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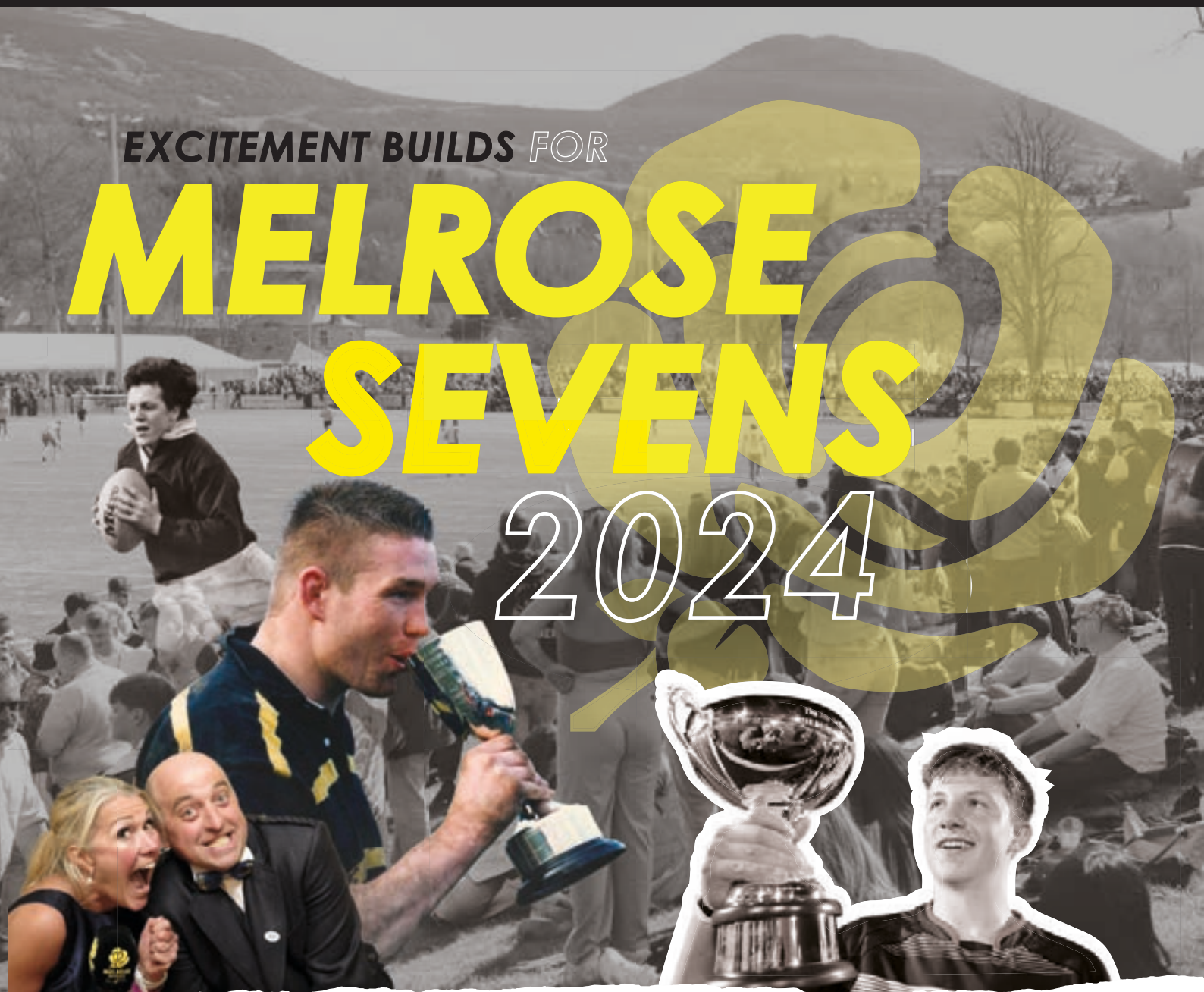
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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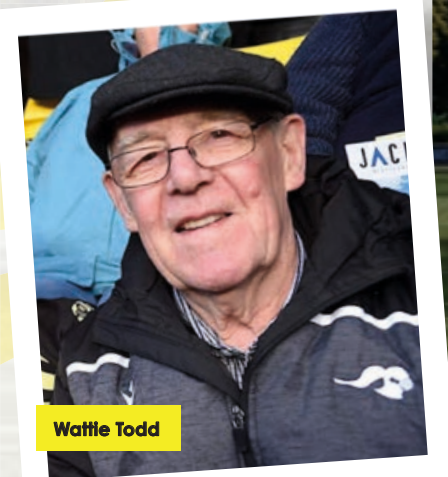
WELCOME to the February edition of the Rose. Spring is almost upon us and with it will hopefully bring some better weather. Disappointing defeats at home to Dundee and away at Watsonians leave us with just one game to play in the league.

