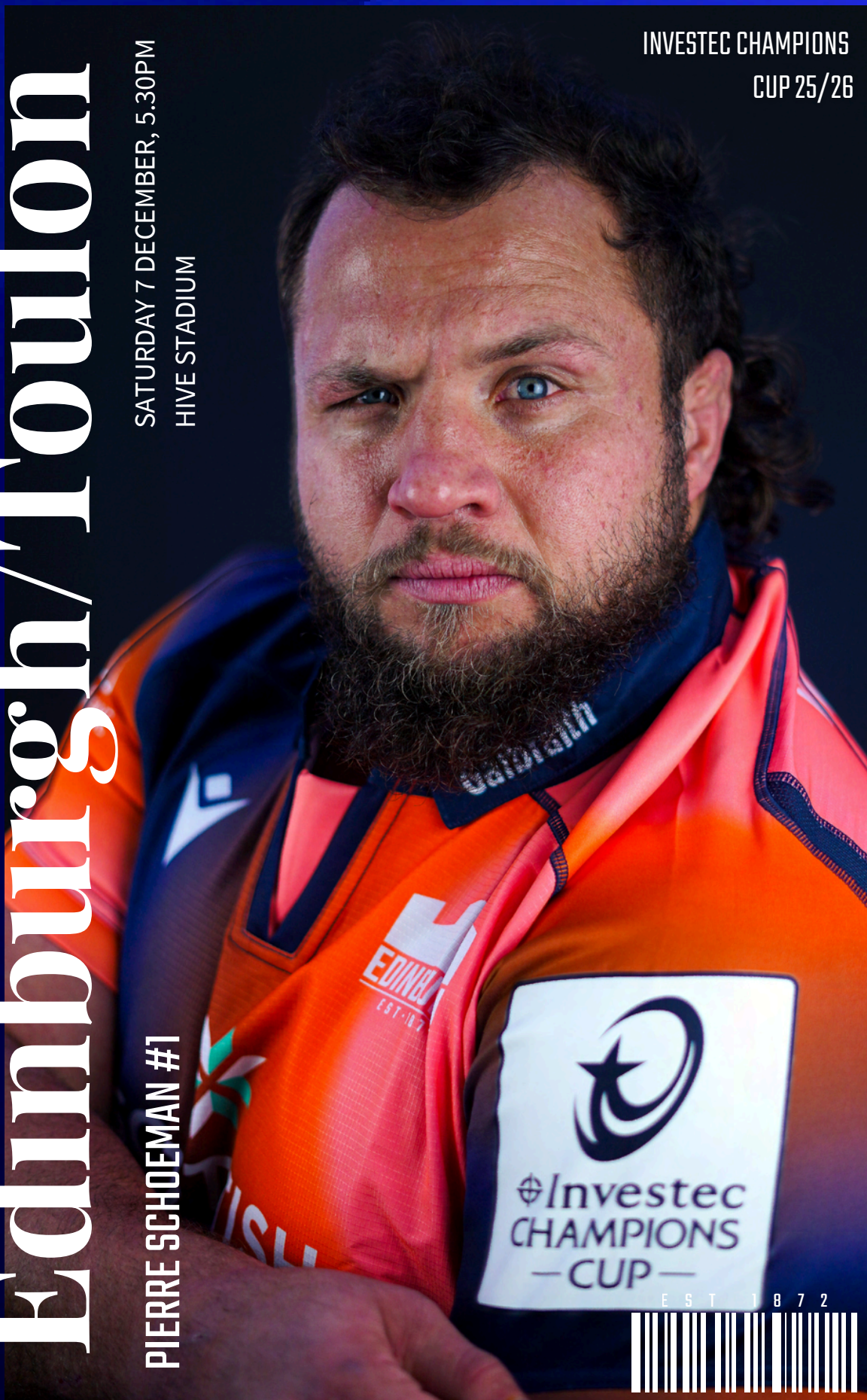


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DOUGLAS STRUTH

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



Good evening, and welcome to Hive Stadium for tonight's Investec Champions Cup clash against RC Toulon!

There's always a buzz about the club when Europe comes around, there's nothing quite like playing in European nights at home, with some of the continent's best coming to test us on our own turf.

We're back in the top table of Europe, and with that comes the chance to face the very best, tonight being no different as we welcome french giants Toulon to Edinburgh.

