



Inverleith Angle

We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to the Preston Lodge tour party who have made the short journey into town for this Tennent's National League 2 fixture. We hope that President Frank Gallagher, Treasurer Simon Fairbairn, head coach Andrew Clark and their players, committee members and supporters enjoy their visit to Inverleith.

While our season so far has largely involved fixtures against teams that we have rarely or never played before, we have, of course, played today's visitors many times in the past.

There are also many links between the clubs, with Paul Dixon, Scott MacColl, Nathan Ross, Paul Voy and Allan Whittingham having played for us in recent years, just as Gareth Henderson and Chris Baikie used to strut their stuff down at Pennypit Park.

Gordon 'Sesh' Henderson was, of course, our head coach for the last couple of seasons, while (a wee bit further back) PL legend Stan Love came to be our forwards coach after hanging up his boots. The manager of PL's team today needs no introduction – welcome home, Tony!

One further link between the clubs deserves a mention – Stewart's Melville FP Peter Ford has, along with Mark Fisher, brought no less than 35 PL supporters to our pre-match lunch today. Many thanks to them all for their support – I hope we can return the favour with a few 'bums on seats' for the lunch that will precede the return match at Pennypit Park on 12th January.

It's fair to say that our visitors have had a tough start to their season, with matches away to Highland and Peebles. They lost both of those (the Peebles one only just) – but have also recorded excellent home victories against GHK and Dumfries Saints. That record has left them one place and three points below us in the table. I think it's fair to say we could be in for a bit of a test today!

It looked like we were in danger of suffering a rather unexpected defect against bottom club Lasswade last week, but we successfully defended our line in the final minutes of the game to record a crucial 17-13 victory. Our tries were scored by Adam Greig, Sean Murchie and Jack Somerville, with Euan Morrison adding a conversion. The 2nd and 3rd XVs recorded more comfortable wins, the 2s defeating their Peebles counterparts in a friendly at Hay Lodge Park and the Ferry Road Wanderers thumping the Caledonian Thebans at Inverleith. That makes it 10 wins out of 13 for the Club so far this season, as Chairman Fin may just have mentioned in his pre-lunch address today!

I hope that you enjoy your visit to Inverleith. I'm away on holiday, but Fin and my VP Simon Breeze look forward to discussing the finer points of the game with you in the bar afterwards.

Bill McNie
President



Match Report vs Glasgow Accies, Saturday 15th September 2018

Accies currently sat bottom of the league, although not far from us, and had lost their first two games. Along with how good a team looks on paper, this is irrelevant at such an early stage of the season. What was relevant is how the teams performed on the pitch.

Good conditions prevailed, with thankfully no backlash from Hurricane Florence. With a healthy number of away supporters, including a well-known BBC Scotland broadcaster, Accies kicked off towards the Ferry Road end. After various attempts by both teams to clear their lines or gain territory, and with Stew Mel conceding a number of penalties, the game was temporarily stopped due to the first casualty, the Accies number 9, with only 5 minutes having been played.

Proceedings soon resumed and the first scrum was good from both packs; whilst the ball was quickly moved wide by Accies, some good defence and an excellent turnover by Ruaridh Mitchell enabled Stew Mel to clear their lines once more. Unfortunately a knock-on at the lineout gifted Accies another scrum and a good break by their number 6, PJ Rankin, ended with his centre Scott Simmons scoring the opening try with only 13 minutes gone. Stew Mel 0 Accies 5.

After a period of kicking with either little or no effect, Accies were again on the attack, but were penalised for crossing as they were almost in for another - which they were shortly thereafter courtesy of the agile Cammy Wray. 20 minutes played, Stew Mel 0 Accies 10. At this point Accies probably had at least 70 percent of possession with Stew Mel struggling to get their hands on the ball. I am sure they felt they could have been further ahead notwithstanding the two missed conversions.

Stew Mel suddenly seemed to ease their way back into the game, though, with some good forward play, and, most importantly, retained possession for significant periods. Another forceful drive by Thor was followed by a powerful run by Struan Allan, who nearly got over the line but was, regrettably, both penalised and injured in the process. He was replaced by Jamie McGurk. Some suggested, tongue in cheek, that this had been a tactical substitution, as, within minutes, Jamie came flying out of the blocks and danced his way through the Accies defence to score a superb try converted by Happy. Stew Mel 7 Accies 10, 25 minutes played.

This came at a crucial stage of the game as Stew Mel, after another period of aimless kicking, managed to start putting phases together and to attack with effect. Another substitution saw Connor McKay coming off the bench, and what an impact he made, both in the set piece and around the park. Props are not supposed to field high balls or be able to pass off each side - but he



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did, which ultimately led to some good hands out wide that allowed Sean Murchie to cross the line and open his account for the afternoon. Again the conversion was successful by Happy. 35 minutes played, Stew Mel 14 Accies 10.

A similar pattern of play ensued and it was becoming clear at this point that Stew Mel were definitely in the ascendancy, with some penetrating runs from Jamie once more and good ball carrying by Thor, Willie Malcolm and Matt Sanderson in particular. Half time Stew Mel 14 Accies 10.