That's on the 16th March away to Glasgow Accies. There are also Border League games to play in the coming weeks, home games against Kelso and Jed and away at Peebles and Hawick, although the dates are subject to change due to Premiership play-off's, and cup ties. On that note, congratulations to the 1XV who had a great win away (24-20) to Selkirk last Friday. Keep an eye on our new club website (www.melroserugby.org) for details of the new dates.

Farmer's Day is on Friday 1st March although the 1XV game against Kelso that was due to be played following the meal has been postponed. The Storm will play Jed 2nds instead. At the meal we will be auctioning off a Leeds Rhino's rugby shirt signed by Kevin Sinfield in aid of My Name's 5 Doddie foundation. If you would like to take part and won't be at the meal, please submit your maximum bid either via email or by handing in your bid to the club office in a sealed envelope.

Finally, the club have lost a real stalwart with the passing of Wattie Todd. He did so much for the club over many many years and was much loved by everyone. The turnout at his funeral was testament to this and it was wonderful to see so many past and present players paying their respects. My condolences go to Wattie's family.

GRANT HOGG
PRESIDENT, MELROSE RUGBY



Wattie Todd



Q & A - JIM LAUDER

JIM THE JANNY



THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT COME TOGETHER TO MAKE A GREAT RUGBY CLUB. ALONG WITH THE TEAMS, THE COACHES, THE PHYSIOS AND THE BAR STAFF, IT'S THE WELCOME AT THE GATE ON MATCH DAYS THAT FORMS MANY PEOPLES' OPINIONS.

JIM LAUDER ('Jim the Janny' to most of you) has been welcoming supporters and visitors to The Greenyards for over 40 years. Jim is an Honorary Life member at the club now. **BRENDAN MOLLOY** caught up with him recently to talk about his life in rugby.

'I'm a Lauder boy, a Borderer through and through. I started playing rugby in the early 60s when I was posted to the Army Catering Corps at Aldershot.' Interestingly, Jim told me that his first position was prop, but when he got fitter he moved out to the wing! I started to picture Pierre Schoeman or Tadhg Furlong pulling on a number 14 jersey, but I digress.

'I spent a few years playing for Gala Star, and there was a period in the early 70s when I was playing for Leicester Seconds ('The Jimmys' as they were called) when they wanted me to move up to the 1XV and play alongside Dusty Hare and Chalky White.'

And after his rugby playing career? 'I joined the Borders Referees Society and moved on into refereeing. I enjoyed that immensely, and even now I do a bit of coaching for young refs coming through.'

'In 1980, I got a job as janitor at Melrose Primary School, and on the very first day, Stuart Henderson asked me to come to the club and help out. I've been manning the gate on match days ever since.'

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...IT WAS A GREAT TRIP, BUT AT ONE POINT I DROPPED MY HAT AT A SAFARI PARK, AND IT WAS SAVAGED BY A LION...”

I asked Jim to share some of his highlights from the past 44 years. 'Obviously, the first memory that springs to mind was the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to Melrose, taking in Melrose Sevens. I was asked to be part of the team to look after The Queen and the Duke of Buccleuch, and to raise the Royal Ensign above the Press Box. I was also privileged to act as doorman at Murrayfield for Her Highness Princess Anne for five years.'

Any other stand out memories Jim? 'In 2001, Melrose Rugby toured South Africa, and played 1999 finalists Villagers, as well as Knysna. It was a great trip, but at one point I dropped my hat at a safari park, and it was savaged by a lion. The locals retrieved the hat, framed it and presented it to me.'

