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*Friday 28th March 2025, 7.35pm kick-off*

*Managing director's welcome  
Grant Gilchrist feature / Press Pass*



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# DOUGLAS STRUTH WELCOME



**Good evening, and welcome to Hive Stadium for tonight's BKT United Rugby Championship clash against Dragons RFC.**

This league is as competitive as ever, with the race to the play-offs proving tighter than ever before. Every match has been highly competitive in recent months, with the majority of matches being settled by less than a score.

This means that every point counts, and we'll have to be at our best to for our upcoming matches, starting tonight as we welcome the Dragons from Newport to Hive Stadium.

We saw last week just how tight the margins in the URC can be. The manner of the loss at Treviso was difficult to take, having put in such a huge effort and coming away with a last minute defeat.

There were a lot of positives to take from the game, in particular the stellar away support we had at Stadio Monigo.

There were more than a few pockets of bright orange littering the stadium, with plenty of noise being made. Both Saturday's game and the recent trip to Munster really show how brilliant your support is, and we can't wait to be back playing in front of our fans at home again.

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*Edinburgh Rugby vs Dragons RFC  
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We're eagerly anticipating welcoming members of the armed forces, fire service, police, coastguard, and care workers from our local Murrayfield Care Home to Hive Stadium for a fantastic night of URC action.

A special shout out must also go to 10-year-old Murrayfield Wanderers player Ella Horribine, who is delivering the match ball at Friday night's match. Around 12 months ago, Ella woke up partially deaf, however that has never dampened her spirits and she continues to play rugby with a smile on her face. It will be special moment watching Ella deliver the match ball ahead of kick-off and I've got no doubt Hive Stadium will be on its feet in appreciation.

I hope you enjoy the game!

*Douglas Struth,  
Managing Director*

One of the biggest pieces of news from the club this week was the announcement that club co-captain Grant Gilchrist has penned a new deal to stay at the club.

The double-centurion will be going into his 15<sup>th</sup> season in the capital, which is an amazing feat for a man that embodies what it means to play for Edinburgh.

We're thrilled to be once again hosting our Support Our Services night at Hive Stadium, a special match to honour the incredible dedication of our NHS, emergency services, armed forces, and social care heroes.

