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WOLVES**

**WELCOME TO BRIDGEHAUGH**

**FOSROC SUPER SERIES SPRINT  
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## STIRLING WOLVES



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING WOLVES

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| 1. GEORGE BREESE     | 9. KYLE MCGHIE        |
| 2. GREGOR HIDDLESTON | 10. CRAIG JACKSON     |
| 3. MARIUS TAMOSAITIS | 11. BEN SALMON        |
| 4. HAMISH FERGUSON   | 12. MARCUS HOLDEN (C) |
| 5. JAMES POW         | 13. CRAIG JARDINE     |
| 6. RUARIDH KNOTT     | 14. STEVIE HAMILTON   |
| 7. CONNOR GORDON     | 15. GLENN BRYCE       |
| 8. BENEDICT GRANT    |                       |
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| 16. ANGUS FRASER | 19. HARRIS MCLEOD | 22. MIKEY HERON  |
| 17. LIAM QUARM   | 20. JAKE SPURWAY  | 23. GREGOR SMITH |
| 18. DONALD VOAS  | 21. ERIC DAVEY    |                  |



## WATSONIANS

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. CRAIG DAVIDSON   | 9. MURDO MCANDREW  |
| 2. CAL DAVIES       | 10. JASON BAGGOTT  |
| 3. GREGOR SCOUGALL  | 11. ANGUS GUTHRIE  |
| 4. LUIS BALL        | 12. LEWIS BERG     |
| 5. JAMIE BERRISFORD | 13. GEORGE PRINGLE |
| 6. SEB CECIL        | 14. ROSS MCKNIGHT  |
| 7. CAMPBELL WILSON  | 15. LEE MILLAR (C) |
| 8. NEIL IRVINE-HESS |                    |
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| 16. FINN DURAJ    | 19. JONNY MORRIS    | 22. SCOTT KING |
| 17. ROBBIE DEANS  | 20. FINDLAY THOMSON | 23. JACK BROWN |
| 18. BOBBY BRATTON | 21. HECTOR PATERSON |                |



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to the fourth round of the FOSROC Super Sprint Series. Today we extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to all visitors, sponsors, former players, and members, along with a special welcome to our opponents Watsonians and their President, Richard Kelly.

The FOSROC Super Series Sprint competition is providing us with evidence that the inclusion of the A teams from Glasgow Warriors and Edinburgh Rugby is providing some excellent rugby viewing, along with improvements and developing the competition among all the squads. As stated, it only helps to improve the quality of the game in Scotland. For those doubters, and there are still many, please look at the game on Friday night between Glasgow A and the Wolves. In addition, the Heriot's v Watsonians game at Goldenacre on Saturday afternoon provided "another humdinger of a Super Series Sprint contest ended with honours even, a fair outcome between two teams that matched each other for ambition, skill and physicality with a 33-33 draw" - Colin Renton, The Offside Line. Another good example is the Bears, who also showed that all the teams are highly competitive as they beat the Bulls 29-21 at Meggetland. Young players and our coaches need to play at this higher level consistently and look to improve their game which will provide them with a pathway to professional rugby. The Premiership in my opinion, and experience of it, did not.

To this evening's clash. The Wolves will no doubt want to build on their 34-31 victory against the Glasgow Warriors "A" last Friday at Bridgehaugh.

Head Coach, Eddie Pollock, has said: "In that first hour we played some great rugby – some of it was right out the top drawer and I can't fault the players. We had all our subs on with 20 minutes to go. We've been working hard on our fitness, but we need to work harder because, in the last 10 minutes, we were out on our feet. But we found a way to win."

Watsonians have always provided a stern challenge to the Wolves and I suspect this will be no different this time around. Their Head Coach, Stevie Scott, was quite pointed after the hard-fought draw against Heriot's last week; "Progress takes time, but from my expectations, we're probably not where we should be. We know as a group that that's not good enough. The quality of players we have, no disrespect to Heriot's, but for our own standards we're not happy with that." They will be very wary of coming to Bridgehaugh knowing that they will have to raise their game to ensure they win this fixture.

Let's hope for a good game and may the best team win.

## **FUTURE FOSROC SUPER SERIES SPRINT FIXTURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Sat 13th May	Stirling Wolves v Southern Knights, 3.00pm
Sat 20th May	Heriot's Rugby v Stirling Wolves, 3.00pm

## **PLAY-OFFS**

Fri 26th May	1st v 2nd, 7.35pm
Sat 27th May	5th v 6th, 3.00pm
Sat 27th May	3rd v 4th, 5.00pm

We have several planned events and the opportunity for hospitality in 2023, so please watch 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 don't hesitate to get in touch with Daryl, our Events Manager at the club or 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.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor, Wolfcraig. Wolfcraig is a new distillery that is being built at Craigforth in Stirling in the next few years. The Wolfcraig whiskies will be original creations from two heavyweights in the Scottish whisky industry and will use the rich natural resources of the Stirling area. Wolfcraig is keen to become an active and positive part of the local community and will be taking steps to support its development. Unfortunately, they can't be with us today.

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, 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 and keep on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

*John T. Gibson*

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

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# COACHES' VIEW

What a game last week and what a result! The big games come thick and fast, and it doesn't come bigger than Watsonians, the reigning Super 6 champions. The experienced Stevie Scott has taken over as Head Coach and will bring a very experienced settled squad to Bridgehaugh looking for a win to overtake us in 2nd place. They are a talented all-round side and will give us another huge test that we must meet head-on if we are to continue our positive start to the FOSROC Super Series Sprint.

