



STEWART'S MELVILLE
R.F.C.

Inverleith Angle

We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to the Peebles tour party who have made the short journey into town for this BT National League Cup quarter final. We hope that President Bob Hogarth, head coach Drew Moore and their players, committee members and supporters enjoy their visit to Inverleith.

Our visitors are currently sitting sixth in National League Division 2, having won 7 of their 12 league games to date. Those wins included victories on the road against West Of Scotland, Whitecraigs, Dumfries and Biggar, suggesting that they are not to be underestimated despite playing on 'our patch' today. They also defeated Preston Lodge (who we only narrowly overcame in the last round of the Cup) convincingly (44-7) at the Gytes at the start of December.

We're in for a tough game today, in other words – and that's *before* you figure in the fact that the 'Peas' have the living legend that is The Bull playing for them today!

On the other hand, we have reacted well after the disappointment of the 20-5 league defeat against Musselburgh, recording a fine 22-18 victory against Aberdeen Grammar at Rubislaw the following Saturday. As the tight scoreline suggests, we were rather hanging on at the end of the game, but the players showed immense resolve and courage to grind out a precious victory.

I made the unfortunate decision to watch rugby at the Principality Stadium rather than Raeburn Place last Saturday, so missed our 34-5 loss to high flying Accies. While that looked, on the face of it, like a fairly heavy defeat, I was, however, reassured after reading the match reports penned by Inverleith's answer to Woodward & Bernstein, Phil Waine and Kevin Murchie, Both of those gentlemen pointed out that we fronted up well for much of the game and really made Accies work hard for the win.

Although, having seen some photos taken after the game, you do wonder whether Phil's statement that 'it was difficult to distinguish between the league leaders and the team desperately trying to stave off relegation' was down, at least in part, to the amount of mud coating both sets of players after spending 80 minutes wrestling in the glaur of Raeburn Place!

There should be no problems with pitch quality next Saturday, when we are back at Inverleith for a league match against Dundee High. This is exactly the kind of game that we need to target if we are to continue our gradual climb up the league table to safety, and I would ask that you make a special effort to make it down to cheer our boys on. We're all in this together!

For now, savour the romance of the Cup, enjoy today's game and I'll see you in the bar afterwards!

Bill McNie
President



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Saturday 10th February 2018: Kick off 2 pm

Stewart's Melville RFC

15	Adam Greig
14	Sean Murchie
13	Cameron Symes
12	Euan Morrison
11	James Ferguson
10	Euan Bowen
9	Gregor Porteous
1	Tom Petiau
2	Craig Willis
3	Ruaridh Mitchell (captain)
4	Willie Malcolm
5	Fraser Morrison
6	Duncan Wood
7	Nick Winton
8	Adam Howie

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Replacements

16	Cameron Harrison	Bourbon
17	Cameron Taylor	Bill Johnstone
18	Conor Boyle	
19	Charlie Simmonds	
20	William Lockhart	

Head Coach Gordon Henderson
Team Manager Graham Inglis





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Peebles RFC

- 15 Murray Johnstone
- 14 Scott Stoddart
- 13 Murray Brown
- 12 Douglas Voas
- 11 Connor Blyth
- 10 Greg Raeburn
- 9 David Wills
- 1 Willie Aitken
- 2 Ryan Stewart
- 3 Jamie Menzies
- 4 Ross Brown
- 5 Andrea Patskocimas
- 6 Declan Clay
- 7 Richard Harrison
- 8 Roddy Guiney

Referee Graeme Ormiston
AR 1 Calum Lazenby
AR2 John Shaw

Match Sponsor Allied Surveyors

Ball Sponsor Graham + Sibbald

Replacements

- 16 Willie Napier
- 17 Cameron Pye
- 18 Kieran Scott
- 19 James King
- 20 Buster Davidson

Next ***Sat 17 February 2018***
Home ***Vs Dundee HSFP***
Game ***Kickoff 3 pm***

Head Coach

Drew Moore

Ball Boys:





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26/8/17	v Gordonians (Cup)	3 pm	Inverleith	47-31 (W)
2/9/17	v Edinburgh Accies	3 pm	Inverleith	26-38 (L)
9/9/17	v GHA	3 pm	Braidholm	83-19 (L)
16/9/17	v Cartha Queens Park	3 pm	Dumbreck Rd	24-22 (L)
23/9/17	v Jed-Forest	3 pm	Inverleith	0-48 (L)
30/9/17	v Musselburgh	3 pm	Stoneyhill	19-14 (L)
7/10/17	v Aberdeen Grammar	3 pm	Inverleith	25-67 (L)
14/10/17	v Dundee HSFP	3 pm	Mayfield	62-6 (L)
21/10/17	v Falkirk	3 pm	Inverleith	41-17 (W)
28/10/17	v Gala	3 pm	Netherdale	24-41 (W)
4/11/17	v Selkirk	2 pm	Inverleith	19-29 (L)
18/11/17	v Preston Lodge (Cup)	2 pm	Inverleith	33-27 (W)
2/12/17	v Kelso	2 pm	Poynder Park	35-30 (L)
9/12/17	v Edinburgh Accies	2 pm	Raeburn Place	P-P
16/12/17	v GHA	2 pm	Inverleith	P-P
6/1/18	v Cartha Queens Park	2 pm	Inverleith	15-46 (L)
13/1/18	v Jed-Forest	2 pm	Riverside Park	64-7 (L)
20/1/18	v Musselburgh	2 pm	Inverleith	5-20 (L)
27/1/18	v Aberdeen Grammar	2 pm	Rubislaw	18-22 (W)
3/2/18	v Edinburgh Accies	12 pm	Raeburn Place	34-5 (L)
10/2/18	v Peebles (Cup)	2 pm	Inverleith	
17/2/18	v Dundee HSFP	3 pm	Inverleith	
3/3/18	v Falkirk	3 pm	Sunnyside	
10/3/18	v GHA	3 pm	Inverleith	
24/3/18	v Gala	3 pm	Inverleith	
31/3/18	v Selkirk	3 pm	Philiphaugh	
7/4/18	v Kelso	3 pm	Inverleith	

The league game against GHA on 16th December was called off due to Inverleith being frozen. The game will now take place on 10th March with a 3 pm kick off – *unless* the Peebles game is cancelled.