Does Jim have a favourite player? 'Oh yes, he's a family friend, and I've known him since he was a wee lad, but I'd have to say Chick Chalmers. I've been to his wedding, and I've been to his Dad's funeral, but he is undoubtedly the best player I've watched play at The Greenyards. Robbie Brown is another great player, and a local lad too.'

And finally Jim, why have you managed the gate for so long? And how long will you continue? 'I love doing it. I recognise folk coming through the turnstile, whether it's a home 15-a-side match, or if I'm an Ambassador at the Sevens. I've had my photo taken with Doddie, and I've been presented with a trophy from the Borders Referees Society.' 'I'll keep doing it til I cannae do it any more.'



WWW.MELROSERUGBY.ORG

OUR NEW CLUB WEBSITE www.melroserugby.org has been up and running now for over a month. We hope you've had a chance to visit it and take a look around.

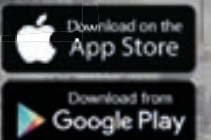
What do you think of it? We would love to hear back from you – send your feedback, the good, the bad and the ugly, to office@melroserugby.org.

NEW SEVENS APP

THE BRAND NEW Melrose Sevens app has officially launched. The official app is your go to for all information needed - stay on top of news, access programmes and fixtures lists, receive vendor information, see event maps and purchase tickets.



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MELROSE SEVENS 2024



YOUTH RUGBY

FRIDAY
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APRIL

FRIDAY 12th April will have a particular emphasis on Youth Rugby. The morning will welcome the return of the Merchiston Castle School Junior Coaching Clinic, a highly acclaimed event that saw over a hundred 11 to 13-year-olds from various Scottish schools and rugby clubs participate last year.

This clinic provides as an excellent opportunity for young talent to refine their skills under the guidance of experienced coaches, fostering the growth of the next generation of rugby stars. Following the coaching clinic, the focus will shift to the **Under 13 and Under 15 exhibition matches** and the **Under 16 Drummond Cup**. These matches will showcase underage rugby talent, providing a platform to exhibit their skills on the famous Greenyards pitch.

As the sun sets on Friday's events, the spotlight moves to the **Under 18s Melrose Wasps Tournament**. Eight teams will battle it out, with the coveted Jim Telfer Cup awaiting the tournament victors and the winners of the shield competition claiming the new Hong Kong Shield. This tournament provides a competitive arena for aspiring young local rugby players, and adds an extra layer of excitement to the overall Sevens experience.

Under 18 Teams:

- **Melrose Wasps**
- **Kelso Harlequins** (2023 Champions)
- **Gala Wanderers**
- **Selkirk Youth Club**
- **Jed Thistle**
- **Peebles Colts**
- **Tynedale Colts**
- **Hawick Youth**



NOMINEES

COACH OF THE YEAR

- **Bryony Hawthorne** - Melrose Queen Bees
- **Emily Beattie** - Hawick RFC Girls
- **Lianne Wallace** - Crossfit Galashiels
- **Fiona Colvin** - Crossfit Tweedbank
- **Maria Young** - Hawick & Teviotdale ASC
- **Suzanne Lamperl** - Duns Tennis Club
- **Debi Ritchie** - Gala Fairydean Rovers
- **Gemma Fullerton** - Duns Badminton
- **Lesley McCredie** - LMDA
- **Fiona Henderson** - Henderson School of Dance
- **Janet Jack** - Fjordhus Reivers Head Coach

UNDER 18s RISING STAR

- **Ross Swalles** - Boxing
- **Maddie Roshier** - Weightlifting
- **Harper Tait** - Equestrian
- **Holly Leach** - Rugby
- **Sarah Turnbull** - Hockey
- **Cali Nelson** - Tennis

THE ROSE AWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- **Elise Ross** - Melrose Rugby Ambassador & Volunteer
- **Mary Weir** - Kelso Ladies Hockey Team
- **Bryony Hawthorne** - Melrose Queen Bees

TEAM OF THE YEAR

- **Fjordhus Reivers Ladies 1s**
- **Langholm Girls FC**
- **Earlston Girls Under 15 Rugby**
- **Kelso Ladies Rugby**
- **Gala Fairydean Rovers**

INSPIRATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

- **Katie Scott** - Katie Scott Racing
- **Viv Watson** - Marathon Runner
- **Julie Forrest** - World Indoor Bowls Finalist 2024
- **Mags Powell** - Stable Life
- **Jenny Wilson** - Nenthorn Equestrian
- **Angela Lauder** - Powerlifting (European Bench Press Championship 2023)



FRIDAY
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APRIL

ON the evening of Friday 12th April the Celebration of Women in Sport Awards will take place in the 1883 VIP Pavillion. Marking the first of its kind in the Scottish Borders, this awards ceremony is a significant step forward in honouring the achievements of female athletes in the region.

Designed to celebrate, champion, and inspire, the event will shine a spotlight on nearly 50 nominees across six different categories, highlighting the diverse talents and accomplishments of local women in sports. This inaugural awards ceremony is a testament to the transformative era witnessed in the 21st century, where women's sports have rightly gained well-deserved recognition on a global scale. The Melrose Sevens organisers are delighted and honoured to be launching this event as part of their community engagement programme. By dedicating an evening to celebrate women in sports, the Melrose Sevens aim to contribute to the ongoing momentum of empowering female athletes and fostering an environment that supports their growth and success. Voting across the five different categories closes on Friday 1st March.



THURSDAY
11
APRIL

THE Inauguration Dinner at the 2022 Sevens was attended by over 300 Rugby Sevens enthusiasts, and saw some of the all-time greats of Rugby Sevens being inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year, Melrose Rugby welcomes two more inductees to the Jackson Distillers Hall of Fame. Held in the 1883 VIP Pavillion, it will be an evening not to be missed.

Carl Hogg, a revered figure in the Borders rugby community, enjoyed a distinguished career as a player and has continued to make significant contributions to the sport in various coaching roles. His exceptional skills and dedication to the game have left an indelible mark on the rugby landscape. One of his biggest impacts on the rugby world will always be his contribution to Melrose Rugby. Hogg helped Melrose win the Melrose Sevens not only in 1997, but also for a second time in 1998 alongside the likes of fellow Melrose legends Craig Chalmers, Bryan Redpath and Andy Purves.

Arthur 'Hovis' Brown, a former Scottish internationalist, has contributed greatly to rugby in Scotland. He started playing rugby at Gala RFC and was a talented player in both the fifteen and seven-a-side game. Among his many sevens triumphs, the 1969 Gala Sevens final at Netherdale stands out. Brown helped the home team to a resounding victory against Loughborough College with a commanding score of 38-5. Brown's career also includes playing a pivotal part of the winning Gala team at the 1970, 1971 & 1972 Melrose Sevens.

TICKETS:

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SUPER SERIES RUGBY

KNIGHT TIME

IAIN CHISHOLM



AT THE start of February, the Southern Knights commenced their pre-season training in preparation for the 2024 Super Series Sprint Season.

Core contracted players were joined by players from Hawick, Gala, Kelso, Jed-Forest, Peebles, Selkirk, Melrose, Edinburgh Accies & Musselburgh. These players, with the support of their club are taking up opportunities to be part of a wider training group. This wider training group is in place to allow players to experience the environment but also to give them an insight into what the programme will entail and whether it's something they want to do or not. The buy in and support that local clubs and in particular the Head Coaches of these clubs has given us a great opportunity to invite players who we and their respective club coaches feel can take the next step and thrive in Super Series Rugby.

The earlier sessions have been relatively low key, starting with a meeting with an overview of who's who and what to expect then working through attack and defence themes that we'll be pushing throughout the Sprint Series. We want to create a clear playing identity that is effective but also great to watch. There are a lot of moving parts that make that happen but we're in a good place following a period of recruitment and retention.

Adapting our weekly training structure to work with clubs and districts has been a key change for us. We want to work directly with the SRU Academy and provide aspirational youngster with an opportunity to experience a Super Series environment. We're grateful to Bert Grigg for his support in making this happen. We understand

that players still have aspirations to represent their club in the Cup, Border League and Melrose Sevens, and there are others who will be pushing to pull on the red and white hoops of the South. We don't want to get in the way of that. If it's important to them, it's important to us. Come the middle of March, we have our exile group joining us. These are players who are Scots Qualified but currently playing down south or abroad in the Championship or the AIL in Ireland. We're really excited about the quality of these players and look forward to them joining the group.

