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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



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

Tonight is our last match of the season, and we're looking forward to playing in-front of another sold-out crowd in our home. While the season didn't unfold as we had hoped, we're so grateful to have your backing right until the end. There are great things building here, and I can't wait to have you on that journey with us.

Last weekend's win away against the Dragons was further evidence of where we want to go, with our young players once again standing out, with a certain Mr van der Merwe providing the stardust to get a gritty win at Rodney Parade. We once again have a team with a mix of youth and experience, and we're looking forward to facing an impressive Connacht side that still have everything on the line for their season.

Tonight is also our Change The Game night with Official Charity Partner It's Good 2 Give. We have set the target of raising £70,000 for our charity partner, and with the target close approaching we'll need your help to get over the line. Details of how to donate are later on in the programme!



It's Good 2 Give exists to support young cancer patients and their families across Scotland at one of the most difficult times of their lives.

Through practical assistance, vital mental health provision, and the sanctuary of their Ripple Retreat on the shores of Loch Venachar, they make a real and lasting difference to families navigating childhood cancer. It is such a valuable charity, and all of your support goes a long way in helping the young people and their families that are going through such a difficult time.

It has been another busy week off the pitch, with two of our locks committing their futures to the club. Scotland International Glen Young has penned a new one-year contract, while Callum Hunter-Hill has committed to 2028. Both have had big parts in our season, with the pair going 80 minutes in the second-row in our away win against Benetton. I'm excited to see them continue to build in an Edinburgh jersey!

Tonight is also an opportunity to say goodbye to some of our leavers. It is always a tough moment to see players that have given everything to the jersey move on, but it is a part of every rugby season. Most of our players will be here tonight and will be taking part in a lap of thanks after the game. Stick around and make some noise for the guys after full time!

Douglas Struth
Managing Director, Edinburgh Rugby



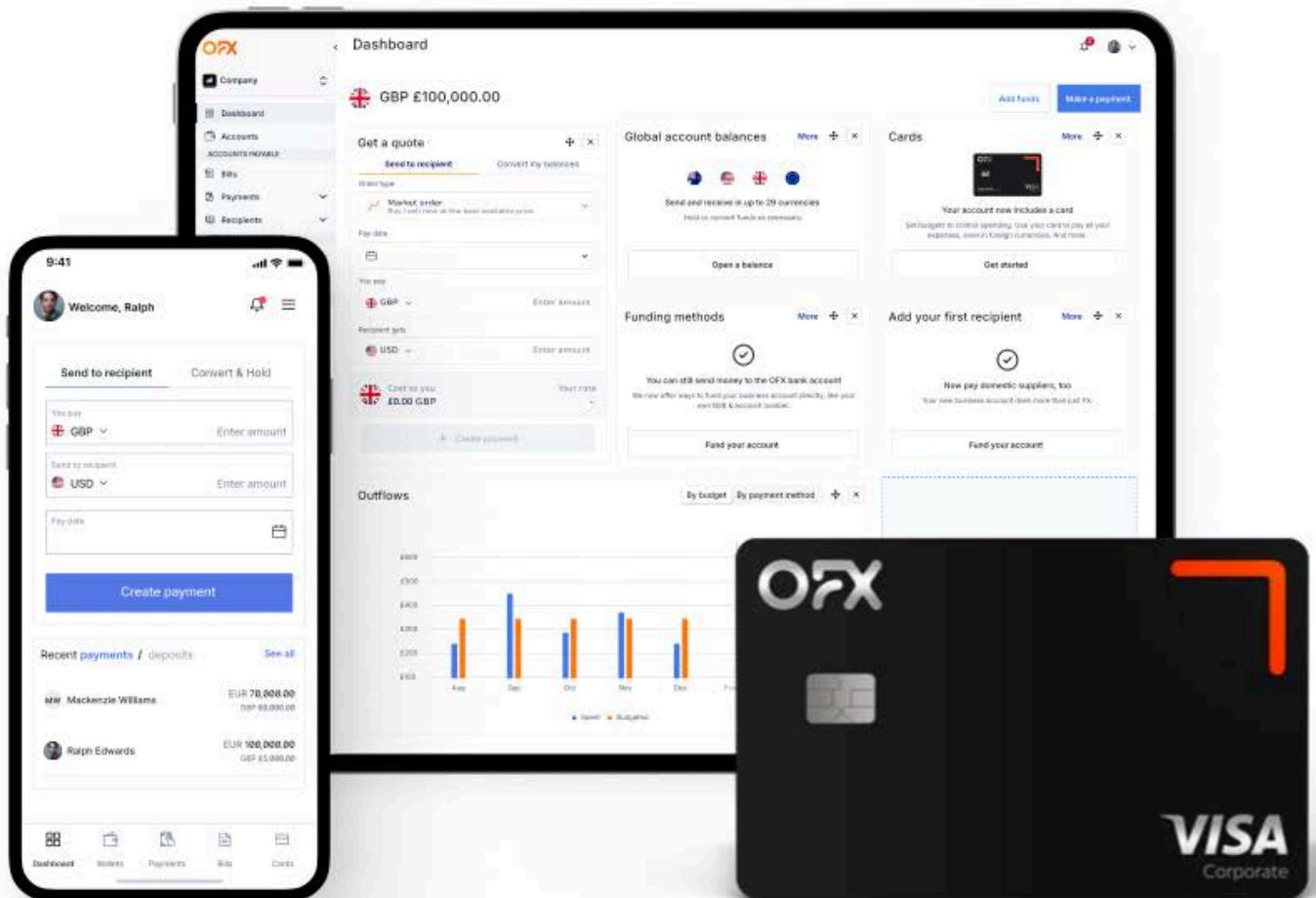
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Mikey Jones #1332

2025/26 senior men's leavers announced

Edinburgh Rugby today confirmed the nine senior men's players to depart the club at the end of the season.

