



EAGLE EYE

Connecting the Perthshire Rugby Family

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Welcome to **EAGLE EYE**

Connecting the Perthshire Rugby Family

By James 'Love Island' Armstrong, Treasurer

*Welcome all to the latest issue of **EAGLE EYE** and Happy New Year to all! As we enter the second half of the season, we look to power on in true Perthshire fashion and finish strong with plenty of games left to play.*

Our main feature within this edition is an interview with the legendary Scottish Internationalist and equally talented commentator, Scott Hastings. He has graced every level of the game from grassroots to the pinnacle of the game by donning the famous red jersey of the British and Irish Lions. We are grateful for Scott taking time out of his presumably busy schedule to provide our readers with an expert insight into the world of rugby through his own personal lens.

We kicked off January with Burns Night, and this was celebrated with Burns Bingo hosted by our own Club Captain, Macca. There were winners and there were losers, however, the audience were provided with some fantastic entertainment throughout the night, with a noble few reciting some poetry – some unknown talents maybe have been unearthed...maybe. A special thanks to The Mexican for hosting an excellent evening.

With the world's greatest competition, the Six Nations, now truly upon us, we have some international fixtures to feast on while club rugby is temporarily put to the side. At the time of writing, Scotland have won 2 from 2. This could be our year!

We welcome our Welsh compatriots, Pontarddulais RFC, across the border to

entertain them with some Friday afternoon rugby down on the Inch. We would like to wish them a successful tour but a not so successful result at Murrayfield.

Regional rugby is on the horizon for the mini and midi sections, and we wish all age grades great success with their upcoming fixtures. Keep an eye out for some of the talented stars that one day will be making that 1st XV jersey their own.

Women's' rugby is back with a bang in 2023 with a large Perthshire contingent making up a select squad to face Highland. The two sides squared off on a cold Sunday in January and even though the result was not in Perthshire's favour, it is great to see the women gaining momentum. Games against tough opposition highlights the successful path the squad are heading in.

I would like to sign off my introduction with a goodbye. My time at Perthshire is soon coming to an end. Albeit I have spent more time on the sidelines than the pitch, some may say, I have truly enjoyed my time here. Being a part of the Committee and wider Club has opened my eyes to see how there are some amazing people wanting the absolute best for the Club. This is down to the values that have been instilled at all levels - **SPORTSMANSHIP | PRIDE | RESPECT | INCLUSION**. If we all continue to follow these four simple, but powerful, values then we can all expect this club to succeed in all sections.

I wish everyone the best going forward and I look forward to seeing Perthshire take flight.

Club Captain

Ewan MacKessack-Leitch

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It was a slow start to 2023, the weather doing its bit to postpone matches and make for some interesting training sessions. Full credit to Clarky and the Senior coaching team for creatively using the time and space to keep the squad sharp and fit. It showed when we had our run out against Greenock Wanderers and put in a full 80 minutes to gain the bonus-point win; fitness from badminton court shuttle runs proving their virtue that day.

The league season is halfway through and the Men's teams, I feel, are up for the challenge of climbing the table. We know we have not performed to our best yet and as we gain more confidence those fine margins will fall in our favour. The Women too are ready to proceed through the Bowl competition after an encouraging showing in the Aspiring League. Your support on the touchlines is always a boost for the girls, boys, men and women putting on the Black and White of Perthshire – even when it is freezing or pouring wet, your cheers give us players across all Sections the extra 10% to make the difference.

There's little escaping rugby now with the Six Nations in full swing; and we were reminded of the special bond the Championship brings when we hosted Pontarddulais RFC who travelled from Wales to resume a long-held friendship between our Clubs. They went on to Murrayfield the next day for the international with some bumps, bruises, sore heads and, most importantly, new friendships forged in rugby.

As Club Captain, as well as taking pride in the performances of teams across our Club, I also have the privilege of running the social events. Since the last issue we had a fun-

filled Quiz Night at the Bowling Club and then the Burns Night Bingo in The Mexican. It was great to see so many there. Remember these fundraisers are open to anyone who supports Perthshire Rugby.

