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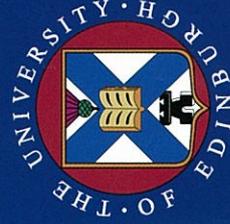
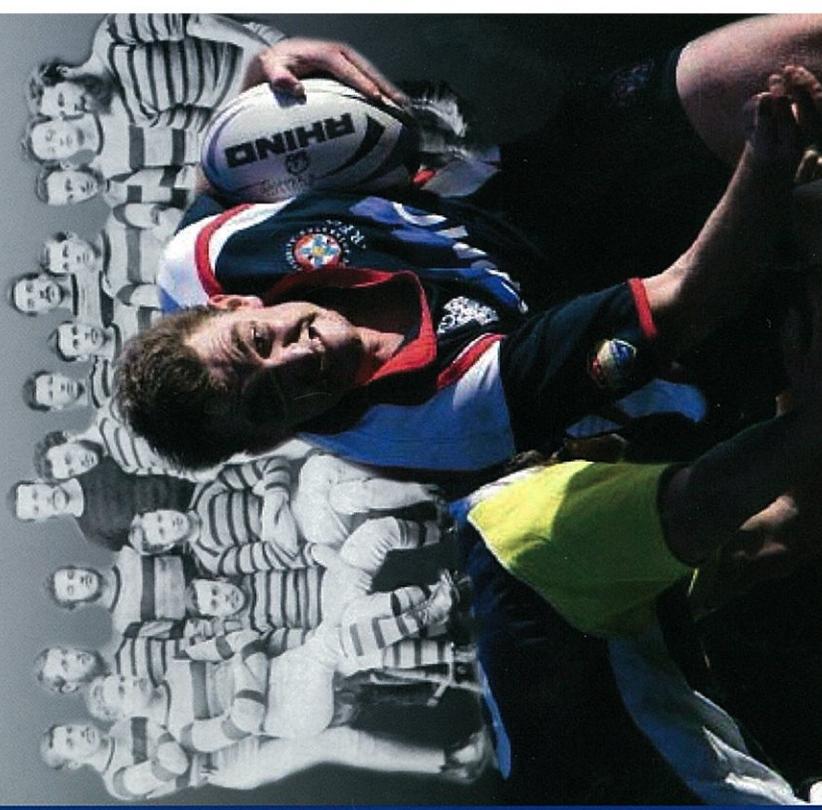
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# JUNE 2008 EURFC JAPAN TOUR

**PRESIDENT:** BOBBY FRAZER  
**CLUB CAPTAIN:** KYLE VIVIAN  
**1ST XV CAPTAIN:** JAMIE DOUBLEDAY  
**1ST XV VICE-CAPTAIN:** WILLIAM BUTLER  
**CLUB SEC:** JOHN GEDDIE  
**TREASURER:** GOLIN MCGABE  
**DIRECTOR OF RUGBY:** DALE LYON  
**TOUR MANAGER:** REG CLARK  
**ASSISTANT TOUR MANAGERS:** DAVID SYRAD  
SABRO TAKAHASHI



Seated (left to right): J. Tsang, R. Wright, J. Geddie, W. Butler, J. Doubleday (1st XV capt), K. Vivian (Club capt), L. Newman, A. Howie  
1st row (left to right): A. Weir, G. McConigle, F. Danaher, J. Kenney, M. Johnson, J. Clegg, J. Pang, J. Shepherd, T. Clark, L. Steele  
Back row (left to right): C. McCabe, P. Service, H. White, P. McKenzie, C. Cory, T. Day, M. Bennet, S. Knox  
Absent: M. McDonald, I. McChie

## FIXTURES

**JUNE 4TH / KICK OFF 5PM**

vs 大阪体育大学 **OSAKA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND SPORTS SCIENCES**  
LOCATION: UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, KUMATORI-CHO, SENNAN-GUN, OSAKA

**JUNE 7TH / KICK OFF 2.30PM**

vs 京都大学 **KYOTO UNIVERSITY**  
LOCATION: TAKARAGAIKE STADIUM, KYOTO

**JUNE 10TH / KICK OFF 7.30PM**

vs KRAC招待 **KOBE REGATTA & ATHLETIC CLUB INVITATION XV**  
LOCATION: KOBE STEEL RUGBY GROUND, NADAHAMA, KOBE

**JUNE 14TH / KICK OFF 2.30PM**

vs 東京大学 **THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO**  
LOCATION: KOMABA, TOKYO.

