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Today's double header shows the appetite for rugby in the capital, with nearly 40,000 Edinburgh fans in attendance - smashing the record for an 1872 Cup match.

In addition to a record crowd at Scottish Gas Murrayfield, we also have our fans coming out in big numbers at Hive Stadium, and there will be a full main stand of almost 2,000 Edinburgh fans there to roar the team on.

The match, and the Celtic Challenge, are a huge step forward for rugby in this country, and a massive opportunity for the players involved.

It's the first chance that girls have had to represent the capital. Captain Sarah Denholm spoke on the topic during the week, and as a one of a number of Edinburgh fans in the team, it's an exciting opportunity for all involved.

After the newly formed women's sides have competed for the first time, our attention will turn to this afternoon's game. We currently have a 12-point deficit in the 1872 Cup, so it will be an uphill battle to reclaim the trophy, however with a record crowd behind us the boys will be up for the occasion.



Scotstoun was a real battle last week, and i'd expect a similar arm wrestle and physical battle. We'll be hoping for some magic to be provided by our back-three, with Darcy and Duhan having a history of turning on the style at 1872 Cup matches.

We were delighted to be able to announce that both players have extended terms with the club, with Darcy signing a three-year deal as an ideal Christmas present for Edinburgh fans!

The duo are both world class, and to have them both extend their stays in the capital is a sign of the direction we're heading in, with top-end talent wanting to stay with the team.

Off the pitch, Edinburgh Rugby continues to work with multiple charities to offer tickets to its supporting communities for the upcoming 1872 Cup decider at Scottish Gas Murrayfield on Saturday 30 December.

With over 1,500 tickets sent out so far, the initiative is benefitting people from different backgrounds across the East of Scotland, including military veterans, homeless, refugees and youth workers.

I hope you enjoy the match, and another great atmosphere at Hive Stadium!
Enjoy the game!



*Douglas Struth,
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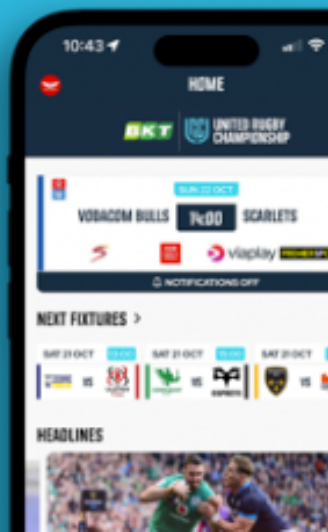
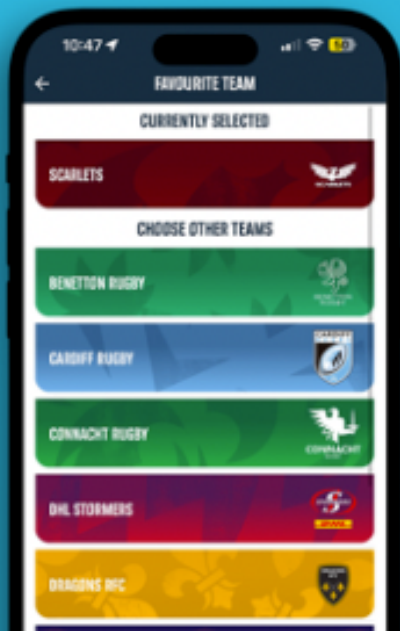


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Mark Bennett 13

Matt Currie 12

Duhan van der Merwe 11

Ben Healy 10

Ali Price 9

100 Pierre Schoeman 1

Ewan Ashman 2

100 WP Nel 3

Glen Young 4

100 Grant Gilchrist (C) 5

Luke Crosbie 6

100 Jamie Ritchie 7

100 Viliame Mata 8

16. Dave Cherry 17. Boan Venter
18. D'Arcy Rae 19. Marshall Sykes
20. Hamish Watson 21. Ben Vellacott
22. Cammy Scott 23. Emiliano Boffelli

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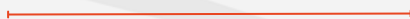
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HERE TO STAY

Scotland star Darcy Graham has given every Edinburgh Rugby fan the perfect gift this Christmas, signing a new three-year deal to remain in the Scottish capital.

The electric winger, 26 – who joined the capital club in 2017 – has developed into one of world rugby’s premier finishers and open-field runners, with a highlight reel of outrageous line breaks and tries for both club and country making him one of the game’s most sought-after talents.

Graham’s new deal – that will see him remain in Edinburgh until Rugby World Cup 2027 – is a real statement of intent from the capital outfit, who retain the services of a player that Senior Coach Sean Everitt has labelled a ‘world class talent.’



