



The Edinburgh Academical Football Club

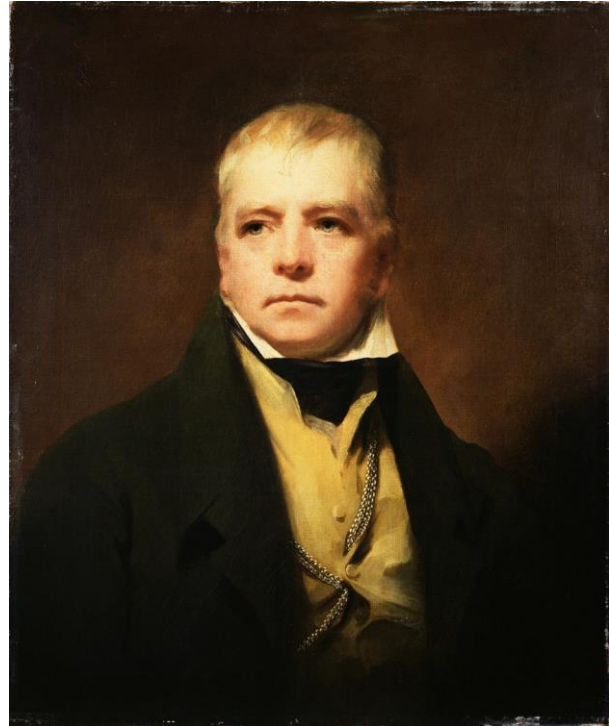
**Our history and influence
on the game of Rugby Union**

The Cradle of Scottish Rugby



Sir Walter Scott

‘Then strip , lads, and to it,
though sharp be the weather,
And if, by mischance, you
should happen to fall,
There are worse things in life
than a tumble in heather,
And Life is itself but a game
of foot-ball’



Sir Walter Scott, founding director of
Edinburgh Academy

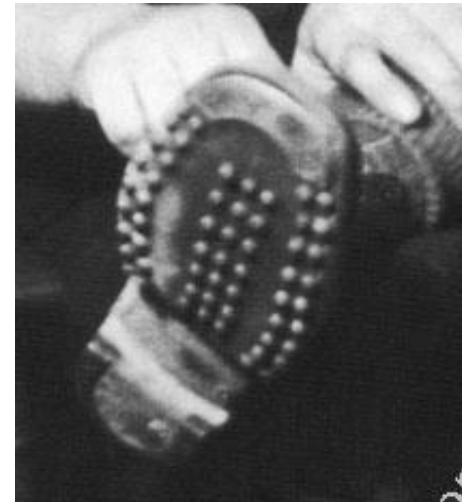
1824 - The Edinburgh Academy

- The Academy adopted many its practices from the Royal High School probably including the playing of football
- This print seems to suggest some kind of 'muddle' or maul taking place through the gates



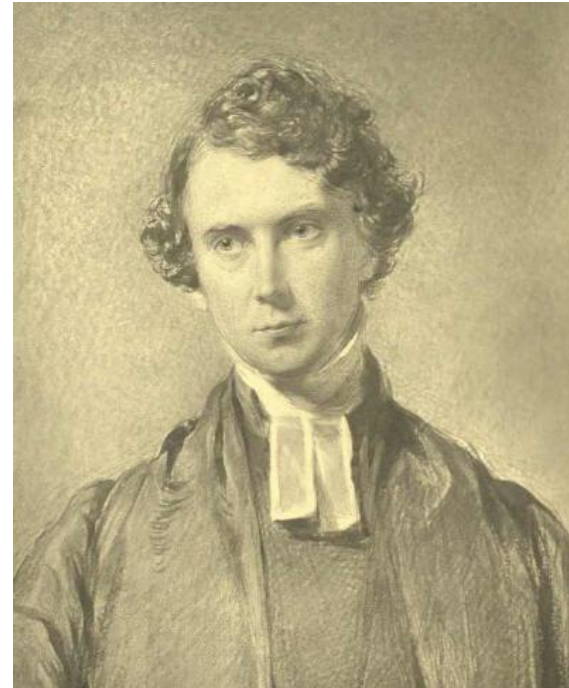
1840's - Football at the Academy

- It was a game of the most primitive kind - crude and devoid of regulation or rule.
- Hardly recognisable to the current game.
- The most cruel 'hacking' with iron-toed and heeled boots was allowed and suffered, in what was called a 'muddle' - the modern 'maul'.



1845 – First Set of Rugby Rules

- The first set of Rugby School “football” rules were drafted in 1845
- At that time Archibald Campbell Tait, who had been Edinburgh Academy dux 1827 and later became Archbishop of Canterbury (1868/82), was the Rugby School Headmaster
- There is no known input to these rules by Tait, but his brother did play for Hope’s club in Edinburgh the 1820’s



Archibald Campbell Tait

1854 – Raeburn Place

- Raeburn Place was acquired by former pupils of the Edinburgh Academy so that sports, primarily cricket, could be played by pupils and former pupils.
- The ground opened for play on 17th May 1854
- Raeburn Place is probably the oldest bespoke team sports ground in Scotland.



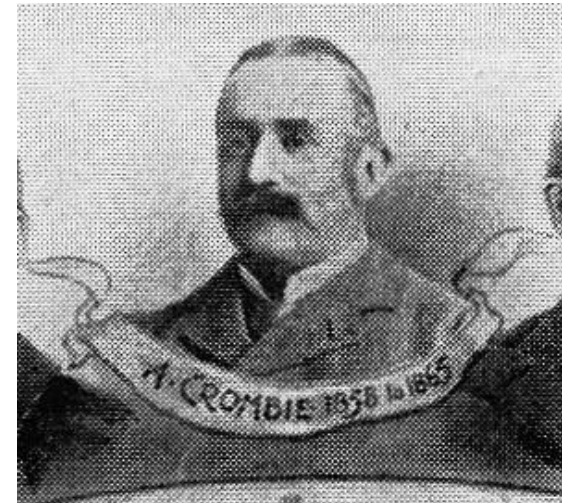
1854 - The Crombies -----

- Francis and Alexander (Joe) Crombie arrived in Edinburgh from Durham School in 1854
- Francis became the first captain of Football at the Academy in 1855.
- Football would have been played at Raeburn Place from at least this time if not before.