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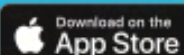
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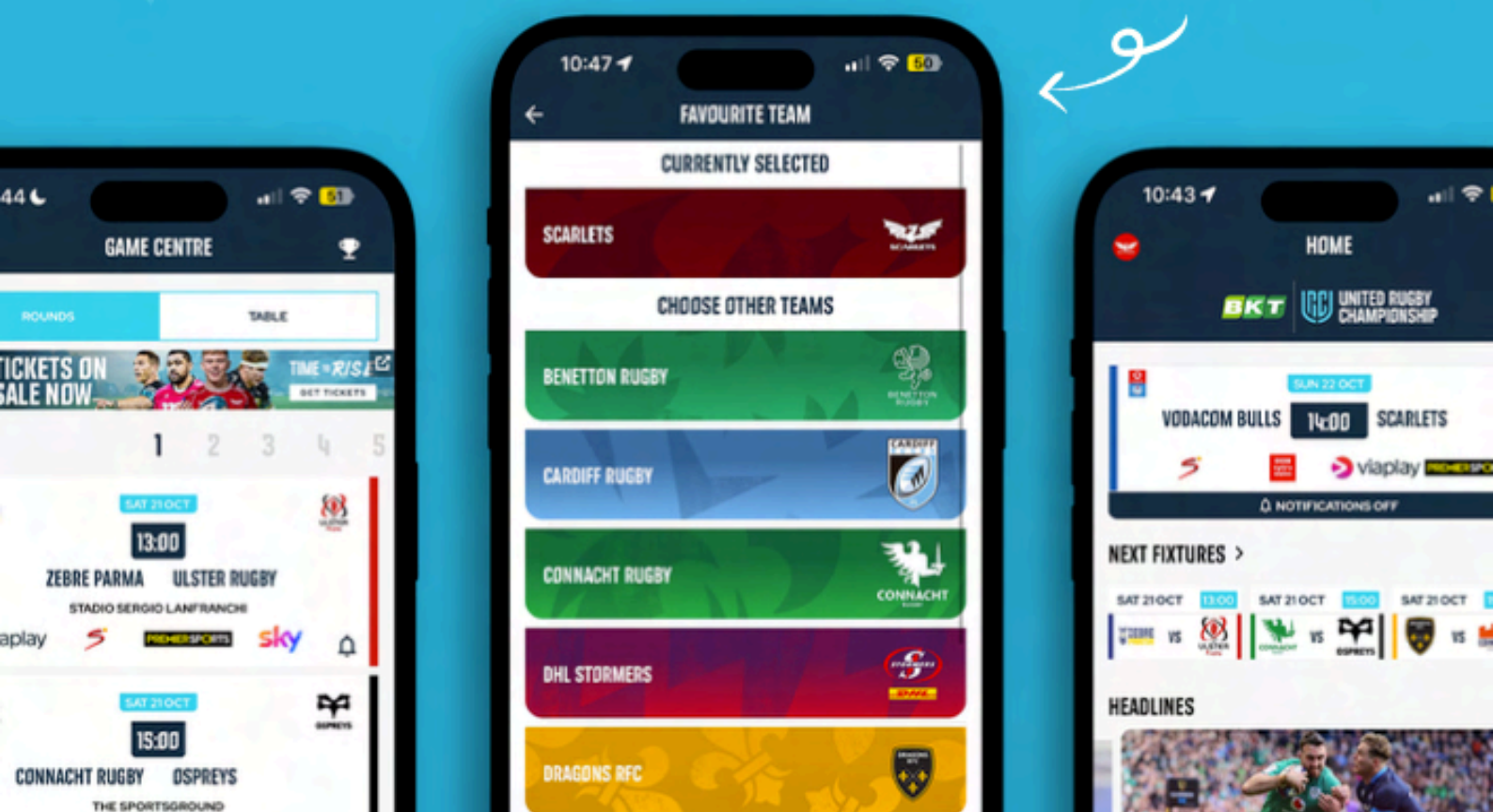


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<i>James Lang</i>	<i>12.</i>	<i>Aneurin Owen (C)</i>
<i>Duhan van der Merwe</i>	<i>11.</i>	<i>Ashton Hewitt</i>
<i>Ross Thompson</i>	<i>10.</i>	<i>Will Reed</i>
<i>Ben Vellacott (CC)</i>	<i>9.</i>	<i>Rhodri Williams</i>

<i>Pierre Schoeman</i>	<i>1.</i>	<i>Rodrigo Martinez</i>
<i>Paddy Harrison</i>	<i>2.</i>	<i>Elliot Dee</i>
<i>D'arcy Rae</i>	<i>3.</i>	<i>Paula Latu</i>
<i>Marshall Sykes</i>	<i>4.</i>	<i>Joe Davies</i>
<i>Grant Gilchrist (CC)</i>	<i>5.</i>	<i>Steve Cummins</i>
<i>Jamie Ritchie</i>	<i>6.</i>	<i>Shane Lewis-Hughes</i>
<i>Hamish Watson</i>	<i>7.</i>	<i>Harrison Keddie</i>
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# GRANT GILCHRIST

## *Ready for Season 15*

Edinburgh Rugby is delighted to announce that club stalwart Grant Gilchrist has signed a one-year contract extension, committing his future to his boyhood club for a remarkable 15th season.

The double centurion lock – who made his professional debut against Cardiff Rugby in 2011 to become Edinburgh player #1143 – came through the ranks at Alloa RFC and Stirling County and has since cemented his place as one of the club's greatest players.

Gilchrist was once again appointed as co-captain at the start of the current season alongside Ben Vellacott, marking his sixth year in a leadership role for the club.

He has previously captained or co-captained the team in five separate seasons (16/17, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24), demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the capital club.





On penning a new deal, Gilchrist said: “Pulling on the Edinburgh jersey for the first time was one of my greatest achievements, and continues to be an honour season on season, so to extend my time here for another year fills me with immense pride.