Everitt said: “Make no bones about it, Darcy [Graham] is box office. He’s a world class talent who can change a game at the drop of a hat. We’ve seen that for both Edinburgh and Scotland through the years – it’s brilliant that we’ve managed to re-sign him on a new long-term deal.

“Darcy is a guy who just loves to play the game of rugby and I think that being here in Edinburgh, surrounded by his teammates, friends and family, suits him to a tee.

“This is his boyhood club where he has made his name and the Edinburgh supporters absolutely love him – you only have to hear their reaction every time he scores at home.



“I’ve been at the club seven years now and I look at a lot of my teammates as my brothers. I spend so much time with these guys, a lot I’ve known since U20s, and it really does feel like a big family at Edinburgh.

“Being part of this back-three at Edinburgh is incredible. We’ve got so much competition with myself, Duhan [van der Merwe], Boff [Emiliano Boffelli], Wes [Goosen] and with Harry Paterson coming through it keeps us on our toes. It really is up there with one of the best back-three groups in club rugby.”

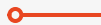
Graham made his full Scotland debut in 2018, coming off the bench in the 2018 Doddie Weir Cup game against Wales in Cardiff.

“It’s hugely exciting for both club and country that Darcy has decided his future remains in Edinburgh, and I’m sure our fans will be celebrating this news on Christmas day.”

On penning a new deal, Graham said: “I’m hugely excited. It’s been my boyhood dream to play for Edinburgh. I grew up an hour down the road, joined straight from U20s and I’ve been here a good while now – I’m delighted to be staying for another three years.

“I did have other offers, but this is home, and after speaking with Sean [Everitt] he really sold me on his plans for the club. That got me excited and I’m keen to be part of what we’re building here in Edinburgh.

He continued: “I think Sean and I are pretty similar. He knows what he wants. I know what I want. He keeps it nice and simple, just go out and play rugby and that’s exactly what I’m all about. We sometimes make rugby too confusing. I feel like I can play the type of game that I enjoy under Sean.”



Graham was selected for his second Rugby World Cup this past summer in France, where four tries in a victory over Romania moved him up to second-place in Scotland's all-time try-scoring record [24 tries in 39 appearances], with the winger now only three scores behind fellow Hawick man Stuart Hogg [27 tries].

Graham started the current campaign with a knee/hip injury, and made his return to fitness in the recent EPCR Challenge Cup victory over Castres Olympique at Hive Stadium, where he received a raucous reception from the capital faithful.

The winger continued: "I really love playing at home, it feels like such a special occasion now. We've moved out of Murrayfield and made Hive Stadium our home. We've built a proper atmosphere and matchday experience.

"We have also made Hive Stadium a fortress and it's a tough place to come now. Long may that continue.

He continued: "It's my ambition to win silverware with Edinburgh. I'd be gutted if I went my whole career here and didn't win anything with this club and group of players.

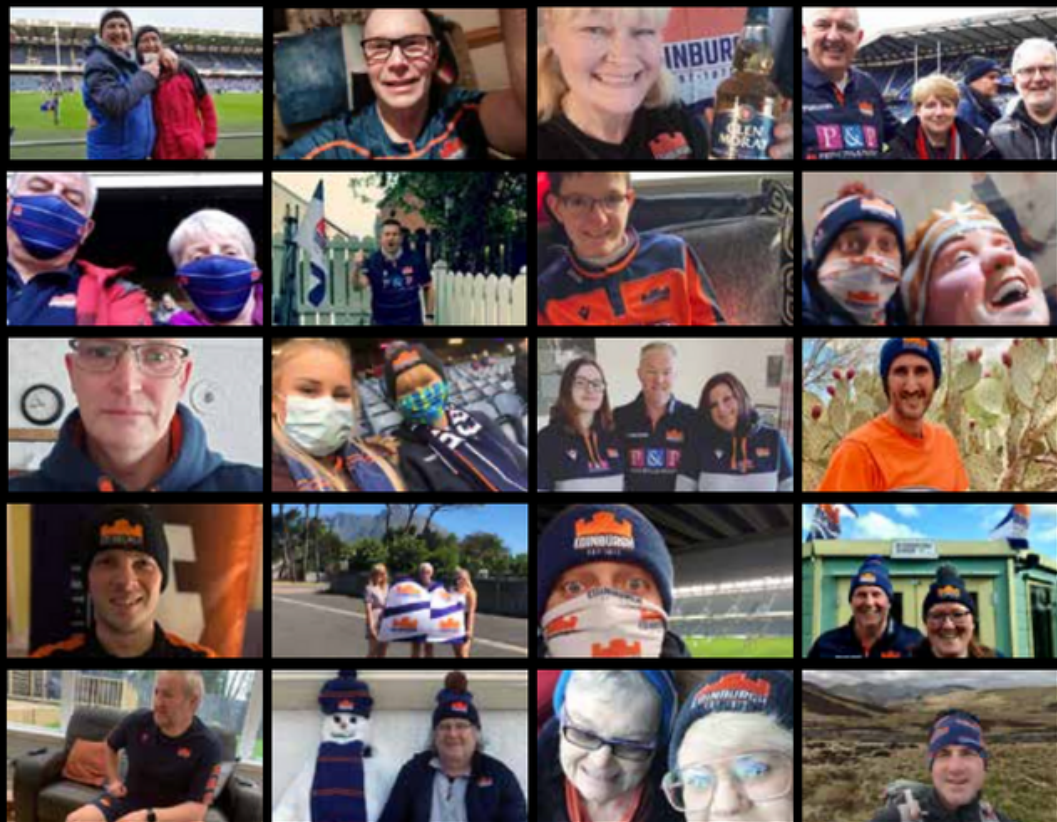
"I genuinely feel like this group can win something and that was also a factor in wanting to stay in Edinburgh. We've got the talent, a great new home, it's now about backing it up week on week."