--- The Crombies

- Joe went straight to Edinburgh University, but was instrumental in setting up EAFC in 1857 and became the first captain of the Club
- Joe is acknowledged as being the “father of rugby football” in Scotland



Alexander (Joe) Crombie



1857 - First Club Match ---

- Kicked off on 26th December 1857 against students from Edinburgh University
- Rules in those days were agreed before kick off. In this case it was agreed that the winner was the team who scored best of seven “goals”.
- The game went over 4 weekends, when on 16th January, with the Academicals down by 1 goal, they kicked all four goals required to win 4-1.
- In those days a try only allowed a try at goal!!



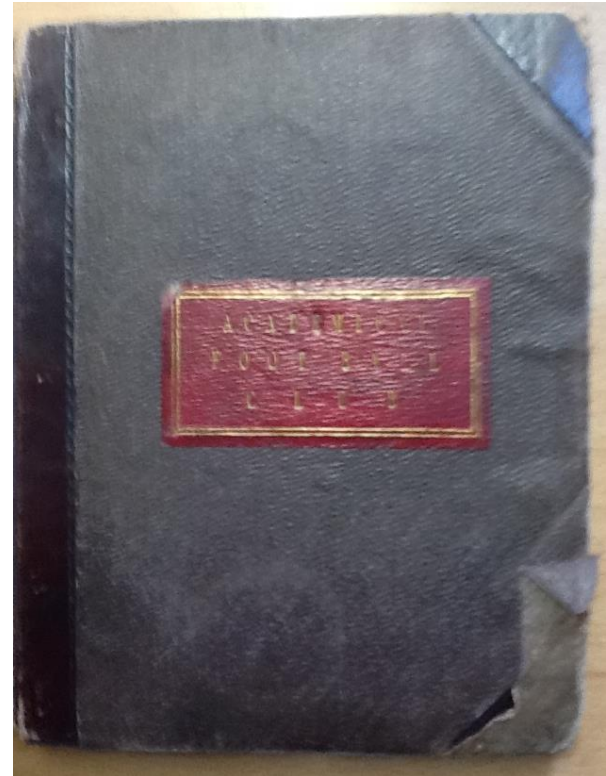
--- First Club Match

This picture of one big 'muddle' from a re-enactment of the first game played to the original rules on the 150th anniversary against students from Edinburgh University.



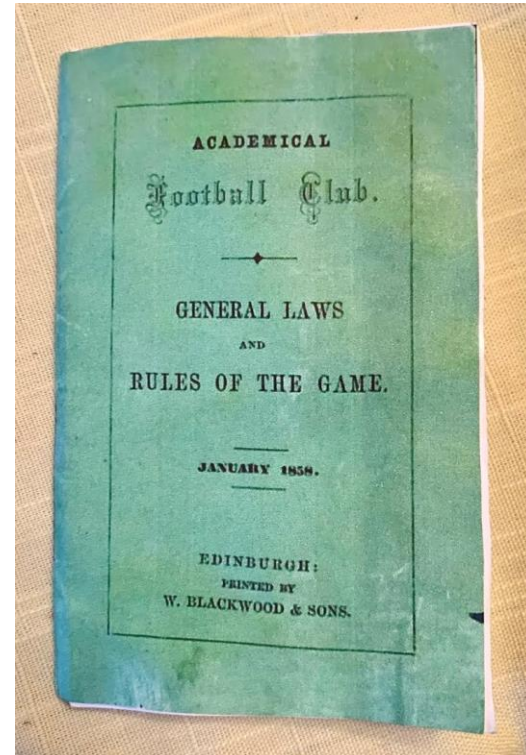
1858 - Minute Book ---

- The Minute Book's first entry is December 19th 1857 - a payment for the repair of two footballs, which would suggest football was being played prior to that date
- There is also a hand written version of the rules of the Club.



--- and Rule Book

- The rules and laws were then printed in a small booklet for members.
- We particularly like the one that members are fined if they do not turn up to play.



1858 - Academy v Merchiston

The Academy and Merchiston first played November 1858 - this fixture has become the oldest continuous rugby fixture in the world.



150th anniversary match at RP, 2008



1868 - Green Book Laws ---

In 1867, Harry Cheyne the Club Captain, with GT Chiene (Captain the following year), drew up a set of rules which were then forwarded to the other principal football clubs in Scotland to be adopted as a standard.



Harry Cheyne

--- Green Book Laws ---

- GT Chiene suggested that they be called the “Laws of Football as played by the Principal Clubs in Scotland” and in early 1868 these were adopted by the clubs in Scotland
- These were the first standard set of rugby rules agreed in the world.