We've enjoyed a couple of famous wins against Toulon in the past, who can forget that Bill Mata offload... but this is a side bristling with talent, bringing with them a plethora of talent including British and Irish Lions and French internationals alike, so previous history won't be much to go on tonight/

It's a challenge that we're all excited to face, and after last year's run to the semi final of the EPCR Challenge Cup, we've got a taste for the big occasions at Hive Stadium, and are desperate for more!

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Away from the Rugby pitch, it was brilliant to celebrate raising £50,000 with our official charity partner, it's good to give. Reaching this £50,000 milestone is an incredibly important moment for everyone associated with Edinburgh Rugby.

The sheer amount of commitment, effort and passion that has gone into this partnership from both the club's staff and the brilliant team at it's good 2 give has been pretty inspiring.

I want to give a massive thank you to our supporters – the Edinburgh fans are second to none

and their generosity continues to be overwhelming, year after year. Thanks must also go to our players and backroom staff, as well as everyone associated with it's good 2 give, who all buy into the charity's mission wholeheartedly. A few of our players to the chance to see the work it's good to give do first hand, visiting the charity's purpose-built Ripple Retreat on Loch Venachar this week, learning how the Retreat is utilised by young cancer patients and their families for invaluable short breaks.

While we rightly pause to celebrate this achievement, this is certainly not the finish line, and we look forward to working towards the next target and continuing our vital partnership for years to come.

I'm so excited for tonight's game, the atmosphere at Hive Stadium has been nothing short of spectacular so far this season, and I can't wait for more tonight. We'll be doing out pre match light show again tonight, so make sure you download the Stadium FX app and follow the instructions on our social channels or scan our in-stadium QR codes to make sure don't miss on being part of the show!

Enjoy the game, and make some noise for your home team!

DOUGLAS STRUTH
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Welcome back to the Investec Champions Cup, the greatest international club rugby competition in the world. A new season begins and once again the stage is set for drama, intensity and moments that stay with us long after the final whistle.

Last year set new standards. One million supporters filled our stadiums, 70 million watched the action broadcast in over 100 territories and Union Bordeaux Bègles lifted the trophy for the first time after a breathtaking campaign. Records fell, new stars rose and the competition once again proved why it sets the global benchmark for intensity and excellence.

This 31st edition carries that momentum forward. The road to the 2026 Final in Bilbao starts here, in packed grounds across Europe, South Africa and beyond, where every point matters and every match can shift the entire season. From returning giants to rising contenders, the competition is more unpredictable than ever.



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Whether you are watching in the stadium or following from afar, thank you for being part of this journey. Your energy and passion power everything we do. And finally, nothing would be possible without the commitment of our partners. We warmly thank Investec, Heineken, Emirates, DHL, Georgia Tourism, JAECOO, Gilbert, and Macron for standing with us and helping elevate this competition season after season.

Enjoy the game, enjoy the rivalry, enjoy the return of extraordinary.

**Yours in rugby,
Dominic McKay
EPCR Chairman**

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EDINBURGH RUGBY AND IT'S GOOD 2 GIVE CELEBRATE £50,000 MILESTONE



Edinburgh Rugby and Official Charity Partner, it's good 2 give, are this week celebrating a monumental milestone, having reached a target of £50,000 raised since the partnership began.

This brilliant achievement has seen the club work together on a number of exciting initiatives with the charity to raise funds for their vital work supporting young cancer patients and their families across Scotland.

A key pillar of the fundraising drive is Edinburgh's dedicated annual match night, the #ChangeTheGame fixture.

This season's fixture, which raises money and awareness for it's good 2 give, will be the club's final regular season home game against Connacht on Friday 15 May at Hive Stadium. Further strengthening their relationship with the club, it's good 2 give have this season sponsored lock Rob Carmichael.

The club will celebrate the magnificent £50,000 raised with a special jersey presentation to representatives from it's good 2 give at half-time of this Sunday's Investec Champions Cup match versus RC Toulon at Hive Stadium.

In a further show of commitment to the cause, a number of Edinburgh Rugby players will be visiting the charity's purpose-built Ripple Retreat on Loch Venachar this week. The visit will allow the squad to learn more about the charity and how the Retreat is utilised by young cancer patients and their families for invaluable short breaks.

Edinburgh Rugby Managing Director, Douglas Struth, said: “Reaching this £50,000 milestone is an incredibly important moment for everyone associated with Edinburgh Rugby.

“The sheer amount of commitment, effort and passion that has gone into this partnership from both the club’s staff and the brilliant team at it’s good 2 give has been pretty inspiring.

