

Match Programme:

Saturday 16 March 2013 : Stirling County v Boroughmuir (RBS Premiership)

President's Message

A very good afternoon and welcome to Bridgehaugh for our last home RBS Premiership match of the season.

We have two matches left to secure qualification for next season's British & Irish Cup or avoid the relegation place-off – the league is that tight with only six points separating the teams from third to ninth place.

I extend a warm welcome to Muir' President Bill Noble, his committee, coaches, players and supporters, and to our match officials. I hope you will enjoy our Bridgehaugh hospitality.

Last Saturday, we narrowly lost to Edinburgh Accies in a closely contested match at Raeburn Place, a result that saw today's opponents Boroughmuir relegated. 'Muir are a proud club with a strong rugby tradition and I have absolutely no doubt that it will not be long before they return to the top-flight. This season there has been very little between all the Premiership teams, and I am sure we will be in for another highly competitive and entertaining match this afternoon. One thing is certain – the outcome of our season will go right to our final match next week, when we play Dundee at Mayfield.

I congratulate our Under-18s who have again reached the final of the National U-18 Youth League Cup, and will defend their holders title at Murrayfield on Tuesday 16 April against Gala Wanderers. I would encourage you all to come along to the national stadium and cheer on our boys – kick-off is 7pm. Continuing on the theme of our successful young players, I also congratulate Adam Ashe, Jamie Bhatti, Ruaridh Leishman, Rory Hughes and Reynor Kennedy, who have all featured in Scotland's Under-20 team during their current Six-Nations campaign – well done lads.

Our 2nd XV, following on from their win at Edinburgh Accies last week, are at home this afternoon to Heriot's who lead National Reserve League One, while our 3rd XV / Bridgehaugh are away to Carnoustie 2nd XV in Midland Division 4. Tomorrow (Sunday) our Women's team will be keen to maintain their impressive 100% record and win Premier Two with a victory away to Aberdeen Quines – kick-off 2pm.

It was pleasing to see Easton Roy celebrating his 90th birthday on 9 March with a touch rugby match and get together with old friends. Well done Easton and the other 'golden oldies' who made it a day to remember.

Finally, can I remind you that we are holding our next monthly Members' (and Guests) Social Evening this Friday, 22 March at 7:30pm - all welcome. Also for your diary, our annual Oudeo Stirling County Rugby Sevens will be held on Saturday 20 April, with a 1pm start – hospitality lunch packages are available.

Thanks to our main club sponsor Oudeo, today's table sponsors and all who have supported the club through this campaign – we look forward to welcoming you back next season.

I hope you all enjoy your rugby and your afternoon at Bridgehaugh.

Kevin Robertson
President