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DOUGLAS STRUTH

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



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

It has felt like a while since we've been back at home, but we're back with a massive weekend of rugby in the capital. First we have tonight's crucial match against the Scarlets, before Saturday's women's match against the Irish Clovers.

This weekend is all about celebrating our grassroots clubs, as we enter the URC Origin Round. Our players, both men's and women's, will all be wearing the socks of the clubs and schools where they started their rugby journey. From our local Edinburgh clubs, to clubs down south, and as far as South Africa, we'll be celebrating the grassroots of our game, without which we wouldn't have the professional game we all enjoy.

For the players run out on Friday night we'll also have a pitch lined with over 100 representatives from the length and breadth of the club's supporting regions – spanning Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife, and the Borders – will welcome the teams onto the pitch, lining both the Main Stand and Lothian Stand sides.

M A N A G I N G D I R E C T O R ' S W E L C O M E



The outreach and engagement with these regions is a key part of the club's community strategy and supports a 'local players becoming legends' philosophy of bringing through the next generation of Edinburgh stars.

I'd like to say a quick thank you to the work that our Engagement team has put in to make this happen. We so often see the work of our players on the pitch, but our off field staff have worked tirelessly to bring this fixture to life, with Stuart Rutherford and Andrew Lamont keeping out links to our Grassroots clubs well and truly alive!

Pre-match i'm also delighted to welcome a special matchball delivery, marking Heart Health Month and celebrating the vital work of the club's official heart health charity partner, British Heart Foundation (BHF) Scotland. In a powerful tribute to the importance of lifesaving skills, the match ball will be delivered by two pairs of individuals whose lives have been forever changed by quick thinking and CPR.

Brodie Hatfield and his father, Rob, as well as Dillon Naismith and Robert Donald will deliver the matchball, get to your seats early to cheer them onto the pitch! Their stories will be later in the programme, and i'd encourage you to read ahead to get a bit more about the incredible circumstances that see them here tonight.

It's set to be a great night at Hive Stadium, make some noise for your team and let's get back in the winners circle!

Douglas Struth
Managing Director, Edinburgh Rugby

DOUGLAS STRUTH
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Oban

Magnus Bradbury | Oban Lorne RFC

Greenock

Mosese Tuipulotu | Greenock RFC

Troon

D'arcy Rae | Marr RFC

Stoke-on-Trent

Malelili Satala | Trentham RUFC

Barnstaple

Ben Vellacott | Barnstaple RFC

Edinburgh

Harry Paterson | Edinburgh Accies
Wes Goosen | Corstorphine Cougars
Ross Thompson | Stewarts Melville RFC
Jerry Blyth-Lafferty | Boroughmuir RFC
Ollie Blyth-Lafferty | Boroughmuir RFC
Connor Boyle | Stewart's Melville College/Watsonians
Charlie Shiel | Royal High/ Currie Chieftains
Cammy Scott | Boroughmuir RFC/ George Watsons College
Callum Hunter-Hill | Stewart's Melville College