“I want to give a massive thank you to our supporters – the Edinburgh fans are second to none and their generosity continues to be overwhelming, year after year. Thanks must also go to our players and backroom staff, as well as everyone associated with it’s good 2 give, who all buy into the charity’s mission wholeheartedly.

“While we rightly pause to celebrate this achievement, this is certainly not the finish line, and we look forward to working towards the next target and continuing our vital partnership for years to come.”

Lynne McNicoll OBE, Co-founder of it’s good 2 give, added: “We are absolutely thrilled to hit this £50,000 target. It is a credit to the enduring power of our partnership with Edinburgh Rugby, and it means the world to everyone at it’s good 2 give.

“I am profoundly thankful to the club’s fans, staff and players for their incredible support. It has been amazing to see the city’s rugby community buy into our mission, learn about the work we do, and show such tremendous generosity.

“This £50,000 raised has and continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of young cancer patients and their families. It is amazing to hit this target, but we know there is so much more to do, and with Edinburgh Rugby by our side, we are confident this is only the beginning.”

About it’s good 2 give

it’s good 2 give is committed to supporting the physical and mental wellbeing of young cancer patients (aged 0-18) and their families in Scotland. They offer a wide range of support including practical assistance, mental health support, and short breaks at their purpose-built Ripple Retreat.

They work closely with hospitals and organisations to identify and deliver projects in line with their aims. Notably, they fund four psychologist posts on children’s oncology wards (two in Edinburgh and two in Glasgow) and provide invaluable respite at the Ripple Retreat on Loch Venachar.

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- 10 CAMMY SCOTT
- 9 BEN VELLACOTT

- 1 PIERRE SCHOEMAN
- 2 EWAN ASHMAN
- 3 OLLIE BLYTH-LAFFERTY
- 4 MARSHALL SYKES
- 5 GRANT GILCHRIST
- 6 LIAM MCCONNELL
- 7 DYLAN RICHARDSON
- 8 MAGNUS BRADBURY (C)

RC TOULON

- 15 MELVYN JAMINET
- 14 GAËL DREAN
- 13 NACHO BREX
- 12 JÉRÉMY SINZELLE
- 11 MATHIS FERTE
- 10 PAOLO GARBISI
- 9 BEN WHITE

- 1 JEAN-BAPTISTE GROS
- 2 TEDDY BAUBIGNY
- 3 KYLE SINCKLER
- 4 DAVID RIBBANS (C)
- 5 BRIAN ALAINU'UESE
- 6 LEWIS LUDLAM
- 7 ESTEBAN ABADIE
- 8 ZACH MERCER

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 HARRI MORRIS
- 17 BOAN VENTER
- 18 PAUL HILL
- 19 GLEN YOUNG
- 20 FREDDY DOUGLAS
- 21 CHARLIE SHIEL
- 22 JAMES LANG
- 23 PIERS O'CONOR

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 JEREMY TOEVALU
- 17 LEO AMETLLA
- 18 DANY PRISO
- 19 CORENTIN MEZOU
- 20 JOE QUERE KARABA
- 21 BAPTISTE SERIN
- 22 MATÉO GARCIA
- 23 MATHIEU SMAILI

GRANT GILCHRIST

"IF YOU CAN'T GET EXCITED ABOUT PLAYING THIS WEEK, THEN YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE."

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It is a fixture that conjures up special memories for Edinburgh Rugby fans, and for double-centurion Grant Gilchrist, the anticipation of facing RC Toulon in the Investec Champions Cup opener this Sunday brings a rush of nostalgia and motivation.

Having been part of the squad that secured famous home and away victories against the French giants back in the 2018/19 season, Gilchrist is eager for the current squad to replicate that success this Sunday at Hive Stadium.

Reflecting on those famous wins, Gilchrist said: "Like they are now, they were a big, powerful side. We fronted up well up front, we gave ourselves an in in the game, and then we scored some brilliant tries.

"The one that sticks in my mind is Jimmy Johnstone's over there. To go to the Mayol and win is huge. It's a special memory to the boys that played."

He singles out Bill Mata's moment of magic: an offload at full speed with several defenders around him that saw James Johnstone collect and finish from 30m. That score, he insists, still gives him a thrill to this very day.



“It’s probably one of the best tries I can remember. Just absolute magic from Bill [Mata], but I think Jimmy’s take - the way he took it on the back shoulder. They’re up there.”

This Sunday, however, is a new chapter. Gilchrist is determined that the team meet the challenge head-on and make the most of the Champions Cup thrill.

