

Stewart's Melville FP RFC

CLUB 1874



RAISING FUNDS FOR CLUB 1874

CLUB 1874'S **PRIMARY AIM** IS TO SAFEGUARD THE FP RUGBY CLUB FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF **GENERATIONS** TO COME.

Stewart's Melville College has a FANTASTIC track record of producing Scotland squad players at every age group who regularly go on to play professional RUGBY.

There were over 20 players involved in various age group representative squads last season, which also saw Stewart's Melville College win the U18 Cup at Murrayfield.

The FP Rugby Club is the natural club for all children leaving SMC to further enhance their sports career, whether that is for representative honours or for social rugby. We are in the enviable position as a club that the school, along with the Lions mini section, produces some of the best talent in Scottish rugby.

This level of success has not been replicated at the Senior Club. The number of players who have progressed to further representative honours after leaving SMC isn't as high as it should be. In order to overcome this, the FP



Rugby Club are now establishing Club 1874 to take us back to where we belong - namely, the upper echelons of Premier One, the top flight of Scottish rugby.

We want our players back...

Getting back into Premier One is our first priority and will bring numerous benefits to the Club - not least the fact that former SMC pupils currently in the professional squads can come back and play for us when they are not playing for their professional sides.

This, in turn, will give our rugby supporters the chance to watch them up close and personal, and mingle with them in our club house after home games. It would help attract a bigger attendance at our games, make it easier to retain our best players and encourage more rugby players leaving the school to come and play for their Club.

PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE



Initially we plan to fund this through a combination of **Rugby Club Packages** which involve a 3 year financial commitment to support the Club. In return, we will give you a 3 year season ticket plus access to a range of benefits not available elsewhere

and a number of top quality fundraising events at the FP Rugby Club (details of which can be found on our website www.stewmelrugby.com). The three **Rugby Club Packages** are detailed below:

FAMILY PACKAGE

Duration: **3 years**
 Cost: **£950 or**
£26.50 for 36 months

Includes:

1. **A 3 year Season ticket for 2 adults 4 children** (excluding cup games)
2. **Priority application for FP International tickets**
3. **Invitation to a Club 1874 Members only training session at Inverleith with current Scotland rugby players.**
4. **A plaque placed on our Club 1874 Wall**
5. **One complimentary lunch per season** (adults)
6. **Free copy of our monthly Rugby E-zine**
7. **Associate membership of FP Club**
8. **10% discount on all FPRFC Merchandise**
9. **20% off matchday lunches**
10. **Free t-shirt or rugby ball for each child**
11. **Invite to Engage Network**
12. **Entry into Club 1874 draw with a chance to win £50 per month £250 twice per year**
13. **Lions membership if applicable**

INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE

Duration: **3 years**
 Cost: **£650 or**
£18.50 for 36 months

Includes:

1. **A 3 year Season ticket** (excluding cup games)
2. **Priority application for FP International tickets**
3. **Invitation to a Club 1874 Members only training session at Inverleith with current Scotland rugby players.**
4. **A plaque placed on our Club 1874 Wall**
5. **One complimentary lunch per season**
6. **Free copy of our monthly Rugby E-zine**
7. **Associate membership of FP Club**
8. **10% discount on all FPRFC Merchandise**
9. **20% off matchday lunches**
10. **Free T-shirt**
11. **Invite to Engage Network**
12. **Entry into Club 1874 draw with a chance to win £50 per month £250 twice per year**
13. **Lions membership if applicable**

CORPORATE PACKAGE

Duration: **3 years**
 Cost: **P.O.A.** (will be a min of £5k – these packages will not be a club sponsor)

Includes:

1. **A 3 year Season ticket for 10 adults** (excluding cup games)
2. **Priority application for FP International tickets**
3. **Invitation to a Club 1874 Members only training session at Inverleith with current Scotland rugby players.**
4. **A plaque placed on our Club 1874 Wall**
5. **One complimentary lunch for 10 adults per season**
6. **Free copy of our monthly Rugby E-zine**
7. **Associate membership of FP Club**
8. **Invite to Engage Network**
9. **Business logo on all Club 1874 Marketing Material**
10. **Creation of a Business Directory published to FP's and School Parents with your name and business overview**



Engage: Careers and Business Networking at the Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools is a programme run by the Schools and designed to give former pupils, parents and friends of the schools the opportunity to connect with each other for business purposes. It also brings the school community together with pupils to help them to make informed choices about their future careers. For further information, and to join the programme, please contact the Development Office on 0131 311 1131 or development@esmgc.com.



