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*Managing director's welcome
Pierre Schoeman feature / Press Pass*



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DOUGLAS STRUTH WELCOME



Good afternoon, and welcome to Scottish Gas Murrayfield for today's BKT United Rugby Championship clash against Glasgow Warriors

It's an absolute pleasure to welcome you all to what promises to be an unforgettable day in our national stadium. Today, we are on the verge of something special—potentially setting a new record crowd as we take on our fierce rivals, Glasgow Warriors. With over 35,000 fans expected in attendance at the time of writing, we are proud to witness the power and energy of our incredible community coming together to support the team. This is more than just a game—this is a celebration of our shared love for rugby, our city, and our club.

While last week's result wasn't what we wanted, it has been amazing to see the fans rally in support of the team, as we look to put out a performance of intent against the Warriors.

As we prepare for this historic encounter, we also have the privilege of celebrating some special moments within our team. First and foremost, for one of our own—Dave Cherry. Today, Dave marks a significant milestone, making his 100th appearance for Edinburgh Rugby. His dedication, hard work, and commitment to the jersey have made him a beloved figure in our club, and we are all incredibly proud to see him reach this achievement.

*Edinburgh Rugby vs Glasgow Warriors
BKT United Rugby Championship*



I'd also like to put in a word for our off-field staff, who put in a huge amount of work to make days like today possible. It's a massive effort behind the scenes, and I want to extend my thanks for the work they do so brilliantly.

Today is a day of celebration, of achievement, and of anticipation for what lies ahead. As we face Glasgow, let's unite as one and show the world just how much this club means to all of us.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Let's make some noise, and cheer on the boys!

Thank you for your support - Enjoy the game!

*Douglas Struth,
Managing Director*

It has been a long road to 100 caps for Dave, playing with London Scottish and Stade Nicois before finding his way back to his boyhood club. The hooker has an intrinsic link with rugby in the capital, and to see him hit a century in capital colours is something very special. Dave, thank you for everything you've done for Edinburgh Rugby!

We are also thrilled to announce that Pierre Schoeman, one of the most powerful and passionate players to wear the Edinburgh jersey, has committed his future to the club with a new contract. Pierre's impact both on and off the field has been nothing short of inspiring, and we're delighted to have him stay with us as we continue to build for the future.





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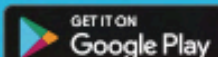
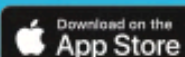