**JUNE 17TH / KICK OFF 4PM**

vs 防衛大学校 **NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY IN JAPAN**  
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# GREETING

## FROM PRESIDENT OF EURFC

As President of Edinburgh University RFC I take great pleasure in wishing the squad and all associated with it every success in the 2008 tour to Japan.

EURFC has a very proud history of touring in the last 20 years or so with trips to Africa, North and South America as well as Australia and New Zealand all successfully visited in this time.

There has not been, until now, a tour to Japan and this is therefore a first for the club. I know how well organised our hosts will be and I expect a very high standard of rugby for the side to contend with and to rise to the challenge in the club's 150th year.

The 1st XV has again done extremely well to retain its place in National League 1 for next season. Usually a tour has the benefit of bringing everyone together in advance of a new season and this will be no exception. I hope everyone involved can approach matters with that objective in mind.

Japanese rugby has long been associated with all that is good about the game and I expect to see us facing well organised, well drilled teams with excellent ball skills! Beware, but at the same time let us learn and come back better for the experience.

Sadly neither the club coach Dale Lyon nor I can make this trip but I speak for both of us in saying how much we look forward to the reports and the pleasure it gives in hearing of good results.

My thanks go to Reg Clark, David Syrad and Sabro Takahashi for all they have done in bringing this tour together, as well as to club captain Kyle Vivian for all his efforts in getting everyone organised. I wish you every success.

Come on the Burgh Boys!

Bobby Frazer, President EURFC



エディンバラ大学ラグビークラブ会長として、選手並びに全ての関係者の皆様にご挨拶申し上げます。2008年日本遠征の実現に喜びを感じるとともに遠征の成功を心より祈念しております。

EURFCは、最近20年において、アフリカ、南北アメリカ、オーストラリア、ニュージーランドなどへ遠征を行い、成功を収めていることを大変誇りに思っています。

しかしながら日本へは今回の遠征がクラブ史上初めてのことになります。今回EURFCを受け入れて下さる各クラブはとてよよく準備され、ラグビーのレベルも高いということとを認識しております。今年150周年を迎えるクラブにとって、挑戦のしがいのある相手はかりとなりました。

今シーズンもフアーストチームはスコットランドのナショナルリーグ1において確固たる成績を収めることができました。遠征は新シーズンを前に部員たちを一つにまとめる良い機会ですが、今遠征も同様です。会長として、遠征に参加する全ての選手たちそれぞれ目的意識を持つて物事に立ち向かっていくことを望んでいます。

日本ラグビーは、その長い歴史の中で、ラグビーというスポーツの持つ良さを維持し続けていることで尊敬されています。我々は、よく練習し組織されたハンドリングスキルに溢れた日本のプレーヤーたちと戦うことを楽しみにしています。そして我々の選手たちは、この遠征から得る経験によって、より良いプレーヤーとしてチームと成り上ってスットランドへ戻って来てくれることでしょうか。

大変残念なことに、デーブル・リオン監督と私は所用により今回の遠征に参加することができませんでしたが、遠征の後、選手たちから聞く良い報告を楽しみにしています。この遠征の実現にあたり、特にレジー・クラーク氏、デビット・シラッド氏、高橋三郎氏の尽力に感謝すると共に、クラブキャプテンのカイル・ヴィヴィアンにも遠征チームをまとめてくれたことに感謝の意を表したいと思います。

EURFC会長 ボビー・フレイザー

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# TOUR SQUAD



**MATT BENNET**

Matthew John Bennet was born in Glasgow, Scotland on 15th July 1987. He is currently in his third year studying International Relations. Educated at Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow. He played for and captained Glasgow Schools and Glasgow and has represented Scottish Universities U-20. He also played for the Scottish Royal College of Surgeons. He has toured in Ireland and Italy with school and Argentina and Chile last year with EURFC. Matt is hoping that he will be able to resist playing his banjo for 18 days, and is looking forward to having a good whinge.