The next social event (after the Beer Festival of course) will be the End of Season Awards Dinner. To be held on Friday 26th May at the Salutation Hotel, I would be delighted to see you there to celebrate the successes of Perthshire Rugby over 2022/23. In an exciting development this year, as one night is not enough to celebrate all the success and to reward the efforts from players and coaches, we will host a separate Midi Section Awards Dinner. Here we can recognise the achievements of our younger players who hopefully one day might pull on the Black and White alongside us in the Senior teams.

However you enjoy your rugby at Perthshire: playing, coaching, supporting, or volunteering; I will see you on the North Inch, as we all pull together to have fun, make friends, and grow our Club.

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Director of Rugby

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After two successful blocks pre-Christmas and an After Schools transition evening, the Development Team have headed into the new year with another block, this time in the Perth High Primary Cluster.

We are completing a 4-week block going into 11 primary schools throughout Perth, working with over 200 pupils over 16 sessions per week. Each week we continue to deliver fun game-based rugby sessions, providing the pupils with an understanding of the game.

The Development Team aims to keep introducing the sport to new individuals and help them develop new skills and continuing to build a successful transition from school to Club. We want to keep creating a pathway for individuals to maximise their potential while still having fun.

We have also planned what we hope to be the first of an annual schools competition at the Inch. During Scottish Rugby Schools week, we intend to invite S1 boys, and U14 girls to the North Inch to play some fixtures in a festival format. We intend to grow this into S1 and S2 the following year with similar progression for the girls in our region, so watch this space for updates!



Coaching Essentials Course - 1st April 2023

<https://scrums.scottishrugby.org/#/courses/431>

Senior Section

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Firstly, I'd like to thank the efforts of our senior section coaches, Clarky, Dave, Campbell, Kenny, Gregor, and Iona who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring the squads are kept engaged, fit and ready to go.

December and the start of January saw postponed games due to the inclement weather. Despite this, training numbers have remained high which is extremely encouraging and a real testament to the quality of coaching and the facilities we have at our Club; we absolutely have the best coaching set-up in the area and this should be promoted and celebrated.

Since the turn of the year our on-field results have varied: our 1st XV made the long trip to Greenock Warriors and come away with a superb 37-15 win, a great way to start the New Year and it gave the Club a feel-good factor. Allan Glen's then visited the North Inch and despite the result the effort and application from the players couldn't be faulted, a fantastic display by everyone involved especially against a very good team. Our 2nd XV has been unlucky with weather postponements and haven't played since 3rd December; the effort from the players to ensure they have 2 full squads out

every Saturday has been nothing short of amazing.

Our women's squad is going from strength to strength. Iona has been doing fantastic work in attracting new players to the Club and maintaining good numbers at training sessions. The hard work behind the scenes is paying off on-field now with the team winning a number of games at the SRU-led Aspiring League festivals.

A big thank you to the Bowling Club and The Mexican for providing post-match hospitalities. With the Six Nations on, we would love to see our players and supporters come down to the Bowling Club to help cheer on our boys.

Lastly, I'd like to mention our supporters: it is very encouraging to see so many of you come out to watch our teams on match days. The crowds coming to support are large and vocal and really add to the match day atmosphere.

Men's training continues Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30-8.00 pm. Women's training continues on Wednesdays. Email senior@perthshire-rfc.co.uk or managerwomens@perthshire-rfc.co.uk for more information.

James Yule

Perthshire Rugby is saddened to announce the death, on 1st February, of former President James Yule.

Jim was President during a golden period for the Club during the seasons 1976-1977 and 1977-1978 which was shortly after the unofficial championship ended and Perthshire entered the new National Leagues. Adrian Dissell and Harry Lynch

captained the Club during Jimmy's presidency and under his leadership the Club fielded an impressive 5 senior teams.

Ably supported by his wife, Frances, who pre-deceased him 2 years ago, Jim was a constant supporter at the North Inch and could be seen cajoling and encouraging the 1st XV from the touchline at every home match until ill health prevented him from attending.



Midi Section

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The Midi Section 2023 fixtures are now underway, although fixtures have suffered due to the wintry weather, we are looking forward to an exciting season ahead.