North Berwick

Ben Muncaster | North Berwick RFC

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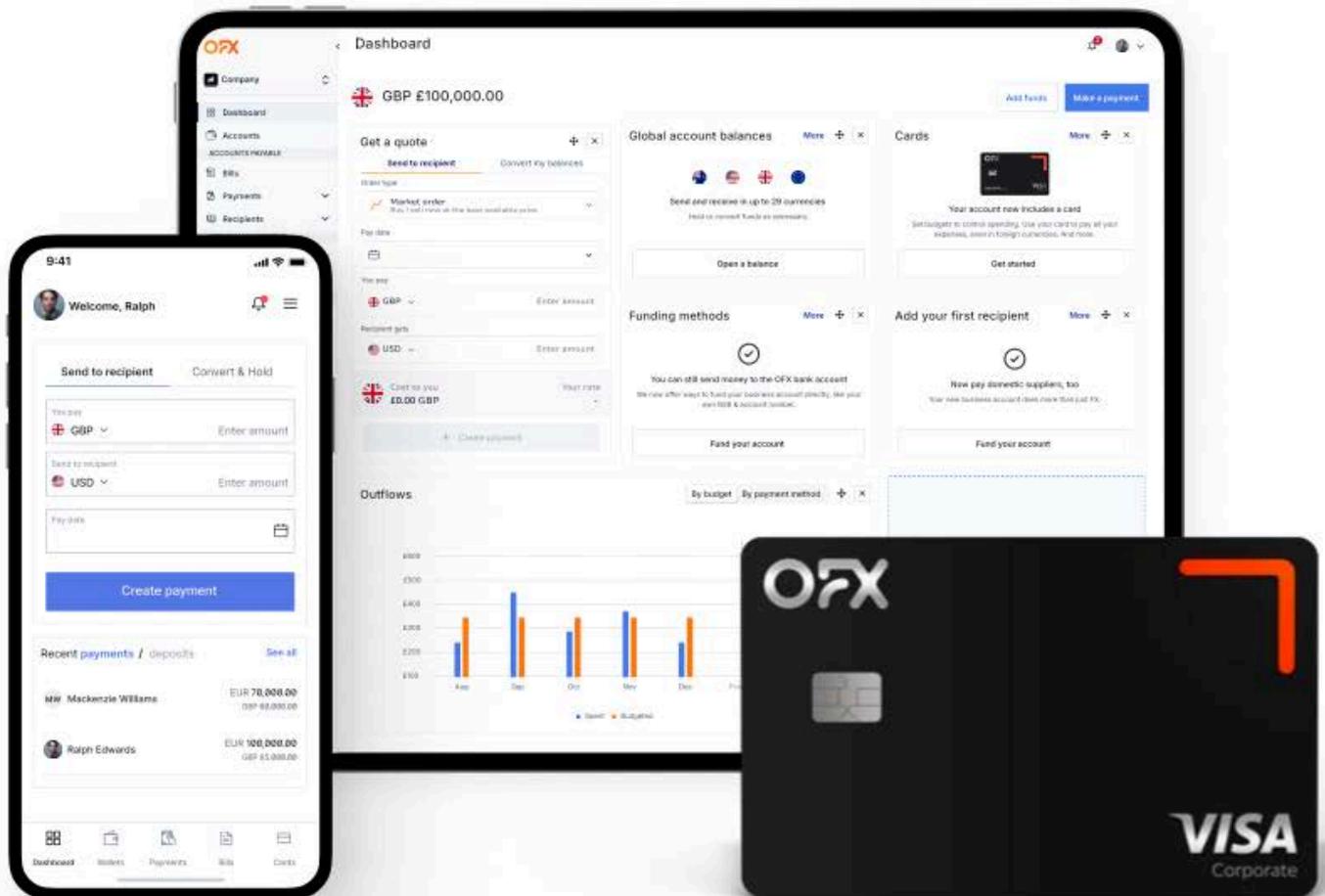
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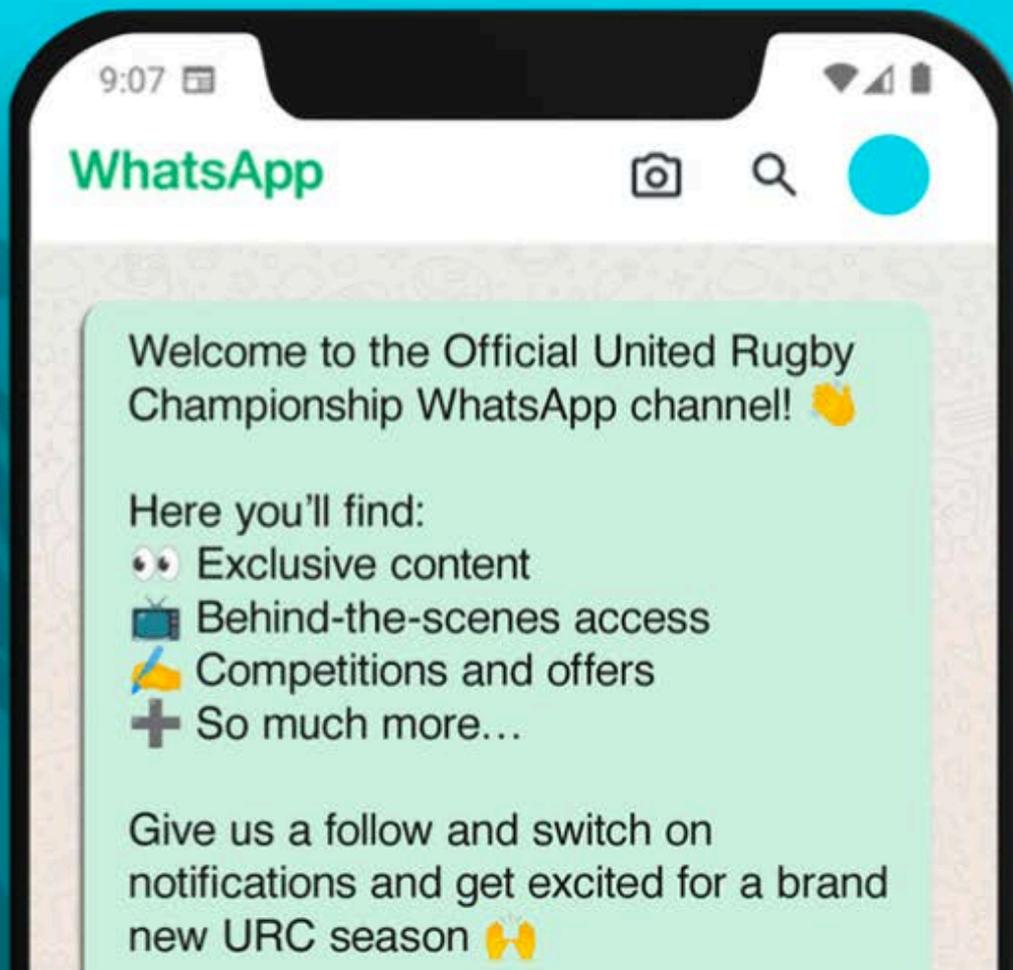