I was delighted by the quality of our performance last week in all areas of the game. Our ability to attack in a variety of ways has kept the opposition guessing at times and we hope to continue to ask searching questions of a physical Watsonian's defence. Defensively we have been much improved this season due to an improvement in work rate and physicality in the tackle. The players put in a huge shift last week in this regard and I look forward to seeing how we front up again in front of another large Bridgehaugh crowd.

Lastly, the crowd were outstanding in their support of the team last week and I can't stress how important the atmosphere you create can help to drive on the players. Everyone is looking forward to another great game and hopefully another fantastic Friday Night Lights experience!

**EDDIE POLLOCK**  
**ACTING HEAD COACH STIRLING WOLVES**

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## RUARIDH KNOTT

**POSITION:** BACK ROW  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 07/01/1995  
**BORN:** ISLE OF MULL

Ruaridh was born on the Isle of Mull and grew up in the Highlands. He started his rugby career aged 15 at his local club Highland RFC and has played through the club at under 16/18 level before moving to Loretto for his final year of study. He started playing for Melrose 2nd XV and quickly progressed to a regular start in the 1st XV where he has won a number of cups and league titles.

Ruaridh joined the borders Super 6 team, Southern Knights in their inaugural seasons and has since moved to the Stirling Wolves for the 2023 Season.

At representative levels, he has played for Caledonia at under 16/17/18, Borders U20 and Scotland U20s in the 6 Nations and Junior World Cup.

*“In terms of the FOSROC Super Series, I am excited to get going with a new team. Having been at my previous club for almost 10 years, this move has really challenged me as there is a whole different structure and approach to the game. On the whole, I have felt good at training and the team has really welcomed me into the group. So it’s time to back that up on the pitch.”*





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FOSROC is excited for a new Super Series season and looks forward to seeing the Sprint tournament unfold in the coming months. 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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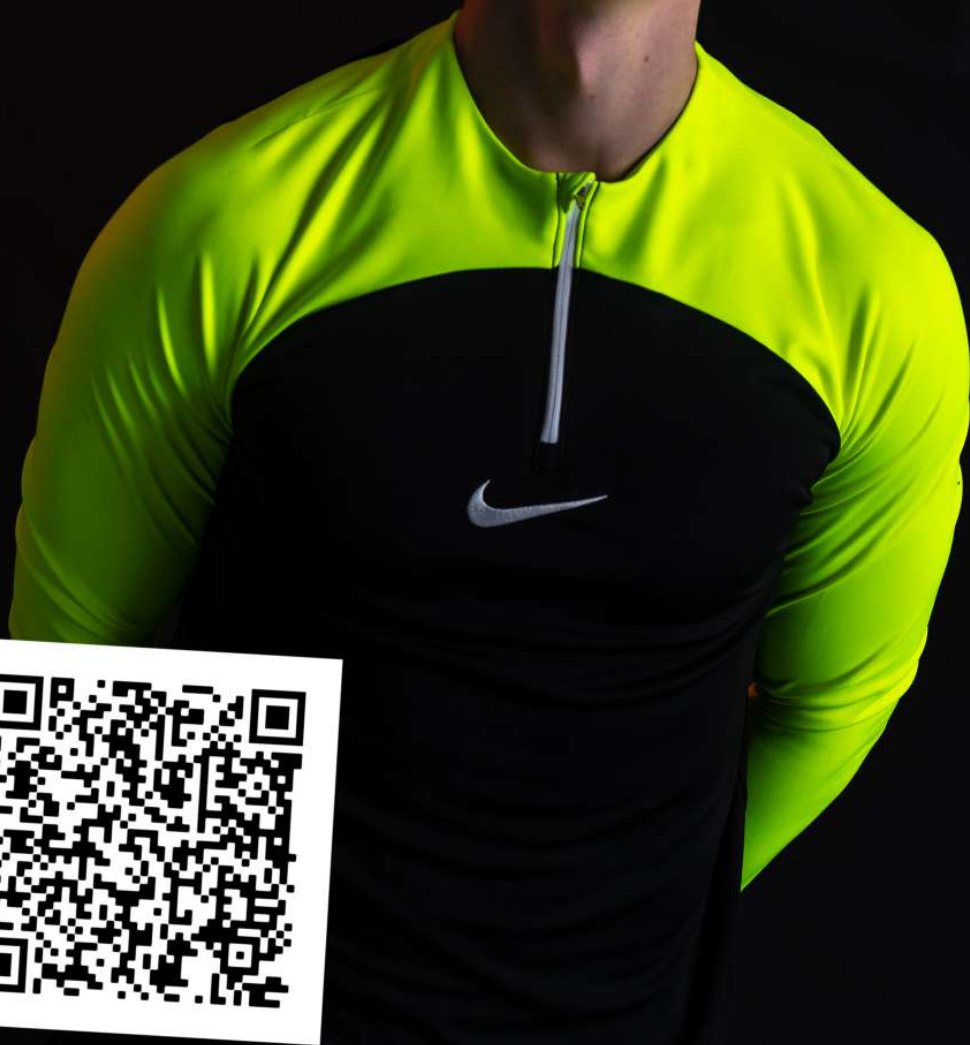


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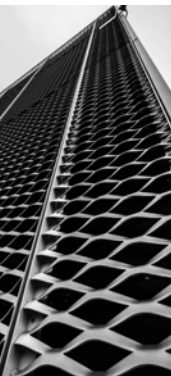
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