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**FOSROC SUPER SERIES SPRINT  
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# STIRLING WOLVES



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING WOLVES

1. GEORGE BREESE
2. GREGOR HIDDLESTON
3. MURPHY WALKER
4. HAMISH FERGUSON
5. JAMES POW
6. RUARIDH KNOTT
7. CONNOR GORDON (VC)
8. BENEDICT GRANT
9. FINN BURGESS
10. CRAIG JACKSON
11. LOGAN JARVIE
12. MARCUS HOLDEN (C)
13. BEN SALMON
14. STEVIE HAMILTON
15. GLENN BRYCE

16. REYNER KENNEDY
17. LLIAM QUARM
18. MARIUS TAMOSAITIS

19. MAX WILLIAMSON
20. SHAUN MACDONALD
21. KYLE MCGHIE

22. CRAIG JARDINE
23. MIKEY HERON



## SOUTHERN KNIGHTS

1. JACK DOBIE
2. RUSSELL ANDERSON (C)
3. EOIN HARRISON
4. CLARK SKELDON
5. JAMIE CAMPBELL
6. SAM DERRICK
7. ALLAN FERRIE
8. RUDI BROWN
9. RORY BRAND
10. CALLUM GRIEVE
11. FINN DOUGLAS
12. ADAM HALL
13. ROBBIE CHALMERS
14. AIDAN CROSS
15. OLLIE MELVILLE

16. BEN MCLEAN
17. CRAIG GREER
18. DAN GAMBLE

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Welcome all to the fifth-round fixture of the FOSROC Super Series Sprint.

Today we extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to visitors, sponsors, former players, and members, along with a special welcome to our opponents from Melrose, the Southern Knights.

The FOSROC Super Series Sprint 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 developing the competition among all the squads. As stated, it only helps to improve the quality of the game in Scotland. Young players and our coaches need to play at this higher level consistently and look to improve their game and provide them with a pathway to professional rugby. The Premiership, in my opinion and experience of it did not, and still does not provide the standards required to allow our young players and our coaches to play at this higher level consistently, to improve our game and provide a pathway to professional rugby.

To this afternoon's clash - The Southern Knights will no doubt want to win this game after losing their last fixture 45 - 24 against the Bulls. Scott Wright, their backs coach conceded, "It was good and bad today, when we are bad the lads seem to switch off. You get yourself into the game and then concede straight away and at this level you can't afford to do that. At other times we showed an inability to look after the ball. But look, it's the next step up: when we are good we can play some nice rugby, but we have to try to get a more consistent approach over the 80 minutes. Bottom line is that we are not getting a foothold in the game for long enough to win matches."

Whereas Wolves' Head Coach, Eddie Pollock, must have wondered what was going on during the first half of the Watsonians game at Bridgehaugh, on Friday 28th April, where the Wolves conceded 21 points in a giveaway spree. "You gift them 21 points in the first 20 minutes and also a couple of set-piece scores and you will always struggle, it was pretty disappointing," he said. "They didn't have to work to score and in many cases it was the experienced players getting it wrong. It was well down on the standards we expect from ourselves so in many ways it is back to the drawing board."

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

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

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 by email [EDM@stirlingcounty-rfc.co.uk](mailto: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 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. 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 where 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 on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

*John T. Gibson*

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

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# COACHES' VIEW

We again make several changes to the side reflecting the depth we have at the moment. In the backs, Logan Jarvie comes in for Craig Jardine with Ben Salmon moving to outside centre with the latter reverting to the bench. Finlay Burgess starts at scrum half with Kyle McGhie after four strong performances looking to make an impact in the second half. The rest of the backline has a settled look and is full of experience. Up front, Murphy Walker, who has just been selected in the 41-man training squad for the World Cup returns to Bridgehaugh and will receive a great welcome. Max Williamson, another young Warriors pro, also returns to his home club and takes a spot on the bench.