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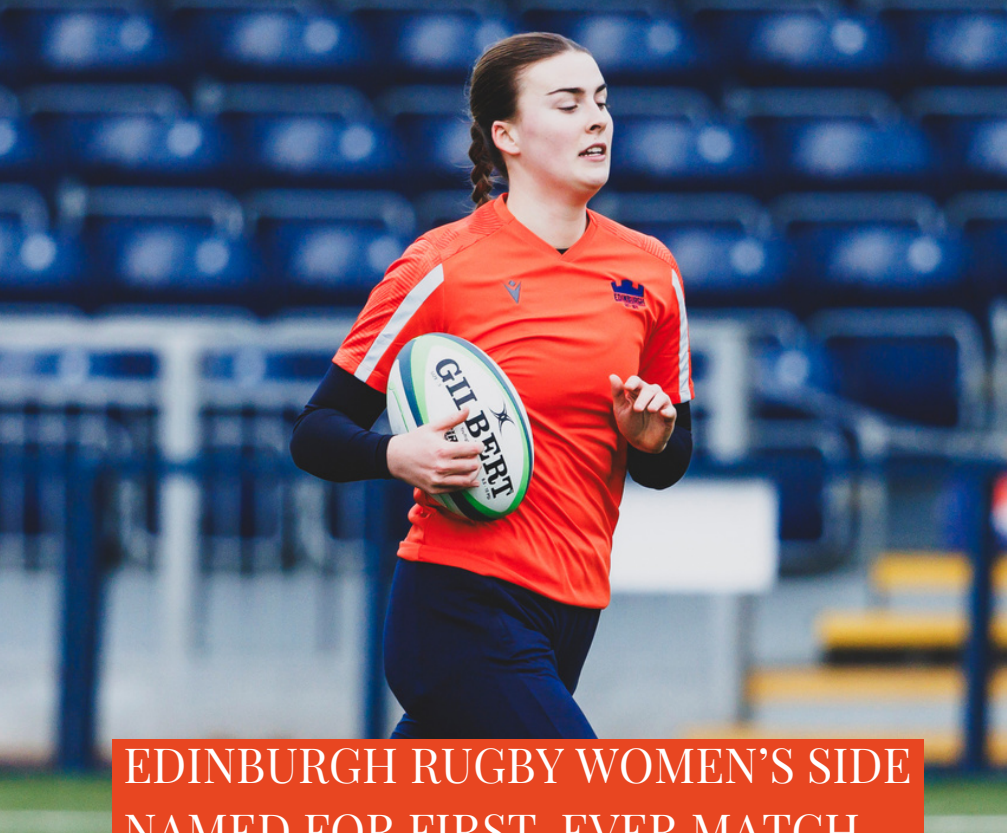
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EDINBURGH RUGBY WOMEN'S SIDE NAMED FOR FIRST-EVER MATCH

Head Coach Claire Cruikshank today named the first-ever Edinburgh Rugby women's matchday squad to face inter-city rivals Glasgow Warriors in tomorrow's Celtic Challenge clash at Hive Stadium (30 December, kick-off 12 noon) – live on BBC Scotland and RugbyPass TV.

