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Saturday 12th October 2024, 5.15pm kick-off

*Managing director's welcome / Unity Round
Matt Scott feature / Press Pass*



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DOUGLAS STRUTH WELCOME



Good evening Edinburgh Rugby supporters and a special welcome to our visitors from Cape Town, DHL Stormers. It's fantastic to have you all here at Hive Stadium for this BKT United Rugby Championship Round 4 clash.

There's no other way to describe it - last week's result in Johannesburg was unacceptable and the team's performance fell well short of expectations. I know that there has been a lot of soul searching, and the players have adopted the attitude that talk is now cheap - actions will define us. The players are more determined than ever to bounce back and deliver a performance that our supporters deserve.

Your support is absolutely vital for the club. The atmosphere you create at Hive Stadium can be a real driving force for the team, and we need your energy and passion for the full 80 minutes. Let's make Saturday a night to remember in the capital.

Tonight, we're honoured to have Paralympic gold medallist Stephen Clegg join us at the match. Stephen, who was schooled in Edinburgh, recently secured two gold medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. His achievements are an inspiration to us all, and we're delighted to have him here tonight.

*Edinburgh Rugby vs DHL Stormers
BKT United Rugby Championship*

DOUGLAS STRUTHWELCOME



come-from-behind win against Glasgow 'A' at Hive Stadium before putting in a battling performance against Saracens 'A' at StoneX Stadium last weekend. In particular, it's been a delight to see a lot of younger pro-academy players make such a positive impact.

After two weeks in Pretoria and Johannesburg, it's great to be back in Edinburgh in front of our home support. I understand that this hasn't been the start to the season we envisioned, however with your support behind us, I believe the team can deliver a performance that will get our season up and running.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game!

*Douglas Struth,
Managing Director*

We're also celebrating the URC's Unity Round this evening which promotes inclusivity in sport while supporting the Stonewall Rainbow Laces campaign in a commitment to ensuring our games are viewed as welcome space for everyone to join.

It's also student night in the capital, and we're thrilled to be partnering with The University of Edinburgh to make this a special occasion. Our partnership with the University has been incredibly fruitful, and hosting the 2024 Scottish Varsity match at Hive Stadium last month was a particular highlight.

While much of the senior squad were in South Africa, it was brilliant to see the 'A' team get up and running, picking up a





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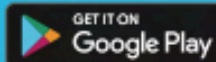
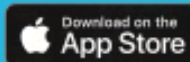