Hamish Watson, Boan Venter, James Lang, Charlie Shiel, Ben Healy, Sam Skinner, Angus Williams, Ross McCann and Mikey Jones will all move on at the end of the current campaign.

Edinburgh Rugby Head Coach Sean Everitt said: "As the season draws to a close, we say farewell to a group of players who have each given so much to this club.

"Every one of them has given their all for this jersey, and I want to express my sincere gratitude for the commitment and passion they've shown for Edinburgh Rugby. We wish them nothing but the very best in the next stage of their careers.

"We obviously want to give a special mention to Hamish Watson – an all-time Edinburgh legend and one of the finest players ever to represent this club. We hope he gets back to full fitness and has every opportunity to challenge for silverware with Leicester Tigers at the end of the season. He deserves that.

"Tomorrow night is a huge occasion for our supporters, and we'd love to end the season with a fourth straight win. But of course, it's also for the guys who will be leaving us at the end of the campaign. Please do stay behind after the final whistle for our annual lap of thanks, it means the world to the players."

Edinburgh asks all supporters to stay behind at full-time tomorrow night for our annual Lap of Thanks, as the players take a moment to show their appreciation for your incredible support throughout the season.

HAMISH WATSON | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1146 | 181 APPEARANCES | 22 TRIES

One of the most decorated players in Edinburgh Rugby history, Hamish Watson departs the club having established himself as a true legend of the Scottish capital.

The combative openside flanker has been a cornerstone of the Edinburgh back-row for over a decade, earning a reputation as one of the most dynamic breakdown operators in European rugby.

He made his Scotland debut in the 2015 Six Nations and never looked back, going on to become one of the most decorated openside flankers the club has ever produced.

A British & Irish Lion in 2021 and Six Nations Player of the Championship in the same year – in which he did not miss a single tackle across five matches – Watson made over 150 appearances for Edinburgh in decorated and celebrated professional career.

He is currently on loan to Leicester Tigers, the club where his career first began.

BOAN VENTER | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1288 | 107 APPEARANCES | 21 TRIES

South African loosehead prop Boan Venter joined Edinburgh Rugby from the Cheetahs ahead of the 2021/22 season, having come through the Free State system.

A club centurion, Venter became a firm favourite with Edinburgh supporters – his abrasive carrying and eye for the try line making him a constant threat, highlighted by a memorable hat-trick away to Ospreys in January 2022.

His performances at Edinburgh ultimately earned him a first senior cap for South Africa in 2025, capping a remarkable personal journey since his arrival in Scotland. Venter will join Emirates Lions at the end of the season.

JAMES LANG | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1300 | 90 APPEARANCES | 6 TRIES

James Lang joined Edinburgh Rugby in the summer of 2021 following five seasons at Harlequins.

Lang – who received his first Scotland senior cap against Canada in June 2018 – brought experience, composure and real versatility to the Edinburgh backline across his time in the Scottish capital.

A skilful player and consistent try-scoring threat, his 99-metre intercept try away to the DHL Stormers in Cape Town this season will live long in Edinburgh fans' memories. Lang departs this summer with his next club destination yet to be confirmed.

CHARLIE SHIEL | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1262 | 93 APPEARANCES | 10 TRIES

Scrum-half Charlie Shiel is part of a remarkable Edinburgh rugby lineage – son of former capital captains, Graham Shiel and grandson of Scotland great Dougie Morgan.

Born in Melrose and educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh, Shiel came through the club's academy and has been part of the Edinburgh setup since 2017

Shiel has been a committed servant to the capital club across a lengthy association. His length-of-the-field solo try away to Connacht last year – a moment that kept Edinburgh's season alive – will be remembered by supporters for years to come. His next club destination is yet to be confirmed.

BEN HEALY | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1322 | 42 APPEARANCES | 289 POINTS

URC Champion and fly-half Ben Healy joined Edinburgh Rugby from Munster ahead of the 2023/24 season.

His first season in Edinburgh saw him play almost every minute of action, earning his Scotland debut in 2023, while his last-minute drop goal to beat Connacht in November 2023 had Hive Stadium on its feet.

He is currently on loan at Newcastle Red Bulls.

SAM SKINNER | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1314 | 47 APPEARANCES | 5 TRIES

Scotland lock Sam Skinner joined Edinburgh Rugby from Exeter Chiefs in 2022, arriving in the capital as a two-time Premiership champion and European Champions Cup winner from the Chiefs' trophy-laden era.

Born in Exeter but qualifying for Scotland through his father — who hails from Ayr — Skinner made his Scotland debut in 2018 and has gone on to earn considerable international recognition.

A powerful and versatile operator across the engine room and back row, Skinner brought genuine quality and experience to the Edinburgh pack. His next club destination is yet to be confirmed.

ANGUS WILLIAMS | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1289 | 31 APPEARANCES

Tighthead prop Angus Williams made his Edinburgh Rugby debut from the bench in the away victory over Connacht in March 2021 having previously been part of the Watsonians set-up.

Born and raised in Whitianga on New Zealand's North Island, but SQ though his Edinburgh-born mother, Williams attended St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton before undertaking two degrees – in Physical Education, Exercise and Sports Science – prior to his move to the Scottish capital.