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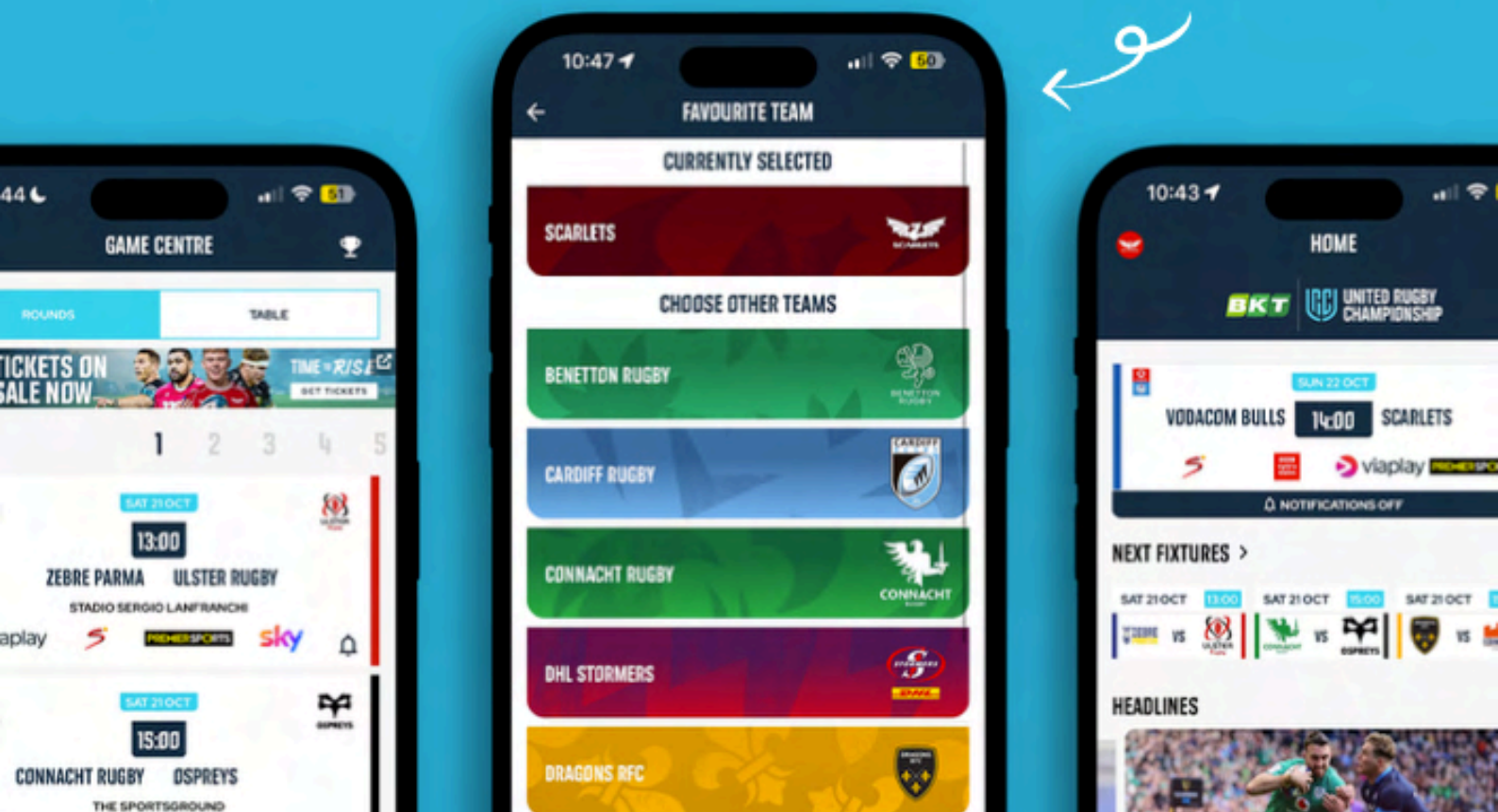


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<i>Matt Currie</i>	<i>13.</i>	<i>Huw Jones</i>
<i>Moses Tuipulotu</i>	<i>12.</i>	<i>Sione Tuipulotu</i>
<i>Duhan van der Merwe</i>	<i>11.</i>	<i>Kyle Steyn (C)</i>
<i>Ross Thompson</i>	<i>10.</i>	<i>Tom Jordan</i>
<i>Ali Price</i>	<i>9.</i>	<i>Jamie Dobie</i>

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<i>Sam Skinner</i>	<i>4.</i>	<i>Gregor Brown</i>
<i>Grant Gilchrist (C)</i>	<i>5.</i>	<i>Scott Cummings</i>
<i>Jamie Ritchie</i>	<i>6.</i>	<i>Ally Miller</i>
<i>Luke Crosbie</i>	<i>7.</i>	<i>Matt Fagerson</i>
<i>Ben Muncaster</i>	<i>8.</i>	<i>Jack Mann</i>