The process of recruitment & retention began in November last year with Scott Wight taking a lead on recruitment and leading on the Attack. I am leading on Defence alongside my Melrose Rugby Head Coach & Head of Youth Rugby roles. James Head has come on board to drive set-piece. Doug Crawford has started his role as General Manager, taking over from Kieran Cooney, so we're excited to what impact Doug can have in the role.

We're delighted to renew our partnership with Unit 8 Tweedbank. Stephen Rayner has been excellent over the last while, providing us with not only an

outstanding facility but an energy and structured session to push the boys on.

We're really excited about the approach, the playing style and the group of players we've been able to bring together. Thank you to the clubs and coaches who have been so supportive in helping this happen.

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2024 SPRINT



	FRIDAY 19 APRIL 7:35PM GREENYARDS
SATURDAY 27 APRIL 3:00PM GREENYARDS	
	SATURDAY 4 MAY 5:00PM GREENYARDS
SATURDAY 18 MAY 3:00PM MILLBRAE	
	SATURDAY 25 MAY 3:00PM GOLDENACRE
FRIDAY 31 MAY 7:35PM GREENYARDS	



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FOR MYNAME'S DODDIE

ON 1st March, a magnificent fund-raising event will commence at Murrayfield when teams of intrepid cyclists undertake an ultra-marathon cycle from Edinburgh to Rome. The aim of the event is to raise funds for Myname5Doddie to fund research into a cure for MND. Their total target is £850,000.

Our own Ben Weir is taking part. I interrupted Ben from his training schedule for the punishing event. "My girlfriend Olivia and I are part of a team. We call ourselves 'Team International Roaming Bundle' - the others are Olivia's dad Keith, his mates Kristian, and Matt, whose granddad died of MND. And we have a fantastic support crew (Malcolm and Richard) who keep us all well fed and watered. There are 22 teams in total across Britain and Ireland, and we all aim to arrive at Stadio Olimpico in Rome on March 8th in time for the Italy Scotland 6 Nations match."

I asked Ben about his goals for the event. "Well, obviously there's money to be raised. Liv and I have a target of £5,555. And our team goal is £30,000. But it's also about raising awareness."

And how is the training going? "We're doing a lot of cycling to be honest. Liv is managing about 40 miles per day. Along with my engineering studies, I'm managing to get around a route from Stow to Lauder

to Melrose and back home, about 45 miles."

What's your greatest fear? "My bum! 1,700 miles is daunting. But it's not that bad when you remember what you're doing it for. I'm looking forward to meeting everybody in Rome and saying 'thanks'"

"Moff and the boys at the club have been great. It's great to have the support of your team mates and coaches for something like this."



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PAUL WHEATLEY FUNDRAISING



PAUL'S

FUNDRAISING

FOR MS SOCIETY



HI, I am Paul Wheatley, P3 coach, Co-Chair of the Melrose Rugby Youth Committee and now a member of the full Board. I am running the London Marathon on April 21st in aid of the MS Society.

“ ... I HAVE PLEDGED TO RAISE £2,000 FOR MS AS PART OF MY JOURNEY...”

The MS Society is very important to me. My Granny, Nancy Wheatley was diagnosed with MS when I was very young, I saw her bravely battle it throughout my life up-to her passing 8 years ago. It's an awful disease and I want to do my part to

contribute to the research, support, treatments and hopefully, one day, a cure.

I have pledged to raise £2,000 for MS as part of my journey to and during the London Marathon and I hope, if you can afford it, you will put something towards my efforts and support the MS Society.

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Many thanks,
Paul

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MINIS & YOUTH RUGBY

YOUTH UPDATE

BY CHARLOTTE MIDFORD

WE'VE seen some milder weather in February, so fewer frozen pitches and so loads of great rugby across all the age groups.