We welcome Southern Knights who are coached by Alan Tait, the ex-Scotland and British Lions player, who as you would expect is developing a committed and hard working young squad who are improving with every outing in the FOSROC Super Series Sprint. They will arrive at Bridgehaugh full of ambition to play and it will need a full 80-minute performance from our Wolves team if we are to come away with the result we need. With only two games left in the regular season, there is no room for error if we are to maximise our play-off chances.

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

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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 by the age of six and did so throughout his school years, playing two 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)

*“The team has put a huge amount of work in during our pre-season and I think it shows on the field. We really want to play an exciting brand of rugby to draw more people into County and hopefully be in contention for a title chance this season.”*





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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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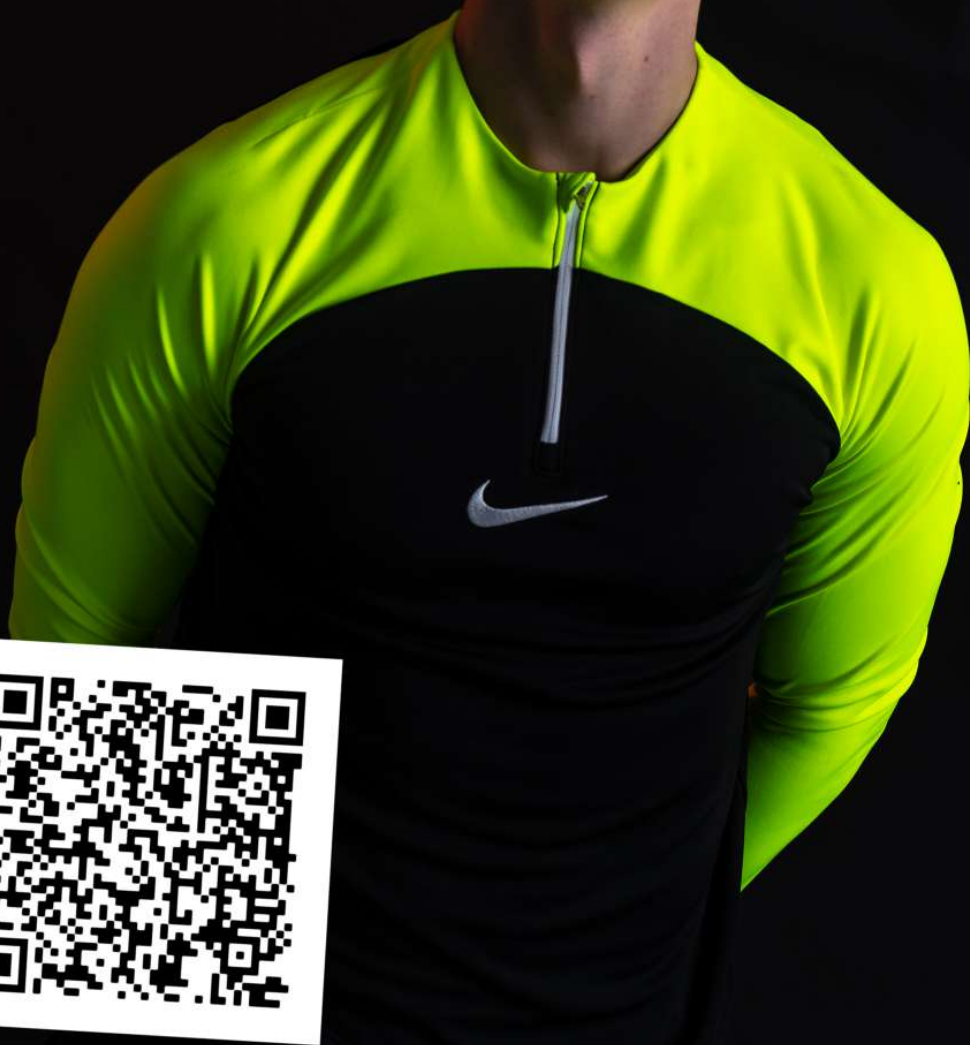


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