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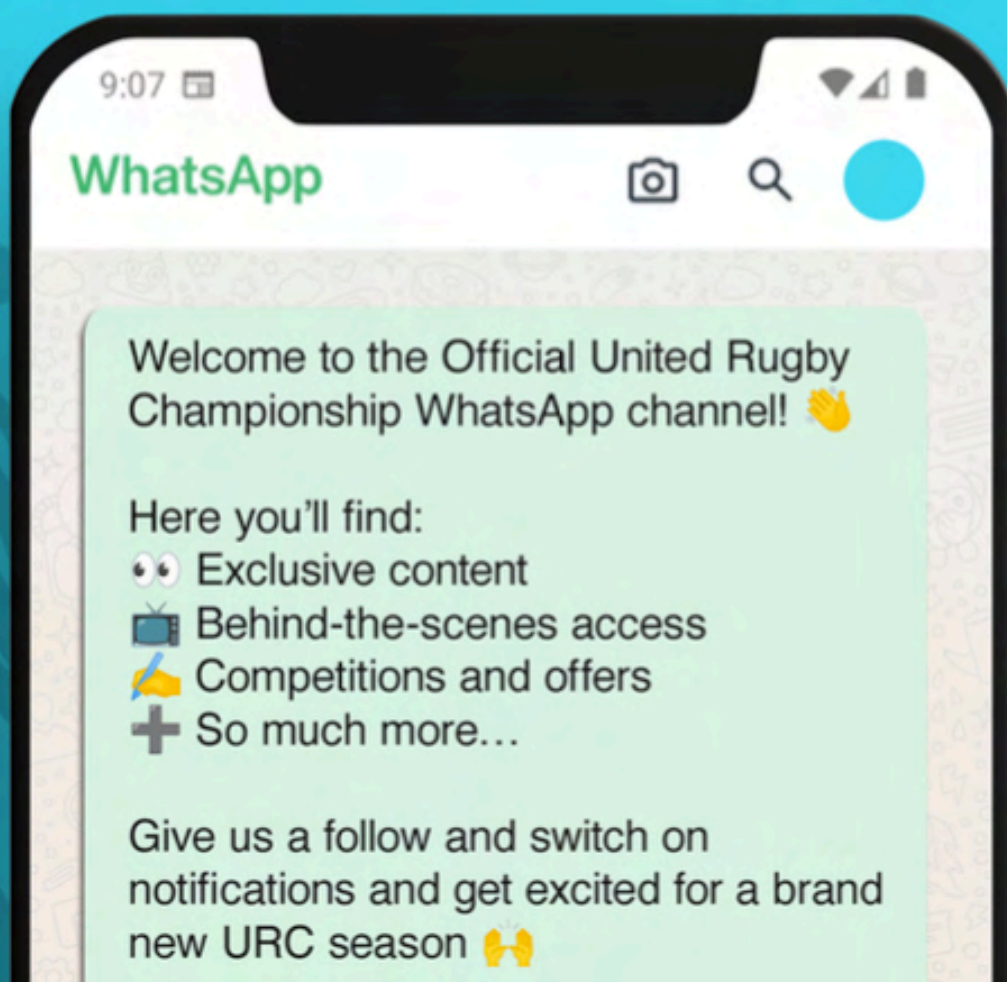


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PIERRE SCHOEMAN

Staying home

This week we announced a new three-year deal for Scotland international loosehead prop and club centurion, Pierre Schoeman.

Schoeman, 30, has been a cornerstone of both club and country since joining the capital side in 2018, solidifying his status as a fan favourite from the moment he arrived in Edinburgh.

The prop qualified for Scotland through residency in 2021 and has since developed into one of the best looseheads in world rugby, earning 37 caps so far for his adopted nation.

‘Schoooo’ as he is affectionately called by Edinburgh and Scotland fans alike, was ever-present in the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Six Nations and he featured at Rugby World Cup 2023 in games against South Africa, Tonga and Ireland.



Schoeman etched his name in the club's history books last season when he became Edinburgh Rugby's 39th centurion, joining front-row legends Allan Jacobsen, Craig Smith, Ross Ford and WP Nel in the coveted 'centurions club'.

On penning a new long-term deal, Schoeman said: "I'm truly honoured to be staying in Edinburgh for at least another three years.