The team is geared up for an historic inaugural clash, in front of a crowd of over 1,200 at Hive Stadium, forming a double header and alongside the men's 1872 Cup fixture at Scottish Gas Murrayfield.

Cruikshank's side boasts several talented developing Scottish players, with fully capped internationalists adding further experience to the side.

Scotland and Edinburgh University stand-off Sarah Denholm is named captain, with Corstorphine Cougars flanker Alex Stewart selected as vice-captain.

Cardiff Met's Nicole Marlow – who joined the squad as a transitional player through the Scottish Qualified Programme – starts at fullback and will be joined in the back three by Edinburgh University duo Cieron Bell and Hannah Walker on the wings.

Scotland internationalist Emma Orr earns the outside-centre starting berth, forming a midfield partnership with Watsonian FC centre Briar McNamara.



Transitional scrum-half Leia Brebner-Holden (Gloucester Hartpury & Cheltenham Tigers) could impact at halfback, with Hannah Ramsay (Corstorphine Cougars) and Rachel Philipps (Watsonian FC) completing the matchday 23.

On the squad, Cruikshank added: "It's hugely exciting to be able to name our first side for Saturday's Celtic Challenge match against Glasgow. It's a side that is packed with talent, and I'm looking forward to seeing how they perform against what will be a tough opposition in Glasgow.

"A lot of the players from both sides will know each other well, so it'll be a challenge for all involved.

"The anticipation for the game has been building for a while, and we can't wait to get out there in front of a big crowd at Hive Stadium!"

Captain Denholm is named at stand-off alongside fellow Scotland internationalist Jenny Maxwell, who has been made available for selection for Round One of the Celtic Challenge following an agreed release from Loughborough Lightning – making her comeback after a lengthy injury sustained at the World Cup last year.

Edinburgh University prop Poppy Fletcher packs down at loosehead alongside Corstorphine Cougars' Katie Lindsay at tighthead, with Saracens hooker Nicola Haynes named as a further transitional player in the squad.

Fiona McIntosh, who was recently named in Scotland Women's squad at the inaugural WXV2 competition held in South Africa earlier this year, is selected at lock having been released by parent club Saracens for the fixture, alongside Edinburgh University lock Natasha Logan in the second row.

Hartpury University back-row Gemma Bell joins vice-captain Stewart at flanker, while Corstorphine Cougars Number Eight Merryn Gunderson completes the starting 15.

Edinburgh University's Millie Whitehouse is named as replacement hooker, with Scotland cap Panashe Muzambe and Watsonian FC prop Molly Poolman replacement props.

Adelle Ferrie and Freya Walker, of Corstorphine and Watsonians respectively, are named as further pack reinforcements.

LINE UP

HIVE STADIUM / 12.00PM

1. P.FLETCHER
2. N.HAYNES
3. K.LINDSAY
4. F.MCINTOSH
5. N.LOGAN
6. G.BELL
7. A.STEWART (VC)
8. M.GUNDERSON
9. J.MAXWELL
10. S.DENHOLM (C)
11. C.BELL
12. B.MCNAMEARA
13. E.ORR
14. H.WALKER
15. N.MARLOW

REPLACEMENTS

16. M.WHITEHOUSE 17. P.MUZAMBE
18.M.POOLMAN 19. A.FERRIE
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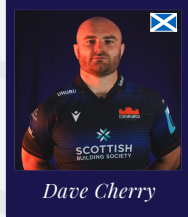


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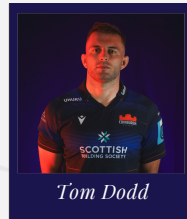
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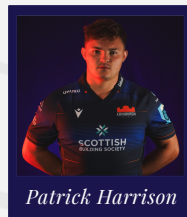
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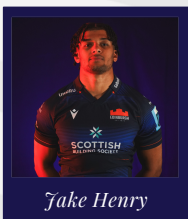
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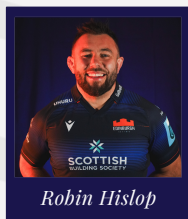
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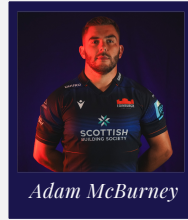
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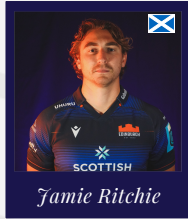
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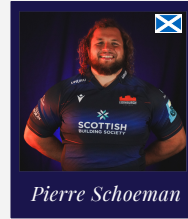
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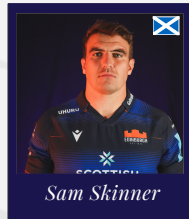
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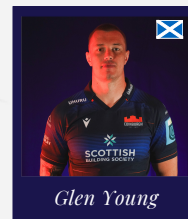
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Ollie Blyth-Lafferty (Tighthead Prop)