**POSITION:**  
STAND OFF/  
FULL BACK  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'84  
**WEIGHT:**  
81 KG



**WILL BULTER**

1st XV Vice Captain. William Edward Grantham Bulter was born in York, North Yorkshire, England on the 30th April 1987. He is currently in his third year studying Sport Science. Educated at St Peters School, York, he has played for Yorkshire and represented Scotland Universities. He has been on several tours his most memorable being to Australia with school and last year to Argentina and Chile with EURFC. Once again, this could be Tilly's last tour and as such, he has a list of last wishes including watching sumo while eating some brioche.

**POSITION:**  
HOOKER/  
PROP  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'75  
**WEIGHT:**  
95KG



**TOM CLARK**

Thomas Michael Blythe Clark was born in Kew, London, England on 28th May 1987. He is currently in his third year studying History. Educated at St Paul's School, London, he has represented Middlesex and London & South East England and Scottish Universities U-20. He has toured South Africa twice at school and Argentina & Chile with EURFC last year. Having won the prestigious 'Man of Tour' award in Argentina and Chile, Bully, as one half of 'Lash Management', is looking forward to experiencing Japan's cultural side.

**POSITION:**  
CENTER  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'93  
**WEIGHT:**  
103KG



**JAMIE CLEGG**

James Hugh Clegg was born on 8th December 1988 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is currently in his first year studying Sports Management. Educated at Bangor Grammar School, he has played for Ulster U-19 schools. He has toured British Columbia, Canada with school. For many people, Cleggy getting his locks trimmed will be the highlight of tour.

**POSITION:**  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'85  
**WEIGHT:**  
85KG



**CHRIS CORY**

Christopher Myles Anthony Cory was born in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England on 8th July 1987. He is currently in his third year studying Maths and Philosophy. Educated at Downside School, Bath, He has toured Australia with his school. Chris is hoping to 'schweiff' some old family friends whilst travelling in Japan, if he manages to make it to the airport.

**POSITION:**  
PROP  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'89  
**WEIGHT:**  
110KG



**FINLAY DANAHER**

Finlay Patrick Danaher was born in Dingwall Ross-Shire, Scotland on October 24th 1988. Currently studying 1st year Mechanical Engineering. Educated at AIness Academy, Ross Shire, he has played rugby in New Zealand. It will be interesting to watch Finbar try and communicate with our hosts, especially after a few 'sakes'.

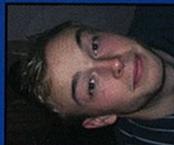
**POSITION:**  
FLANKER  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'83  
**WEIGHT:**  
84KG



**TOM DAY**

Thomas Graham Day was born in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, England on 1st September 1987. He is currently in his second year studying Economics. Educated at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, he has represented Sussex and travelled for South East England. He has toured New Zealand and Australia with Sussex, and Dublin with his school. Also a keen sailor, in January 2006 he sailed across the Atlantic with his father to Antigua. Tom is hoping that he does not get cow pie withdrawal syndrome whilst travelling in Japan.

**POSITION:**  
2ND ROW/  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
93KG



**JOHN GEDDIE**

Club Secretary, John Duncan Kinneair Geddie was born in Aberdeen, Scotland on 12th August 1987. He is currently in his second year studying English Literature. Educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, he played for Caledonia U-16, North U-18 and has represented Scottish Universities. He has toured South Africa at school and Argentina and Chile with EURFC last year. Having been a 'fresher' on tour last year, Morph is looking forward to dishing out the punishment this year.

**POSITION:**  
WING  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
80KG



**ADAM HOWIE**

Adam Matthew Howie was born in Glasgow, Scotland on 30th November 1986. He is currently in his fourth year studying Law. Educated at The Glasgow Academy, Glasgow, he played for the Glasgow Academy 'XV'. Adam has played in the 1XV for Murrayfield Wanderers for three years before moving to EURFC at the beginning of the 2007/08 season to complete his University career.

**POSITION:**  
HOOKER/  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
88KG



**JACOB KENNEY**

Jacob Alexander Kenney was born on 29th December 1986 in Nottingham, England. He is currently in his third year of studying Economics. Educated at West Bridgford Comprehensive School, Nottingham and NCN High Pavement Sixth Form College, Nottingham. He played for Nottingham RFC; the Nottinghamshire Lincolnshire & Derbyshire tri-county representative team; and Scottish Exiles. He has toured Singapore, Australia and Argentina & Chile with EURFC last year. Kenney will be using the tour to meet up with some of his Triad contacts. Brrraaaaapp.