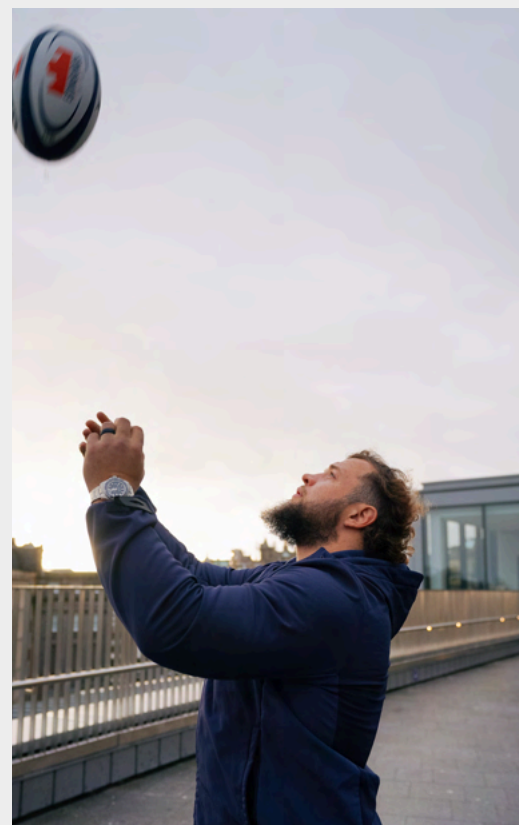
"My wife Charissa and I have loved every minute of our time here in Scotland and this is home for us now. We have bought a house here and our life is here – it was an easy decision to re-sign with a club that means so much to me."

The re-signing of Schoeman is a real statement of intent from Edinburgh Rugby who retain the services of a player in high demand, with Schoeman himself admitting he did receive offers from elsewhere.

Schoeman continued: "There were other clubs interested, but I have unfinished business here in Edinburgh. I love this group and we have so much we want to achieve as a team.

"I look around the changing room and there is so much talent. We're a family here and I genuinely couldn't be happier to have re-signed."

Staying home



Schoeman's on-field success is matched by his dedication to the community. Last season, the prop shaved off his iconic blonde hair to raise over £10,000 for the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity, picking up the club's Community Player of the Year award.

Schoeman and teammate Duhan van der Merwe are also deeply involved in the club and city's commercial scene, with their whisky start-up, Hirundine, backed by Edinburgh Rugby's Official Whisky Partner, Bevvvy.

Schoeman continued: "I feel a deep connection to Edinburgh, as both a club and city, and this new deal allows me to repay the incredible support I've received from every fan on my journey.

"Representing this club is an immense honour, and my responsibilities extend beyond the pitch. I have a responsibility to the community and our great sponsors and partners that I take very seriously. I want to leave a lasting legacy here."

Head Coach Sean Everitt – who welcomed the re-signing of star winger Duhan van der Merwe in recent weeks – has hailed Schoeman's impact on the team, describing the prop as a 'world-class' talent.

Everitt added: "Pierre [Schoeman] brings an incredible energy to everything he does, whether that's in the gym, on the training paddock, or on match day for both Edinburgh and Scotland.

"He's developed into a world-class prop and he is a brilliant example for all our younger players because Pierre gives nothing less than 100% – he is fully committed to making himself and the others around him better every day.

He continued: "Pierre is a fan favourite because of his commitment to the jersey and its absolutely brilliant news that we've been able to re-sign him on a new long-term deal.

"I'm sure this will be a welcome extra Christmas gift for all our supporters ahead of Saturday's 1872 Cup decider."

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GLASGOW REACTION



“I think we put ourselves in a bit of trouble with our discipline in the first half, We know how good Glasgow are when they get down into the 22 with their driving maul and the way they like to play.

It's a really hard thing to get right, Obviously in the game you need to trust the system, in defence, that's probably one thing that's an easy way to talk about it. Don't look for things that aren't there. Decision-making is another.

It's also discipline in the game plan and sticking to what we've said we're going to do, which I thought improved throughout the game.

If we can get the discipline bit better, limit Glasgow's entries into our 22 and five metres out, then when we get opportunities, making sure that we're on it and taking them.

I think we can take confidence from the last 15 minutes, certainly, that we know that we've got it in us to play on top, I think that's what we did well, certainly in the last 15-20 minutes. For us, it's just about doing that from the start, from the first whistle, rather than waiting until the game's probably gone and then having to turn it on then.

Obviously, we'd love to win the 1872, but I think primarily for us next week is probably about league points and getting that win, that would be the first goal and then hopefully after that you can look to get your hands on the gravy boat.”