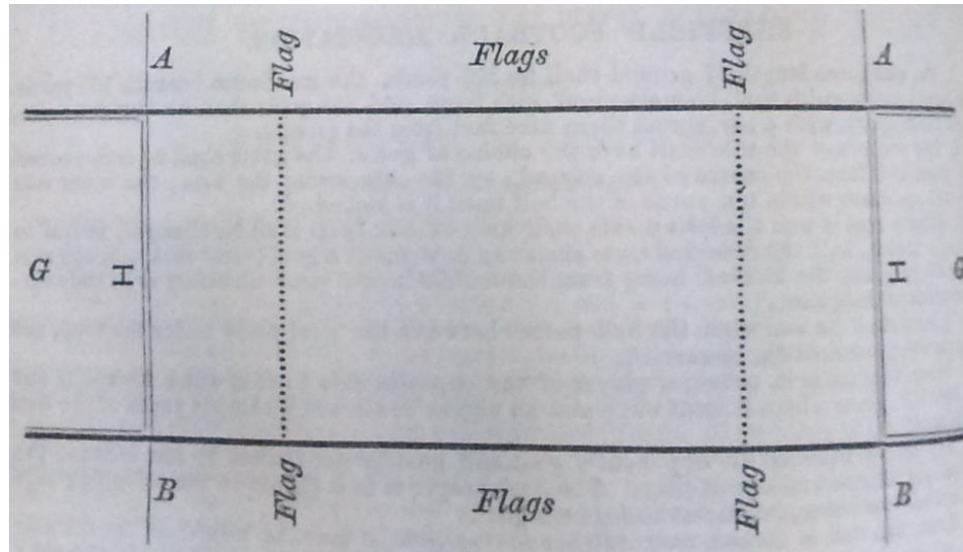


GT Chiene



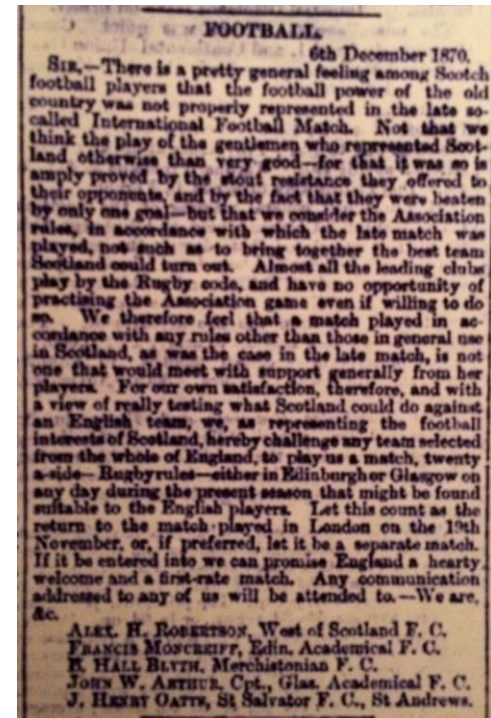
--- Green Book Laws

These Laws were thought lost and only came to light in 2016 when a copy of them was discovered in an 1869 sports almanac.



1870 - The Challenge is Issued ---

- In March 1870 a match was played between England and Scotland at The Oval in London, under Football Association rules – though most of the Scottish team only had tenuous links with Scotland
- In December 1870 a challenge was sent by the captains of the five principal clubs in Scotland to the Football Association to play a game 20 aside to Rugby Rules - which more properly would represent the footballing skills of Scotland.



--- The Challenge is Issued ---

- The five Scottish Clubs were Edinburgh Accies, West of Scotland, Merchistonians, Glasgow Accies and St Andrews.
- The challenge was ignored by the FA but taken up on behalf of the English Clubs by Benjamin Burns, the Secretary of Blackheath.



Francis Moncreiff (EAFC) at back,
Alexander Robertson (West) at front

--- And Accepted

Benjamin Burns had been a pupil at Edinburgh Academy where amongst his class mates were The Hon Francis Moncreiff and Alexander Robertson, who, as Captains of their clubs, had signed the challenge on behalf of Edinburgh Accies and West of Scotland respectively



Benjamin Burns

'One of three classmates at Edinburgh Academy'

1871 - First International Match ---

- The first international rugby match was played at Raeburn Place on the 27th March 1871
- Eight Accies played in the Scotland XX, including the Scotland Captain Francis Moncreiff and Benjamin Burns played for England (although a Scot).
- The game was played to the Green Book rules – the rules of the Principal Football Clubs of Scotland – and not the Rugby School rules.



--- First International Match ---

- Scotland won by a goal and a try against a try from England
- ---- although all scores were disputed!



An engraving from 1871 shows the first rugby international

--- First International Match ---

- It was the Club that organised and arranged the whole event, apart from the selection of teams, which were selected by ad hoc committees for the two countries.
- The Club collected and retained an admission charge (1 shilling). There were over 4,000 spectators.



Left;
Francis
Moncreiff's
Cap



--- First International Match



Scotland XX, 1871

Back: R. Munro, J. S. Thomson, J. W. Arthur, T. Chalmers;

Middle: A. Buchanan, A. G. Colville, J. Forsyth, **J. A. W. Mein**, **R. W. Irvine**, W. D. Brown, D. Drew,
W. Cross, **J. F. Finlay**, **F. J. Moncreiff** (captain), **G. Ritchie**;

Front: A. Clunies-Ross, **W. J. C. Lyall**, **T. R. Marshall**, J. L. H. McFarlane, A. H. Robertson.



1871 - Formation of RFU

- It was Benjamin Burns, along with Edwin Ash (Richmond), who co-authored a letter to The Times in December 1870 calling for *'those who play the rugby-type game should meet to form a code of practice as various clubs play to rules which differ from others, which makes the game difficult to play.'*
- The RFU came into being, following a subsequent meeting in London, in January 1871.
- EAFC adopted the RFU rules in October 1871 and joined the RFU in 1872



1872 - First Edinburgh v Glasgow Match

- The following year the first Edinburgh and Glasgow derby took place
- It was largely a game between Edinburgh Accies and Glasgow Accies and this is now celebrated by the SRU in their “1872 Cup”.
- Francis Moncreiff, who was Scotland captain in the first international, captained the Edinburgh team

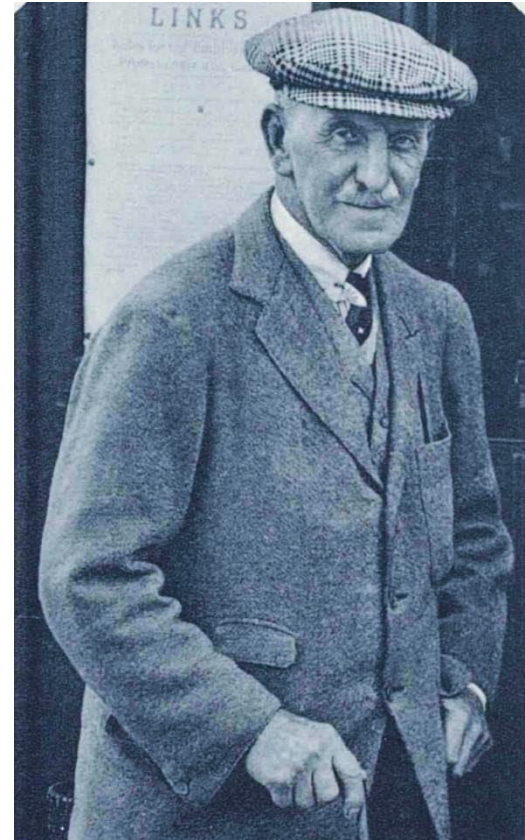


Hon Francis Moncreiff



Leslie Balfour-Melville

- Edinburgh Accies player, missed very first international through injury, but capped in 1872.
- The Amateur Golf Champion in 1895 and fifth in The Open in 1888.
- Scottish Lawn Tennis Champion in 1879
- Played 18 times for Scotland at cricket over 36 years, defeating Australia in 1882 - captain in 1909 and 1910
- Internationalist at curling, ice skating and athletics, and Scottish billiard champion
- Became President of Scottish Football Union (now SRU) and the Scottish Cricket Union and Captain of the R & A.



1873 - Formation of SFU ---

- The Scottish clubs subsequently felt that they should be represented by their own Union
- At a dinner in Edinburgh in 1873, largely attended by members of Edinburgh Accies and Glasgow Accies, it was suggested that Scotland should form its own Union.
- This was subsequently endorsed by the principal clubs in Scotland and The Scottish Football Union was established in October 1873
- EAFC was one of the 8 initial member clubs of the SFU - which changed its name to Scottish Rugby Union in 1925.