A quiet but incredibly professional presence throughout his time at the club, Williams has yet to confirm his next destination.

ROSS MCCANN | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1323 | 16 APPEARANCES | 2 TRIES

Edinburgh-born winger Ross McCann arrived at his hometown club in October 2023 following a decorated career on the sevens circuit, representing Scotland 7s and Great Britain – including at the Tokyo Olympics and Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

His form for Edinburgh earned him a senior Scotland debut against Canada in July 2024, completing a remarkable journey from schoolboy rugby at the Royal High School to full international honours.

McCann is currently rehabbing a groin injury sustained while playing for GB Sevens.

MIKEY JONES | EDINBURGH PLAYER #1332 | 5 APPEARANCES

Loosehead prop Mikey Jones started his rugby journey at Lasswade RFC at the age of five, going on to attend Lasswade High School before completing his schooling at Stewart's Melville College.

Jones made his Edinburgh Rugby debut in April 2024 against Bayonne in the EPCR Challenge Cup Round of 16, coming on as a replacement.

Jones represented Scotland at U16 and U18 level and is also a notable multi-sport athlete, having competed at national level in the shot put.

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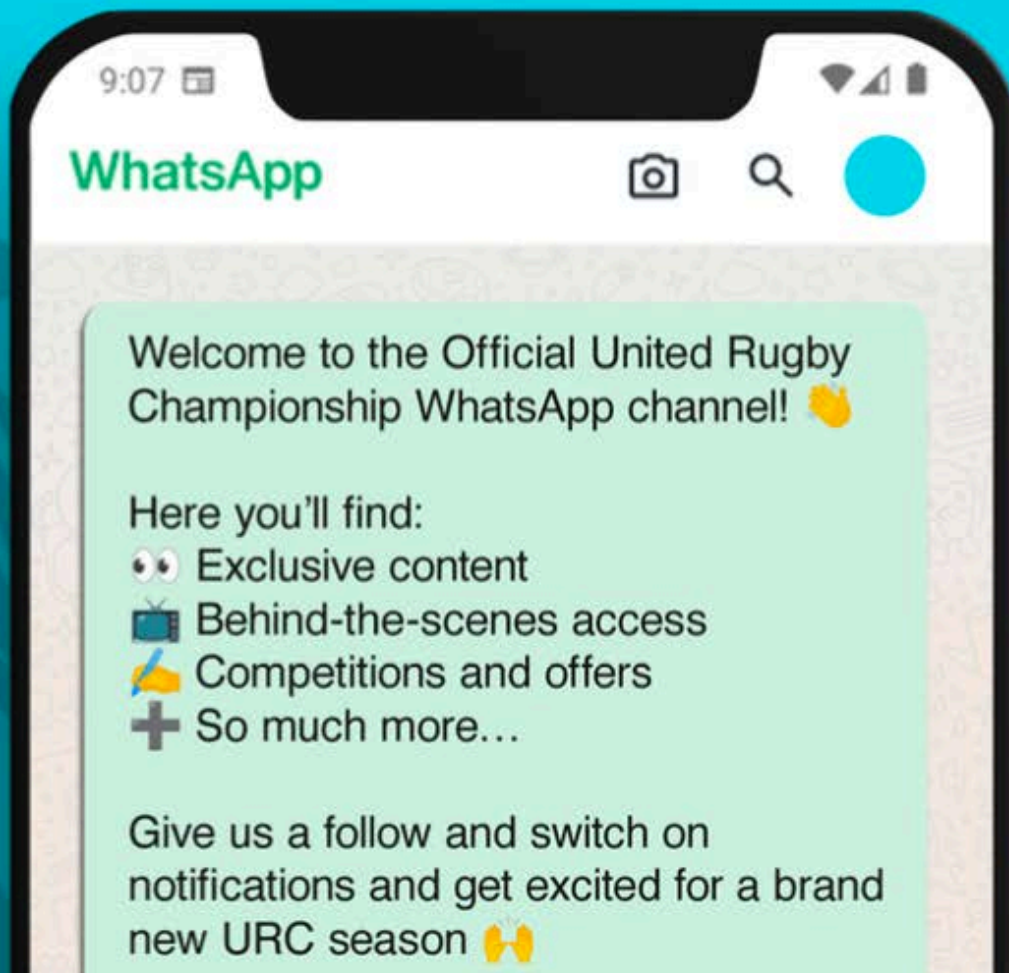


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- 14 DARCY GRAHAM
- 13 PIERS O'CONOR
- 12 FINDLAY THOMSON
- 11 DUHAN VAN DER MERWE
- 10 ROSS THOMPSON
- 9 HECTOR PATTERSON

- 1 PIERRE SCHOEMAN
- 2 EWAN ASHMAN
- 3 OLLIE BLYTH-LAFFERTY
- 4 MARSHALL SYKES
- 5 GLEN YOUNG
- 6 TOM DODD
- 7 FREDDY DOUGLAS
- 8 MAGNUS BRADBURY (C)

CONNACHT

- 15 SAM GILBERT
- 14 SHANE JENNINGS
- 13 HARRY WEST
- 12 BUNDEE AKI
- 11 SHAYNE BOLTON
- 10 JOSH IOANE
- 9 BEN MURPHY

- 1 BILLY BOHAN
- 2 EOIN DE BUITLEAR
- 3 FINLAY BEALHAM
- 4 JOE JOYCE
- 5 JOSH MURPHY
- 6 CIAN PRENDERGAST (C)
- 7 SHAMUS HURLEY-LANGTON
- 8 SEAN JANSEN