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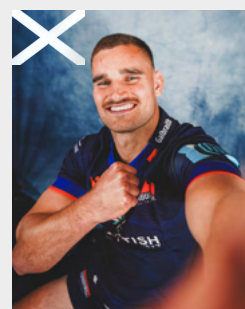
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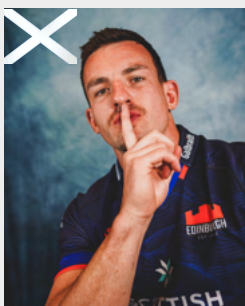
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Freddy Douglas (back-row)

Hector Patterson (scrum-half)

Ollie Duncan (back-row)

Mac Rutherford (lock)

Jack Hocking (full-back)

Jamie Stewart (loosehead prop)

Mikey Jones (loosehead prop)

Findlay Thomson (centre)

Sam Leweni (centre)

Lewis Wells (winger)

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“With a larger group, we have a fantastic opportunity to nurture these young players and prepare them for the challenges of professional rugby.” – Head Coach Sean Everitt

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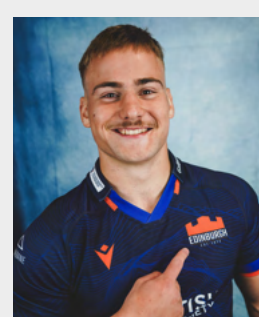
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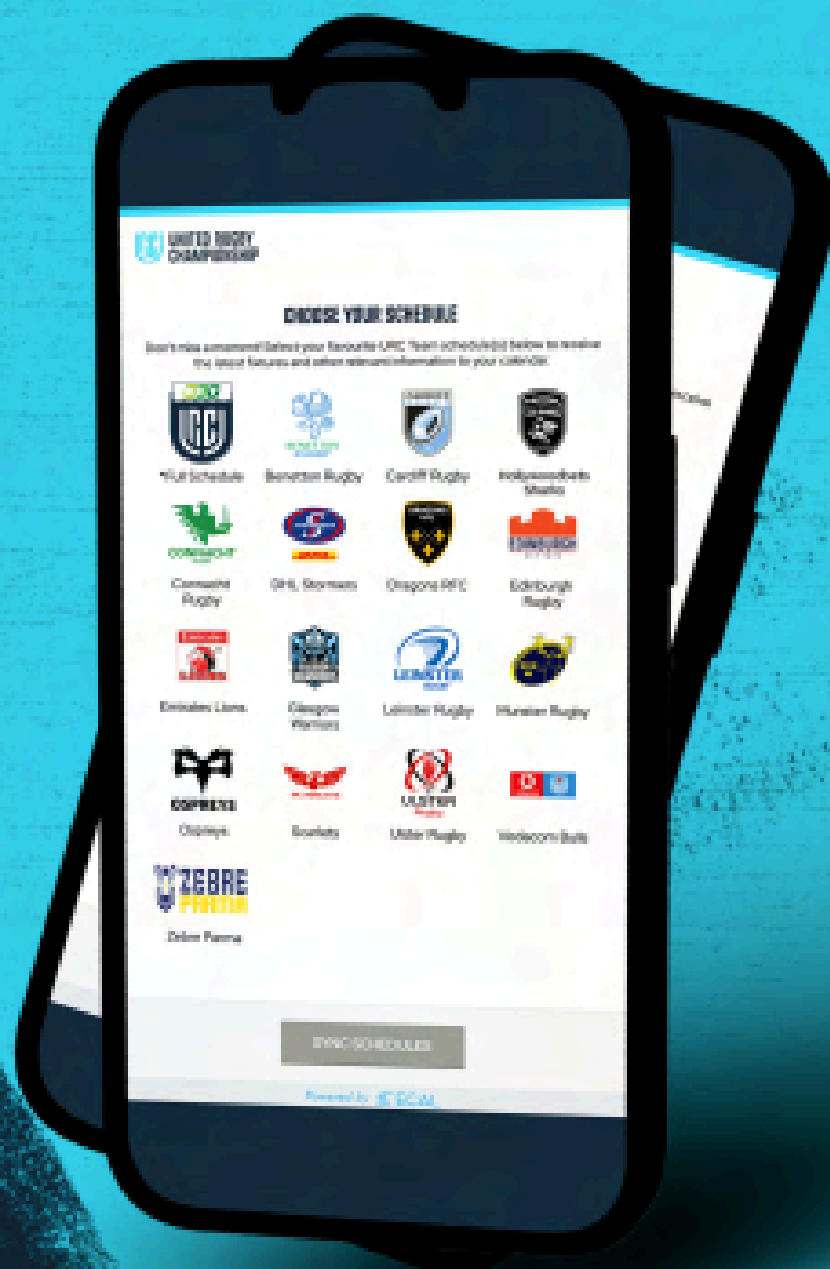
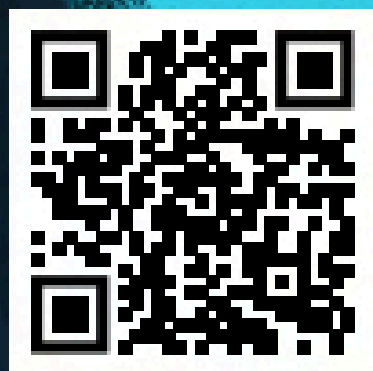
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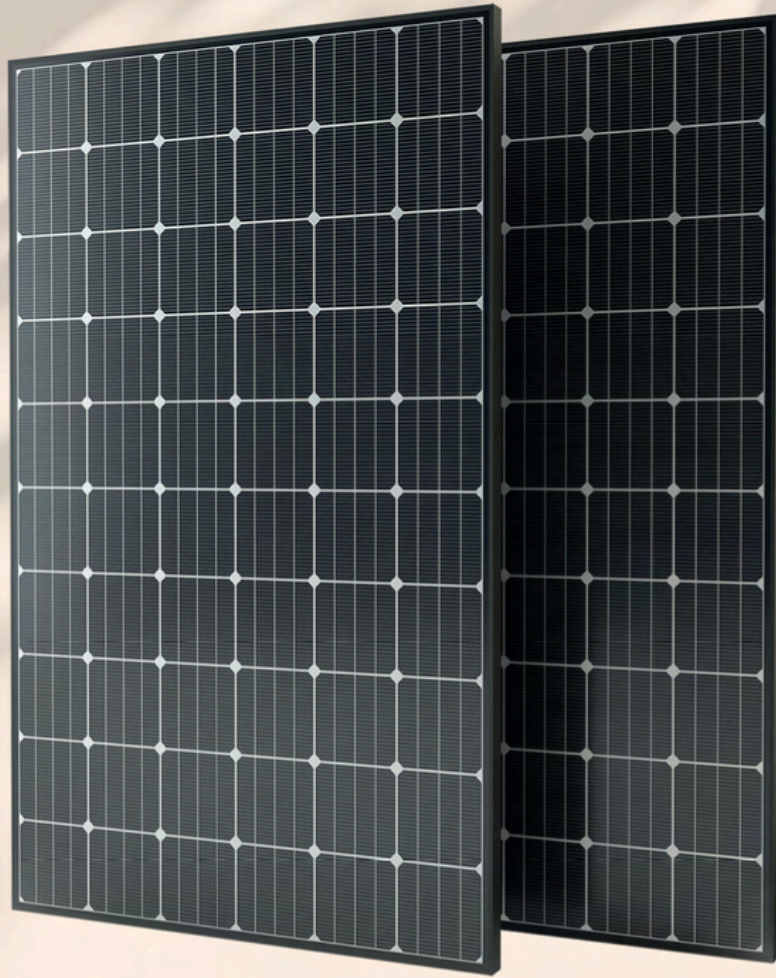
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TOM DODD	CRAZY	GNARLS BARKLEY
GRANT GILCHRIST	ROCKING ALL OVER THE WORLD	STATUS QUO
WES GOOSEN	I GOTTA FEELING	BLACK EYED PEAS
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PRESS PASS SEAN EVERITT



“Our recent matches against Benetton have been tight affairs, and I’m expecting another big test against them on Saturday.”

