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Grammar Rugby



v Jed-Forest RFC



Saturday 25 September 2021
Rubislaw Playing Fields



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Welcome back to Rubislaw for the resumption of rugby after the most difficult 18 months for society and our sport. We finished season 2019/20 in fifth place in the league, which put us as the highest placed totally amateur team in Scotland. Our second XV had a strong start to their season before Covid brought an early finish to their competition. I am pleased to report we have had a lot of new faces join the club since we resumed in 2021 but we say goodbye to a few of our senior players such as Murray Mitchell & Andrew Cook who have retired or moved away for work reasons. Our President Colin Neilson has moved to Edinburgh to follow his career as an advocate. Long term club stalwart Howard Moles was appointed President at the A.G.M. with Calum Ruxton taking his first role in the committee as Treasurer.

Our move to the Great Western Hotel has proved successful to date and a strong working partnership with management has seen our regulars and players settle into their new environment. The setting allows us more scope for entertainment of sponsors and spectators pre and post- match, with a shuttle bus operating between the hotel and the ground on match days.

This season may be interrupted by Covid restrictions but we are all committed to playing as many matches as possible. As always, thank you for your support as without members and supporters coming to Rubislaw we simply cannot afford the costs associated with running a Premiership team. Both our teams travel extensively throughout Scotland and our youth teams travel as far as Stornoway and Shetland; without your support we simply could not afford to support the number of teams we have at the club. Lets hope we see the pandemic recede and enjoy a successful and enjoyable return to the sport we all love.

Gordon Thomson
Chairman & Director of Rugby

Today we welcome Jed-Forest RFC, President Paul Cranston, Coach Gavin Kerr and his team to Rubislaw for our first home Premiership fixture.

Jed-Forest have a long tradition of producing world-class scrum-halves including the incomparable 51 Scotland cap Gary Armstrong whom Jonny Wilkinson described in his autobiography as a ‘scrap-yard dog’ as he had never met anyone as tough as him! We can expect today’s team to also scrap for everything.

Both teams have had a difficult start to the league competition, both having had a fixture postponed due to Covid 19 and both have lost their first two games. By all reports, Jed were unlucky last week, losing to Hawks after a last minute game-winning try was disallowed.

As was the case last week against Marr and the Bickerstaff brothers, we face a second pair of brothers in Lewis and Gregor Young, again at full-back and wing. Unfortunately, our own brothers, the Fairweather twins, are out of action due to injuries. Nevertheless, coach Ali O’Connor fields a near full strength side in what will be a close game.

It is almost exactly two years since our last encounter with Jed, a day when we ran out 25-15 winners with tries from Tom Aplin, Nathan Brown and Doug Russell. A similar result will be welcomed.

The club has announced that the 1st XV captaincy would be shared by Tom Aplin and Nat Coe for this season. Doug Russell will continue for his eighth season as Club Captain.

The new club website has also gone live and I would encourage you to check it out at the same URL as before, <https://aberdeenrugby.org.uk>.

As Gordon Thomson has reported elsewhere, we will be using the Great Western Hotel as our clubhouse. I would invite you to join us there for post-match drinks and general craic. Meanwhile, please give your strong vocal support to the players as they strive for a first home win of the season.

**Howard Moles
Honorary President**

1. Calum Reddish

2. Liam Buchan

3. Matthias Schosser

4. Patrick Mulholland

5. Nat Coe (Co-C)

6. Matthew Emmison

7. Corey James Buchan

8. Greig Ryan

9. Tommy Morrison

10. Ali Addy

11. Craig Shepherd

12. Tom Aplin (Co-C)

13. Doug Russell

14. Nathan Brown

15. Ross Cameron

16. Glen Robertson

17. Jordan Robertson

18. Scott Renfrew

19. Patrick Ritchie

20. Sam Ryan

Match Officials

Referee

Tom French

AR 1

Stephen Greenhill

AR 2

Andy Laing



Jed-Forest RFC

1. Thomas Jeffrey

2. Aiden Stewart

3. Paulo Ferreira

4. Andrew Sweenie

5. Ben Howe

6. Ben McNeil

7. Kyle Grieve

8. Garry Young

9. Aiden Bambrick

10. Gary Munro

11. Robbie Shirra Gibb

12. Rory Marshall

13. Gregor Young

14. Mason Cullen

15. Lewis Young

16. Grant Paxton

17. David Hunter

18. Elliot Lauder

19. Gareth Williams

20. Nik Stingl

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