A few highlights include:

- the **Hornets joint training session over at Kelso**
- the **U13s away wins at North Berwick and Boroughmuir**
- a **home win for the U13s against Howe of Fife** in a tight fought high-scoring game with excellent rugby on show;
- **Queen Bees** were out in force at **North Berwick** (and sporting some new hoodies).

Of course, the coaches were also hard at work challenging the kids in training – it really is amazing to see the commitment these guys and girls put into supporting our kids; doing things the Melrose way! Loads of prep and collaboration goes on to make the sessions what they are for the youngsters. As ever – if any of the youth want to share pictures or news you want to see featured here – just send it on.



Queen Bees



U13s v Howe of Fife

P4 MORPETH VISIT

THE P4 group are now busy organizing a May tour to Morpeth Rugby, returning the very successful visit they paid us last year when they were all P3.

The kids are massively excited and the fundraising and organization is well under way, ably led by Kieran, his fellow coaches and some helpers. There will be a **quiz night fundraiser**, with live music and a raffle, at the Greenyards on 15 March at 6:45pm. Tickets available via Fanbase or email: P4tourfundraiserquiz@gmail.com



PREDICTION CARDS

THIS YEAR'S 6 Nation's predictions competition is now well underway to raise funds for the youth section, and so big thank you to everyone who has bought and sold these. Just over 200 more than last year, couple of special mentions to Jonny and Ellis in P2 for selling 61 and Sarah & Ben in P1 who sold a massive 121!

Fraser has given us the lowdown on how many of you remain in. The fun kicked off on 2nd February with France v Ireland in Marseille. Sadly, the game wasn't as close as the prediction cards made out and the 47.8% of you who had backed France fell at the first hurdle. Italy ran England close though perhaps a few nerves for the 83% of you that had the Auld Enemy to win. No stress at all 65% of you that went for Scotland over Wales with the "never in doubt" 1 point victory having been 27-nil up...

Week 2 then served up another 3 fantastic games, but the TMO clearly had it in for the 47.3% of you that backed Scotland. It looked like Wales might cause

an upset but England pulled it out the bag to keep the 76.8% of you who backed the English still in the game. If Italy had won, we'd have had no one left in the competition with 100% of those still in the game backing Ireland.

Week 3 started with 116 people still in with a chance of winning the top cash prize. After Wales v. Ireland, still 112 of you still in the game. After a fourth consecutive Calcutta Cup victory, something that hasn't happened since 1896, we said 'cheerio' to another 35 of you who had backed England to win. However, as not one person predicted an Italy-France draw – there will be **NO WINNER THIS YEAR** for the 6 Nations predictions cards!!

THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH SECTION RAISE OVER £1,200, and better luck with those predictions next year! On the subject of support, we also have a couple of surveys out on volunteering for the youth section, please look out for these in your Teamo inbox or get in touch if you haven't had a link.

LOOKING AHEAD...

THERE'S lots to look forward to in March, including the club hosting the girls Evolution Series. This is taking place on the 3rd of March from 11:00 to 13:00 and has been organized by Queen Bee coach Bryony as part of the SRU Evolution Series.

We will provide skills stations, training and a tournament to 90 girls at U12 and U14 level, from the Borders, East Lothian and Edinburgh.

There will also be mini-festivals at Watsonians (P3-7) and Kelso (P3-7). Also, please don't forget to sign your children up for the **Melrose Sevens Rugby Camps in the Easter holidays** at the start of April.

Lastly, congratulations to Paul Wheatley as he joins the Club board – we'll have an interview next month with him and look forward to hearing about his rugby journey and plans in his new role.



MEMBERS CORNER

DATES for the DIARY

FRIDAY 1 MARCH
FARMER'S DAY
MELROSE STORM
V JED 2XV
7:30PM HOSPITALITY from 4PM

FRIDAY 19 APRIL
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S1, S2, S3 WEDNESDAY
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U14 & U18 TUES & THURS
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& P1 - P7
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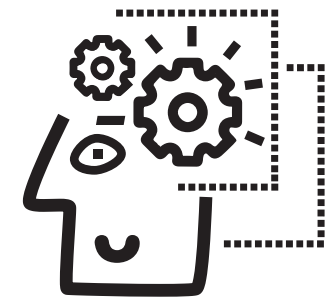
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