Euan McVie (Lock)

Tom Currie (Flanker)

Liam McConnell (Flanker)

Freddie Douglas (Flanker)

Ollie Duncan (Number Eight)

Finlay Burgess (Scrum-half)

Hector Patterson (Scrum-half)

Isaac Coates (Fly-Half)

Jack Hocking (Centre)

Finn Douglas (Wing)

Jack Brown (Full-Back)



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MARK BENNETT	You're Welcome	Dwayne Johnson
EMILIANO BOFFELLI	Quevedo (Tries)	Bizarrap
	Pepas (Kicks)	Farruko
CONNOR BOYLE	Funky Town	Lipps Inc
JAMIE CAMPBELL	Love Tonight - Edit	Shouse
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LUAN DE BRUIN	Holding out for a Hero	Bonnie Tyler
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TOM DODD	Crazy	Gnarls Barkley
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DARCY GRAHAM	Yabba Dabba Doo / CanCan	[Custom]
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MIKEY JONES	Gold Dust	DJ Fresh
JAMES LANG	Hound Dog	Elvis Presley

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ROSS MCCANN	The Snake	Al Wilson
BEN MUNCASTER	Crazy Frog	Axel F
CAM NEILD	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
WP NEL	Umfaan	Klipwerf Orkes
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CHARLIE SAVALA	Down Under	Men at Work
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JAVAN SEBASTIAN	Many Men – Album Version	50 Cent
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SAM SKINNER	California Dreamin'	The Mamas & The Papas
SCOTT STEELE	Bounce	Calvin Harris
NATHAN SWEENEY	Hey Baby	DJ Otzi
TIM SWIEL	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
MARSHALL SYKES	Candy Shop	50 Cent
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BOAN VENTER	Livin' on a Prayer	Bon Jovi
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PRESS PASS SEAN EVERITT

Edinburgh Rugby Senior Coach Sean Everitt rued his side's discipline as the capital side fell short in Friday night's 1872 Cup opener against Glasgow Warriors.

Leading 8-10 heading into the final 15 minutes of action at Scotstoun, Edinburgh succumbed to Warriors pressure with a series of penalties that gave the hosts easy entries into the capital 22 – with Glasgow eventually running out 22-10 winners.

Everitt said: “We conceded eight penalties in the last 24 minutes. If you concede eight penalties against a team

that mauls really well in these conditions you are going to be up against it and the yellow card didn't help.”

It was a slow start for Edinburgh who battled back from a Ross Thompson penalty and Kyle Rowe try through a score from club centurion WP Nel.

The tighthead prop powered over with five minutes remaining the first-half to make it a one-point game at the break [

Everitt continued: “Yes, I did expect more. We had a slow start in the first 20 and it looked like we were shaky, nervous but we managed to keep them to eight.

“The fans will have a massive role to play come kick-off. We want to create a cauldron of noise inside Scottish Gas Murrayfield for what is set to be a proper derby decider between two sides that know each other well.”



“Then we got back into the game and had 72 per cent territory in the first half but we did not make enough of our opportunities, especially in the back field. The second half we were on top again.”

With Ben Healy’s second-half penalty giving Edinburgh a 8-10 lead there was little between the two teams with both packs battling through the tough conditions.

The hosts were able to get a foothold in the game and turn the screw in the final stages however and when Edinburgh temporarily went down to 14 men following Grant Gilchrist’s yellow card, the Warriors were able to put up 14 points to secure the win and add polish to the eventual scoreline.

Everitt added: “Are there ways to rectify this? Yes, there is. We will look at it and deal with the individuals concerned. I thought we defended very well at times.

“We did not want them to get the ball to the edges and we prevented them from doing that at times and they did not get as many run metres that they usually do so there are positives we can take out of this game rather than deal with the negatives.

“We will look at it and see how we could have prevented giving away these penalties.”



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I love the 1872 Cup derbies. They are the games you want to be involved in, going up against your Scotland teammates. I've scored some important tries in the fixture, and it will be great to be back at Scottish Gas Murrayfield this weekend, a stadium we obviously know really well for both club and country.