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EDINBURGH

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- 14 MALELILI SATALA**
- 13 JAMES LANG**
- 12 MOSESE TUIPULOTU**
- 11 WES GOOSEN**
- 10 ROSS THOMPSON**
- 9 BEN VELLACOTT**

- 1 BOAN VENTER**
- 2 HARRI MORRIS**
- 3 D'ARCY RAE**
- 4 MARSHALL SYKES**
- 5 GLEN YOUNG**
- 6 BEN MUNCASTER**
- 7 DYLAN RICHARDSON**
- 8 MAGNUS BRADBURY (C)**

SCARLETS

- 15 JAC DAVIES**
- 14 TOM ROGERS**
- 13 JOE ROBERTS**
- 12 MACS PAGE**
- 11 TOMI LEWIS**
- 10 CARWYN LEGGATT-JONES**
- 9 ARCHIE HUGHES**

- 1 KEMSLEY MATHIAS**
- 2 MARNUS VAN DER MERWE**
- 3 HENRY THOMAS**
- 4 SAM LOUSI**
- 5 JAKE BALL**
- 6 MAX DOUGLAS**
- 7 JOSH MACLEOD (C)**
- 8 FLETCHER ANDERSON**

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 JERRY BLYTH-LAFFERTY**
- 17 JAMES WHITCOMBE**
- 18 OLLIE BLYTH-LAFFERTY**
- 19 CALLUM HUNTER-HILL**
- 20 CONNOR BOYLE**
- 21 CHARLIE SHIEL**
- 22 CAMMY SCOTT**
- 23 PIERS O'CONOR**

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 HARRY THOMAS**
- 17 ALEC HEPBURN**
- 18 HARRI O'CONNOR**
- 19 JAC PRICE**
- 20 JARROD TAYLOR**
- 21 DANE BLACKER**
- 22 IOAN JONES**
- 23 GABE MCDONALD**

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MALELILI SATALA

"IT'S A HOMECOMING
FOR ME"



Mal Satala on following in his father's footsteps and making his mark at Hive Stadium.

When Malelili Satala – better known to his teammates as “Mal” – runs out at Hive Stadium this Friday night, he won't just be carrying the hopes of the Edinburgh faithful, he'll be carrying a legacy.

For the young winger, the clash against Scarlets represents a full-circle moment for a family name deeply rooted in the club's history.