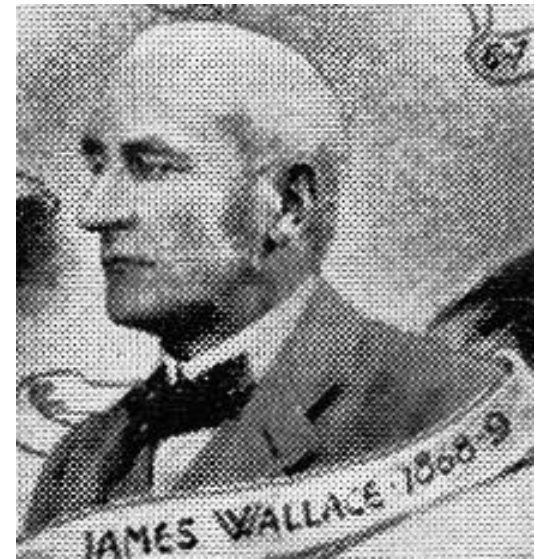


--- Formation of SFU

John Chiene and James Wallace, both Edinburgh Accies, were the first President and Secretary of the SFU respectively



John Chiene



James Wallace

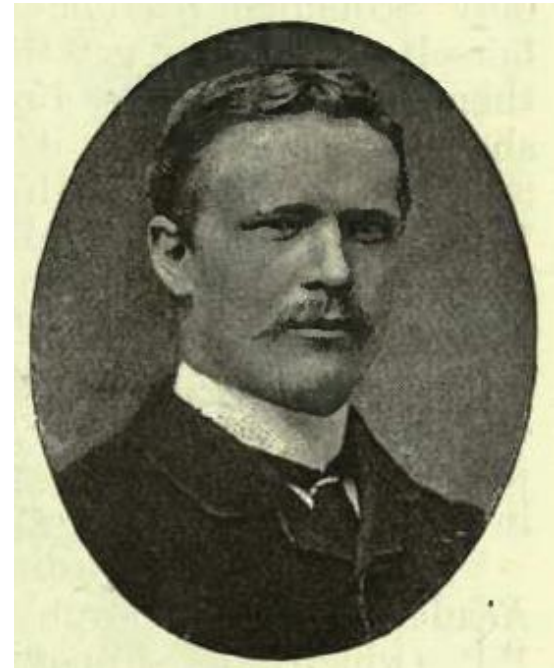
1873/74 – Academy School Team

- **WE Maclagan**, 1st left on 2nd row down, Scotland and first 'British Lions' Captain.
- **JA Gardner**, 3rd on 2nd row, Secretary of SFU, first secretary and founding father of the IRFB (now World Rugby).
- **PW Smeaton** 6th on 2nd row, Scotland
- **Ninian Finlay** left on 3rd row, Scotland
- **JHS 'Gussie' Graham** (with ball) Scotland captain, President of SFU



RW 'Bulldog' Irvine ---

- 'Bulldog' Irvine was Accies captain from 1873/76, suffering only one defeat in that time
- He first played for Scotland as a 17 year old in the first international and captained Scotland for most of the 1870's - playing in every England game for 10 years
- He became the highest capped player of his time with 13 caps.



"Bulldog" Irvine

--- RW 'Bulldog' Irvine ---

- Picture of Scotland team that played Ireland in their first international in Dublin, 1877.
- Irvine's comment was *'they could not play rugby, but they could drink as it had been a very messy party after the game'*.
- The score was 4 goals, 2 drop goals and 2 tries to nil for Scotland



Scotland XV v Ireland, 1877

--- RW 'Bulldog' Irvine

Irvine was a regular contributor to the "Boys Own Paper". He was a doctor by profession and recommended to the young readers *'Avoid the pastry cook's as you would the plague and shun tobacco as you would poison.'*



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MY FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH.

By an Old Boy.
It was a proud moment in my existence when Wright, captain of our football club, came up to me in school one Friday and said, "Adams, your name is down to play in the match against Crown to-morrow."

I could have knighted him on the spot. To be one of the picked "fifteen," whose glory it was to fight the battles of their school in the Great Close, had been the leading ambition of my life—I suppose I ought to be ashamed to confess it—ever since, as a little chap of ten, I entered Parkhurst six years ago. Not a winter Saturday but had seen me either looking on at some big match, or officer still scrimmaging about with a score or so of other juniors in a scratch game. But for a long time, do what I would, I always

seemed as far as ever from the coveted goal, and was half-despairing of ever rising to win my "first fifteen cap." Lastly, however, I had noticed Wright and a few others of our best players more than once lounging about in the Little Close where we juniors used to play, evidently taking observations with an eye to business. Under the awful gaze of those heroes, need I say I exerted myself as I had never done before? What cared I for hacks or bruisers, so only that I could distinguish myself in their eyes? And never was music sweeter



1878 - EAFC Team

The earliest Accies team photo 1878, which included nine Internationals, names in bold



Back: **GWL McLeod***, CE Wood, JP Bannerman, **NJ Finlay***, LJ Aitken, **ER Smith***, TW Tod, P Russel.
Middle: **WE Maclagan***, **RW (Bulldog) Irvine***, **JHS Graham*** (captain), **DR Irvine***, **PW Smeaton***.
Front: **GQ Paterson***, J Younger.



WE (Bill) Maclagan ---

- Bill Maclagan played his rugby for Accies, London Scottish and Scotland between 1878 and 1890.
- He played international rugby for 13 seasons (1878-1890), a Scottish record for 60 years, and was awarded 25 caps.
- He became the highest capped player of all time, taking over from “Bulldog” Irvine. His record was to stand for many years.
- In 1891 Maclagan became first captain of the ‘British Lions’



--- WE (Bill) Maclagan

- He went on to be President of Accies from 1905 to 1908 and President of the SFU
- And his contributions to the early development of rugby were recognised in 2009 with his induction into the IRB Hall of Fame.