“It’s three years since we’ve been in the Champions Cup, so getting that opportunity to test yourself against the best is really important to this club. And for our supporters to come on Sunday and watch us take on one of the best teams in Europe is what it’s all about. It’s a big week for us.”

The scale of the competition brings an essential extra edge to the week's preparation.

“There’s just got to be an extra edge to everybody this week, because we know that level is another step up. It’s something that we aspire to get to,” Gilchrist explained.



He and other experienced players are ensuring the whole squad understands the step up in intensity. “The opportunity this week is one that we’ve got to go out and grab with our preparation and make sure that we don’t come to Sunday night and go ‘Ooft. We weren’t ready for that’.”

The Scotland lock acknowledges that winning first requires beating Toulon at their own power game first, before attempting to unlock them with speed.



“The biggest thing is we’re going to have to front up to the physicality just to gain access to this game. We’re going to have to defend well enough, our set piece is going to have to be good enough.”

“That’s the opportunity we have here. Can we front up physically to their power? And can we cause them problems with our speed, and playing on a surface that’s unfamiliar to them and a style of rugby that we play a lot in the URC and they don’t. They play that power game. Can we offer them something different and challenge them in that way?”

The environment at Hive Stadium will be electric, and Gilchrist is counting on the supporters playing their part.

“It’s special. It was a huge goal of ours to get back into the Champions Cup, so now that we’re here, and playing at home against Toulon, one of the biggest teams in Europe. If you can’t get excited about playing this week, then you’re in the wrong place.

“I’m sure our supporters will be excited about the prospect of seeing their team go up against one of the big dogs. And for us it’s about making sure that we get our stuff right and we represent ourselves in the way that we know that we can. And if we do that, we want to win the game.”

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Reuben

School / Club: Paignton RFC / St Mary Primary School

Favourite Players: Josh Hodge

Favourite memory from a game you've watched or played in?

Making a massive tackle against my opposite player

If you could meet any player from our club, past or present, who would it be, and what would you ask them?

Duhan Van der Merwe - What could I do to be a world class winger like you?



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Ryan

School / Club: Hawick RFC

Favourite Players: Ben Vellacott

Favourite memory from a game you've watched or played in?

Playing at half time at Edinburgh Vs Zebre with my team and getting to show off our skills to the players and crowd

If you could meet any player from our club, past or present, who would it be, and what would you ask them?

Ben Vellacott - What tips do you have to become a great scrum half?



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Ruaridh

School / Club: Musselburgh RFC

Favourite Players: Darcy Graham

Favourite memory from a game you've watched or played in?

When I went on a whole team run past everyone and won the game

If you could meet any player from our club, past or present, who would it be, and what would you ask them?

Darcy Graham - How can I become as skilled as you, and what steps should I take to get there?



Archie

School / Club: The Royal High RFC

Favourite Players: Darcy Graham

Favourite memory from a game you've watched or played in?

When playing with Forrester RFC, tackled a player on own try line, zig-zagged he length of the pitch and scored - and the crowd went wild....

If you could meet any player from our club, past or present, who would it be, and what would you ask them?

I would ask Darcy Graham on his tackling tips and showing no fear, regardless of opponents size

EVERITT: “THE GUYS ARE EXCITED TO BE BACK IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP.”



EDINBURGH HEAD COACH
SEAN EVERITT

Edinburgh Rugby Head Coach Sean Everitt is relishing the challenge as his side prepares to kick off their European campaign this Sunday, hosting French giants RC Toulon at Hive Stadium.

The capital club returns to the elite Investec Champions Cup, and Everitt sees the opening round fixture as a crucial measuring stick for his squad.

“Yes, it is [an exciting weekend],” he said. “I think the guys are excited to be back in the Champions Cup. One of the biggest competitions in the world. Playing against the best opposition in the Top 14.

“It’s great to be able to measure yourself against the French competition. At the same time, for us, it’s a good benchmark to see where we are and how important this win will be if we want to make the last 16 in the competition.”

Toulon, three-time European champions, pose a formidable test, despite recent struggles on the road. Everitt acknowledges their quality and the need for Edinburgh to be at their absolute best.

“It could be [an opportunity],” the coach said when asked about Toulon’s indifferent away form. “It depends on what they’re sending. They played Montauban on the weekend... I don’t know what team they’ll send to us. There’s a seven-day turnaround. They only play the following Sunday as well. So it’s a little bit different for them. But at the end of the day, we know the squad that they carry. We’ll have to be on top of our game to win it.”