Scottish Rugby has introduced a girls Player Development Programme which involves our U18 and U16 players. Nominated players were asked to participate in Regional Assessment days in early January and I am delighted to announce that 9 of our U18 girls and 4 of our U16 girls have been selected for the Regional Game Series. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who will now play in the Caledonia Midlands Team. It is extremely important to give all girls an opportunity to play so those not selected along with the U12 and U14 girls will play in Cross-Regional Festivals which are aligned to the Regional games. The first, at Perthshire, saw over 200 girls teams from Cambuslang, Highland, Montrose, Strathmore, Howe of Fife, Dalkeith, Berwick, Gala, Murrayfield Wanderers, Kelpies, Dundee, Stirling County, Peebles, Hamilton, Bannockburn, Glenrothes, Boroughmuir and Dunfermline make their way to the North Inch. The day was a huge success and can we take this opportunity to thank Scottish Rugby for their support.

Caledonia Midlands U18 Girls selected – Lily Beaton, Jocelyn Norrie, Ellie-Jo Simpson, Grace Fraser, Rowan Macgugan, Dawn Lawrie, Anna Suttie, Eva Finnie and Becca Carroll.

Caledonia Midlands U16 Girls selected – Ruby Blackhall, Grace Mathers, Eva Lindsay, Grace Malcolm and Nina Hausrath.

Our Colts, U16 and U15 boys now start their Saltire Energy Caledonia Cup Journey. They have been drawn in the first round against Alloa/Kelpies, Dunfermline, Montrose, Stirling County, Dundee Rugby, Angus Colts and Glenrothes. The final will be played on 2nd April.

The Caledonia Conference Cup Final has now been rescheduled; this was cancelled last year due to the bad weather. The final will now be played on Sunday 26th March where we will make the trip up to Highland RFC who will host the Final. U18 - Perthshire v Strathmore; U16 – Moray v Perthshire. We also have our U18 Girls Shield Final against Biggar RFC which will be held at Murrayfield on Saturday 25th March. More information will follow on both matches, so please look out for this on our social media.

If you would like more information on how to join one of our teams, please email midi@perthshire-rfc.co.uk

Our U10 team recently visited Scotstoun Stadium to participate in a festival and met Richie Gray and Zander Fagerson.



Mini Section

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What a season we have had so far! Each team has performed so well throughout both training and games, we have seen some excellent rugby on show. This is sure to continue throughout the remainder of our season.

During the winter months, we have returned to Strathallan to use the Wilson Hall. The kids have enjoyed working on their fitness, an essential part of rugby! We are looking forward to attending Stewart Melville to hone our skills further. Good luck everyone!

I cannot believe we are halfway through the season; we are now looking towards the final months and have a few exciting events coming up - our Under 12 tour, festivals including our own, and some great fixtures! In amongst this, we continue to welcome new players weekly to Perthshire - should you know anyone who would like to join please ask them to contact mini@perthshire-rfc.co.uk and we will get them started.

Every May we hold our Perthshire Festival and this year will be no different. We are looking forward to welcoming a few teams to Perthshire, as always I am sure it will be a great success. Without our army of volunteers, these events would not be possible, so over the coming months we will

be looking to get some volunteers to help on the day so please give any time you have generously! It is always very much appreciated.

Finally, I would again like to offer a huge thank you to our fabulous coaches, children, and parents. Without you we simply would not have a club and your dedication makes Perthshire Rugby an amazing club to be part of. Thank you.





In Conversation with....



....Scott Hastings

Just before the end of 2022, our Editor interviewed former Scotland international, Grand Slam winner and 2-time Lion tourist Scott Hastings about his career, his upcoming mini tour, his hope and future for the game and his insight on how he thinks the current men's Scotland Team will perform this year.

What got you interested in rugby?

We were brought up in a household of 4 brothers. My mother was a keen sportswoman, and my father was a former rugby player. I suppose sport pervaded our house right from the off, you know if you've got 4 boisterous kids and they need an outlet, sport was the outlet. It wasn't academia, it wasn't music, it was fighting, games and sport.

When did you know you wanted to play for Scotland?

As a kid I think you always have dreams, you know I was forever practising and kicking the ball around with friends. You watch the old Five Nations, and you say, 'hey maybe one day I could do that'. There was a determination there I think to play for your country and ultimately even before my teenage years, I had a bit between the teeth that I really wanted to do it. I am very grateful at the age of 21 I fulfilled that ambition.