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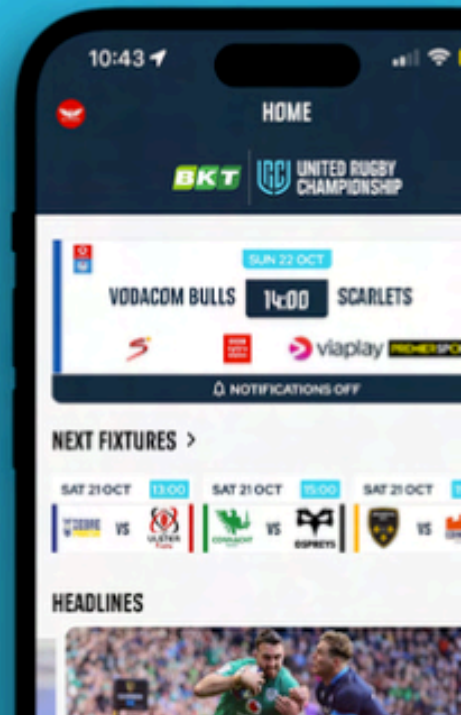
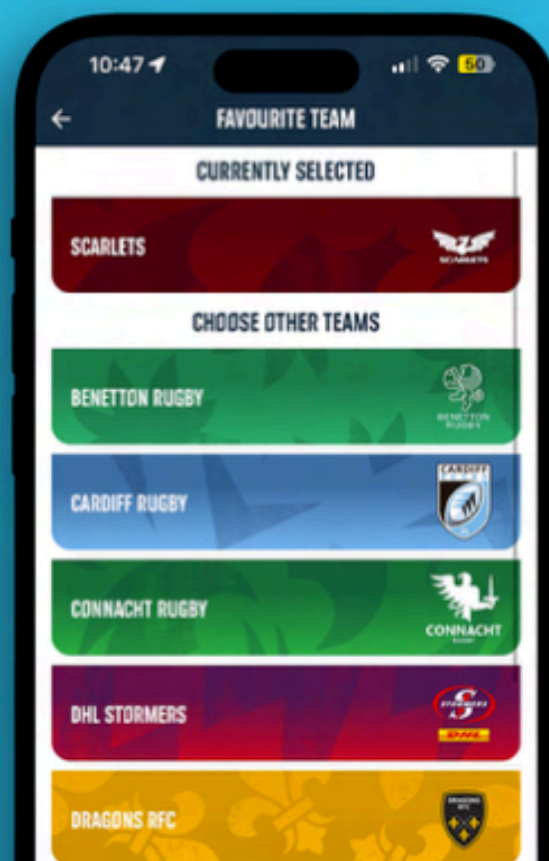
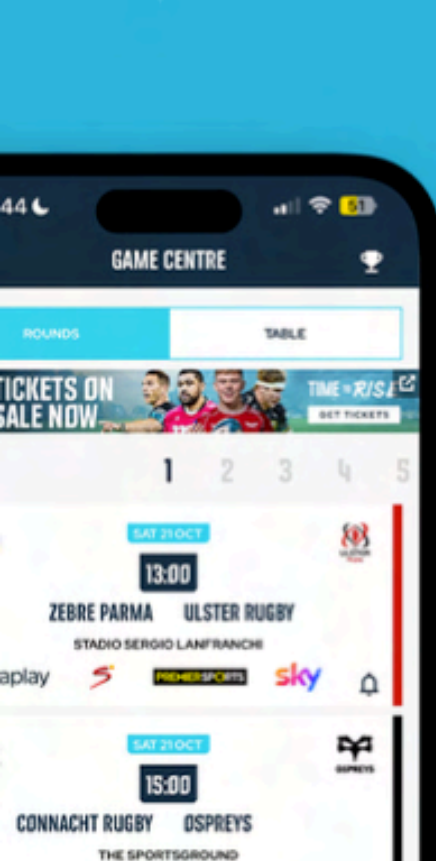


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<i>Matt Scott</i>	12.	<i>Dan du Plessis (C)</i>
<i>Duhan van der Merwe</i>	11.	<i>Leolin Zas</i>
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<i>Jamie Ritchie</i>	6.	<i>Dave Ewers</i>
<i>Ben Muncaster</i>	7.	<i>Ben-Jason Dixon</i>
<i>Magnus Bradbury</i>	8.	<i>Keke Morabe</i>

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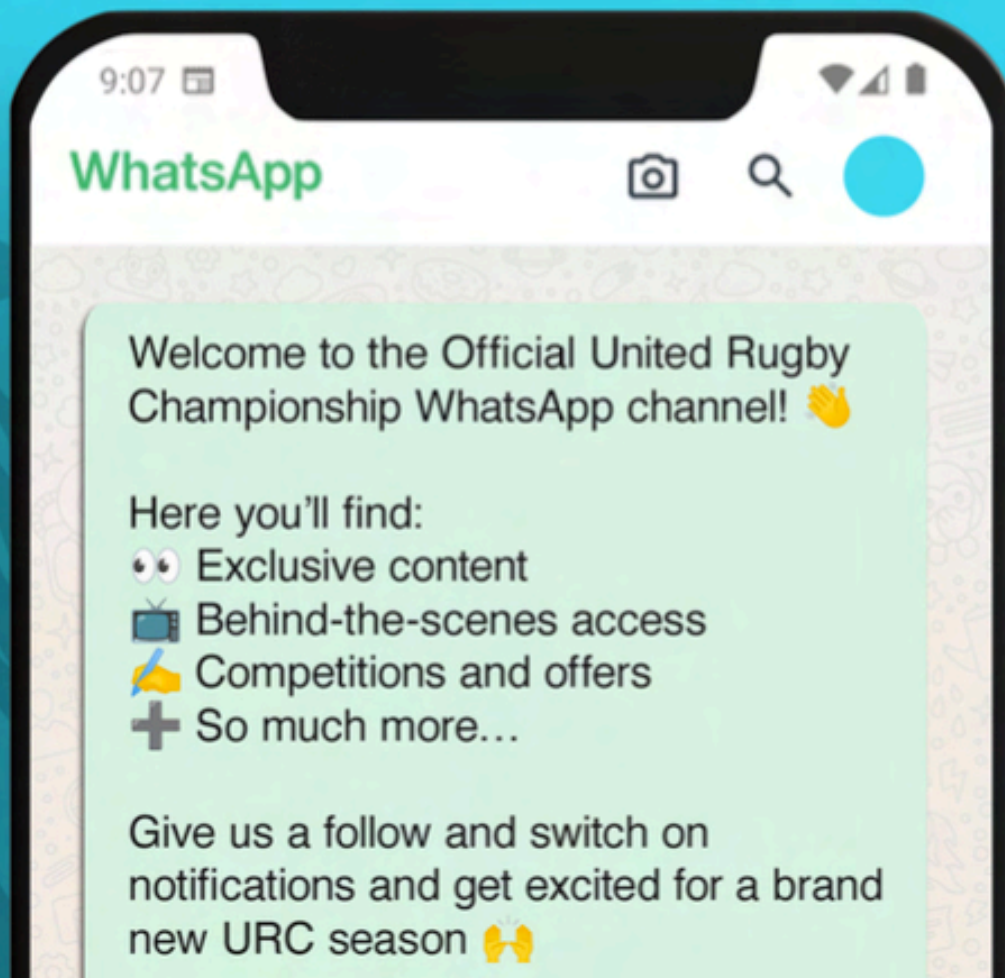
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MATT SCOTT

