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TODAY'S TEAMS



STIRLING WOLVES

1. LLIAM QUARM
2. REYNER KENNEDY (C) 
3. LEWIS SKINNER
4. HAMISH FERGUSON
5. TOM SMITH
6. ED TIMPSON
7. CONNOR GORDON
8. ED HASDELL
9. KYLE MCGHIE
10. CRAIG JACKSON
11. ROSS MCKNIGHT 
12. MARCUS HOLDEN
13. RYAN SOUTHERN
14. SAM ROCKLEY
15. GLENN BRYCE 
16. GREGOR HIDDLESTON
17. GEORGE RATCLIFF 
18. MARIUS TOMOSAITIS
19. JAMES POW
20. RUARIDH KNOTT
21. ERIC DAVEY
22. CAMERON SCOTT
23. MIKEY HERON

TODAY'S TEAMS



FOSROC FUTURE XV

1. CALLUM SMYTH (C)
2. FINN DURAJ
3. ALI ROGERS
4. TOM PEACH
5. RYAN BURKE
6. FRASER WILSON
7. CRAIG NOLAN
8. TOM CURRIE
9. JOSH BEVERIDGE
10. ISAAC COATES
11. AMENA CAQUSAU
12. CALLUM FERRIE
13. NAIRN CALDER
14. BEN RILEY
15. SCOTT WATSON
16. EUAN MCGEOCH
17. BEN WHITE
18. ROB CROMAR
19. MARK MCKAY
20. FREDDY DOUGLAS
21. ROSS CADZOW
22. ROSS LILE
23. FERGUS WATSON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, all to the fourth round of the FOSROC Super Series Championship competition.

Today we extend a warm welcome to Bridgehaugh to visitors, sponsors, former players, and members, along with a special welcome to our opponents the FOSROC Future XV, the young players who will represent Scotland at U 20 level in the next year or so.

The FOSROC Super Series Sprint competition gave us the evidence that the inclusion of the A teams from Glasgow Warriors and Edinburgh Rugby provided some excellent rugby viewing along with developing the competition among all the squads.

My view is will it only help with inclusion of the Future XV, the U20 players of the future, 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 result in the recent World U20 second tier tournament is ample evidence of this. Despite the voices coming from a few within the rugby fraternity in Scotland I believe that 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 today's match. The Wolves will certainly want to repeat some of the rugby played against the Future XV last time around, albeit it was only a hit out for many of the players. The Futures seem to be slowly getting to grips with his level of rugby so they can't be discounted from surprising the main teams. Wolves be aware.

With close results against both the Bulls, with a loss of 26-28, and Heriots the Wolves are playing some great rugby but are finding it hard to win, as evidenced last week at Goldenacre, with a 34-31 loss where, by my reckoning, the Wolves had at least three chances to score and finish the game off.

Head Coach Eddie Pollock was less sanguine, biting his lip as he said: "There is a fantastic work ethic, you can see that, but we are still just making too many mistakes at crucial times. "We didn't start well but we did well to come back and get it close at half-time, and in the second half after a bad start we played very well and fought back with some very good plays and had about three chances to score in that last play.

"We have played the two finalists in the sprint and lost by two to Ayr and three today, so there are a lot of good things happening, but we have to look at ourselves and move on to that next step in our journey and turn these close things into wins."

Future Super Series Championship fixtures are as follows:

25.08.23	7.35 pm KO	STIRLING WOLVES V WATSONIANS
02.09.23	3.00 pm KO	SOUTHERN KNIGHTS V STIRLING WOLVES
08.09.23	7.35 pm KO	STIRLING WOLVES V BOROUGHMUIR BEARS
30.09.23	7.35 pm KO	AYRSHIRE BULLS V STIRLING WOLVES
07.10.23	3.00 pm KO	STIRLING WOLVES V PMHERIOT'S RUGBY
13.10.23	7.35 pm KO	STIRLING WOLVES V FOSROC FUTURE XV
21.10.23	5.00 pm KO	WATSONIANS V STIRLING WOLVES
27.10.23	7.35 pm KO	STIRLING WOLVES V SOUTHERN KNIGHTS
04.11.23	5.00 pm KO	BOROUGHMUIR BEARS V STIRLING WOLVES

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

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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
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COACHES' VIEW

We have rotated the squad this week to get starting opportunities to several players who have made good impact of the bench in our last two games. Sam Rockley and Kyle McGhee come into the starting lineup at wing and scrum half, with Mikey Heron and Eric Davey reverting to the bench. Up front Ed Timpson makes his first start, with James Pow being rested and Tom Smith moving to the second row. The experienced Reyner Kennedy and Lewis Skinner make their first starts of the competition in the front row, and Ruaridh Knott makes a welcome return to the squad after injury.