REPLACEMENTS

- 16 DYLAN RICHARDSON
- 17 BOAN VENTER
- 18 PAUL HILL
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- 20 EUAN MCVIE
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- 22 CHARLIE SHIEL
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- 16 MIKEY YARR
- 17 PETER DOOLEY
- 18 SAM ILLO
- 19 DAVID O'CONNOR
- 20 PAUL BOYCE
- 21 MATTHEW DEVINE
- 22 JACK CARTY
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BLYTH-LAFFERTY



There are players who take time to find professional rugby. And then there's Ollie Blyth-Lafferty, who arrived, debuted, signed his first pro deal, and barely seemed to notice the enormity of any of it.

"I was really surprised," the 20-year-old admits. "I didn't think I'd play nearly as much as I have."

That instinct for understatement is, perhaps, very much the point. While others might have buckled under the weight of expectation that comes with breaking into a URC squad at 19, the loosehead prop from Edinburgh's academy simply got his head down and got on with it.

By the time this season draws to a close at Hive Stadium on Friday night, he'll have racked up a run of starts and minutes that even he struggles to find the right word for.

"Remarkable," he settles on eventually. "It's been a tough challenge, don't get me wrong, but it's been pretty special getting to play this much in my first year."

Credit, he is quick to insist, goes to Sean Everitt for putting faith in a teenager at the coalface of professional rugby.

The scrum is the loneliest and most unforgiving place to find out whether you belong at this level. Blyth-Lafferty found out quickly that he does.

Last weekend at Rodney Parade offered perhaps the clearest evidence yet. Newport is a tough place to go – an atmospheric ground, a crowd that gets properly behind its team – and Edinburgh's performance there, Blyth-Lafferty included, was composed and clinical.

A scrum performance that caught the attention of the right people, as it turned out. More on that shortly.

"They definitely get behind their team and energise them a lot," he says of the Dragons faithful. "But overall it was a great experience getting the win away from home."

Now, the focus turns back to home. To Hive Stadium, to the Edinburgh support, to what the squad have set themselves as a final marker for the season.

"We'd like to go four from four at the end of the season," he says. "That's our goal now and what we've got our eyes on. Fingers crossed it'll be a sell-out, like the last couple of home games."

It's the kind of collective thinking that defines how Blyth-Lafferty has approached his debut campaign.



Ask him about the moments when he's been taken off before half-time – a tactical decision that has happened a handful of times – and there's no grievance, no ego. Just an understanding of the professional game that sounds well beyond his years.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't matter what number you have on your back, whether it's one or 23, you've been selected to do a job and you do it. It's not all about you."



That lesson – the shift from individual to team – has been the defining theme of his first season. He came in wanting to prove himself, eager to show what he could add beyond the set-piece. The feedback, when it came, reorientated him.

"A lot of games I went into early on, I was thinking, 'what are my work-ons? What do I need to get better at around the pitch?' and then I'd sometimes forget about what my job is – my bread-and-butter around my set-piece and scrum, my maul defence.

"Post-game, they wouldn't hammer me for the things I need to work on; they'd hammer me for things I need to do for the team. 'These are the reasons you're getting picked, for what you're good at.' That would be the biggest learning for me. No matter what, first things first, you do your job for the team."

Around him, the dressing room has helped. Pierre Schoeman, Boan Venter, Grant Gilchrist – men who have lived and breathed the pressures of professional and international rugby – have provided a kind of ballast that a teenager finding his feet can lean on.

"Seasoned professionals and internationals who know how to deal with these kind of things," he says. "It definitely pumps your tyres up."

So what comes next? The summer is where Blyth-Lafferty's story takes its next, potentially significant turn.

He turned 20 on 6 April, which means this summer remains his window for Scotland U20s – and a trip to Georgia awaits.

But there is another possibility hovering at the edges of his thinking, one he is careful not to get too far ahead of himself about. Following his performance against the Dragons, Scotland scrum coach Pieter de Villiers pulled him aside.

"He thought it was a good scrum performance from the team overall, then we went through my clips individually," Blyth-Lafferty recalls. "He mentioned, 'you are definitely in the mixer with the other guys.' That's good to hear. But just keep going well, you've got one more game this season, you never know."

One more game this season. Friday night. Home. The kind of send-off that a season like this deserves for Blyth-Lafferty.

He is old enough to know what it would mean to follow in the footsteps of Zander Fagerson – who made his Scotland debut at 20 – and wise enough not to assume it will simply happen.

"I'd like to think that I'm ready for it, but at the end of the day, that's up to the coaches. It's something I need to take on the chin – whether it happens or whether it doesn't – and just keep working hard and keep my head down."

What he will admit to, when pushed, is what a senior summer tour could offer in terms of the opposition. He grew up watching Ramiro Herrera, the Argentine tighthead whose scrummaging he quietly tried to model himself on. The Springboks, he notes, have adopted a similar approach at scrum time to the Pumas of that era.

"You put yourself in that position, you work hard and you show off what you can do for the team. That would be great."

For now, though, one match at a time. One more Friday night under the lights at Hive Stadium. One more chance to do his job, for his team, in his first professional season. Just getting started.





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HELP US HIT £70,000: CHANGE THE GAME RETURNS TO HIVE STADIUM



Edinburgh Rugby is setting its sights on a landmark £70,000 raised for Official Charity Partner It's Good 2 Give – and this Friday night at Hive Stadium is the moment to make it happen.