“I had my first start against Bath. It wasn't the result that we wanted, but it's always special when you run out in a Gunners jersey,” Mali says, reflecting on his journey so far.

“I've got two caps now for Edinburgh. This Scarlets game, if I am involved, will be my first home game, so I'm buzzing for that. Knowing that my dad used to play here, it's almost like a homecoming for me.

“I haven't watched him playing for Edinburgh, but I remember a photo of him wearing the Gunners jersey. The media team put a photo right next to me – of my dad with me – when I played against Bath. It was the spitting image, to be fair, with the goatee and everything.”



Mal's father, Apolosi, a former Fiji international and Edinburgh player #1048, left a lasting impression during his own stint in the capital. Now, as his son prepares for a potential home debut, the family is making the trip up from Stoke-on-Trent

"Hopefully my mum and dad will be here. It's always special when dad's here, because of his history with the club. I know it's a bit of a trek, but I know how buzzing they are and how committed to my career."

"My family have always backed me 100 per cent. Nothing changes if they don't turn up. I'm still going to put my best foot forward and go out and try and get the win."

Despite the emotion of the occasion, Mali is staying grounded, guided by the veteran advice of his father: "He's looking forward to it. He just said: 'Just go out there and do your own thing.'"

Settling into life at Edinburgh has been made easier by the world-class talent surrounding him.



Training daily alongside British & Irish Lions duo Duhan van der Merwe and Darcy Graham has provided Mali with a masterclass in wing play.

"It's always special to have British & Irish Lions players in your position. You're competing against them, you know they're bringing their A-game, but also you can learn a lot from them."

"My playing style is a bit of a mixture. I can carry like Duhan, but I can also move around a bit. I always try to pick up their tricks – like Darcy with the way he plays and how he picks his lines, and with Duhan how to defend on the open edges."

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“You know you’ve got to bring your A-game, because there’s two British & Irish Lions players here and you can learn from the tricks they have up their sleeves.”

With eligibility for Scotland (by birth), Fiji (by heritage), and England (by residency), Mali’s international future is a frequent topic of conversation, but he is following a disciplined roadmap.



“Honestly I’m trying to keep my head down and just chip away with my career. I don’t have big dreams: the first thing my dad told me is small goals, medium goals and long-term goals.

“The short-term goal for me right now is making sure that I’m playing my best for Edinburgh. All those things will come as long as I do my job. I’m just keeping my vision very short-sighted and taking one step at a time.

“Baby steps, take my time, put my best foot forward with Edinburgh every time I run out there whether it’s a pre-season game, Champions Cup or URC. As long as I’m pushing and competing, these things will naturally come when it’s due time.”

While he admits to having a "soft spot" for Fiji – especially with the Flying Fijians set to visit Murrayfield this July – his focus remains firmly on the Hive Stadium turf.

“I’ll be looking forward to seeing the Fijian boys playing. Like I said before, I’ve got to do my job first. In due time, hopefully in the future, doors will open up and opportunities will show themselves.

“I support Scotland, but also Fiji is always special for me because my dad represented them and I was raised there.

“I’m enjoying my time at the club. It’s my first season, I’ve got to be patient and wait for the opportunity, and when I get it I’ve got to take it with both hands. I’ve just got to make the most out of it – do my job and do the best that I can. That’s all that matters.”



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BALL DELIVERY



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ROBERT DONALD**

Edinburgh Rugby is proud to announce that tomorrow night’s match against Scarlets at Hive Stadium will feature a special match ball delivery to mark Heart Health Month and celebrate the vital work of the club’s official heart health charity partner, British Heart Foundation (BHF) Scotland.

In a powerful tribute to the importance of lifesaving skills, the match ball will be delivered by two pairs of individuals whose lives have been forever changed by quick thinking and CPR.

Joining us on the pitch are Brodie Hatfield and his father, Rob. At just 14 years old, Brodie saved his father’s life by performing CPR after Rob suffered a cardiac arrest at home. Drawing on training he received in a science class at Craigmount High School, Brodie kept his father stable until paramedics arrived.

His extraordinary bravery was recognized nationally when he was named a CPR Hero at the 2024 BHF Heart Hero Awards in London.