“Being a one-club man is something I cherish deeply. I still feel like I have so much more to give to this club, and the thought of helping lead this team to a winning moment would be the proudest moment of my career.

“We have a huge finish to the season ahead in both the EPCR Challenge Cup and the URC, and I’m more determined than ever to achieve something special with this group of players and staff. Retirement isn’t on my mind; I still feel I have unfinished business here at Edinburgh.”

Last season, Gilchrist reached a significant milestone, making his 200th appearance for Edinburgh against Hollywoodbets Sharks in the EPCR Challenge Cup Quarter-Final.

He became only the fourth player in the club’s history to achieve this feat, joining club legends Allan Jacobsen, Chris Paterson and WP Nel in the double centurion club.

In the BKT United Rugby Championship (URC), Gilchrist is in esteemed company, with only two other locks having played more than 15 seasons for a single team – Devin Toner (17 seasons with Leinster) and Alun Wyn Jones (19 seasons with Ospreys).





Showing no signs of slowing down, Gilchrist has also returned to scoring form this season, grabbing his first tries since the 2017/18 season with back-to-back scores against the Emirates Lions and DHL Stormers earlier in the campaign.

The 34-year-old has also enjoyed a strong international season, featuring in all five of Scotland's Guinness Six Nations fixtures earlier this year and starting in three of the Autumn Nations Series Tests in November against Fiji, Australia, and South Africa.

So far this season, Gilchrist has been a consistent presence in the Edinburgh Rugby squad, featuring in nine games, starting every fixture and contributing two tries.

Edinburgh Rugby Head Coach Sean Everitt added: "Grant [Gilchrist] is the epitome of a one-club man, and his unwavering commitment to Edinburgh Rugby is inspiring.

"He never fails to give his absolute best for his boyhood club, both on and off the field. Grant is a true leader of men, and his desire to achieve something special with Edinburgh is infectious.

"It's brilliant news to retain a player of Grant's calibre, who continues to perform at the very top of his game. His experience and leadership are invaluable to our squad, and we are delighted to have him with us for another season."





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# CAMMY SCOTT

## *Ramblin Roast*



Beyond the rugby pitch, Cammy Scott has embarked on an exciting entrepreneurial venture: [Ramblin Roast](#). What started as a camping trip with his best friend Ethan and a pizza oven has blossomed into a thriving coffee trailer business.

“We were just blasting out pizzas and we offered him one and then he enjoyed it. So we were like, at the time, he’d just got a coffee machine and we had an interest in it,” Scott recalls.

“We were like, what could we do? And then at the time, we knew a few boys that had trailers before and we just kind of picked their minds and asked them how they did it. And then for us, we were just like, screw it, let’s do it!”

Ramblin Roast now operates at a local football club in Bonnyrigg and at Watsonians’ home games. “It’s just a coffee trailer and obviously doing it alongside the rugby,” Scott explains.

“And Ethan also has a job, so it’s quite hard to find the time to do it. So right now, we just pretty much do either a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, whenever the clients or event wants something, we’d cater to that.”

The business is expanding, with potential for further growth. “So he’s got another couple of trailers now, so he’s offered us if we want to take them on.

He also envisions collaborations with fellow Edinburgh Rugby players. “Like we’ll probably try going to get some clothing, also help out other boys. We’ve chatted to Darcy [Graham], I’ve chatted to [Marshall] Sykesy. Like Sykesy’s sweets, we can sell them. Darcy’s clothing, we can then have a collaboration with him, you know what I mean? It’s quite versatile!”

With a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and a burgeoning coffee empire, Cammy Scott is ready to make his mark both on and off the field in the Scottish capital.