Change The Game returns for the club's final home URC match of the season against Connacht on 15 May, and with £65,000 already raised, Edinburgh Rugby are calling on players, fans, and the wider community to help close the gap and hit a milestone that would mean everything to the families It's Good 2 Give supports across Scotland.

A week of stories

Beginning today (Monday 11 May) Edinburgh Rugby will use a mix of player videos, web stories, social graphics, and charity-led content across the week to maximise awareness and drive donations ahead of kick-off.

Three members of the squad – Darcy Graham, Grant Gilchrist and Pierre Schoeman – will each share why they are playing for a child supported by It's Good 2 Give, giving fans a personal window into the lives the charity touches every day.

On the night itself, itself we have some great involvement from some of the young people and their families that have been supported by It's Good 2 Give, moments that speak to exactly why this fixture means so much to all involved.

Why It's Good 2 Give

It's Good 2 Give exists to support young cancer patients and their families across Scotland at one of the most difficult times of their lives.

Through practical assistance, vital mental health provision, and the sanctuary of their Ripple Retreat on the shores of Loch Venachar, they make a real and lasting difference to families navigating childhood cancer.

Ruari Mackenzie, It's Good 2 Give Board Member and Trustee, says the partnership with Edinburgh Rugby has meant everything to the charity.

He said: “The support Edinburgh Rugby and their incredible fans have shown us is something we will never take for granted. When we first saw the numbers climbing towards £50,000, we were blown away – and now, to be within touching distance of £70,000 is truly extraordinary.

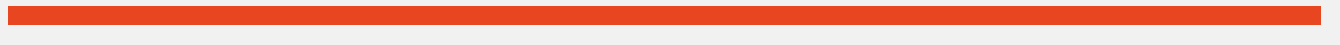
“Every single penny goes directly towards supporting young cancer patients and their families through some of the hardest moments they will ever face.

“We are so deeply grateful to everyone who has helped us get here, and to everyone who will play their part on Friday night. Together, we really are changing the game for the families who need it most.”

How to donate

Supporters can also give on the night by purchasing raffle tickets at the stadium.

The easiest way to donate, however, is online – visit the Edinburgh Rugby x It's Good 2 Give Just Giving page [HERE](#) to make a secure donation and help us reach that £70,000 milestone!





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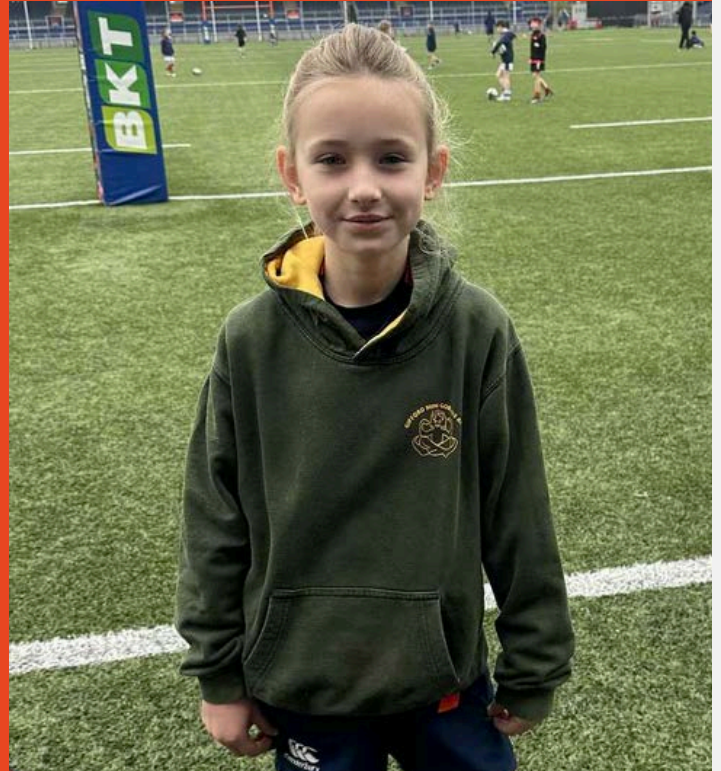
Favourite memory from a game you've watched or played in?

Duhan's wonder try against England in 2023

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

Darcy Graham – I also play wing, so what is the best skill I should work on to become as good as you are?

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Millie

School / Club:

Gifford Goblins mini's

Favourite Players:

Grant Gilchrist and Darcy Graham

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

Winning the final at Berwick's mini's rugby festival in extra time.

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

Grant and Darcy, how, why and when did you start playing rugby?

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Preston

School / Club:

Corstorphine Cougars

Favourite Players:

Duhan van der Merwe

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

Watching Edinburgh play in South Africa with my Dad and my Edinburgh flag!

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

Duhan, what is your favourite football team?



Patrick

School / Club:

Currie Chieftains

Favourite Players:

Darcy Graham

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

Playing in the p4 Perthshire festival and getting to the final.

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 did you start your rugby career and what should i do to get better as I want to be a winger?

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Rebecca

School / Club:

Currie Chieftains

Favourite Players:

Darcy Graham

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

Watching Currie at Murrayfield in the cup

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

Darcy Graham – Which of your record number of tries is your favourite

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HUNTER-HILL COMMITS TO EDINBURGH THROUGH 2028



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Lock Callum Hunter-Hill has extended his contract with the capital club, adding a further year to his existing deal to keep him at Hive Stadium through to the end of the 2027/28 season.