Talk is cheap

As Edinburgh Rugby prepare to face DHL Stormers in a crucial clash in the capital this Saturday night, the team is determined to bounce back from their disappointing defeat to the Emirates Lions in Johannesburg in Round 3 of the BKT United Rugby Championship.

Centre Matt Scott, now one of Edinburgh Rugby's most experienced campaigners, has been vocal about the need for the team to put their learnings into action and deliver a strong performance in front of the Hive Stadium faithful.



"The most disappointing thing was we started off poorly and weren't able to pull that back before half-time," Scott reflected on the Emirates Lions defeat.

"That is all on the senior players, the leadership group, the game-drivers – your nines and 10s. We have taken responsibility for not being able to address that after they scored their second try or third try and say 'lads, let's structure this game up a bit' because we were just playing right into their hands."

Scott acknowledged that the defeat was a valuable learning experience, despite the disappointment. "There were massive learnings," he said.

"It was a completely unacceptable performance by us. We've had a good review, but a lot of the boys have been saying 'talk is cheap, we need to start putting in performances on the pitch'."

This Saturday night's match-up with DHL Stormers is a crucial one for Edinburgh, and Scott emphasised the importance of a strong performance.

Talk is cheap



"It's such a massive game for us," he said. "We are not under-estimating that fact. I know this group has got fight. I see them every day and I have played with them. But I think the most important thing for us to win this game.

"If we stick to our plan and try our best and they are just better on the day, we can live with that.

"If you are beaten by a better team, you can hold your hand up and say 'fine'. Leinster and Bulls were games

that we probably should have done better in and we had some soft moments, then obviously it was a terrible first half at the weekend.

"The first three games of the season have been games where we have shot ourselves in the foot quite a lot, which is really frustrating."

As Edinburgh look to turn their fortunes around, Scott's words serve as a reminder that actions speak louder than words.

The team will be hoping to deliver a strong performance against DHL Stormers this Saturday night and prove that they have learned from their past mistakes.





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UNITY ROUND

EDINBURGH RUGBY SUPPORTS INCLUSIVE RUGBY



As part of the BKT United Rugby Championship's Take On Tomorrow programme, and the wider ambition to promote inclusion in sport, the URC are delighted to confirm that the Unity Round returns this weekend for the third season in a row.

In Round 4 (11-13 October) the BKT United Rugby Championship dedicates this weekend to promoting inclusivity in sport and supporting the Stonewall Rainbow Laces campaign in a commitment to ensuring our games are viewed as a welcome space for every person to enjoy.

The BKT URC and its teams believe that a club rugby matchday is 'Everyone's Game' and is committed to leading the way with the league's

clubs, partners, broadcasters and fans to ensure all of those engaging with our matchdays feel welcome and safe.

Taking place across eight venues, the weekend will start with Glasgow Warriors playing host to Zebre Parma at Scotstoun Stadium on Friday, October 11 and concluding with Dragons RFC playing against the Emirates Lions in Newport on Sunday, October 13.

Players, match officials and wider team management will have access to laces for their boots or trainers while players will also be able to use rainbow tape if they prefer.