Also delivering the match ball are Dillon Naismith and Robert Donald. In 2017, Dillon suffered a cardiac arrest while playing for Cumnock RFC. His coach, Robert, immediately stepped in to perform resuscitation before emergency services reached the grounds.

Following his recovery and a diagnosis of a heart condition, Dillon now lives with an Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) and continues to give back to the sport he loves as a coach at Cumnock RFC.

David McColgan, Head of British Heart Foundation Scotland, said: “Being part of the Ball Delivery Experience with Edinburgh Rugby is an incredible opportunity for British Heart Foundation Scotland to shine a spotlight on the real heroes among us – the people whose quick thinking and lifesaving skills change lives forever.

This opportunity allows us to recognise individuals like Brodie Hadfield and Robert Donald, whose courage and immediate action in moments of crisis saved the lives of Rob and Dillon.

“Brodie was only 14 when he stepped in to deliver CPR that helped save his dad’s life – a skill he learned in a school science class. Robert reacted just as instinctively when Dillon collapsed on the pitch, using his first aid training to resuscitate him before emergency crews arrived. Their actions are extraordinary examples of how lifesaving skills like CPR can make all the difference.

“As they walk out at Hive Murrayfield on Friday night, we’re not just celebrating their bravery – we’re highlighting the power and importance of learning CPR. Brodie and Robert embody the very best of our communities, and we are proud to recognise their contribution to society on such a special stage.”



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Freya

School / Club: Haddington Rugby Club

Favourite Players: Harry Paterson

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

When I went to my first women's six nations game last year with my sister and auntie as I was inspired by watching other girls play and I got to meet them afterwards including my favourite, Helen Nelson.

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

Harry Paterson, I would ask him what his favourite takeaway is?

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Ellah

School / Club: Airdrie All Saints

Favourite Players: Duhan van der Merwe

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

Scotland beating England in Six Nations

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

Chris Paterson / who's the best player you've played against?

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Ada

School / Club: Bishopbriggs Rugby Club

Favourite Players: Jack Dempsey

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

Watching Scotland in six nations

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

Matt Currie



Oskar

School / Club: Ross High Raiders

Favourite Players: Pierre Schoeman

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

Being able to tackle at Raiders

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

Would ask Darcy Graham how he got so fast

“WE’RE EXCITED TO BE BACK HOME”



SEAN EVERITT

Edinburgh Rugby Head Coach Sean Everitt says his side is energised by a return to Hive Stadium this Friday night as they prepare to face Scarlets in the BKT United Rugby Championship.

With the tournament entering a crucial stretch, Everitt highlighted the boost the squad receives from playing in front of a home crowd, particularly as the club celebrates the grassroots game during the annual Origin Round.

“We’re excited to be back home and can’t wait to get back into action,” said Everitt. “There is a special atmosphere at Hive Stadium on a Friday night, under the lights, and we’re thrilled to be playing in front of our home support once again.

“It’s also Origin Round, so we’ll hopefully have plenty of fans along from local clubs. It will be cool to see our players representing their grassroots clubs; it’s a great way to recognise the journey they’ve taken to the professional stage.”

PREVIEW

The capital side has been further bolstered by the return of several key figures to the training paddock this week. Everitt confirmed that the squad's depth has been strengthened at a vital time in the season.

“We’re excited to have a number of players back from injury in full training this week, including the likes of Marshall Sykes, Dylan Richardson, and Mosese Tuipulotu. Having that quality and competition back in the group gives everyone a lift as we prepare for Scarlets.”

While connection with the home fans is key, Everitt is mindful of the importance of the result in a tightly contested league table. As the push for the play-offs continues, the Head Coach wants his side to be clinical in their pursuit of points.

“It’s a tightly congested log and every point is huge as we push for the top eight. We know we need a win and will be going all out for it. Our focus is on putting in a performance that our supporters can be proud of as we look to keep moving up the standings.”





