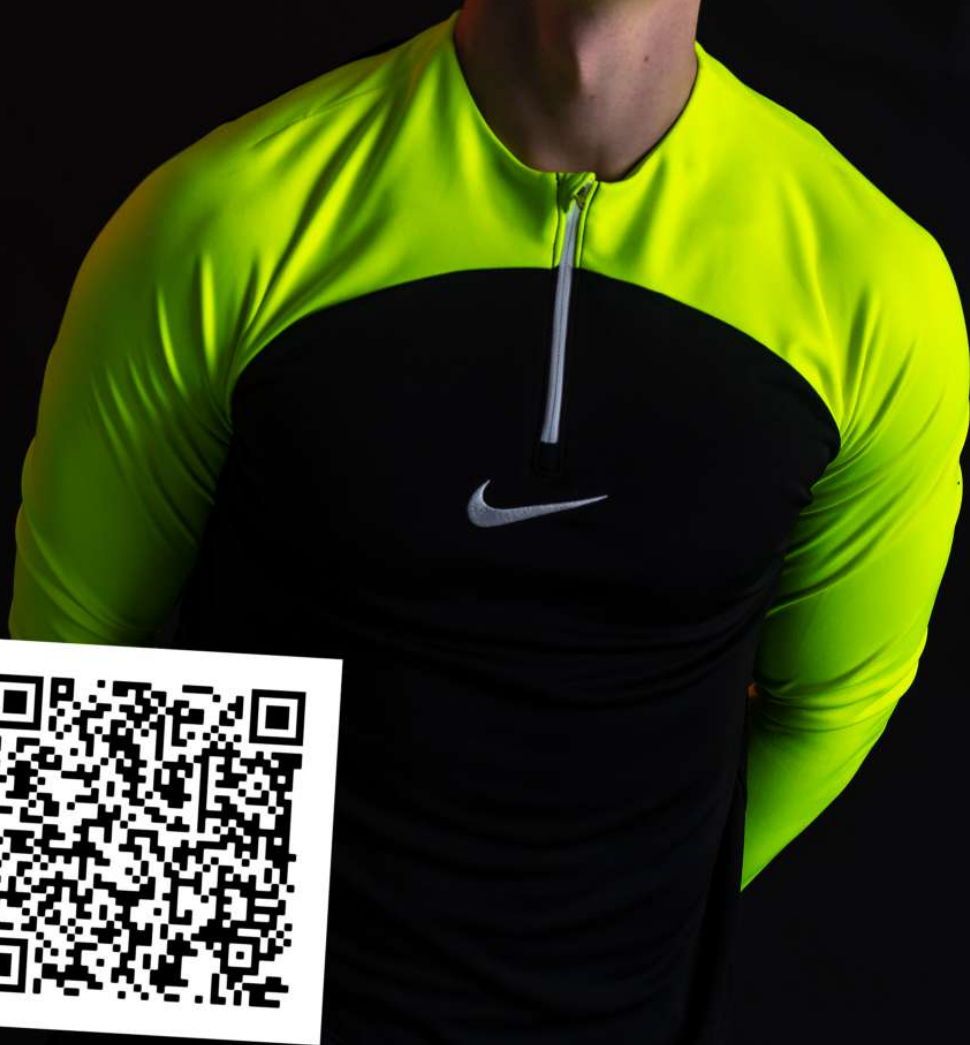
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