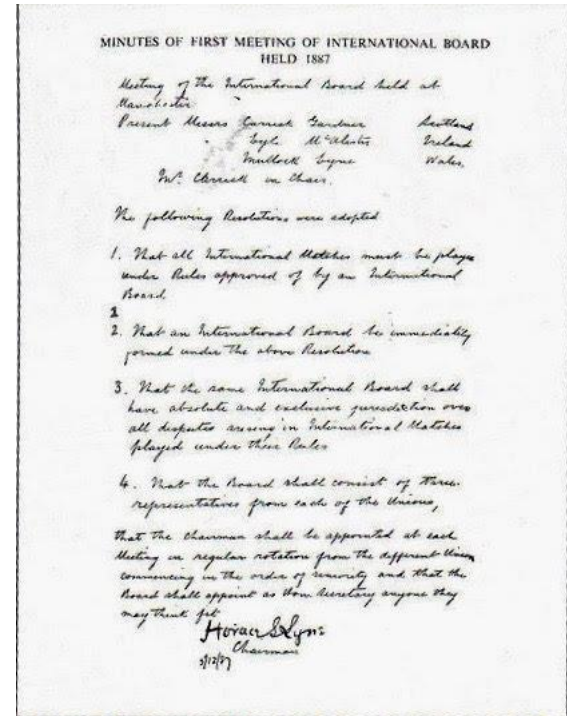
1879 - Calcutta Cup

- The Calcutta Cup was first played for at Raeburn Place on 10th March 1879
- Watched by 10,000 the game was a draw
- Five Accies were in the Scotland XV



1884/86 - The Dispute ---

- The 1884 England v Scotland match saw a disagreement between the English and Scottish interpretation of the Laws
- Consequently Scotland, supported by Ireland and Wales, refused to play England for a number of years and between them set up the IRFB
- JA Gardner, captain of EAFC in 1882-83 and the then secretary of the SFU, became the first secretary of the IRFB and was part of the small group that drew up the first four principals of the organisation.



--- The Dispute

- It was agreed that the issue of England and the IRFB needed resolving
- JHA Macdonald (Lord Kingsburgh), a founding member of Accies and gate man at the first international, was chosen to represent the Celtic nations in this arbitration.
- The outcome was that England joined the IRFB in 1890 and the IRFB (now World Rugby) became sovereign in all international matches and laws of the game.



Bowl presented to Lord Kingsburgh
by four Home Unions

1886 – Scotland v England @ RP

- A 0-0 draw
- Four EAFC players in Scotland team; AT Clay, TW Irvine, C Reid and MC 'Saxon' McEwan
- Three Bradford players were in the England team



Scotland v England, 1886

1887/88 – Undefeated Accies XV ---

- One of the best Accies' teams of all times
- Only two teams scored against them and then only one try each!
- 12 teams scored nil!!



P 14, W 14, Goals 25, Tries 25, Tries conceded 2

--- Undefeated Accies XV

- Six internationals were in the team
- Captained by Charles “Hippo” Reid - who at 6ft 3in and 15/16 stones, was one of the great figures in the early Club history. He was captain from 1883 to 1888.
- MC ‘Saxon’ McEwan – Club captain 1888/90 and also captained Scotland
- Harry Stevenson – Club captain 1890/93 and ‘*the greatest football player of the world*’ according to *The Scotsman* – he was also a cricket international
- TW Irvine, AT Clay and TB White



'Hippo' Reid

- 'Hippo' Reid was 17 years and 36 days old when first capped, just 1 day older than Ninian Irvine (also an Accie) when he was capped.
- In 1881 against England he played against his Academy classmate Frank Wright - after the game they were both carried on the shoulders of fans back to school.
- Reid was the second highest capped player of the age, after Maclagan, with 21 caps



Hippo Reid's International Cap

Matthew C 'Saxon' McEwan

- Matthew C 'Saxon' McEwan played for Accies for 10 years from the early 1880s, during which he was capped 15 times by Scotland and was captain in 1891 when Scotland won the Triple Crown.
- He was vice-president of the SRU in 1894-95, but emigrated to USA, before he could move on to be President.
- He was recognised for all his work at Accies when the clock in the old pavilion was named after him
- The clock has been repaired and is in storage to be re-installed in the development of Raeburn Place.



1891 – British Lions to SA ---

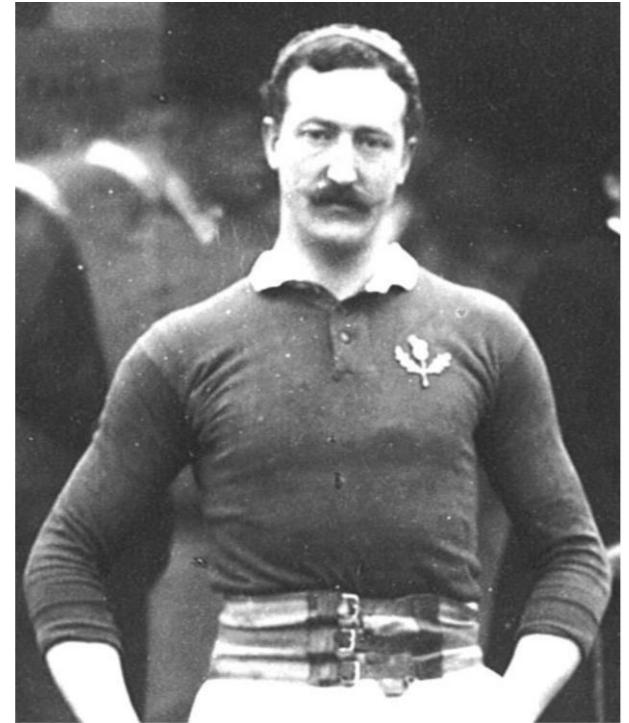
- In 1891 Bill Maclagan was approached by the RFU to captain a British Team to South Africa - now recognised as the first official British Lions tour.
- They won all 20 matches, conceding just a single try and he played in 19 of them scoring 8 tries.
- He played in all 3 tests scoring two tries In the final test at Cape Town.



Bill Maclagen, center with ball, and 1891 touring party

--- British Lions to SA

- Whilst in SA, Maclagan presented a cup to the best South African district team to play the Lions.
- It had been given to him by Sir Donal Currie, a Glasgow shipping magnate for that purpose.
- ‘The Currie Cup’ is the Cup that South African district teams still compete for to this day.