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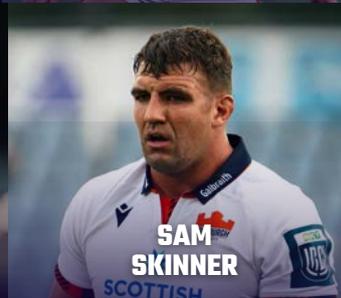
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HENRY KESTERTON

SAM LEWENI

CHRISTIAN LINDSAY

HAMISH MACARTHUR

RORY MCHAFFIE

ROSS MCKNIGHT

EUAN MCVIE

NAIRN MONCRIEFF

HECTOR PATTERSON

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Jack Brown **That's the way I like it** KC and the sunshine band
Rob Carmichael **Funkytown** Lipps Inc.
Luke Crosbie **The Spark** Kabin Crew, Lisdoonvarna Crew
Matt Currie **Samba de Janeiro** Bellini
Tom Currie **Again** Fetty wap
Tom Dodd **Crazy** Gnarlz Barkley
Freddy Douglas **Starboy** The Weekend
Grant Gilchrist **Rocking all Over the World** Status Quo
Wes Goosen **Hey ya** Outcast
Darcy Graham **I like it, I love it** Tim McGraw
Paddy Harrison **Country Roads** John Denver
Ben Healy **Heaven is a Place on Earth** Belinda Carlisle
Paul Hill **Girls just wanna have fun** Cindy lauper
Callum Hunter-Hill **For Whom The Bell Tolls** Metallica
Mikey Jones **Gold Dust** DJ fresh
James Lang **I like it like that** Pete Rodriguez
Conor McAlpine **Barbara Streisand** Duck sauce
Ross McCann **I can't hold back** Survivor
Liam McConnell **Born Slippy** Underworld
Harri Morris **Whos that girl** Eve
Ben Muncaster **Hawaii 5 0 theme song** Brian Tyler, Keith power
Piers O'Connor **Levels** Avicii
Harry Paterson **Lady Writer** Dire Straits
D'Arcy Rae **Sabotage** Beastie Boys
Dylan Richardson **The Ketchup Song (Asereje)** Las Ketchup
Maleili Satala **Luther** Kendrick Lamar
Pierre Schoeman **Praise** Elevation Worship
Cammy Scott **Fire** Kasabian
Charlie Shiel **Yes sir, I can boogie** Baccara
Sam Skinner **California Dreamin'** The Mamas & the Papas
Marshall Sykes **Everyday** Eric prydz
Ross Thompson **Free Bird** Moonlight
Mosese Tuipulotu **Flex (Ooh, Ooh Ooh)** Rich Homie Quan
Duhan van der Merwe **L'Amour Toujours** Gigi D'Agostino
Ben Vellacott **Boom Boom Boom** The Outhere Brothers
Boan Venter **The Glen** Levi Herson
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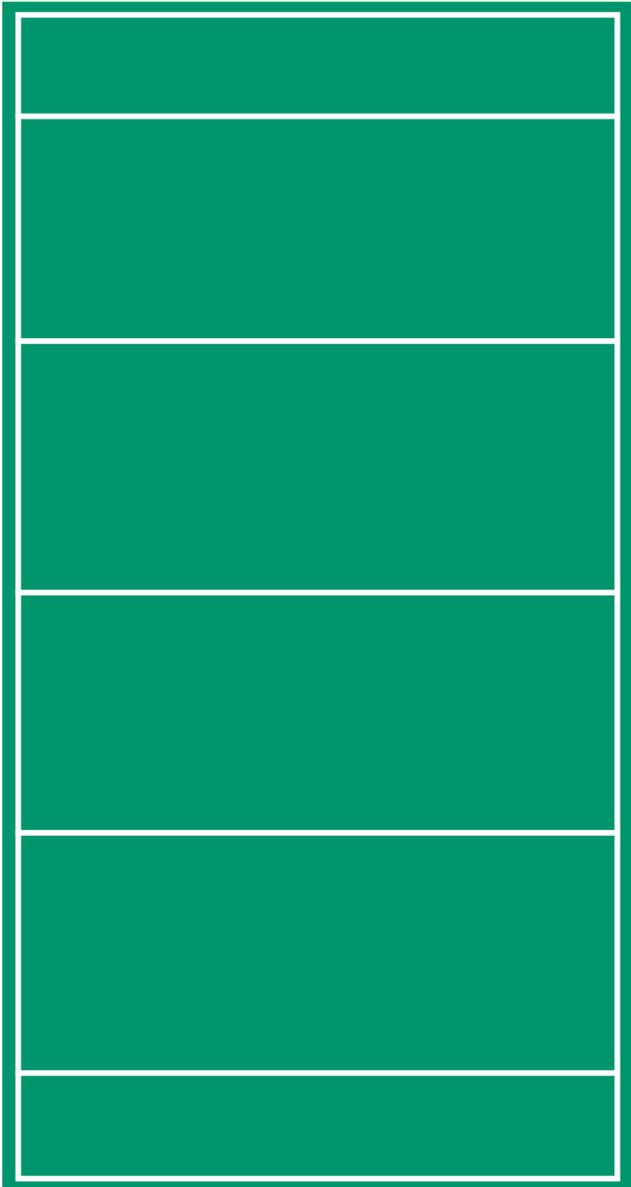
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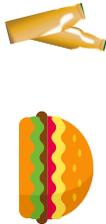
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MATHIESON IN LINE FOR FIRST CAPITAL START