Hunter-Hill rejoined Edinburgh last summer on a two-year deal – returning to the club where his professional career first flourished – and has now committed for a third consecutive season in the capital.

The 29-year-old has made 15 appearances across the BKT United Rugby Championship and Investec Champions Cup this term – including seven starts – with his most recent outing coming in Saturday’s bonus-point win away to Dragons RFC at Rodney Parade, bringing his overall Edinburgh cap tally to 35.

Hunter-Hill was born in Melrose, raised in East Lothian and started his rugby at North Berwick RFC before progressing through Stewart’s Melville College and Stirling County – the club he would go on to captain.

A Scotland U20 captain himself, he earned 19 age-grade caps before embarking on a professional journey that took him to Saracens – where he made 81 appearances and was part of their 2022/23 Premiership-winning squad – and Northampton Saints, before coming home last summer.

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On extending his stay, Hunter-Hill said: “Coming back to Edinburgh has meant everything to me. This club has always felt like home.

“I’ve really enjoyed the game time this season and feel like I’m building nicely, but I’ll be honest, I know I haven’t hit the heights I’m capable of yet. That’s a big part of why I wanted to stay. I feel like I’ve got a real contribution to make here, and I’m not done.

“The direction this club is moving in genuinely excites me. It’s been an up and down season, but the core group we’ve built, the calibre of players coming in this summer and the new coaching voices Sean is bringing in – I think we’re in a really strong place. I can’t wait to get going again.”

Head Coach Sean Everitt added: “From day one we set out to build a squad with Edinburgh at its heart – players who know what this club means and who feel the weight of representing this city.

“Callum is exactly that kind of player. He came back determined to make his mark, and the squad have genuinely loved having him back in the building.

“He has the physical tools to be a real force in the middle row, and our job is to give him the platform to show that consistently. Getting him locked in for another year is great news for everyone.”





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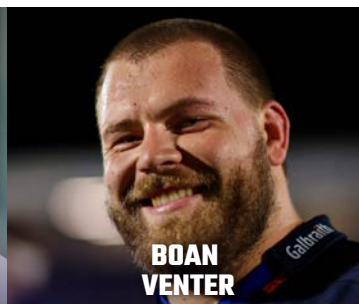


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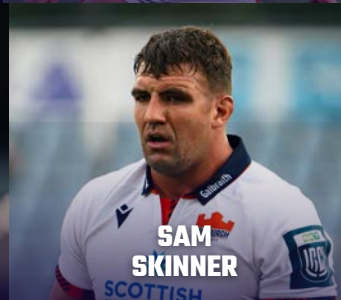
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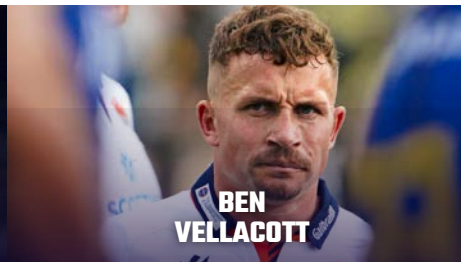
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OLLIE BLYTH-LAFFERTY

JACK BROWN

SAM BRYD

ISAAC COATES

FIN DOYLE

OLLIE DUNCAN

HENRY KESTERTON

SAM LEWENI

CHRISTIAN LINDSAY

HAMISH MACARTHUR

RORY MCHAFFIE

ROSS MCKNIGHT

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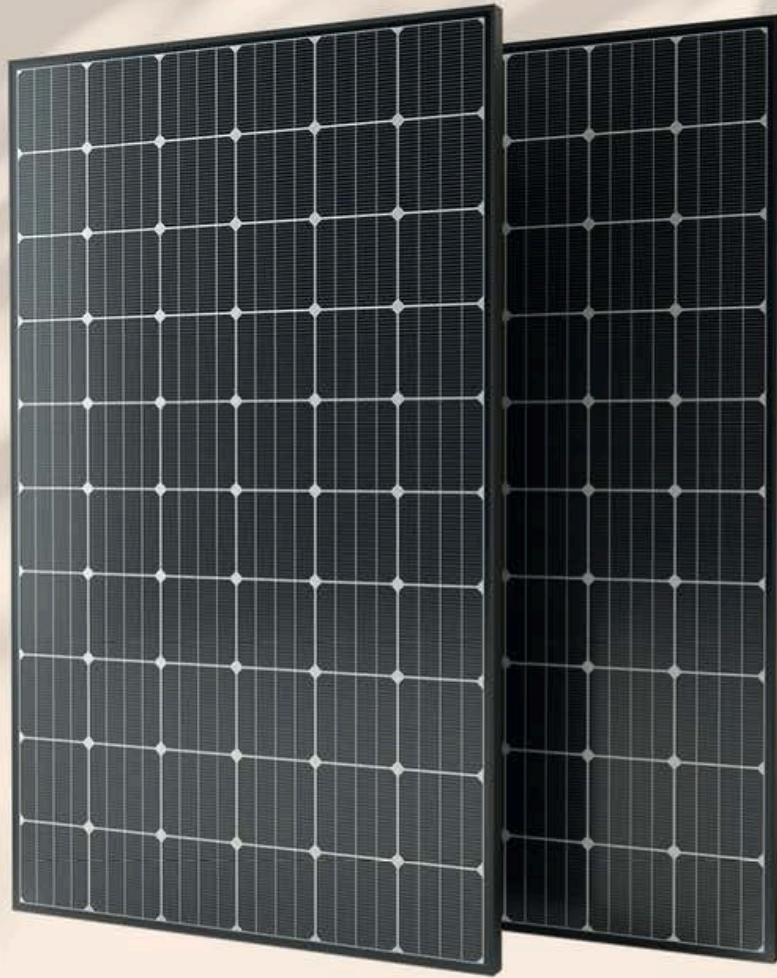
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Matt Currie **Samba de Janeiro** Bellini
Tom Currie **Again** Fetty wap
Tom Dodd **Crazy** Gnarlz Barkley
Freddy Douglas **Starboy** The Weekend
Grant Gilchrist **Rocking all Over the World** Status Quo
Wes Goosen **Hey ya** Outcast
Darcy Graham **I 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
Malelili 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
Hamish Watson **This is the One** Stone Roses
James Whitcombe **Rock the casbah** The clash
Angus Williams **Back in Black** ACDC
Glen Young **We like to party** Vengaboys