1899 – British Lions to Australia

- Alf Bucher played against England In the final match of 1897, despite scoring the only try in the 12-3 defeat he was never selected for Scotland again.
- Selected for the 1899 Lions Bucher played in 17 of the 20 matches on the tour of Australia.
- He was part of the team that lost in the first test against Australia but missed out the second test.
- He played on the wing for the third test where he scored two tries in an 11-10 win and retained his place for the final test, scoring his 4th and 5th international tries of the tour in a 13-0 win



1899 Lions in their red, white and blue hooped jerseys

1900/01 – Accies XV

- Accies 1900/01 XV, undefeated in Scotland, but lost at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.
- There were 9 internationals in team
- AS Pringle, FP Dods, WH Morrison, P Turnbull, JM Reid, JI Gillespie (capt), AW Robertson-Durham, RM Neill and O St J Gebbie



P18, W15, D1,L2, for 200, against 37

Oswald St J Gebbie

- Oswald St J Gebbie was borne in Argentina and attended the Academy for 6 years in the 1890s, he played for EAFC in 1900/02.
- On returning to Argentina he played for the Buenos Aries XV for 10 years, captaining them between 1904/11
- In 1910, Gebbie captained what was the first national rugby team of Argentina, who were defeated 28-3 by a 'British Lions' team.
- He was President of the Unión de Rugby del Río de la Plata (now the Unión Argentina de Rugby) from 1936 to 1940



J A Russell-Cargill

- After leaving the Academy Russell-Cargill played for Accies between 1902 and 1906 whilst he was studying medicine at Edinburgh University
- He moved to London and in the 1926 was responsible for the establishment of the Middlesex Sevens, which was the first sevens tournament to be held out-with the Borders – and continues to be an annual event today
- He was President of the Middlesex County Rugby Union 1935/37



1903 – British Lions to SA ---

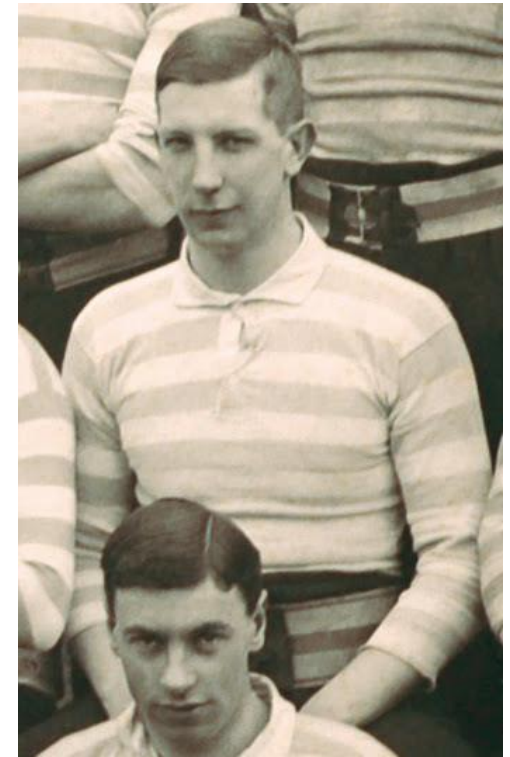
- John 'Jimmy' Gillespie first appeared for Scotland in 1899, when he scored a try on debut in victory over England.
- He was a proficient try-scorer for Scotland scoring five times in eight games before he was invited on the 1903 Tour with the Lions.
- Gillespie finished the tour as the top Test scorer for the touring team playing in 19 matches including all three tests.
- He later became a successful referee, including two internationals, one in 1907, and the other in 1911.



John Gillespie

--- British Lions to SA

- Robert Neill was only 18 when he won his first Scotland cap, against England in 1901, the season Scotland won the Triple Crown – his only other cap was against Ireland a year later
- Neill, still only 20 at the time, earned two Lions Test caps in the series, though he appeared 13 times in total on the tour
- While Neill lined up at scrum-half for Accies and Scotland, he was deployed at full-back by the Lions



Robert Neill

1929/30 – Scottish Champion XV

- The team was captained by GPS MacPherson
- Another famous player in this team was Ben Todd, sitting middle row second from left - a great all round sportsman he played cricket against Don Bradman and the great Australian teams of the 1930's.



Winners of unofficial championship 1929/30 and winners of the Melrose Sevens in 1928 and 1930

1929 – Champion VII

- Accies 'Champion' VII 1929
- Winners at Murrayfield, Hawick and Langholm
- Back; AM Prain, FA Wright, GM Dacker, GM Crabbie. Middle; J Moffat, GPS Macpherson, BR Tod. Front; KAW Slater



GPS Macpherson

- George Philip Stewart Macpherson played centre/stand-off for Accies and Oxford University.
- He won 26 caps for Scotland, making his international debut against France in 1922 and captained Scotland to their first Grand Slam in 1925
- Rated the most brilliant attacking centre of his era bar none, he played his last game against England in 1932
- Inducted to the SRU Hall of Fame in 2010



JM (Mac) Henderson ---

- Mac Henderson was born in 1907 and came to prominence playing for Accies.
- He spent three years in New Zealand in the late 1920s, working on sheep stations and playing for Waipukurau.
- He came from a sporting family. His brother Ian, also an Accie, played eight times for Scotland, while another brother, Ronnie, turned out for Scotland at cricket.
- Mac enjoyed the rare distinction of never playing in a losing Scotland side, as he won all his caps in Scotland's Triple Crown winning season of 1933.



--- JM (Mac) Henderson

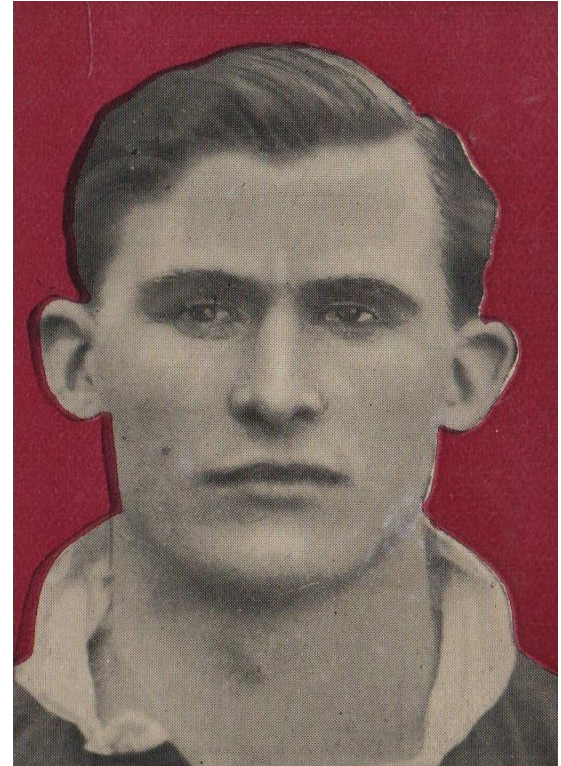
- His career in rugby came to an abrupt end after he received a serious ligament injury while on the Barbarians annual tour to Wales, at the end of the 1933 season.
- He was the first Scotland international to become a centenarian, passing away in March 2009 at the age of 101 as the longest-lived Test player in rugby union history