Was this going to be a game of two halves? Right from the start and against the run of play, Accies broke out of their own 22 and scored in the corner, substitute Callum Duke taking the credit. Stew Mel 14 Accies 15, with only 5 minutes gone in the second half.

Another Stew Mel substitution due to injuries saw Dave Hampton moving to blindside flanker with the full back berth being filled by scrum half Charlie Simmonds. The Accies forwards were now competing well in both the set piece and loose play, with their number 8 Ryan Sweeney particularly prominent. After a spell of defending their line, Stew Mel managed to clear and a long kick by Jack Calder saw the ball bobble over at the halfway line which certainly gave us a breather.

Although momentarily losing possession, Fraser Strachan was in there again with a crucial turnover, and, after some good hands through the backs, a pass from Jack Calder gave 'Moses' Murchie the opportunity, as the Accies defence parted like the Red Sea, to touch down between the posts. Happy converted once again - he certainly had his kicking boot on today! 60 minutes played, Stew Mel 21 Accies 15.

At this stage Stew Mel were on top. After Happy made more progress, a big drive by Ruaridh Mitchell, allied with the exceptional quick feet and side stepping of Doug Randall, put the versatile Dave in for another try, again converted by Happy. Stew Mel 28 Accies 15 - 65 minutes played.

The dominance was now clear to see, good scrummaging and a combination of quick hands and feet this time seeing Fraser cross for a well-deserved try. 70 minutes played, Stew Mel 35 Accies 15. By now it seemed inevitable that there would be more tries to come, and, around the 75 minute mark, Sean was again given the space he needed to touch down once more. Stew Mel 40 Accies 15.

The last 5 minutes were very one sided, like the previous 20, with the full time score Stew Mel 40 Accies 15 and a bonus point win.

Kevin Murchie



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Saturday 29th September 2018: Kick off 3 pm

Stewart's Melville RFC

15	Chris Beattie
14	Sean Murchie
13	Jamie McGurk
12	Seb Trotter
11	Adam Greig
10	Freddie Roddick
9	Charlie Simmonds
1	Chris Baikie
2	Ed Kelman
3	Ruaridh Mitchell
4	Matt Sanderson
5	Alex Rappestad
6	Willie Malcolm
7	Alex Wainwright
8	Nick Winton (captain)

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Replacements

16	Connor McKay	Parkthorn Gates
17	Doug Randall	Barbershop Edinburgh
18	Fraser Strachan	Jamie Frost
19	Michael Miller	Calder Family

Head Coach

Nick McCashin

Team Manager

Andrew Manson





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Preston Lodge RFC

- 15 Jonathan Brash
- 14 Alex Clarke
- 13 Blair Robertson
- 12 Jason Riley (captain)
- 11 Aaron Morton
- 10 Scott Clark
- 9 Dale Gordon
- 16 Darren Eales
- 2 Kyle Scott
- 3 Paul Dixon
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- 5 Chris Dixon
- 6 Jack Gordon
- 7 Andy Horne
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Replacements

- 17 Blair Cowan
- 18 Raymond Mackie
- 19 Scott King
- 20 Gus Hillhouse

Next Home Game ***Sat 13 October 2018***
Vs Peebles
Kickoff 3 pm

Head Coach

Andrew Clark

Team Manager

Tony Wood





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1st XV Fixtures, Season 2018/19

Date	Opposition	KO	Venue	Result
25/8/18	Carrick (Cup)	3 pm	Carrick Academy	19-41 (W)
1/9/18	Whitecraigs	3 pm	Inverleith	27-21 (W)
8/9/18	Biggar	3 pm	Hartreemill	36-3 (L)
15/9/18	Glasgow Accies	3 pm	Inverleith	40-15 (W)
22/9/18	Lasswade	3 pm	Hawthornden	13-17 (W)
29/9/18	Preston Lodge	3 pm	Inverleith	
6/10/18	GHK	3 pm	Old Anniesland	
13/10/18	Peebles	3 pm	Inverleith	
20/10/18	Dumfries Saints	3 pm	Park Farm	
27/10/18	Highland	3 pm	Canal Park	
3/11/18	Howe Of Fife	2 pm	Inverleith	
10/11/18	Falkirk	12.30 pm	Sunnyside	
17/11/18	Whitecraigs	2 pm	West Lodge	
24/11/18	Aberdeen Grammar (Cup)	2 pm	Rubislaw	
1/12/18	Biggar	2 pm	Inverleith	
8/12/18	Glasgow Accies	2 pm	New Anniesland	
15/12/18	Lasswade	2 pm	Inverleith	
12/1/19	Preston Lodge	2 pm	Pennypit Park	
19/1/19	GHK	2 pm	Inverleith	
26/1/19	Peebles	2 pm	The Gytes	
2/3/19	Dumfries Saints	3 pm	Inverleith	
16/3/19	Highland	3 pm	Inverleith	
23/3/19	Howe Of Fife	3 pm	Duffus Park	
30/3/19	Falkirk	3 pm	Inverleith	



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Annual Ball

9 November 2018

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