

# Reflecting again on the past . . .



**STIRLING H.S.F.P. 1926**

Back Row: K. R. Jenkins, E. R. Weld, A. E. T. Leonard, D. R. Morton, J. Learmonth, A. McLaren, D. T. P. Crawford.

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Seated: A. MacConachie, C. S. Kennedy.



**BRIDGE OF ALLAN R.F.C. 1931-32**

Back Row: Mr. Lamont (Referee), T. H. Price, J. F. Jones, J. Bingham, D. A. Baird, W. McLay, D. Cameron, N. Thomson.

Second Row: A. J. Coghill, J. J. Walker, E. G. Pullar (Capt.), J. C. Hope, D. Macfarlane.

Front Row: W. H. Jacques, J. N. K. Henderson, G. Cameron, R. McFarlane.

# ... and investing in the future



A 'mini' gathering on a bright Saturday morning in the 1970s.

## Today's 'minis' ... tomorrow's stars

Rugby is a complex game, in which so many diverse situations can arise, that we along with many other clubs decided that our younger members should be introduced to the mysteries in simplified form — mini rugby.

The object of the modified game is in principle the same as its parent and can be stated thus, "that two teams each of an agreed number of players less than the normal fifteen, observing fair play and a sporting spirit should be carrying, passing and restricted kicking of the ball, gain as many points as possible by scoring tries."

To these ends, boys are instructed in easy stages, not primarily how to win games, but more basically how to play the game. It is an obvious fact, often ignored by rugby men, that knowing the laws gives such players a distinct advantage over those who are not so sensible in their preparation for play.

There are many phrases used to describe how to win games. One favourite is — 'there is no substitute for' — and in rugby there are many 'no substitutes for.' For example, 'there is no substitute for fitness, speed, dexterity, strength — experience — but high on this list must come, 'there is no substitute for understanding the laws.'

The next step in winning rugby is knowing them so well that you and your team use them to gain tactical advantage.

At the adult level, when some aspects of the game are so dependent on the referee's interpretation, you are then in a still stronger position to appreciate his decisions and play to them.

Fundamentally, three things can occur when a player has not been taught nor learned the rules of play.

Firstly he can make silly errors, secondly he can pick up half truths from hearsay and thirdly he will allow chances to pass him by.

The vagaries of the offside laws often make the ignorant look like clowns. Not knowing what constitutes a tackle is the most common result of loose conversation on the subject and certainly the player who knows the advantage law is most likely to be praised as an opportunist.

This last is so important that it demands closer scrutiny. When games are tight and players are well matched for skill and strength the turning point is often provided by causing opponents to make mistakes under pressure and exploiting those while the referee considers whether your action constitutes a tactical or territorial advantage.

There are only three occasions when advantage does not apply (in this current season at least).

(a) ball touching the referee; (b) ball coming out of the scrum tunnel ends without being played; (c) 'accidental offside' giving offending team advantage.

Our boys grow up in the mini game where natural attacking flair is encouraged to suit their growing bones and the pleasure they gain in scoring. Because of their age and nature of play, organisation of defence, so vital in the senior game does not receive much attention and arguably, rightly so.

Moving from very self centred approaches to play into co-operative team situations is a difficult stage of maturation for them and the perceptive coach recognises this and teaches accordingly.

The boys see the setting up of combined attacking plays more positively than defensive cover for a faltering team mate, but even the former must be matched to the lads' readiness to accept degrees of regimentation.

But knowing the rules must never be neglected and we teach them **how** the game must be played.



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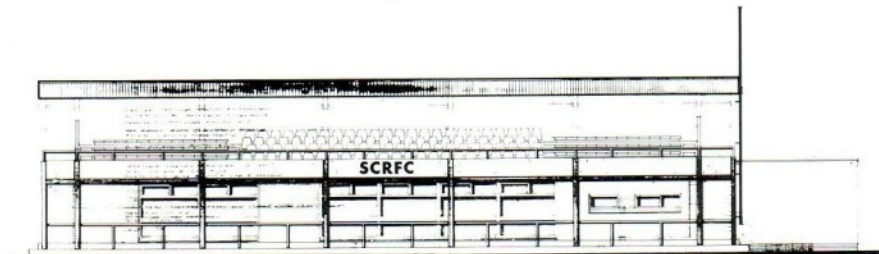
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# The team leaders . . .

CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN	SEASON	P	W	L	FOR	AGST
J. C. MUIRHEAD	H. C. KAY	46-47	16	9	7	200	114
<b>D. CAMERON</b>	H. C. KAY	47-48	28	10	17	196	222
A. D. H. WALLS	H. C. KAY	48-49	32	17	10	306	169
H. C. KAY	H. HUTTON	49-50	33	10	20	272	336
H. C. KAY	D. STEWART	50-51	20	3	15	89	196
D. STEWART	H. L. DUNCAN	51-52	21	7	13	223	102
D. STEWART	H. L. DUNCAN	52-53	24	10	11	147	215
E. H. B. ROY	C. CROSBIE	53-54	22	7	11	148	217
M. HILL	A. ROBERTSON	54-55	22	8	11	139	158
H. HAMILTON	W. LAMBIE	55-56	24	7	17	110	332
W. LAMBIE	F. IRVINE	56-57	25	15	8	179	128
M. R. WELD	W. D. N. MILLER	57-58	22	15	7	278	199
W. D. N. MILLER	A. S. McNAIR	58-59	23	16	4	312	113
W. D. N. MILLER	W. F. ALLAN	59-60	24	24	—	372	75
W. F. ALLAN	A. IMRIE	60-61	24	10	9	193	192
J. R. KENNEDY	W. H. B. AITKEN	61-62	23	6	17	135	241
M. R. WELD	J. S. MOFFAT	62-63	20	7	11	109	195
M. R. WELD	S. G. FOWLER	63-64	30	6	22	175	325
A. WALLACE	S. G. FOWLER	64-65	26	5	18	98	356
E. C. HUGGAN	P. V. GIBBON	65-66	24	9	15	127	319
R. BURMAN	P. V. GIBBON	66-67	28	5	21	—	—
A. WALLACE	P. V. GIBBON	67-68	25	5	18	—	—
P. V. GIBBON	B. WHITBY	68-69	27	13	14	270	442
P. V. GIBBON	B. PASCOE	69-70	27	11	13	258	299
I. MACKAY	B. DONALD	70-71	34	8	22	254	507
M. J. SPILLER	M. McLEOD	71-72	34	14	17	—	—
M. McLEOD	M. SPILLER	72-73					
C. BENNET	J. BROWN	73-74	33	7	23	281	596
A. McCULLOCH	R. ALLBROOKE	74-75	39	17	19	420	490
A. McCULLOCH	C. RASEY	75-76	37	25	12	609	375
C. RASEY	A. H. MUNN	76-77	30	20	7	466	271
A. H. MUNN	J. N. MACKINLAY	77-78	36	28	8	727	266
A. H. MUNN	J. N. MACKINLAY	78½-79	37	27	9	659	236
J. N. MACKINLAY	A. REDPATH	*79-80	24	21	1	535	122

\*As at 8.3.80

## Plans for the new grandstand



... at Bridgehaugh which will give Stirling County top class facilities as they head for the top.

## Festival week of Rugby 1980

Sunday April 20 .....	Maxi Tournament
Monday April 21 .....	Colts/Juniors v Select XV's
Tuesday April 22 .....	Internal Sevens (Aitken's Mug)
Wednesday April 23 .....	Pres. XV v Stirling Co.
Thursday April 24 .....	Top Ten Tournament
Friday April 25 .....	Doc Johnson Cup (Old Crocks)
Saturday April 26 .....	S.C.R.F.C. Sevens
Sunday April 27 .....	S.C.R.F.C. Mini Tourney

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### QUOTE . . .

. . . to take Stirling County into the 1980s with a smile . . . from John Logan, whilst shivering on the touchline of the faraway second pitch during the quarter-final Cup-tie against Hamilton Academicals.

"Here, Kenny, if we're goin' tae play ony mare games on this pitch, we'll hiv tae pit the new grandstand on wheels!!"

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