Mac Henderson in his 100th year,
with Mike Blair

1938 – B&I Lions to SA

- Duncan J Macrae was at the Academy (1925/33) and then to St Andrews and probably never played for the Accies
- He was capped 9 times for the Scotland in 1937/39, his best season being 1938 with the victory against England at Twickenham, securing the Triple Crown for Scotland
- Macrae was selected for the 1938 British Lions tour to South Africa and played in 11 of the first 15 matches, including the first test, then injury ended his tour
- During WWII, he was awarded a Military Cross and captured in June 1940



1947 & 1949 – Accies winners Melrose 7s

- Raeburn Place was closed to rugby between 1940 and 1946 and the pitches were ploughed up for vegetables.
- It was in 1947, as part of the renovation of the ground, that the mound between the first and second pitches was removed
- In 1947 and 1949 the Accies 7 won the Melrose Sevens, the 1949 team was - Back; M Walker, JC Wregg, C McLay, R Keltie. Front; DA Sloan, HG Hay, WID Elliot



Douglas Elliot

- Doug (WID) Elliot left the Academy in 1939 at 16 and spent the war farming at the family farm and played some games for the combined Accies/Wanderers XV
- Capped 29 times between 1947 and 1954, he played through one of the darkest periods in Scottish Rugby history and yet his reputation as a phenomenally strong player was global.
- He captained Scotland on seven occasions, including his quite awe-inspiring leadership that saw a Welsh team brim full of British Lions usurped 19-0 in 1951.
- He was invited to play with the 1950 B&I Lions in NZ, but could not afford to spend six months away from his farm and so missed the tour.
- Doug was President of Accies between 1975 to 1978 and has been inducted to the Scottish Sports Fame.



1955/56 – Unofficial Champions



P 27, W 21, L 2, D 2

Back: CF Sleigh, JM Barber, RW Meikle, JH Marshall, J Forrest, **S Coughtrie**, JDL Fairbairn.
Middle: **T McClung**, KW Paterson-Brown, RI Marshall, MTR Marwick (c), HG Hay, DJ Marshall,
MJ Sands Front: HMA Rowan, JA Simson. Missing: **HM Inglis** (Internationals in bold)

1957 – Centenary Match



26 October 1957, Accies XV 24-10 International XV – who were all internationals
With; AJF O'Reilly, WID Elliot and JT Greenwood

1959 – B&I Lions in Australia & NZ

- Stan Coughtrie, gained the first of his 11 Scotland caps in 1968 – the most notable one being the 6-0 loss to Wales in which there were 111 lineouts
- He was chosen for the 1959 British Lions though only made two appearance, scoring his one and only try against Queensland.



Stan Coughtrie

1961/62 – Accies XV



Back; WMC Kennedy, G McClung, JK Millar, JM Millar, J Macfie, GW Simpson, TLB Adam.
Middle; DJ Marshall, JD Adam, **S Coughtrie**, **JB Neill** (Capt), JH Marshall, **T McClung**, MTR Marwick.
Front; **PJ Burnett**, DJ Jardine (Internationals in bold)

Brian Neill

- Prop forward Brian Neill was Accies captain and became Scotland captain in only his second game at the start of 1964 against France, which Scotland won 10-0
- Two weeks later he led Scotland to a remarkable 0-0 draw against Wilson Wineray's All Blacks – who had already beaten Ireland, Wales and England.
- That season Neill led Scotland to their best season since they won the Triple Crown in 1938.
- In all he gained seven caps, six as captain before 'hanging up his boots'
- He was president of Accies from 1980 to 1982.



1968 & 1971 - B&I Lions to SA & NZ

- Flanker Rodger Arneil played for Accies for 7 seasons before moving south for business reasons and joining Leicester in late 1969
- He was chosen for the 1968 Lions only three months after gaining his first of his 22 caps for Scotland
- Arneil was one of just six Scots on the tour, but made the flanker position his own. playing in all four Tests.
- Three years later he was to travel to New Zealand but only featured in five non test games on the tour



1984 – Promotion to First Division



Portobello 10-12 Accies
Accies promotion to the First Division in 1984

1988/89 – Accies 1XV



Back; Charlie Jackson, Gary Bowe, Willie Brand, Russell Adam, **Rowan Shepherd**, Iain Nichol, Andy Adamson, Simon Burns, Ford Swanson, Ralph Lutton, Dave Riley (Physio), Gilbert McClung
Middle; Brian Hay-Smith, Rod Mitchell, Sandy Macrae, **David Sole**, **Jeremy Richardson**, **Dave McIvor**, **Alex Moore**, Jamie Paton, Jocky Dunn
Front; ??, Graeme Hartop

1989/90 – Accies 1XV



Back; Charlie Jackson, ???, Ralph Lutton, Stuart Howgate, **Rowen Shepherd**, **David McIvor**, Jason Parrott, Richard Moffitt, Brian Hay-Smith, Ford Swanson, Dave Riley (Physio), George Menzies.
Front: Rod Mitchell, Andrew Adamson, **John Allan**, **Jeremy Richardson** (c), **David Sole**, Simon Burns, Garry Bowe

David Sole ---

- David Michael Barclay Sole joined Accies from Bath at the start of the 1987/88 season
- He had already made his Scotland debut in 1986 and enjoyed a hugely successful international career with Scotland – winning 44 caps, with a record 25 as captain.
- In 1990, Sole was captain for a Grand Slam decider at Murrayfield against hot favourites England and will always be remembered his decision for his side to take the now famous walk onto the pitch, which cemented Sole's name in Scottish folklore.



--- David Sole

- Scotland won 13-7, denying England the Grand Slam and claiming their third Grand Slam after their previous triumphs in 1925 and 1984.
- He captained a World XV to a victory against the All Blacks in 1992.
- He retired from all rugby after his international appearance for Scotland in 1992 in Australia



1989 – B&I Lions to Australia

- David Sole's only Lions tour came in 1989 when he was a key part of the Test side that came from behind to win the series against Australia.
- The loose head prop started all three tests that sealed the series with a hard-fought 19-18 win in Sydney in the third and final Test.
- In all Sole made eight appearances in the famous red jersey – and formed a formidable front row with Brian Moore and Dai Young.