To hear that over 30,000 fans have already got their tickets for Saturday's game is honestly amazing. As players, we can't wait to represent the capital. We know how important this game is for everyone connected to the club and we want to give the supporters something to celebrate as we look to finish 2023 on a high.



We've got a special group here and there is a real feeling of togetherness, with everyone buying into what Sean [Everitt] is trying to build. I've really enjoyed his coaching style and man-management so far. Playing under him is great, so long may that continue.

Edinburgh is home for me. I love playing my rugby here and it's where I'm happiest.

Inter-city rivals to support Doddie Aid at 1872 derbies



Intercity rivals Edinburgh Rugby and Glasgow Warriors have both thrown their support behind My Name's Doddie Foundation and Doddie Aid, with both clubs set to support the charity at the upcoming 1872 Cup derbies.

Both clubs will be encouraging supporters to join their respective regions at each derby, with a special Doddie Aid legends half-time challenge planned at both games, with former players from both sides of the M8 set to take part.

Doddie Aid – the mass-participation exercise event which encourages those joining to donate and join one of seven ‘regions’ – kicks off in January, with Edinburgh Rugby’s very own Jamie Ritchie captain of Team Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Rugby squad will be wearing Team Edinburgh snoods for the home festive derby, while the club will hand out Doddie Aid t-shirts at the decisive 1872 Cup clash in the capital.



Edinburgh Rugby is also excited to welcome Doddie Aid chief and former Scotland international star Rob Wainwright to Scottish Gas Murrayfield on Saturday 30 December, with the British & Irish Lion star set to deliver the match ball alongside two club legends.

Team Edinburgh and Scotland captain Jamie Ritchie has backed the club's support of Doddie Aid at the 1872 Cup derbies, encouraging fans to sign-up for the capital region ahead of January.

Ritchie said: "It's awesome that both Edinburgh and Glasgow Warriors are able to support My Name's Doddie Foundation at the upcoming 1872 Cup derbies. It's a cause that means so much to all Scottish rugby supporters and I can think of no better platform to promote the charity than at the two biggest club derbies of the year.

"I'm proud to be captaining Team Edinburgh for this year's Doddie Aid – I'd encourage all our fans to get signed up for Team Edinburgh and let's raise vital funds to beat MND."

Paul Thompson, Director of Fundraising and Communications at My Name's Doddie Foundation said: "Doddie Aid is all about coming together, having fun and raising vital funds to invest in MND research. And so, we'll be doing just that at the 1872 Cup games on 22 and 30 December.

"With Robert Wainwright at the forefront, we'll be putting Edinburgh Rugby and Glasgow Warriors legends to the test with half-time challenges, and reminding everyone to sign up for Doddie Aid in time for the new year."

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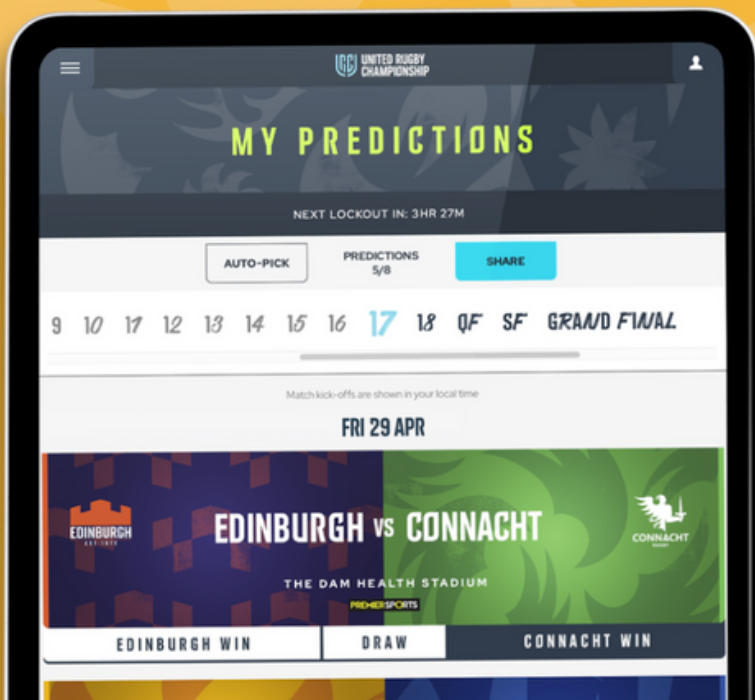
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