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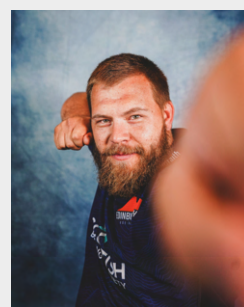
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*Jack Hocking (full-back)*

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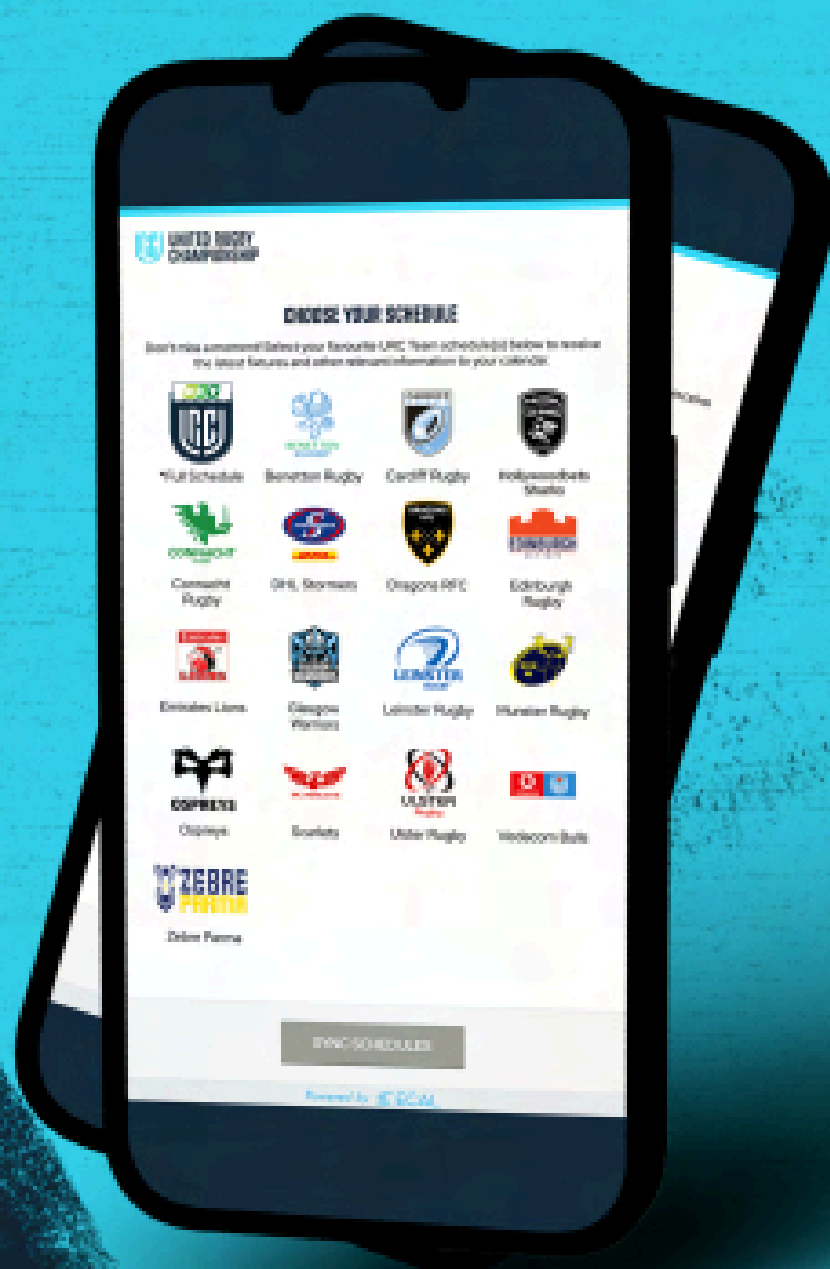
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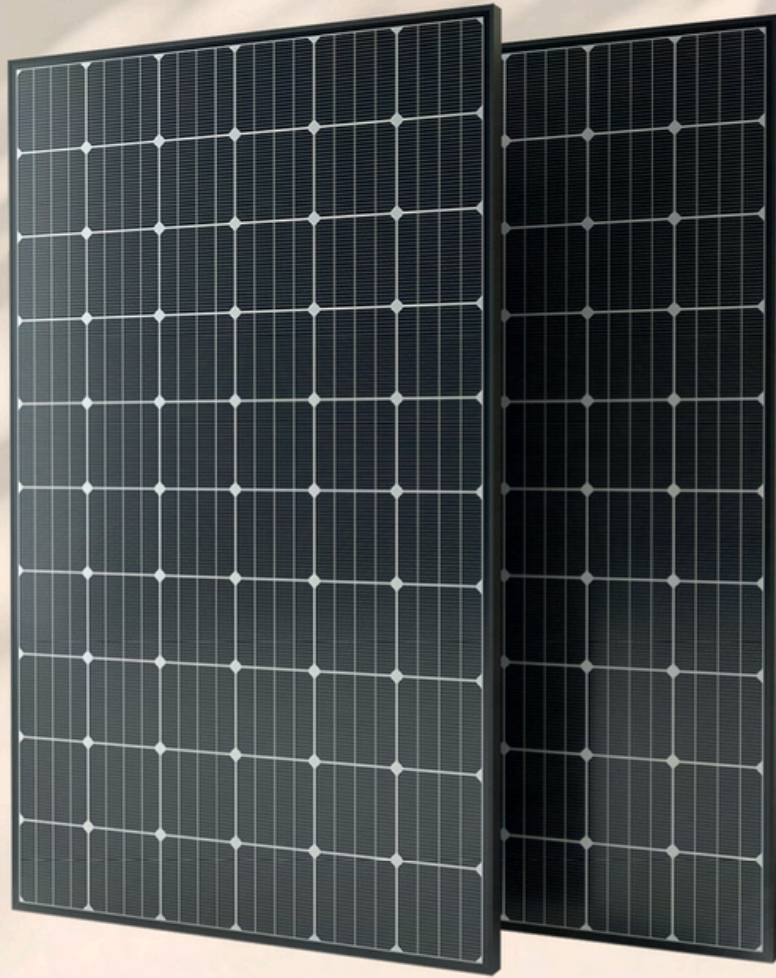
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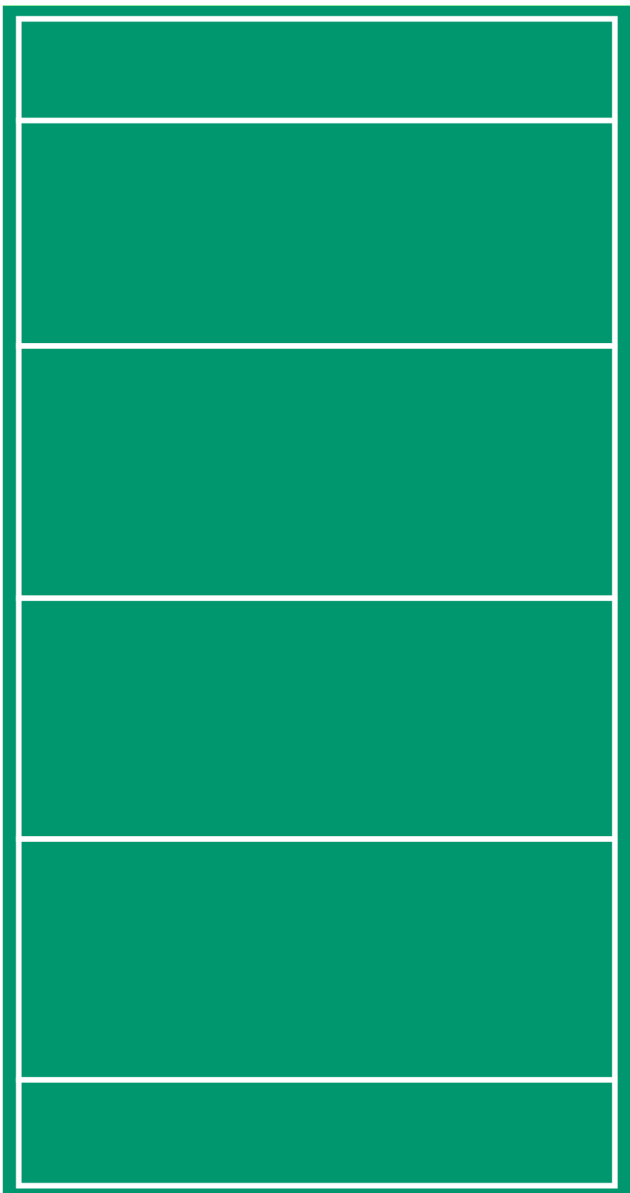