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When assessing the primary dangers from the French side, Everitt highlighted their forward power and key individuals in the backline.

“Well, their pack is massive. Melvyn Jaminet is a kingpin for them. He’s good under the high ball and got a good kicking game. But one-versus-one, they are a dangerous team.

“They like to keep the ball moving. They’re big on the continuity to be able to pick off individuals. So it’s going to be a good day defensively for us, but we need to play at speed at home.”

For team news, Edinburgh are boosted by the return of key Scotland internationals for this European opener, though they face disruption in the back row.

Everitt confirmed that winger Darcy Graham and hooker Ewan Ashman are both available for selection this weekend.

EVERITT: “THE GUYS ARE EXCITED TO BE BACK IN THE CHAMPIONS CUP.”



“We’re not resting this weekend. We want to try and pick the best team that’s available to us on Sunday,” he stated. Everitt added that the team selection was “pencilled in” before last week’s fixture but was finalised after assessing player form and fitness.

“We obviously wanted to see how some of the guys came through on the weekend, from a form point of view, because we’re trying to pick the best team that we have available to us. So there will be a couple of changes this weekend.”

Unfortunately, young back-row forward Tom Currie will be sidelined for a few weeks due to a knee injury picked up against Ospreys,

while fellow back-rower Ben Muncaster also tweaked his MCL but is expected to be available next week.

Everitt expressed sympathy for both players. “Ben hasn’t had much luck. Likewise Tom, he hurt his knee in the 18th minute of the game and he tried to push through.

“Obviously after half time I took him off. He just couldn’t do it anymore. It’s a pity for him, a guy that hasn’t had much starts in the number 8 jersey and making his mark. I thought he had done quite well up until then.”



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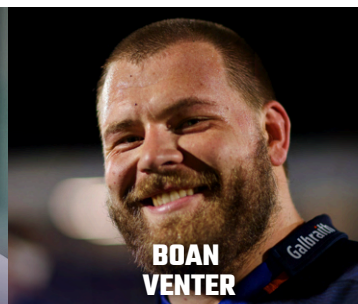


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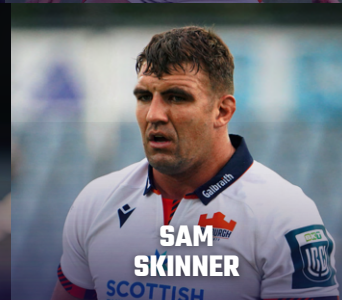
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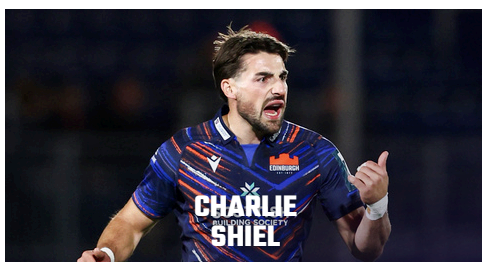
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JACK BROWN

SAM BRYD

ISAAC COATES

FIN DOYLE

OLLIE DUNCAN

HENRY KESTERTON

SAM LEWENI

CHRISTIAN LINDSAY

HAMISH MACARTHUR

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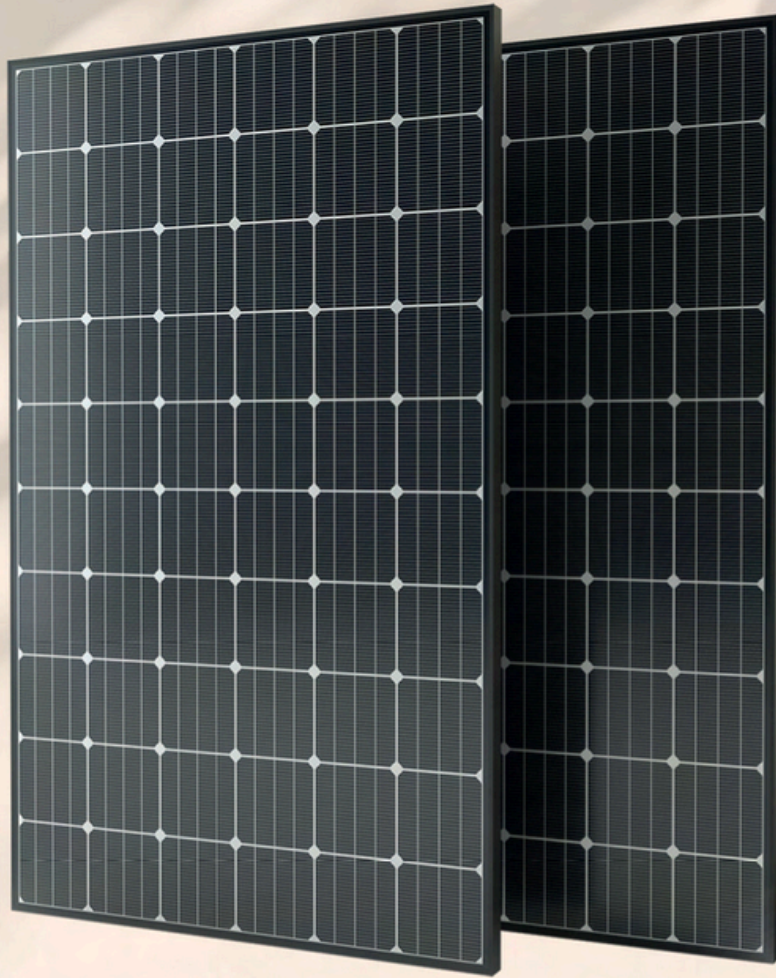
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Piers O'Connor **Levels** Avicii