18-year-old full-back Bethan Mathieson makes her first Edinburgh start as the capital welcome the Irish Clovers to Hive Stadium tomorrow afternoon (28 February, 1pm kick-off)

The University of Edinburgh flyer comes into the side as one of two changes to the capital starting side, with centre Lisa Brown also moving from the bench to start.

On the match, Head Coach Claire Cruikshank said: “We want to finish the campaign on a high, starting in front of another big crowd at Hive Stadium. The support for the team has been amazing, and we want to give everyone something to cheer for tomorrow.”

“There were parts of our performance last week that we were proud of, but the Clovers showed how clinical they can be, scoring four when we switched off. We’re looking forward to getting stuck into them again this week to improve on last week’s result.”

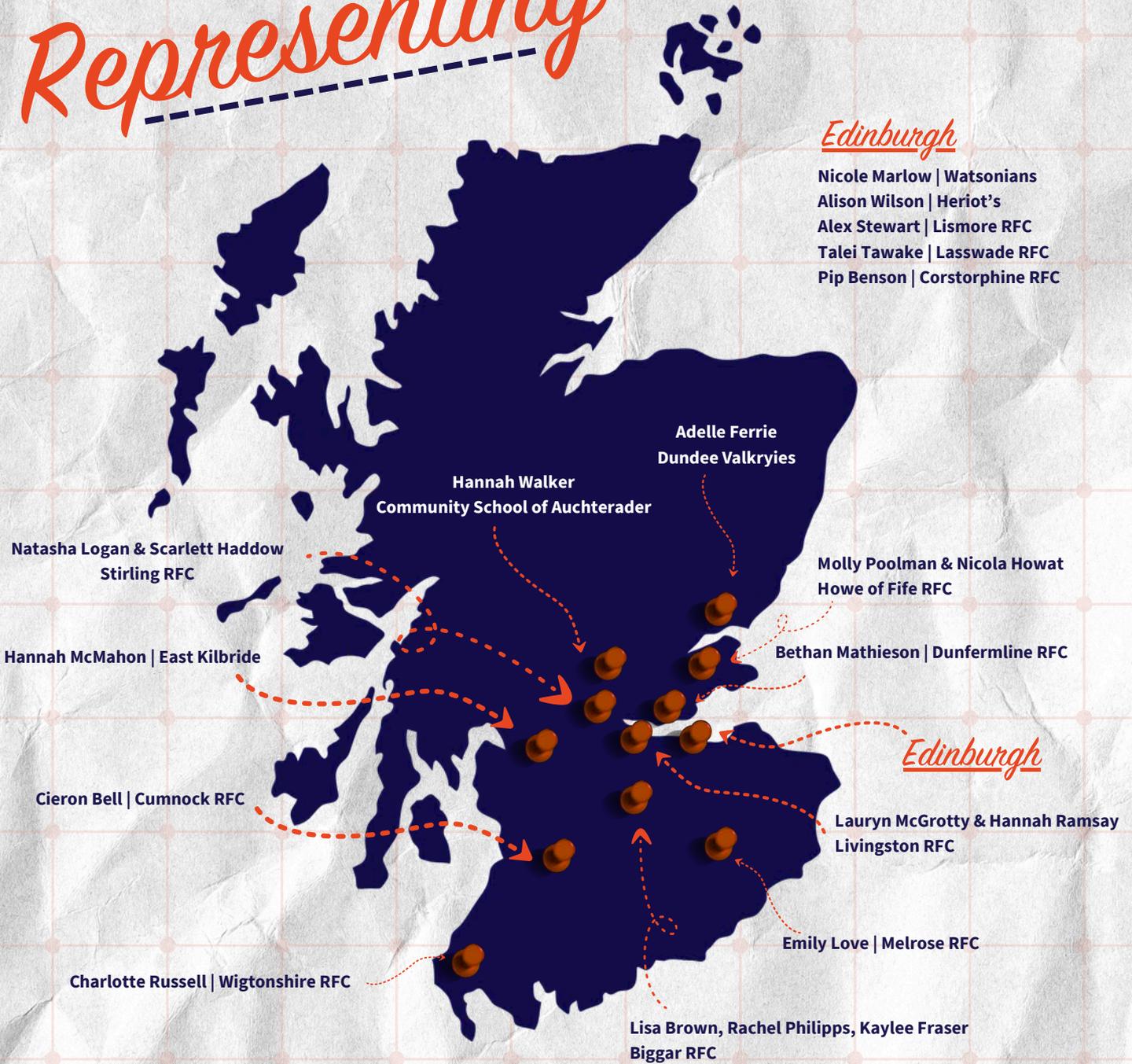
Mathieson is the sole change in the back-three, with captain Hannah Walker and Cieron Bell once again on the wings.