After another close loss last week at Goldenacre the squad are looking forward to being back at Bridgehaugh and fully focused on the importance of getting a win under our belts. The Futures have been high scoring in both of their games so far, producing some excellent attacking rugby. Our defence will need to be well organized and alert to cut out their obvious attacking threats.

Everyone has worked exceptionally hard at training to look at ways we can improve and I am looking forward to see how the squad reacts to last weeks disappointment

EDDIE POLLOCK
ACTING HEAD COACH STIRLING WOLVES

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CRAIG JACKSON

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“Having joined up with the squad for the sprint, when the opportunity to keep working with the group both the playing squad and coaching staff it was a no-brainer. We have all worked hard in the off-season to hopefully push on from some positive results in the Sprint. The goal is to push up the table and we understand the work that is needed to be able to get there.”

I personally can't wait to get stuck into the games and see the growth in this group. We have some outstanding young talents within the group.”





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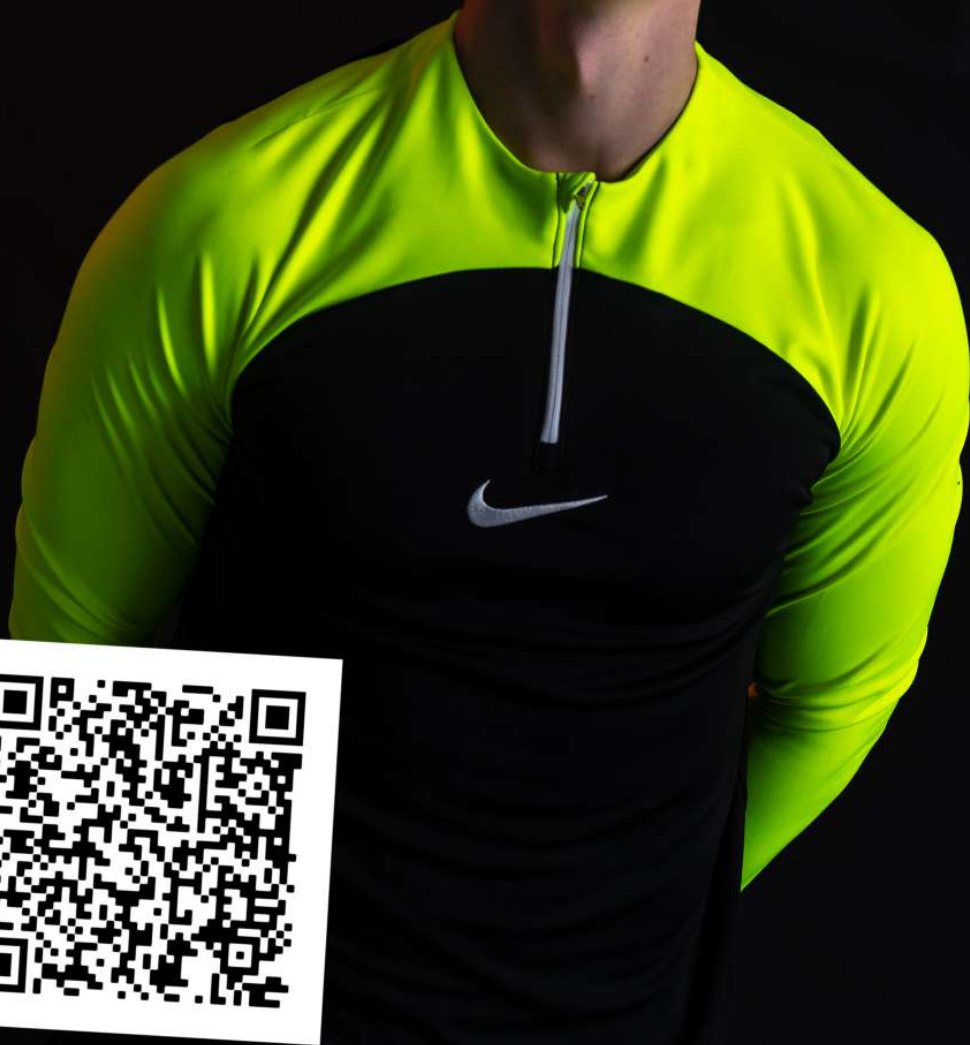
FOSROC is excited for a new Super Series season and looks forward to seeing the Sprint tournament unfold in the coming months. The tournament plays an important role in developing players and providing an opportunity for them to reach their full potential and progress in the game. FOSROC wish all players and teams well for the season ahead.



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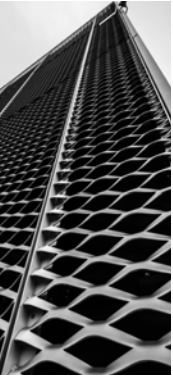
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