**POSITION:**  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
91KG



**JAMIE DOUBLEDAY**

1st XV Captain. Jamie Christopher Doubleday was born on 14th May 1988 in Bristol, England. He is currently in his first year studying Sports Management. Educated at Colsons School, Bristol, where he was a member of the 2004 Daily Mail Cup winning side and is a member of Bath Rugby. His father Richard John Doubleday toured Japan with England in 1979. Recently appointed 1st XV captain following his first season. 'Tubsy' is hoping to shed a few pounds in the Japanese summer climate.

**POSITION:**  
FLY HALF  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
95KG



**LUKE HALL-NEWMAN**

Luke Newman was born in Tarporley, Cheshire, England on 18th February 1987. He is currently in his third year studying Applied Sports Science. Educated at Sir John Deans College, he captained the side and has represented Cheshire. Jimmy Q, although looking forward to tour, is unsure how he will cope without his mobile bench press and protein shake machine.

**POSITION:**  
PROP  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
101KG



**MICHAEL JOHNSON**

Michael William Johnson was born on 27th January 1988 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. He is currently in his first year studying Psychology. Educated at Newcastle Royal Grammar School, he has played for England 18s, North of England 18s, Northumberland, Newcastle Falcons, Blythton RFC and Old Boys University RFC, Wallington, New Zealand. He has toured Italy with England and his school, as well as playing rugby in New Zealand last year. Johnno is not looking forward to losing his beloved ginger barnet.

**POSITION:**  
WING/  
FULL BACK  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
90KG



**STEPHEN KNOX**

Stephen Andrew Knox was born in Bellast, Northern Ireland on 23rd February 1987. He is currently in his fourth year studying Civil Engineering. Educated at Larne Grammar School. He played for side and captained his school 1st XV Cup Final at Ravenhill for UVRFC. 'Goat' is hoping that he doesn't get deported for his famed post-ski activities.

**POSITION:**  
CENTRE/  
WING  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
86KG



**MICHAEL MACDONALD**

Michael Gregory Macdonald was born in Watford, England on 11th June 1987. He is currently in his third year studying Economic and Social History. Educated at Watford Grammar School for Boys, he has represented Hertfordshire U-18. He has toured New Zealand and Fiji with school and Argentina and Chile with EURFC last year. Mike is looking forward to giving another continent a good 'pear'.

**POSITION:**  
LOCK  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
91KG



**IAN MCGHEE**

Ian McGee was born in Stirling, Scotland on 7th July 1987. He is currently in his third year studying Chemical Engineering. Educated at Hutchisons Grammar School, he has previously gained representative honours for Glasgow Schools. Ian is looking forward to learning from the master, and will also hope to take on the mantle of the 'pear'.

**POSITION:**  
FLY HALF  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
75KG



**COLIN MCCABE**

Colin was born in Portadown, Northern Ireland on 30th July 1987. He is currently in his second year studying to be a teacher of Physical Education. He has previously gained representative honours at schoolboy level in his home province of Ulster in Ireland. Everyone will be hoping that 'Big Col' as treasurer, will be generous in financing the 'tour skite' in Japan.

**POSITION:**  
SECOND ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
105KG



**PHIL MCKENZIE**

Philip Alexander White McKenzie was born in Newcastle upon Tyne on the 23rd January 1987. Educated at RGS Newcastle, he is now in his third year studying structural engineering. He toured Italy with his school, represented Northumberland schools and toured Argentina & Chile with EURFC last year. Having received 'Chat of Tour' in 2007, Trotter is looking forward to unleashing some of his devilish anecdotes in Japan. As the other half of 'Lash Management', he is also ready to 'punish' 'freshers' with his imperious rucking technique.

**POSITION:**  
2ND ROW/  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
100KG



**JAMES PANG**

James Kang Yee Pang was born in Lewisham, London, England on 14th December 1986. He is currently in his third year studying Economics. Educated at St Peter's School, York, he played for Yorkshire Schools and has toured Australia with school. Pangs is looking forward to telling everyone in Japan who cares to listen about his rugby abilities and how he won the Daily Mail Cup single-handedly at the age of 15.

**POSITION:**  
WING  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
70KG



**JAMES SHEPHERD**

James George Shephard was born on the 29th August 1985 in Edinburgh. He was educated at George Watsons College before going on to study Medicine at Edinburgh. He has previously toured Spain and France as well as several other European destinations. 'Shep' is looking forward to telling anyone who happens to see us on a night out that we're 'STUDENTS.'