At match venues BKT URC branding will be transformed incorporating the rainbow progress flag in addition to the rebranding of the assistant referee flags. Ahead of Unity Round, all BKT URC social channels will bear the rainbow colours. Content specially created for Unity Round will also be shared throughout the week.

The BKT URC is working in support of the Stonewall Rainbow Laces campaign - helping to underline the message that every person, including those in the LGBTQ+ community, should feel welcome at our games and events.

Since the launch of Rainbow Laces in 2013, more than a million people have laced up to light up the visibility that there be no discrimination of people in society, which extends to the sporting fields.

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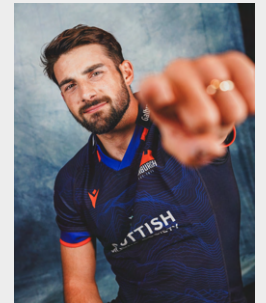
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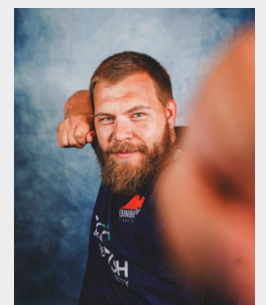
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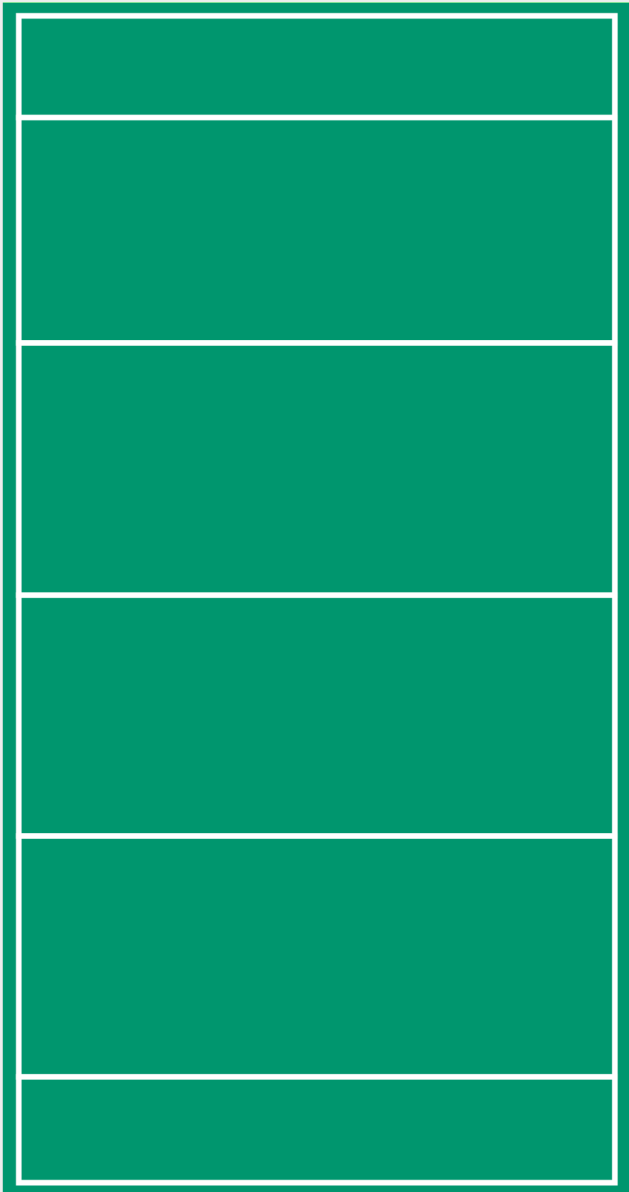
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“We can’t let 40 minutes of rugby against the Lions put us into total doom. We’ve identified what we need to fix, and it’s my job as a coach to fix it”

On the Lions game

“I think the pleasing part of it - if there is anything pleasing about it - was how the team turned it around at half-time. They stuck to the kick strategy right from kick-off. They got five metres from the try line and kept the pressure on the Lions for the entire second half. So that’s pleasing.

“The first half was disappointing and we know what went wrong. We gave them what they wanted and we’ve got to take it on the chin.

“The players have taken accountability for their performance, it’s really difficult to fix a problem if there is no accountability. They’ve taken responsibility for the performance and I’m really proud of them, and I’m proud of the leaders for how they’ve handled this.

“They can’t wait to get on the field on Saturday and make it right.”