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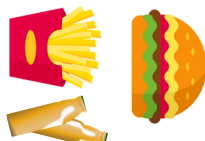
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# PRESS PASS SEAN EVERITT



*Edinburgh Rugby Head Coach Sean Everitt is looking forward to the boost provided by the return of his Scotland internationals as they prepare to face Dragons RFC at Hive Stadium this Friday night*

The capital side are eager to bounce back from a narrow defeat to Benetton in Treviso last weekend. A win against the Welsh side would significantly improve Edinburgh's chances of climbing back into the top eight of the league standings.

"We've got the balance of those internationals available for selection this weekend, so it's great to have them back home, and they've certainly fitted in very well to training this week," said Everitt.

"We've got to obviously manage their load going forward, but it will take it week-for-week for now."

Everitt confirmed that the return of key players such as Duhan van der Merwe, Jamie Ritchie and Darcy Graham.

Meanwhile the return of hooker Dave Cherry allows for rotation, with Ewan Ashman taking a week off. Similarly, Grant Gilchrist's availability means Sam Skinner will be rested this week.

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*"It's great to be back to URC action, playing in front of our fans at Hive Stadium."*



Despite the late loss in Italy, where Edinburgh led until the final moments, Everitt was impressed with the team's effort against a strong Benetton side featuring returning Italian internationals.

"I think the guys that played in Italy put a lot of effort in, and we backed the same team that did well against Munster. Obviously disappointing at the end of the game to do so much right in the game and not get the result at the end," said Everitt.

"So that was disappointing, but you've got to take the positive out of it. I thought this group has grown really well, and obviously the performance that we put in there, although not perfect, we were probably unlucky to not come away with the result."

Focusing on the upcoming match against Dragons RFC, Everitt highlighted the need to address the execution in the final moments that cost them victory in Treviso.

Set-piece will be a key area of focus for Edinburgh as they aim to return to winning ways at home, where they have enjoyed a strong record this season.



"I think it was quite obvious at the end of the game when you look how the game finished. We lost that line-out, but that wasn't the only line-out, so our set-piece struggled.

"It's a bit unusual for this team to struggle at line-out time, especially with the calibre of players that we've got."

Looking ahead, Everitt emphasised the team focus on their own performance rather than league standings.

He added: "We know what we need to do: win every United Rugby Championship game we can. We have a good run of fixtures, and while we're aware of other teams' schedules, we don't want to rely on their results. It's just a shame we didn't secure the four points that were within our grasp in Italy."