**POSITION:**  
CENTER  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
82KG



**PETE SERVICE**

Peter Robert Service was born in Hammersmith, London, England on the 28th January 1986. He is currently in his fourth year studying Structural Engineering. Educated at Orleans Park secondary school and Richmond Upon Thames College. He played for London Scottish and represented Middlesex. He has toured Scotland and Wales with London Scottish. 'Feish' is looking to purchase his future wife while in the Far East.

**POSITION:**  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1'10  
**WEIGHT:**  
95KG

# TOUR MANAGEMENT

1978、79年にオックスフォード大学のCTB、SOとしてプレーを獲得、79年には副将としてプレーした。また1977年には、18歳の1年生プレーヤーながら日本遠征に初参加し、その後83年と88年には選手兼団長としてオ대를率いている。83年の遠征時には、国立競技場で開催されたケンブリッジ大学戦に出場。これはイングランドの外で開催された唯一のハーティマッチである。1980年に神戸製鋼に入社、3年間神戸ラグビー部で活躍し、関西代表にも選出された。当時の日本において代表レベルのチームに選ばれた最初の外国人選手となった。



団長：レジ・クラーク

帰国後、2年間ロンドンの金融街シティで働きながらロンドン証券取引所ラグビークラブでプレー。その後、神戸製鋼英国法人の財務担当取締役として10年間勤務。2000年～05年、英国自由民主党（LDP）の財務を担当。この期間、英国国會議員ラグビーチームに参加しつつ、ウェスト・ハートプール、ロンドン・アイリッシュユ、リッチモンドクラブにも所属した。

2006年に、元イングランド代表主将マーティン・ジョンソン氏（現イングランド代表監督）と共にマネジメント・ハイアットによって英国ラグビー用品メーカー、ライノ・ラグビー社を獲得、現在は同社代表取締役。息子トム・クラークは今回の遠征メンバーに入っている。

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副団長：デビッド・シラッド

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1998年には、レジ・クラーク氏、故奥克彦大使と共に日本・英国国會議員ラグビー交流試合の実現の為に奔走、自らも英国チームのゲストプレーヤーとして出場した。現在、大阪在住。

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都立大泉高校、神戸外国語大学、ミシガン州立大学（英語学、コミュニケーション学専攻）にてラグビー部所属。ポジションはCTB、FB、FLなど。高校、大学共に主将。卒業後は仕事を通じて訪れるアジアや欧州の様々な国でラグビーをする機会に恵まれる。ジュニア世界選手権に出場するため現在ウェールズ遠征中のU20日本代表や昨秋のWRWCでウェールズと対戦した日本代表など来英日本チームの手伝いや、日本協会に協力してワールドカップ招致活動にも携わる。ウェールズ協会公認コーチ資格レベル1取得。現在はロンドン・ジャハニースRFCの宴会部長並びにカーティブ・ランタムRFCミニラグビーチームのアシスタントコーチ。



LERRY TSANG

Born in Bellshill, Lanarkshire, Scotland on 27th November 1984. He is currently in his 4th Year studying Medicine. Educated at St. Bees School, Cumbria he played for Cumbria, North of England and Newcastle Falcons Academy. Represented Scottish Exiles U18 and Scottish Universities 2006/2007 and 2007/2008. Previously toured South Africa with school in 2002. Jerry is taking his tartan skirt on tour.

**POSITION:**  
SCRUM HALF  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"65  
**WEIGHT:**  
78KG



ANDREW WEIR

Andrew Alexander Marc Weir was born in New York City, USA on 15th of November, 1988. He is currently in his first year studying Biology and Management. Educated at Wellington College, Berkshire, he represented the 1st XV and has previously played for Kilmarnock and Ayr clubs. Doodle will, for the first time, look forward to using his considerable bulk against the opposition.

**POSITION:**  
HOOKER  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"78  
**WEIGHT:**  
79KG



RICHARD WRIGHT

Richard Timothy Wright was born on 31st July 1988 in Huddersfield, England. He is currently in his second year studying History. Educated at Durham School, Durham City. He toured Australia during his last year of school. Having won the prestigious 'Man o Man' award earlier in the year, Lefty has a lot to live up to on tour.