On tough start

“We can’t use the fixture list as an excuse, We always knew it was going to be a tricky start, travelling early, but we saw that as an opportunity to grow as a group.

“We can’t let 40 minutes of rugby against the Lions put us into total doom. We’ve identified what we need to fix and it’s my job as a coach to fix it.

“I said earlier to the coaches that I’m an educator and my job is to help people get through and get better, and I need to fix the problem with the group of players that we have with us. And they certainly are accountable.”



Wes Goosen vs Bulls



Duhan van der Merwe vs Bulls

On collective responsibility

“It’s easy to blame everyone when you come off a loss like that, especially when you’ve been embarrassed in 40 minutes, conceding a record score in the URC.

“We’ve got two days to prepare for this game on the weekend, we’ll make the changes that we feel is necessary to make our performance better. If you expect changes, there will be, yes.”

“We gave them what they wanted and we’ve got to take it on the chin.”



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SCOTTISH BUILDING SOCIETY PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Lock Marshall Sykes has been named as Scottish Building Society Player of the Month, after amassing over 40% of the public vote for the award.

The Scotland cap has enjoyed a strong start to the season, with three starts in the capital engine room alongside co-captain Grant Gilchrist.

The big lock has been a constant source of energy for the Edinburgh pack, relentlessly involved in the action trying to push the side in the right direction.

On picking up the award, Sykes said: "It's great to have picked up the Player of the Month award, especially as it's voted for by the fans. It has been a challenging month for us on the pitch, but we know what we have to do to get the results we want, and that the fans deserve."

Head Coach Sean Everitt added: "I'm delighted for Marshall, he's earned starts this season and has been putting in some good performances on the pitch.

He's a hard-working a physical player, and is pretty relentless in what he does on the park, and i'm excited to see how he continues to develop in this team."

As part of the award Sykes has been able to donate £500 – courtesy of Scottish Building Society – to a charity of their choice from our main club partner's foundation. The lock has picked one of the various local causes the building society supports, Dr Bell's Family Centre in Leith.

The charity plays a significant part in creating community cohesion by bringing together people of different cultures around a shared agenda – the welfare of children.

On the donation, Marshall added: "I'm really happy that £500 is being donated to Dr Bell's Family Centre as part of the award. It's a charity I've heard about recently, but they do some amazing work for the community in Leith."



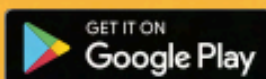
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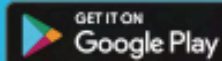