David with son Jamie – a future Accies captain

Two Accie Grand Slam Captains



1925 GPS Macpherson

- Scotland has only won the Grand Slam three times.
- On two of those occasions the team was captained by an Accie



1990 David Sole

1991/92 – Accies 1XV



Back; Charlie Jackson, Dave Riley (Physio), Jocky Scott, Iain McLean, Chris Simmers, Jason Parrott, **Rob Wainwright**, **Jeremy Richardson**, **Dave McIvor**, Richard Moffet, Joe Monroe, Ford Swanson, Gary Bowe, Hugh Campbell, George Menzies.
Front; **Rowan Shephard**, Stuart Howgate, **John Allan**, Simon Burns (Capt), **David Sole**, Andy Adamson, Rod Mitchell

1993 – Scotland Women



At Raeburn Place on the 14 February 1993, Scotland Women played their very first international
Like Scotland's men, they won their first game, this time 10-0 against Ireland.

1994 – Women's World Cup



- On the 24 April 1994 the final and 3rd/4th place match were played at Raeburn Place
- England beat USA 38-23 to take their first World Cup
- Scotland finished 5th , beating Canada 11-5
- There were 8 of the Accies Women's players in the Scotland squad; Sue Brodie, Kim Littlejohn (captain), Sandra Williamson, Julie Taylor, Lee Cockburn, Mags McHardy, Anny Freitas and Donna Kennedy

Donna Kennedy

- Donna has played for a number of clubs before joining Accies Ladies (which became the RHC) and later Worcester
- Her international debut was in 1993 and she retired in 2010 as the world's most-capped woman rugby player, with 115 caps.
- Donna also played five World Cups, from 1994 and 2010
- She took up a coaching role with the Scottish Women's Academy team and became an assistant coach for the Scotland U20s women's side in 2011
- She subsequently became head coach at Worcester Ladies and then DoR for Worcester Valkyries, leaving at the end of 2017.
- Donna was awarded the IRB International Women's Personality of the Year in 2004 and was inducted into the Scottish Rugby Hall of Fame in 2017.



1996/97 – Accies 1XV



Back; Paul Di Rollo, Kenny Bailey, Duncan Wilson, Paddy Hazlett, **Barry Stewart**, **Scott Murray**, **Jeremy Richardson**, Martin Waite, Danny Bull, Colin Allan, Bob Easson, Ben Brown, John Wright
Front; Neil Hanna, Chris Simmers, Phil Simpson, Rob Hoole, Simon Burns, Mike Duncan, Kevin Troup, Iain Leighton

1997 - B&I Lions to SA

- Rob Wainwright, a Cambridge rugby and boxing Blue, played for Accies in the early 1990s before he left the Club to join West Hartlepool as one of the earliest of 'pro' players.
- His first Scotland cap was in 1992 and he went on to gain 37 caps and captain his country 16 times.
- Selected for the 1997 B&I Lions tour to SA – the first after the end of apartheid, the first Lions tour since rugby union turned professional and the third time that a touring side had won a test series in SA
- He made seven appearances, including starting in the final test and scored a hat-trick in the win over Mpumalanga



Rob Wainwright

2001 – B&I Lions to Australia

- Scott Murray, joined Accies in 1994 and left in Sept 1996, when Bedford came in with one of the first big signings of the professional era
- Scott, along with Barry Stewart, was on the 1996 Scotland tour to NZ, but unlike Stewart, Murray was not capped on the tour.
- His debut for Scotland was in November 1997, the first of 87 caps over 10 seasons, captaining them on five occasions, playing in three World Cups and was Scotland player of the season three times
- Selected for the Lions tour of Australia in 2001 and played in five games, but failed to crack the Test team.



Scott Murray

2004 – U21 World Championship ---

- In June, 2004, eight games of the 2004 U21 World Championships were played at Raeburn Place
- There was a capacity crowd to see Scotland play South Africa, though Scotland disappointed against a strong SA side



--- U21 World Championship

The eight games played at
Raeburn Place were;

Italy 10 Argentina 43
Scotland 15 South Africa 69
New Zealand 110 Russia 3
Tonga 0 Australia 64
Ireland 27 France 19
Wales 14 England 23
SF - Wales 29 France 21
SF - Italy 33 Russia 20



2007 – 150th Anniversary ---



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9 April 2008



--- 150th Anniversary ---



We celebrated our 150th birthday
with a game against the famous Barbarians Football Club,
who were founded in Bradford in 1890



--- 150th Anniversary

A sell out 3000 crowd saw an entertaining game, even though we lost 0-43, it was a magnificent occasion.



2009 – B&I Lions to SA

- MRL 'Mike' Blair first played for Accies 1XV in 1998 whilst still at the Academy
- He made his international debut just four years later in June 2002 and was capped 85 caps times - Scotland's most capped scrum-half of all time
- Mike captained them 14 times, including the 15–9 victory over England to win the 2008 Calcutta Cup.
- He played in the 2003, 2007 and 2011 World Cups and was nominated for the IRB Player of the Year in 2008, the first Scot to be nominated for this award



Mike Blair

--- B&I Lions to SA

- Having been left out of the original Lions touring squad to South Africa, he was called up as a replacement, before the tour left
- He played in three games but did not make the test side.
- Having retired from playing, he is currently an assistant coach with Scotland



Mike Blair

2017/18 Accies 1XV Winners National 1



Played 22, won 21, lost 1, points for 976, points against 246, points 104



2018 – Scotland v England



Quartet of Accies involved in 2018 Scotland win over England, 25-13

Mike Blair (coach), Hamish Watson, Blair Kinghorn (first cap) and David Denton

Blair Kinghorn

- Kinghorn signed a professional contract for Edinburgh Rugby straight from the Academy in 2015
- First capped in the Calcutta Cup win in 2018 he scored a hattrick against Italy in February 2019 - the first international hattrick for Scotland since 1989



Blair Kinghorn

The Edinburgh Academical Football Club

- Over 120 full Scottish Internationals and many 7s internationals
- 24 who played internationals for other countries
- 14 Scottish Captains including two of the three Grand Slam captains
- 13 who have represented the British and Irish Lions
- Numerous age-grade internationals
- Home of the first rugby international in 1871, the Women's World Cup in 1984 and the U21 World Championship in 2004
- Involved with the founding of the SFU/SRU
- Involved with founding of IRB
- Oldest Club in Scotland and second oldest in the world -----





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