What point did you know that playing for Scotland could be a reality?

I have a clear memory of just being determined to do that. It was a sport that I always loved, and I think that moment is etched in my memory of when I was getting a bit of ribbing from one of my brothers and I went 'ahh I'll prove them wrong'. If you practise, you're diligent and skilful then that journey must start somewhere. It starts when you're selected for your first team and that winning feeling starts. It was a rollercoaster, a conveyor belt, in respect. You had to get selected for various teams and ultimately that was the goal and eventually the goal happened.

How was it getting to play alongside your brother Gavin for Scotland?

Yeah, that was pretty special I think for all the family. It was a momentous occasion, there was 6 new debutants when Gavin and I joined the Scotland Team in 1986. Not only was it a special time for the Hastings family,

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but it was also a special time for a new team and a new generation. The fact we could share that as a family I think is even better.

How does it feel to see your nephew, Adam, play for Scotland now too?

It is great that Adam is in the setup. He is a very good player. He's diligent, he's hardworking and the Hastings name is kind of synonymous with Scottish sport and Scottish Rugby. He's a tremendous ambassador for the game. My daughter has some great ding dong battles with Adam because she plays for the Scotland national hockey team. I get as much fun watching her play hockey as I do watching Adam in the setup. Its lovely that not only Adam my nephew is there but our daughter is also applying her trade with a hockey stick.

What was your career highlight as a Scotland player and as a Lion?

The Grand Slam in 1990 was undoubtedly up there as one of the highlights along with my first cap. As a Lion, you know to get selected

both in '89 and '93 was pretty special. To win a Test Series in Australia was undoubtedly one of the highlights so I was delighted to be part of that experience.

Do you have a standout memory from the Grand Slam?

The whole day, the process that we went through, the sheer elation on the final whistle. The game comes in flashes, there are moments where it flashes by but the fact that there was so much joy at Murrayfield. The atmosphere was almost spine-tingling when you consider there has only been 3 Grand Slams in Scotland's history. It is also frustrating to recall playing in teams that lost Grand Slam games and that's frustrating for me that in '95 and '96 we had chances, and we didn't take them, and Scotland subsequently ended up not having another Grand Slam opportunity. Maybe, hopefully, one year it will happen because there is a talented bunch of players in the squad at the moment.



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Which was your favourite international away game stadium to play in and why?

I always used to love going down to the Cardiff Arms Park and for me the Welsh team in the 70s was THE team to beat. It's a magnificent stadium now the Principality Stadium since it has been redeveloped, but the Arms Park was special especially with the Welsh fans. I loved playing there.

Who was the best player to play alongside with and against?

Oh, that was definitely my brother! I also played against him so there you go, not many people can do that. I had a great relationship with my centre partner, a guy called Sean Lineen, we got 28 caps in the centre together, he was a joy to play with. I played with some fantastic players throughout my career. I also played against some of the greatest players the game has ever seen; Jonah Lomu and Joost van der Westhuizen who sadly passed away. For me I'll treasure those memories playing against those great players.

Scott and Gavin Hastings will be on Tour in Perth on Thursday 9th March 2023 and it is an event not to be missed.

Tickets are available from

www.perththeatreandconcerthall.com/whats-on/battle-of-hastings-214402

What influenced you and Gavin's decision to go on a mini tour?

I think we wanted to just have some fun. There's been a lot of doom and gloom recently in the world and sport is a great equaliser. I think Gavin and I are pretty determined characters with a great outlook at life and we want to share those fun stories and memories with the Scottish rugby

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....Scott Hastings

public. For me, there's a focus in the central belt and the borders and it is important we look further afield. Perthshire has a great little hub of rugby up there, we used to train up there as a Scotland squad and I have coached at Perthshire Rugby Club and at Blairgowrie. There's a real heart of the game up there. I think the fact we can reach out to rugby supporters is one of the reasons we've got involved in this event.

Will Adam be making any guest appearances?

No, I don't think so. He trains at Gloucester these days. We could maybe dial him in and get him up on Zoom, who knows.

Have you ever played against Perthshire or at the North Inch where we are based?