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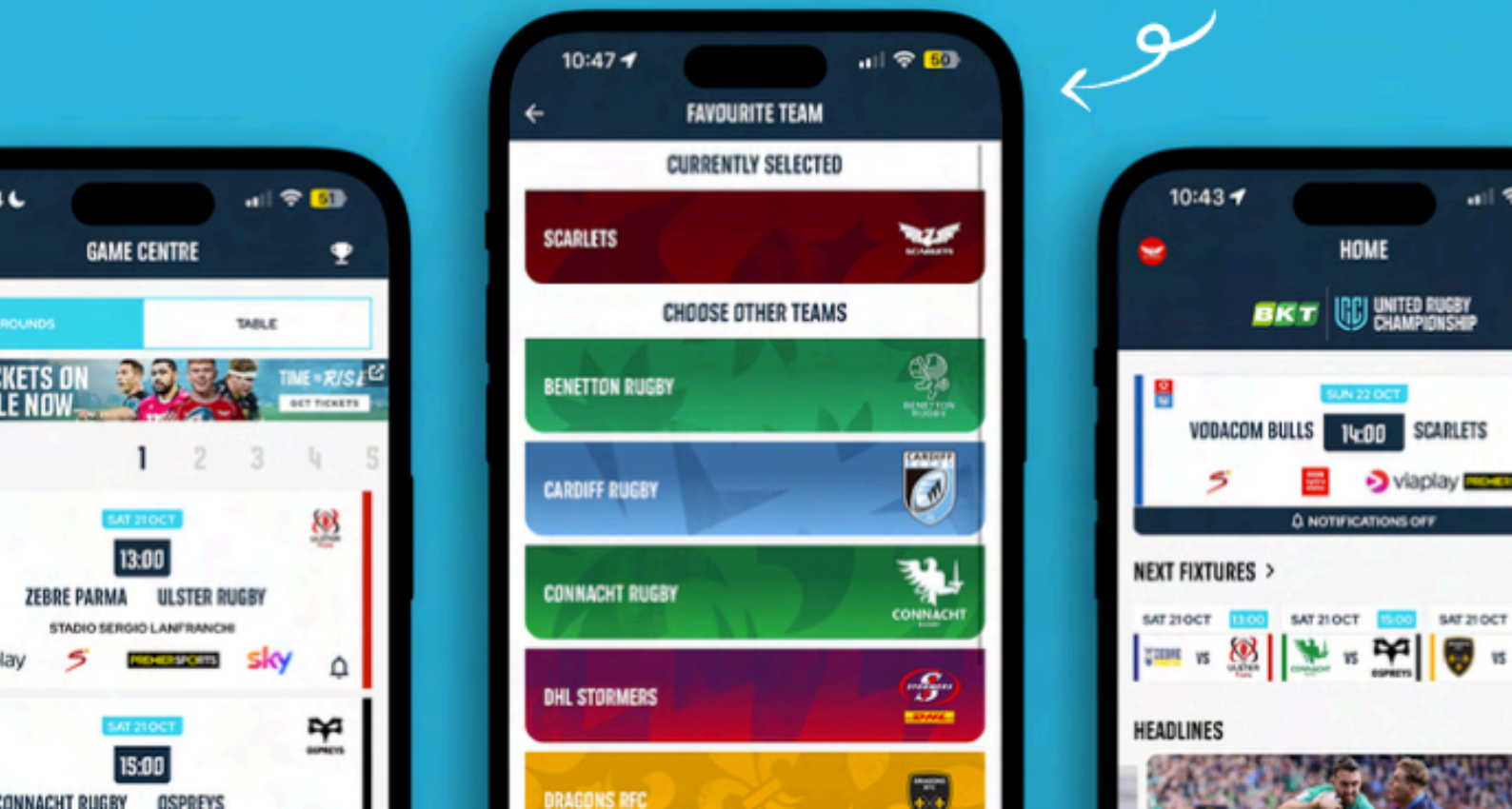


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LAST TIME OUT

EDINBURGH RUGBY 'A' 26 - 33 SARACENS STORM

Edinburgh 'A' succumbed to a narrow 33-26 loss away against Saracens Storm at Stone X Stadium.

The visitors trailed for large portions of the match, battling back from being 19-5, and then later 26-12 down to be level with the hosts, only for a late penalty try handed the Londoners the win.

Edinburgh 'A' went into the game with momentum behind them having toppled rivals Glasgow 'A' last weekend, however it was the hosts that raced out of the blocks to take the lead.

Olamide Sodeke burst through the defence to score from 30m out with a minute on the clock, with the hosts quickly doubling their lead through winger Brandon Jackson.

The visitors didn't shy away from the task in hand despite falling foul to such a slow start, with Mikey Jones battling over to score and cut the deficit with 11 minutes on the clock. 14-5



Despite the score, Edinburgh were unable to wrestle back momentum in the match, with Jackson adding a second score after some loose passing enable to speedy winger to scurry free for extend the Sarries lead. 21-5

Edinburgh again showed their mettle, replying almost immediately to cut the hosts' lead. Scrum-half Conor McAlpine, following a sharp performance last week, left the defence for dead with a smart dummy, before offloading to the onrushing Jerry Blyth-Lafferty to score. Cammy Scott added the first of three successful conversion to make the score 21-12.

After a frenetic five try start to the game, a period of calm took over, before the Storm burst to life once more to add control to proceedings. Kapeli Pifeleti broke free down the wing, and managing to find the onrushing Callum Braley – the Italy cap darting away for his side's fourth try. 26-12

With their backs against the wall Edinburgh 'A' again came out swinging, with Blyth-Lafferty getting his second score of the game. The hooker broke through a hole in the Sarries defence, and rushed over the line to close the scoring in the first half. 26-19

The men from the Scottish capital came out for the second half with a renewed sense of confidence, piling the pressure on the men in black and red.

McAlpine came close, held up over the line, when eventually Edinburgh were rewarded for their pressure on the hour mark, with centre Kerr Yule breaking free off the back of a maul score, with Scott adding the extras to level the scores. 26-26

The hosts managed to have the final say in the game, when a driving maul was brought down illegally for a penalty try. Edinburgh put on more pressure trying to salvage a draw, however it was the Storm who managed to hold out to take the win. 33-26

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