Brown comes into the midfield alongside Hannah Ramsay, with an unchanged half-back partnership of scrum-half Emily Love and stand-off Nicole Marlow completing the back line.

The pack is unchanged, with Amy Henwood at hooker alongside prop duo of Alison Wilson and Molly Poolman. The capital engine room remains unchanged, as it has done in every game this campaign, with Adelle Ferrie and Natasha Logan starting together.

In the back row, Alex Stewart starts at openside flanker, alongside blindside Lauryn McGrotty and number-eight Catriona Moody.

Who we're Representing



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Amy Henwood | Guildfordians RFC
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'GREATEST GRASSROOTS GUARD OF HONOUR' FOR ORIGIN ROUND CLASH



ORIGIN ROUND

Edinburgh Rugby will celebrate the heartbeat of the sport this Friday night as the club welcomes over 50 grassroots clubs to Hive Stadium for a record-breaking 'Greatest Grassroots Guard of Honour' as part of the BKT United Rugby Championship Origin Round.

When Edinburgh face off against Scarlets this Friday, the pitch-side celebration will serve as a powerful visual tribute to the clubs that shaped the professional stars of today.

Over 100 representatives from the length and breadth of the club's supporting regions – spanning Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife, and the Borders – will welcome the teams onto the pitch, lining both the Main Stand and Lothian Stand sides.

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The outreach and engagement with these regions is a key part of the club's community strategy and supports a 'local players becoming legends' philosophy of bringing through the next generation of Edinburgh stars.

Participating teams range from Berwick to Bo'ness, and from Jed-Forest RFC and Grangemouth to Preston Lodge and Perthshire.

As part of the Origin Round celebrations, the Edinburgh players will wear their grassroots club socks on the night, while the club has also invited a range of local unsung heroes to the match to recognise their tireless work behind the scenes of the regional game.

Edinburgh Rugby Community Delivery Officer, Andrew Lamont, said: "Origin Round is about recognising that no professional player arrives at the top level alone. Behind every Edinburgh jersey is a local club, a dedicated coach, and a community that supported them when they first picked up a ball.

"To have representation from over 50 clubs in our 'Greatest Grassroots Guard of Honour' is a massive statement that connects us all as one rugby family.

He continued: "It will mean a huge amount to the players running out on Friday night. To be cheered on by representatives from nearly every club in our region reminds them exactly who they are representing and where they came from.

"It's a powerful moment that bridges the gap between our professional squad and the next generation of talent currently playing on local pitches across Scotland."





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