I think for us, to play with more intent. We didn’t win the scrap battle, we lost the aerial battle, I think they got the better of us at the breakdown as well, especially in the first half. So I would say counter-attack as well, attack from turnover. We know that they do turn the ball over because of the way they play and we’ve got to make better use of that. So for me, at the end of the day I suppose if you want to sum it up in one word, it’s putting in more intent in our performance.

when a team puts in a performance like that there’s questions that you ask yourself as well. But then you’ve got to be real. You’ve got to go and look at the rugby that we played, and the discipline. And I think you don’t have to look further than the discipline to understand why it didn’t go our way and why we didn’t have opportunities. In the second half we gave away three penalties as opposed to 10 in the first half.

“It’s great to be back to URC action, playing in front of our fans at Hive Stadium.”



Away from the field it's been good to announce Pierre as staying in the capital. He's shown great form lately and he's a good example to the youngsters and I know we're trying to create pathways for our junior players to come through. They can certainly learn a lot from Pierre' on professionalism. Every day he comes to work he's got a lot about him not just because of his personality but how he prepares and how he carries himself at training. We're delighted to have him. He's a massive part of our club from a leadership point of view, not only as a rugby player, but not only for Scotland rugby.



I think determination within this group, and probably more disappointment than anything that they didn't show the attack that they normally do. We spoke about our form away from home and there hasn't been an improvement in that department. We know that we created opportunities at the weekend, specifically in the outside channels, but we didn't make the most of it.

"We know that we're a good counter-attacking team. We didn't use that to good effect until Duhan got the ball in the second side. So that was disappointing for us. We spoke about that at training on Tuesday, about what we're good at. That's the game model we've created within this group and we need to stick to task and also be on it defensively for the full 80 minutes if we want to claw our way back into that 19-point difference."

"Likewise we've got James Lang coming back which adds to our depth and it is quite exciting for us going forward."



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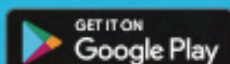
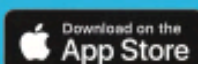
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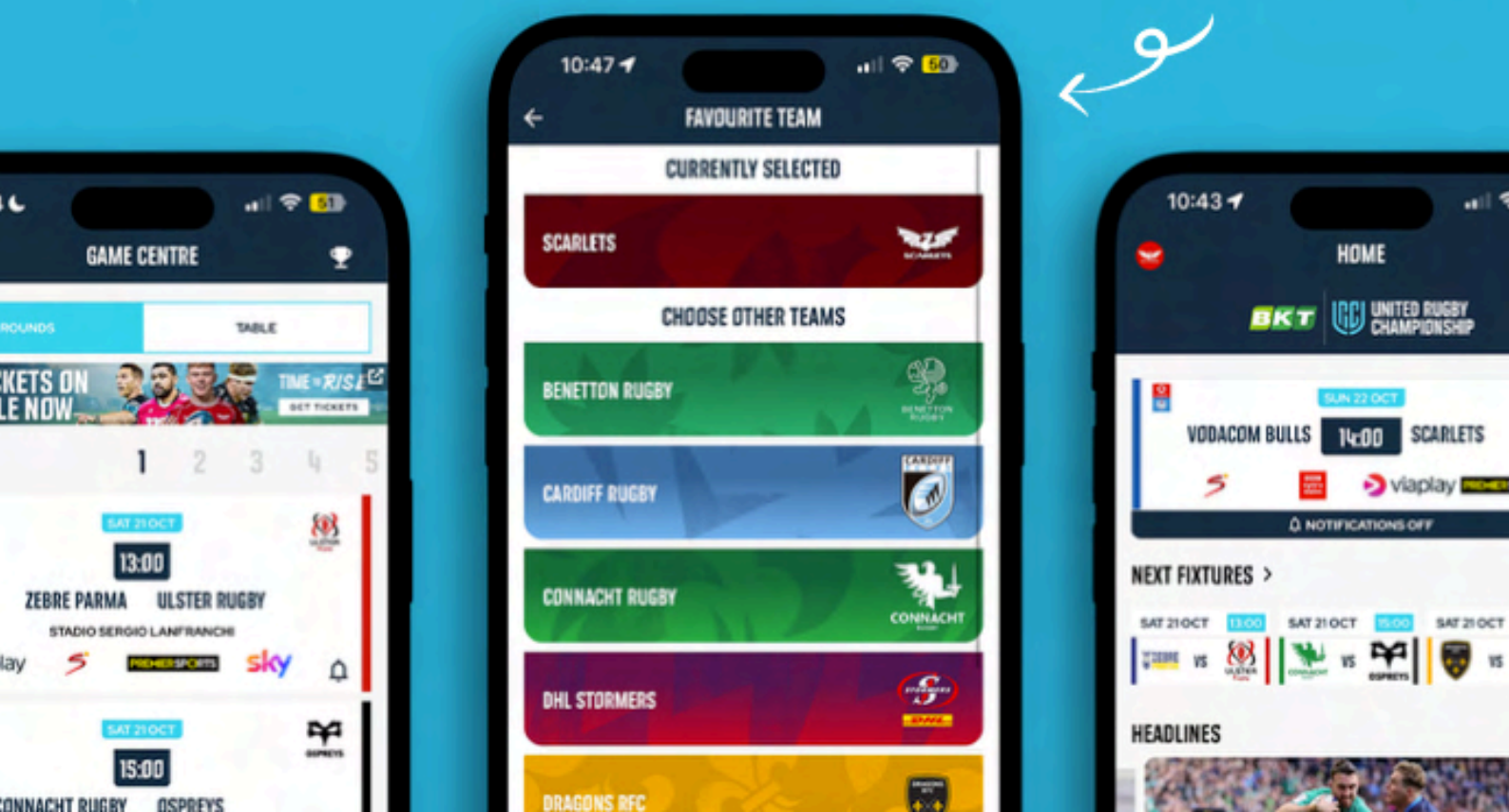