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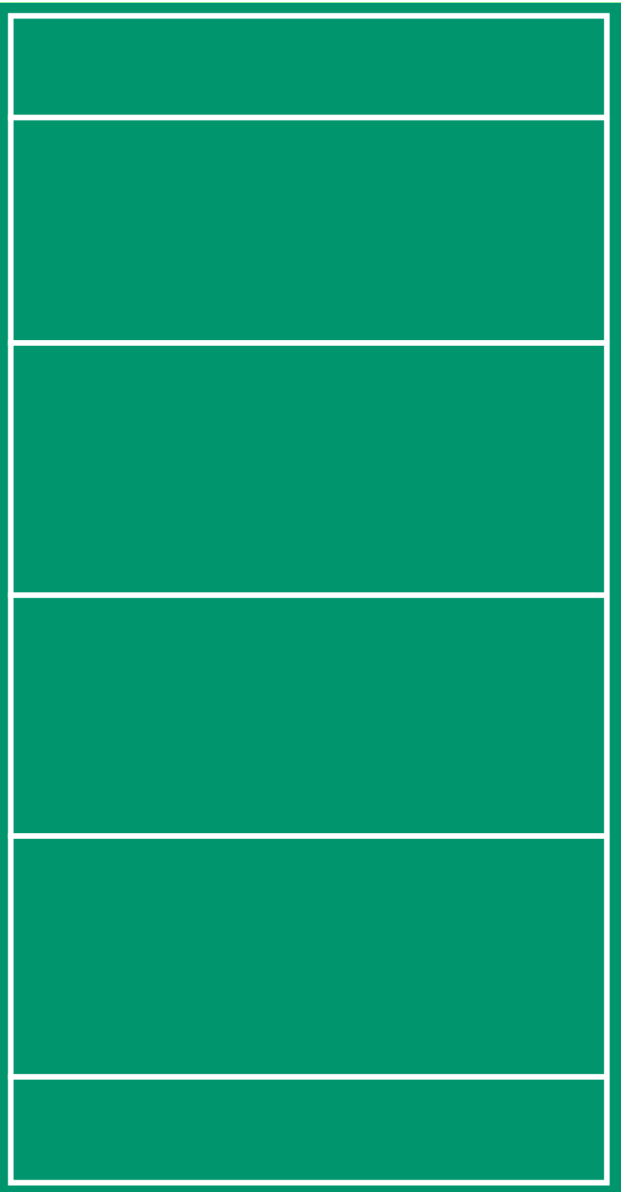
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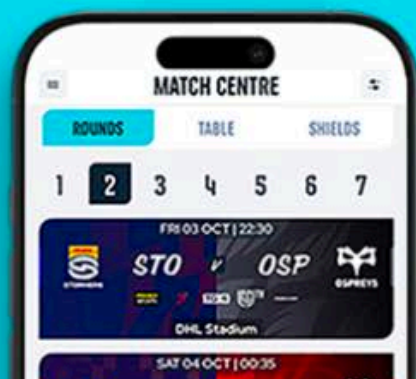
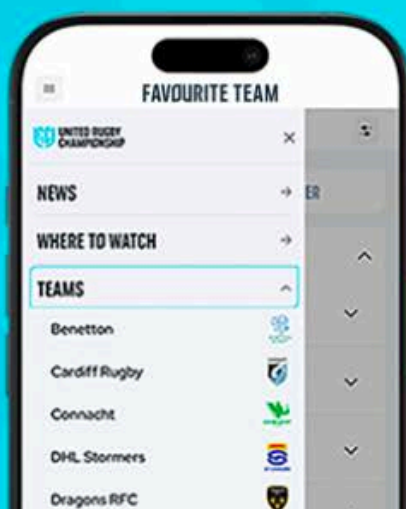
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'THERE'S MORE TO COME' – YOUNG COMMITTS FOR FURTHER SEASON



Lock Glen Young has signed a one-year contract extension, keeping the Scotland international at Hive Stadium through to the end of the 2026/27 season.

The 31-year-old has been one of the side's most reliable operators this term, making 19 appearances across the URC and Investec Champions Cup – including 13 starts – closing in on 70 Edinburgh caps in the process.

Young joins fellow Scotland locks Marshall Sykes and Grant Gilchrist in committing his future to the capital club.

Born in Jedburgh and schooled at Jedburgh Grammar, Young came through the age-grade system at Riverside Park before beginning his professional journey with Newcastle Falcons in 2012.