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Ross Thompson **Free Bird** Moonlight

Mosese Tuipulotu **Flex (Ooh, Ooh Ooh)** Rich Homie Quan

Duhan van der Merwe **L'Amour Toujours** Gigi D'Agostino

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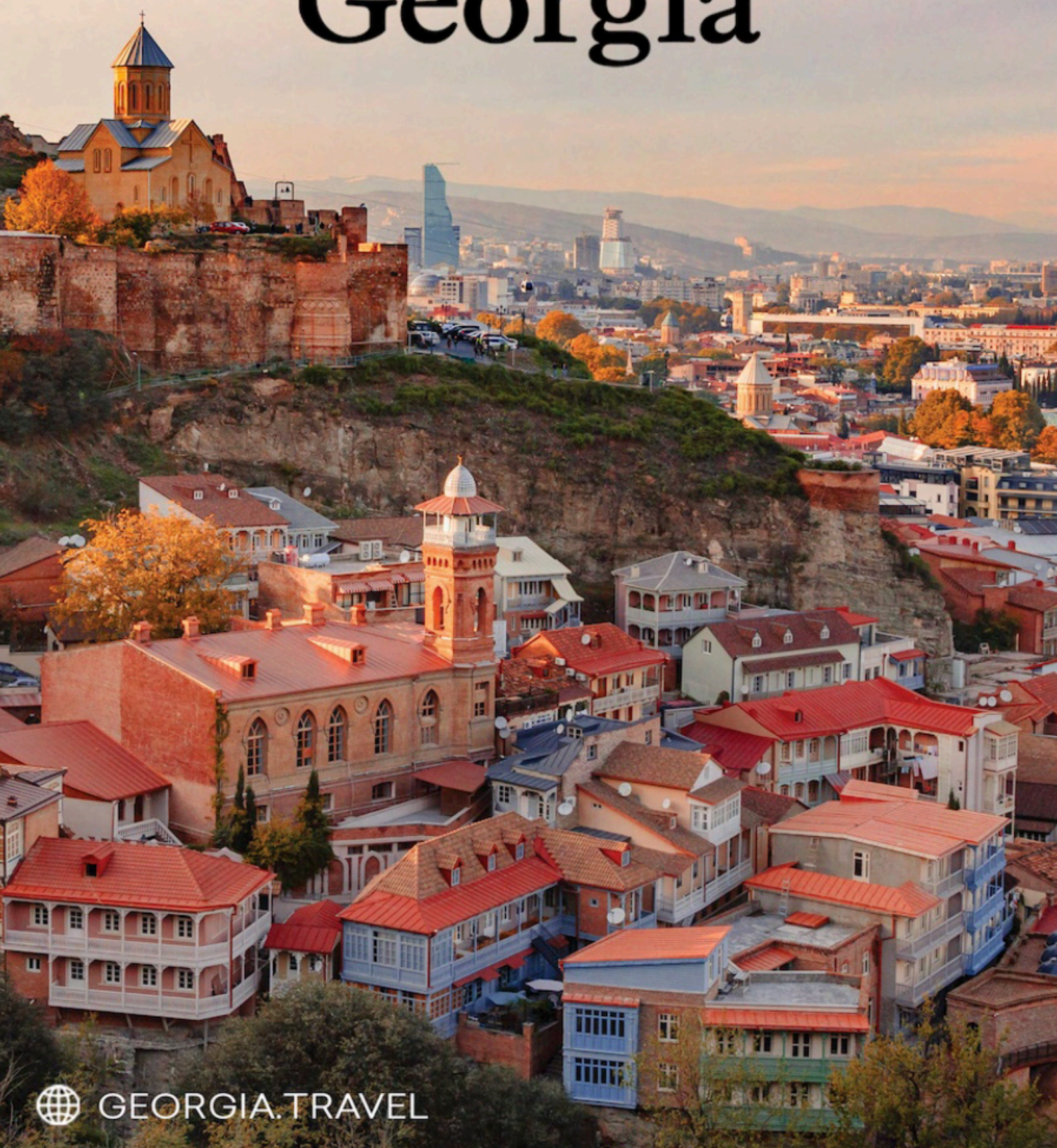
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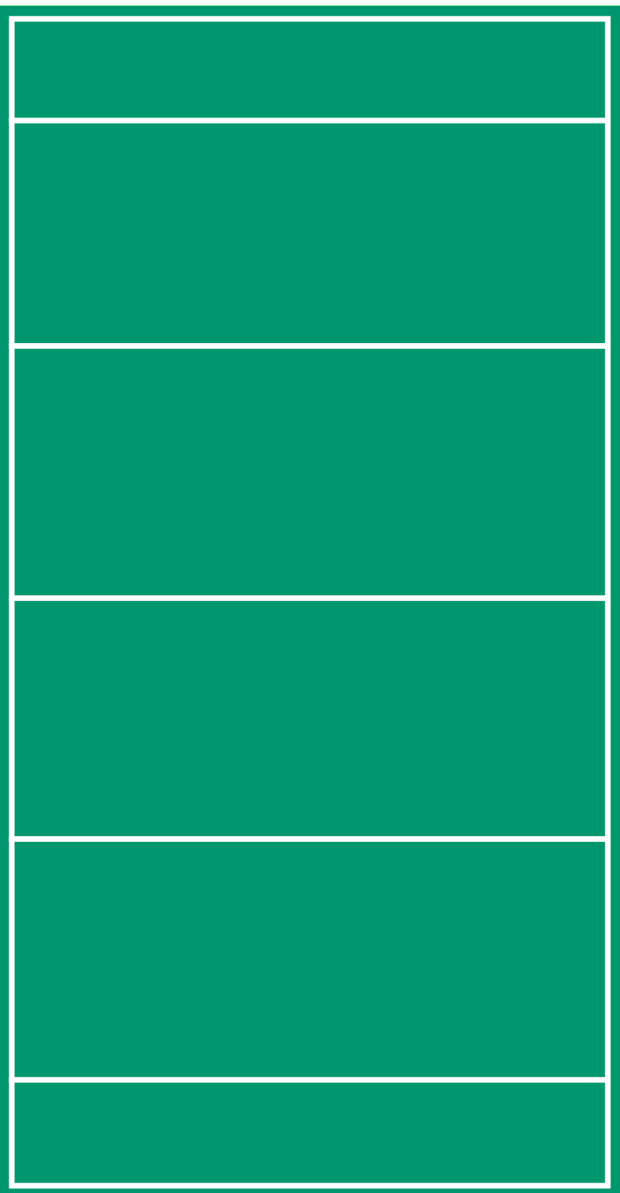


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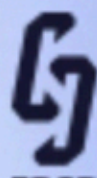
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There's plenty on the go in the Hive Stadium fan zone to keep fans of all ages entertained, while young supporters can also expect to see Santa on Festive Fun Night! With amazing food and drink options, fun zone games, and our Festive Photo Booth, there's no shortage of activity to get you in the mood for match night.

LIVE MUSIC ON THE UNSIGNED STAGE

Leah Muir is your pre-match soundtrack in the Hive Stadium Fan Zone as she performs on the unsigned stage from 4.15pm to 5pm!

THE CLUBHOUSE

Open to all supporters from 4pm, The Clubhouse – located in The Thistle Suite – is the perfect spot to catch-up with friends ahead of kick-off.

It's good 2 give will be selling raffle tickets, while we have plenty of fantastic hot food options to get you fuelled for kick-off.

PENICUIK AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

The Penicuik and District Pipe band are back at Hive Stadium! Get in your seats early for a pre-match performance at 5pm as the pipe band get us going ahead of kick-off.

PRE-MATCH MUSIC AND LIGHT SHOW

Our pre-match mobile phone music and light show is back this Sunday! Simply follow the instructions on our social channels or scan our in-stadium QR codes to make sure don't miss on being part of the show!