I trained there and I took training sessions with Perthshire Rugby Club and spoken at the Dinner. It is a hotbed, of course Bells Centre with other sports, my daughter played hockey there and the Inch is a fantastic place to run around and let loose. I know Glasgow [Warriors] have played up there and had games there. I always love being there and recently my old Scotland mucker Rob Wainwright was there when he set off on his cycle the day before Doddie [Weir]'s memorial service so it's lovely to see a community rugby club doing so well.

Are you looking forward to visiting Perth?

Oh, I always love Perth, it's a beautiful city. It is always a pleasure to be up there.

Do you have a highlight from playing alongside the late Doddie Weir?

Probably the highlight was when we had a great game in the Quarter Final in the Rugby World Cup in 1995, he scored 2 tries against the All Blacks, I got one. Looking back, he was a tremendous servant to Scottish Rugby, a real character, and again one of the fun players to play alongside who's sadly passed away. It just goes to show how life is so precious and we value

the times on the rugby field but also off the rugby field. There are friends laterally, rugby gives the opportunity to become good friends and we remained so for the rest of his life.

What does his legacy mean to Scottish Rugby and MND in your opinion?

His legacy as a player is that he was a diligent worker, he was a good rugby player, he was admired by others around him. Those were great qualities. But for me, perhaps the last 6 years of his life where he dedicated his life to helping other people and to raising funds for MND research I think will be his lasting legacy. It is really important that we carry on that legacy and deliver on that promise, and we will honour that.

What are your thoughts on the health of grassroots rugby and professional rugby in Scotland?

Well, the two are completely different. You've only got 2 professional teams in Glasgow and in Edinburgh. I hope both those teams can have success both in the United Rugby Championship and the Heineken Cup, they're a stepping stone to the International team. Success is important but for me they should really be reaching out to the communities because the communities are the bedrock of the game. Clubs rely on volunteers, it relies on the enthusiasm of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters to encourage people within the game. I am concerned about the growth of the game, the lack of opportunity both at school level, and I mean probably more in the state schools, need to do an awful lot because we live in a country that is dominated by football, but there are many other great sports out there. I mentioned my daughter plays hockey. In many respects what I like about the club game as opposed to the professional game is that there is still an enthusiasm for the sport founded on those amateur principles. For these players they have to start their



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careers somewhere, and that starts Sunday morning with the Minis out on the Inch for example at Perthshire. We all take pride in watching those youngsters come through the system and hopefully stepping up not only into the professional game but also into the International game. I think there is a lot that still needs to be done because it's a competitive environment out there. It is also a very physically demanding game; it is changed days from when I played but ultimately, I have my reservations and my fears, but I also have my hopes. Rugby is an important backbone to this country both across the length and breadth of Scotland.

Are you enjoying your career in broadcasting? What inspired this?

It was a natural step for me to take, knowing the game inside and out when I retired. I had the opportunity to work within television, I love being involved. It not only allows me to stay in touch with the game, but it also allows me to learn more about the game, it allows me to express my enthusiasm for the game and the technical aspects as well. At the end of the day, it is a game for all shapes and sizes. The dynamics of a rugby pitch are the same whether it is on your local park at the Inch or on a national playing field. It is just the pace and the strength of the players, and the velocity of the tackles just gets higher and higher and higher and bigger and bigger and bigger. Having commentated both at club level and Rugby World Cups and Six Nations it is a still marvellous theatre to be involved in. I think

that is what gives me the enthusiasm to stay involved as a broadcaster.

What do you think Scotland's chances are in the Six Nations this year?

I think for me Scotland can be competitive in the 6 Nations, there is no reason why they can't beat any team, momentum is everything in sport and if they get off to a good win against England at Twickenham which is proven they can do, Scotland are holders of the Calcutta Cup, and we then have Wales coming to Murrayfield so if they get off to that good win and you get that momentum then suddenly you've got a couple of wins under your belt and anything might be possible.

And finally for the World Cup?

For me the Rugby World Cup is going to be a real challenge for Scotland to get out the group phases. They've got 2 of the best teams in world rugby at the moment. For me, we tend to measure our success in a World Cup. I think when you look at Scotland there probably will be more possibility and more opportunity for them to do well in the Six Nations than in the World Cup. That's not to say they can't do something, but we need to see something special from the Scotland Team if they are to progress through to the knockout stages. Once they're through to the knockout stages anything can happen but at the moment let's just take the Scotland vs England game as a starter for 10 and see if we can deliver on some of that promise.

