

Match Programme:

Saturday 30 November 2013 : Stirling County v Aberdeen Grammar (RBS Premiership)

President's Message

Good afternoon and welcome to you all on this St Andrew's Day for this crucial RBS Premiership match between Aberdeen Grammar and Stirling County.

An especially warm welcome to Grammar's President Jim Rae, his committee, coaches, players and travelling band of supporters, I hope you enjoy our hospitality and your visit to Bridgehaugh.

In recent years matches between Grammar and County have been closely contested. In September Grammar edged the match at Rubislaw, while the last time the Caledonia clubs met at Bridgehaugh both sides scored 42 points in a high-scoring draw. With Premiership survival at the forefront of both teams' minds, I expect we will witness another highly competitive action-packed match this afternoon.

Now is the time and now is the hour for County to start winning and Head Coach Graeme Young will be looking for the players to build on the positives of last week's improved showing against Edinburgh Accies.

Once again I ask our home support to get right behind County in this vital match and encourage our lads to get the result that will see our team on the road to recovery.

I also welcome today's match officials, and ask that you treat them with good humour and most importantly respect.

My thanks to this afternoon's match sponsor **Johnston Carmichael Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors** for their generous support and also to our table sponsors.

Also this afternoon, our 2nd XV are also entertaining their counterparts from Aberdeen Grammar in National Reserve League One, and our 3rd XV travel to near neighbours Hillfoots in Caledonia League Four Midlands. County's Under-18s and Under-16s both visit Falkirk over the weekend in the National Youth Leagues. Best of luck to all our teams in action this weekend.

County's 1st XV take a break from Premiership action for a few weeks, as we resume our British & Irish Cup campaign with back-to-back matches against Nottingham Rugby from English Championship. The first of these matches is next Saturday (7th December) at Bridgehaugh when we are also hosting our annual **Christmas Lunch** in the *Marquee* – there are only a few tables remaining, so please book now to avoid missing out on this popular sell-out event.

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

Kevin Robertson
President