Download the Stadium FX app [HERE](#).

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GET ON THE BIG SCREEN AT HALF-TIME TO WIN 1872 CUP TICKETS!

We're excited to launch our all-new half-time fan cam!

If you're wearing a Christmas jumper and want to get on the big screens at half-time, simply head to our social channels for more info, or scan the QR code on the big screens, click through, and let our amazing technology take care of the rest – it really is as simple as that!

Don't miss out on being part of our half-time big screen competition to win tickets to the 1872 Cup!

SCOTTISH RUGBY STORE

Head to the Scottish Rugby Store – located on the South/West corner of Scottish Gas Murrayfield – to make sure you're kitted out in the newest Edinburgh Rugby merch!

DHL BALL DELIVERY

We're delighted to welcome club centurion and Scotland international Ben Toolis back to Hive Stadium as he takes part in the DHL match ball delivery ahead of kick-off.

SCOTTISH BUILDING SOCIETY HALF-TIME

Melrose RFC are our Community Club of the Week – the minis will form our pre-match guard of honour and take part in our Scottish Building Society half-time games.



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EDINBURGH RUGBY 19-17 OSPREYS



Edinburgh Rugby clinched a dramatic two-point victory against Welsh side Ospreys in Round 6 of the BKT United Rugby Championship last weekend at Hive Stadium.

Tom Currie, Harri Morris and Harry Paterson all crossed the whitewash as Edinburgh claimed a somewhat nervy victory, their second of the season so far, which lifts them into 9th place.

The opening quarter saw Ospreys pressing hard. After securing consecutive penalties, they established a strong attacking position, driving from five metres out.

However, a crucial, try-saving moment came from Ben Muncaster, celebrating his 50th appearance, whose immense defensive effort managed to get under the ball and hold the opposition up.

Ospreys would break the deadlock ten minutes later. A sustained attacking phase culminated in outside centre Evardi Boshoff being tackled just short of the line; he managed to pop the ball to scrum-half Luke Davies, who crossed for the first try. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. [0-5]

Edinburgh's response was swift, taking just seven minutes. Propelled by two successive penalties, Ross Thompson strategically used his boot to gain vital territory, bringing Edinburgh into the Ospreys' 22.

15. Wes Goosen
14. Lewis Wells
13. Piers O'Connor
12. Findlay Thomson
11. Duhan VDM
10. Ross Thompson
9. Ben Vellacott

1. Pierre Schoeman
2. Harri Morris
3. Paul Hill
4. Callum Hunter-Hill
5. Grant Gilchrist (C)
6. Liam McConnell
7. Ben Muncaster
8. Tom Currie

Replacements

16. Dylan Richardson
17. Boan Venter
18. Ollie Blyth-Lafferty
19. Marshall Sykes
20. Magnus Bradbury
21. Conor McAlpine
22. Cammy Scott
23. Harry Paterson

Following a few tight phases, flanker Tom Currie spotted a gap and darted through to score his first-ever try in Edinburgh colours. Thompson narrowly missed the conversion. [5-5]

Ospreys started the second half with intent, taking the lead just four minutes after the restart when inside centre Phil Cokanasiga powered over for their second try. The conversion was missed once more however, making it 5-10.

Just nine minutes later, Edinburgh responded strongly. From a 5-metre lineout drive, hooker Harri Morris peeled away from the maul to crash over for his second try for the club. Ross Thompson slotted the conversion this time, putting the home side ahead for the first time [12-10].

The crucial third try came at the 70-minute mark. After winning a scrum penalty, the ball was moved wide from the lineout on the 22, finding eventual Player of the Match, Findlay Thomson. The young centre put in a clever grubber which Harry Paterson raced onto, sliding under the sticks to bring Hive Stadium to its feet.



Replacement stand-off Cammy Scott added the easy conversion, extending the lead to nine points. [19-10]

Ospreys, however, refused to relent. Less than five minutes later, they notched their third try through Boshoff. Crucially, they failed to convert, allowing Edinburgh to maintain a two-point advantage with only five minutes left on the clock.

As Ospreys piled on the pressure, seeking the winning score, a massive defensive shift secured the result.

Back-row Liam McConnell got over the ball at the ruck to win a game-changing penalty which Edinburgh advanced into the Ospreys 22. In search of a fourth score to claim the bonus-point, Edinburgh pushed, however a cross-field kick eventually drifted over the whitewash, bringing the match to a close.

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