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Strength and Conditioning

EAGLE EYE speaks to Gregor Smith (S&C Coach) about the S&C programme and facilities at Perthshire Rugby

What is the Strength and Conditioning programme?

This is our way of ensuring that our players are as prepared as possible for the demands of rugby. Our aim is holistic development of our players, focusing specifically on the physical qualities of strength, power, speed, and cardiovascular fitness, alongside mental qualities like confidence and resilience.

Who is the programme available to?

We provide strength and conditioning training to all players from U13s up to our senior men's and women's teams.

How does the programme differ from going to the gym?

Our focus is athletic development. The biggest issue I see with players training themselves is following bodybuilding-type programs focusing only on muscle strength and size, and completely neglecting speed, power, and good movement. This applies especially to teenage boys! By attending strength and conditioning sessions you can rest assured your training will help you become the best rugby player possible, as well as getting you big and strong!

How is the programme at Perthshire Rugby unique to others in the country?

A lot of clubs only provide strength and conditioning to their most talented players

through a player development pathway. We make strength and conditioning available to all players and invest in giving every single player equal opportunity to develop.

What are the facilities available?

During our sessions we have sole access to eight lifting platforms and racks, a great selection of weightlifting barbells and plates, dumbbells, kettlebells, and resistance bands. We also often have access to fantastic, brand-new equipment in the wider gym such as resistance and cardiovascular machines.

What age can you start the programme?

U13s (12 years old)

Who puts together the programme?

Myself.

Our S&C Coaches:
Gregor Smith
(main photo)
and Ruairidh Harris
(inset photo)

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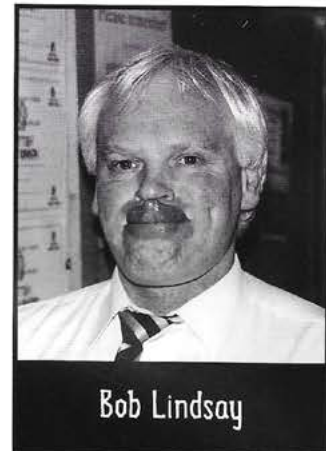
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President's Message...

BOB LINDSAY
PRESIDENT, PERTSHIRE RUGBY

It gives me great pleasure, as does being able to welcome many guests and supporters to the North Inch on what is sure to be a memorable day. We sit proudly atop Division 3, the championship confirmed with Tuesdays' excellent victory at Howe of Fife maintaining our 100% league record.



Bob Lindsay

17 games played and 17 games won is a magnificent achievement in any sport. Perthshire will obviously be wishing to complete the set today but we realise that Dumfries will be eager to add a further 4 or 5 points to their total as they battle to remain in the division. In other words, we are going to have to work to ensure a home win today. Achieving the grand slam will be superb reward for all the hard work put in by Derek Busby, Bruce Beckett, Bob Ockenden, Allan Brown and all the players. But do not think that we are going to rest on our laurels.

Planning for next season is well under way and I am absolutely delighted that it's looking like all of this season's side will be performing in 'shire colours again. New faces will also feature as we aim for a squad strong enough to have us looking at promotion to Division 1 in 12 months time.

Some of our play this season has been sensational with record scores run up in the league and cup. One ex-President was even moved to comment that he thought it was the best rugby seen on the Inch from Perthshire in his 42 year involvement with the club. That's what I call praise.

I hope the many faces that have followed us this season especially the estimated 700 that travelled to Heriots, will be on the touchline again in numbers.

It's also great to see the level of corporate involvement in the club and it continues to grow and grow. I forward a special welcome to the guests of today's match sponsors, the Dunfermine Building Society and the pre-match lunch sponsors J. & E. Shepherd, as well as our own club guests. Many will be making their debut at a rugby match let alone a Perthshire match and I trust they will see enough to make them come back.

I hope everyone has a superb day at the Inch and I look forward to seeing you all next season in National League Division 2.

The presentation of the SRU/Tennants Quaich to Perthshire as Champions of National League Division 3 will take place in the Inch restaurant after today's match at 5.30.



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