After establishing himself as a senior player at Kingston Park – with a spell on dual-registration at Doncaster Knights along the way – he moved south to Harlequins in 2019, where he was a consistent starter in the Twickenham side's middle row.

Young signed to Edinburgh in the summer of 2021 and made his debut in January 2022, coming off the bench in a 34-10 URC win over Cardiff Rugby. He marked his first start with a brace against CA Brive in the EPCR Challenge Cup – and hasn't looked back since.

Internationally, Young has represented Scotland at every level. He earned seven caps at U20 level – including a trip to New Zealand for the 2014 Junior World Championship – before being called into the senior Scotland squad for the 2022 Six Nations and going on to earn his full debut as a replacement against Argentina in July of that year.

On extending his stay, Young said: “This has been one of my best seasons in an Edinburgh jersey, and I genuinely feel like there’s more to come. I feel fit, I feel confident, and I want to keep building on that.

“One of the things I really value is being one of the more experienced guys in the squad. I take that seriously – if I can help the younger players develop and make the whole group better, then I see that as a big part of what I’m here to do.

“I can play across the second row and into the back row, and I think my versatility is something that gives the coaches options. I’m a team-first person – whatever the squad needs from me, I’ll give it.

“I love this club. Edinburgh has become home, and the chance to pull on this jersey for another season is something I’m really excited about.”

Head Coach Sean Everitt said: “Glen has had a really strong season. He’s the type of player who makes your squad better – not just through what he does on the pitch, but through the standards he sets every day in training.

“His work rate is relentless and his toughness makes him a real handful. At the lineout he’s technically excellent, and that experience at set-piece is invaluable – particularly for the younger locks coming through around him.

“He can operate across multiple positions in the tight five, which gives us real flexibility in how we build a squad. Glen is still very much a big player for Edinburgh Rugby, and we’re delighted he’s staying.”





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LAST TIME OUT

DRAGONS RUGBY 15 - 24 EDINBURGH RUGBY



Edinburgh secured a hard-fought 15-24 away win at Rodney Parade, with Duhan van der Merwe grabbing a brace on his return from injury and Ewan Ashman collecting a third successive BKT Player of the Match award as Sean Everitt's side picked up five points in Newport.

It was only Edinburgh's second away win of the season, and their third victory in a row, setting up a home finale against Connacht at Hive Stadium next Friday.

The big pre-match storyline was the return of Van der Merwe, making his first Edinburgh appearance since scoring against Leinster in Dublin back in January – a four-month absence through ankle injury.

Edinburgh were on the front foot early, with Hector Patterson and Graham combining well to keep the Dragons on the back foot. The home side drew first blood through an Angus O'Brien penalty in the eighth minute, but Edinburgh were quick to respond.

Dominant at the scrum and having earned a penalty on 17 minutes, Edinburgh opted to kick to the corner rather than take the easy three – a gamble that paid off. A slick lineout, three phases and a hard line from Ewan Ashman saw the hooker crash over for his eighth try of the season. Ross Thompson converted to make it 3-7.

The Dragons hit back with a driving lineout of their own, Dillon Lewis powering over to restore the home advantage, O'Brien adding the extras. At 10-7, Edinburgh had work to do.

15. Harry Paterson
14. Darcy Graham
13. Mosese Tuipulotu
12. Findlay Thomson
11. Duhan van der Merwe
10. Ross Thompson
9. Hector Patterson

1. Pierre Schoeman
2. Ewan Ashman
3. Ollie Blyth-Lafferty
4. Callum Hunter-Hill
5. Grant Gilchrist (C)
6. Glen Young
7. Freddy Douglas
8. Tom Currie

Replacements

16. Dylan Richardson
17. Boan Venter
18. Paul Hill
19. Marshall Sykes
20. Liam McConnell
21. Magnus Bradbury
22. Charlie Shiel
23. Piers O'Connor

They responded with urgency. A sustained period of possession – somewhere in the region of 20 phases – kept the Dragons pinned deep, and just before the half-time whistle Tom Currie produced a powerful carry to crash over from close range. Thompson converted and Edinburgh went in at the break with a 10-14 lead.

The Dragons came out with intent and drew level within three minutes of the restart, Harrison Keddie finishing a well-worked team move – the conversion making it 15-14. It was anyone's game.

Edinburgh steadied. A penalty deep in the Dragons 22 was kicked to the corner, and the lineout drive created the platform for a short-side score – Patterson and Thompson combining before the final pass found van der Merwe, who did the rest. 15-21 with the best part of half an hour still to play.



The game then entered a fiercely contested closing period. Dylan Richardson was sin-binned for handling on the ground, before Grant Gilchrist came up with a huge jackal turnover on 62 minutes to halt a sustained Dragons attack. Edinburgh defended for their lives and held firm.

Van der Merwe – as only van der Merwe can – then sealed the win. A short switch from Charlie Shiel, a burst of pace and three defenders left in his wake as he crossed from 15 metres out. 15-24.

Boan Venter picked up a late yellow for a high shot, but Edinburgh closed the game with composure. The final whistle confirmed five points and a return trip north in excellent form.

Ashman, who also claimed the Scottish Building Society Player of the Month award for April this week, rounded off a memorable personal fortnight by being named BKT Player of the Match for the third game in succession – having scored a try in each of Edinburgh's three straight wins.

Edinburgh now turn their attention to a home send-off, with Connacht visiting Hive Stadium next Friday (15 May) in the final round of URC regular season action. With three wins on the bounce and momentum firmly behind them, Everitt's side will be looking to finish the home campaign in style.

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