



STEWART'S MELVILLE
R.F.C.

Inverleith Angle

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the Highland tour party who have made the long journey south for this rescheduled National League 2 fixture. We hope that fixture secretary Geoff Begg, head coach Davie Carson and their players, committee members and supporters enjoy their visit to the capital.

I must start by congratulating our visitors on securing promotion to National League 1 for next season. We had obviously hoped that today's game at Raeburn Place would be a 'winner takes all' shoot out to see who got the second promotion slot behind Biggar, and had done our bit by beating Howe Of Fife in Cupar and Falkirk at Inverleith in the last two games of the regular season. Highland, unfortunately, also did *their* bit, defeating Lasswade, Peebles and Howe in their last three games to leave today as something of a 'dead rubber'.

Today's game isn't without significance, though – if you take a look at the league table on the back page of this programme, you'll notice that Dumfries have pushed us down into fourth place in the table. Any kind of win today – or even a draw, for that matter – would move us back into third place. Given that both our 2nd XV and the Ferry Road Wanderers have finished in third place in their respective leagues, it would be nice to see the 1st XV making it 'three out of three' after what has been, overall, a very successful season for the Club.

Highland are also to be congratulated on making it to the final of the National League Cup, though they unfortunately lost out to Aberdeen Grammar at Bridgehaugh last Saturday.

Highland's participation in the Cup final meant that we could safely head over to Belfast for our end of season tour last Friday. This involved a lot of drunken shenanigans plus a game on the Saturday afternoon against Academy RFC. I'm delighted to report that we won the tour match 60-33, despite the sweltering conditions, some ill-advised pre match hydration and the frankly suicidal team selection. Overall the tour was a great bonding opportunity for the players, and there's already talk of our new Northern Irish friends coming over for a game at Inverleith next season.

The Club Dinner took place at Inverleith on March 12th and was a great success. Freddie picked up the Players' Player award, Matt Sanderson was Most Improved Player and Sean Murchie bagged a brace of trophies as Top Try Scorer and Top Points Scorer for the season. Graham Inglis won the Clubman Of The Year award for a second time – this was, frankly, a 'no brainer' after all the hard work that Jingles has put in for the club over the last three years. We'll miss him.

Many thanks for all of your support in what has been a long season – hope to see you in July for more of the same!

Bill McNie
President



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Saturday 27th April 2019: Kick off 3 pm

Stewart's Melville RFC

15	Freddie Roddick
14	Sean Murchie
13	Seb Trotter
12	Euan Morrison
11	Chris Beattie
10	Euan Bowen
9	Fraser Strachan
1	Chris Baikie
2	Joe Bailey
3	Ruaridh Mitchell
4	Jamie Sword
5	Fraser Morrison (C)
6	Willie Malcolm
7	Matt Sanderson
8	Ruaridh Stewart

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Replacements

16	David Calder	Calder Family
17	Ally Scott	IntelliDigest Ltd
18	Craig Lamb	Calder Family

Head Coach

Nick McCashin

Team Manager

Andrew Manson





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Highland RFC

15 Ruaridh McDonald

14 Conor Ross

13 Seumas Ross

12 Rory Cross (CC)

11 Jese Nawacaleva

10 Rory Carson

9 Andrew Kellock

1 Lewis Sinclair

2 Kevin Brown

3 Murdo Paterson

4 Oscar Baird

5 Sean Blair

6 Callum Carson

7 Andrew Findlater

8 Stuart MacDonald (CC)

Referee

Alex Obreja

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Baillie Gifford

Replacements

16 Stewart Watson

17 Ben Gordon

18 Callum Macpherson

19 Ian Chisholm

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Game

See you

next

season!

Head Coach

Davie Carson

Team Manager

GRAHAM + SIBBALD



ALLIED SURVEYORS



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Tennent's National League Division 2

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	BP	PT
1	Biggar	21	20	1	0	16	96
2	Highland	21	17	4	0	18	86
3	Dumfries Saints	22	16	5	1	13	79
4	Stewart's Melville	21	16	5	0	13	77
5	Peebles	22	12	9	1	16	66
6	Preston Lodge	21	12	9	0	17	58
7	Glasgow Accies	22	8	13	1	12	46
8	Falkirk	22	9	13	0	7	43
9	GHK	22	6	15	1	6	32
10	Whitecraigs	22	5	16	1	9	31
11	Lasswade	22	4	18	0	10	26
12	Howe Of Fife	22	2	19	1	11	21

Tennent's National Reserve League Division 2

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	BP	PT
1	Currie	18	17	1	0	17	86
2	Edinburgh Accies	18	16	2	0	15	81
3	Stewart's Melville	18	11	7	0	16	66
4	Cartha QP	18	9	9	0	14	58
5	Musselburgh	18	8	10	0	14	54
6	Boroughmuir	18	8	10	0	8	49
7	Biggar	18	7	11	0	8	45
8	Selkirk	18	5	13	0	8	41
9	Dundee	18	6	12	0	6	40
10	Kelso	18	3	15	0	2	15