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This initiative, developed in collaboration with the City of Edinburgh Council and Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC), aims to inspire and uplift individuals from all backgrounds, providing them with a unique opportunity to experience the thrill of a major rugby event – all with the backing of Breadalbane.

Edinburgh Rugby back-row Ben Muncaster paid a visit to local charity Cyrenians with Breadalbane Director Duncan Wood as part of the launch of the initiative, with Cyrenians benefitting from the ticket donation.



Breadalbane Director Jamie Lindsay expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, and said:

“We are incredibly proud to support the ‘Tickets to Inspire’ initiative alongside Edinburgh Rugby.

“It’s an honour to be able to give back to the community and provide opportunities for so many deserving charities. We hope this experience will create lasting memories and inspire these individuals to embrace the power of rugby.”

Edinburgh Rugby Managing Director Douglas Struth, added: “We are thrilled to partner with Breadalbane on this fantastic initiative. Giving back to the community is a core value of our club.

“By providing tickets to these deserving charities, we hope to create unforgettable moments at this month’s 1872 Cup decider and inspire future generations of Edinburgh Rugby fans.”

John Hawryluk, Service Delivery Lead at Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council, added: “Christmas is a time where people across the city can feel isolated and disconnected from wider society.

“This ticket offer for the 1872 Cup will support charity partners to provide their service users a day out at the rugby over the festive period”

Cyrenians Winter Appeal

This year Cyrenians Winter Appeal is focussing on the acute impact of the Housing Emergency in Edinburgh and in particular, worrying trends in rough sleeping and women’s homelessness. This winter, there is a huge shortage of suitable housing for people in crisis in Edinburgh and even emergency accommodation in hotels and B&Bs is very hard to come by. In a city like ours there should be a place for us all to sleep safely. Cyrenians provides support – through services like the Fareshare depot – which helps prevent homelessness whilst supporting people who are experiencing homelessness. Your kind donation would help Cyrenians provide people with the tools to help them flourish.

About Cyrenians

At Cyrenians we take a public health approach to homelessness prevention. We tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness through learning from lived experience; by delivering targeted services which focus on prevention, early intervention and support into a home; and by influencing changes in legislation and policy.

Our way of working is based upon building trusted relationships and guided by our four core values: compassion, respect, integrity and innovation.

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