*"We're excited for the challenge this Friday night"*





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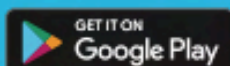
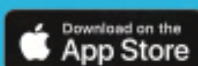
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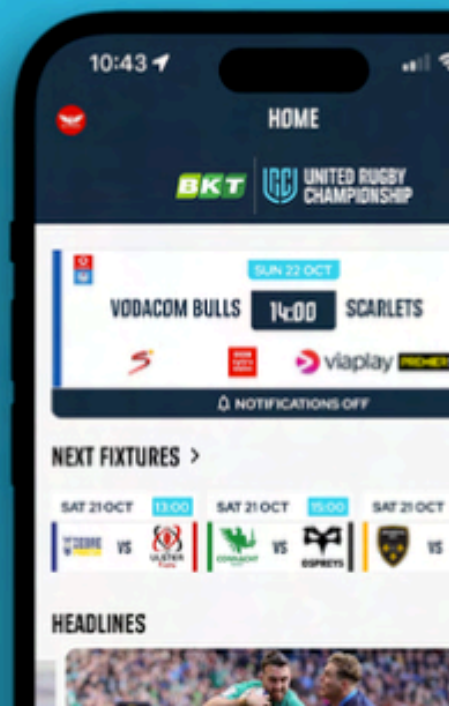
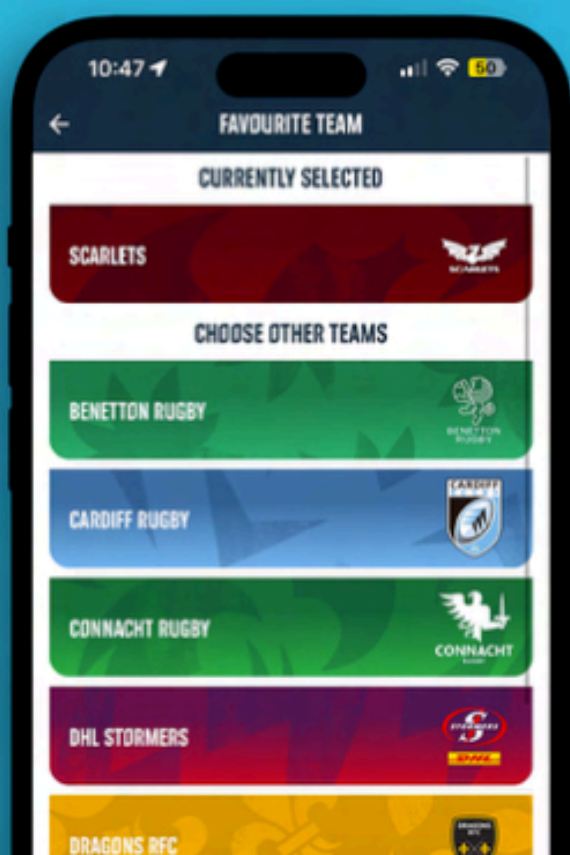


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## EDINBURGH 45-54 SARACENS

EHive Stadium witnessed a truly captivating development friendly as Edinburgh Rugby and Saracens served up a scoring-fest, with the visitors ultimately edging a 15-try thriller 54-45.

Despite the final scoreline, the evening was a resounding success for Edinburgh, providing invaluable experience for a host of young players while showcasing the depth of the squad.

Stirling County winger Ross McKnight stole the show, bagging a remarkable hat-trick and earning the Player of the Match accolade. Saracens, fielding a strong and experienced side, started brightly, racing to a 0-21 lead courtesy of tries from Tobias Elliot, James Hadfield, and Lucio Cinti.

However, Edinburgh responded with spirit. Captain Charlie Shiel wrestled over from close range before McKnight's first try, a powerful finish after collecting a pinpoint cross-field penalty, reduced the deficit to 12-21 at the interval.

Edinburgh emerged from the sheds with renewed vigour, and McKnight was quickly on the scoresheet again, finishing out wide to narrow the gap to 19-21.





Saracens' experienced scrum-half, Ivan Van Zyl, restored their advantage, but McKnight completed his hat-trick in the 51st minute, soaring high to pluck a cross-field kick from Cammy Scott and sprint clear.

Tobias Elliot grabbed his second try of the match for Saracens, pushing the lead back to 26-33.

McKnight then turned provider, breaking through the Saracens defence before feeding replacement Conor McAlpine, who was illegally halted, resulting in a yellow card for Lozowski.

Edinburgh capitalised, moving the ball wide for Sam Leweni to touch down, making it 31-33.

Elliot then secured his own hat-trick for Saracens, extending the lead to 31-38.

Edinburgh retaliated once more, with replacement Shedden scoring after an electric break from Freddie Owsley, who had impressed after being drafted in from Watsonians on the day.

Two minutes later, Cammy Scott scored what was arguably the try of the match, finishing a sensational passage of play featuring incredible breaks and offloads from Leweni, Jerry Blyth Lafferty, and Mikey Jones, pushing Edinburgh into a 45-40 lead.

However, Saracens finished strongly, scoring two late tries through Alec Cleary and Gareth Simpson to ultimately clinch victory.

While the result favoured Saracens, the evening was a testament to the depth and potential of the Edinburgh squad.

Young players like Harri Morris, Liam McConnell, Euan McVie, Cammy Scott and Conor McAlpine all stepped up to the challenge, demonstrating their ability to compete at a high level.



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