BACK TO GREATNESS

We recognise that this is an ambitious goal that will require significant funding.

This, in turn, will require imagination, drive and a co-ordinated effort from everyone associated with rugby at the FP Club, the Lions and the School. Our common goal is to set up a Rugby Club Sports Foundation that will help us achieve our aim of getting promoted to Premier 1 and staying there. - through:

- Buying specialist rugby training equipment such as scrum machines, pads and

dug outs for use by the School, the Lions and the FP Club.

- Enhanced medical care.
- Inviting top coaches along to provide expert tuition in key areas of the game, including the scrum, kicking, lineouts and nutrition.
- Subsidising one annual player tour in either the UK or abroad.
- Establishing a player exchange programme with clubs in countries where we already have strong links such as New Zealand, Canada and Australia.

A few words from one of our biggest supporters

Doddie Weir (Scotland 61 Caps, British Lions, Borders, Newcastle Falcons, The South, Melrose, The Borders, Barbarians and Stewart's Melville College). "I am delighted to give my full backing to the creation of a Club 1874. Rugby has shaped my life, and I have been fortunate to have played for many teams throughout the world, both in the international arena and also socially. The concept of total rugby - from the Lions via the School to the FPs, who are effectively the 'finishing school' - will foster life long friendships and enable the combined strength of the FPs, School and Lions to bring exciting and breathtaking rugby back to Inverleith".



Mike Sims

President

of Stewart's Melville College FP RFC

Having sat on the sidelines for the past 16 years and watched professionalism cut its teeth in Scottish rugby, the time is right for us all to invest in the Club for the prosperity of future generations. We, as a committee, are merely custodians of the Club, and it is our aim to enhance, improve and bring a professional mindset across the three layers of the rugby pathway. To do so we need your support - not only financially, but also vocally on a Saturday at Inverleith. I look forward to welcoming you to the touchline and meeting in the club house afterwards

David Allan

Chairman, The Lions

The ability to attract children between the ages of 5 and 12 from all over Edinburgh and introduce them into team sports that also enhance their hand-eye coordination is an enviable one. We have one of the largest playing pools in Scotland, with over 200 children regularly attending weekly training sessions. Club 1874 will enable us to provide top quality coaching and development, as well as ensuring that future generations are given a strong grounding in the basics of rugby whilst developing individual social skills.



Bryn Lockie

School 1st XV Coach

The College has a fine and long-standing tradition of rugby with the potential to field up to thirty teams every Saturday morning. With over 450 boys involved in rugby from the age of eight to eighteen, we strive to ensure that they have a positive experience of this fabulous game throughout their school careers. A large part of this is due to the enthusiasm and dedication of our coaches and we are very proud that every Stewart's Melville sports team is coached by one of our own school staff. As well as having large numbers playing, we actively promote excellence in rugby, producing 64 schoolboy internationalists since 1974 with many having gone on to gain full international recognition in either the 15-a-side or 7-a-side arena.





HANDS UP WHO WANTS TO SUPPORT CLUB 1874

Joining Club 1874, and helping it leave a legacy at Inverleith, couldn't be easier. Simply complete the attached joining form complete with direct debit details and post to the address contained within the form.

**For any other enquiries
please email
SMCLUB1874@
STEWELRUGBY.COM**

**Thank you for your support
and we hope to see you at
Inverleith cheering on the
Red, Black and Gold in the
near future.**