**POSITION:**  
SCRUM HALF/  
WING  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"72  
**WEIGHT:**  
72KG



LIAM STEELE

Liam Desmond Steele was born on the 30th of August 1988 in Oxford, England. Educated at Blessed George Napier School in Banbury, Oxfordshire, he is in his first year at Edinburgh University studying Sports Management and Business Studies. Liam is following in a rich tradition of Steele's on tour, with his brother, Lawson, captaining the side in Argentina and Chile last year and his father, Billy, touring South Africa with the legendary '74 British and Irish Lions. No pressure 'Schwief'!

**POSITION:**  
FULL BACK  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"85  
**WEIGHT:**  
81KG



KYLE VIVIAN

Club Captain. Kyle Alexander Bryan Vivian was born on 13th March 1986 in Dundee, Scotland. He is currently in his third year studying Business. Educated at Prior Park College, awarded both half and full school colours. Represented Bath U18 and Scottish Universities U20. Enjoys a good book and long walks along the beach. Everyone is expecting the Godfather's favourite quotes 'Let's get serious', 'Kitty Lash' and 'Lager Tops' to be heard a lot in Japan.

**POSITION:**  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"85  
**WEIGHT:**  
94KG



HENRY WHITE

Henry Thomas Kingsley White was born in Manchester, England on 8th December 1988. He is currently in his first year studying Geography. Educated at Manchester Grammar School, he has previously represented Cheshire, Altrincham Kersal RFC and Sale RFC. He has been on tour to Dublin and Australia with school. 'Lash Management' will be keeping a close eye on Plug, the club's new social secretary, with expectations high.

**POSITION:**  
BACK ROW  
**HEIGHT:**  
1"85  
**WEIGHT:**  
83KG

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## History of EURFC

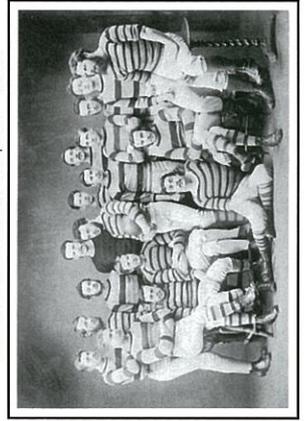
The first mention of Edinburgh University Rugby Club is contained in a report in the "Edinburgh Evening Courant" newspaper in 19th January 1858. The report describes a remarkable game between Edinburgh Academicals club and Edinburgh University which was contested over four consecutive Saturdays, beginning in December 1857 and finishing on January 10th 1858! The basis of the game was that it would be won by "the best of seven goals", that is the first team to score four goals was the winner. At this time a try scored no points, it only enabled the kicker of the team to "try" to kick a goal. After the first Saturday in December 1857, the University were winning one goal to nil; on the next two Saturdays there was no score at all! Then finally on January 16th 1858, after "the numbers on each side were increased to 30", the Academicals scored four goals in one afternoon to win the game.

In 1873 the Scottish Rugby Union was formed – the founding members being Edinburgh University, Edinburgh Academicals, Glasgow Academicals, West of Scotland, Royal High School, and Merchiston Castle School.

In its early history Edinburgh University was often the winner of the unofficial Scottish club championship, was one of the most powerful clubs in the country and contributed many players to the Scotland teams of this time - in 1901 for example no less than eight EURFC players were selected in the Scotland team to play Wales.

There is no doubt that Edinburgh University's most famous rugby player was Eric Liddell, who in addition to winning seven caps for Scotland as a winger in 1921-22, went on, whilst still a student at the university, to win the gold medal for the 400 metres in the 1924 Olympic Games

The first known EURFC team photo - 1872-3



in Paris. Liddell, who was immortalised in the Oscar winning film "Chariots of Fire", famously refused to compete in his original specialist event, the 100 metres, for religious reasons as the heats were held on a Sunday. He was reselected for the 400 metres, which he spectacularly and unexpectedly won in world record time, and in addition won a bronze medal in the 200 metres.

The leading position occupied by Edinburgh University within Scottish rugby continued through to the 1960's, with the university still competing up to this time in the unofficial Scottish club championship. The advent of full official league rugby in Scotland in the early 1970's was a damaging development for the university, however. In Scotland loyalty to a club, often the former pupils (OB) side of a school is very strong. Up to the advent of official leagues, a university student could play for the university in term time and still play club rugby in the vacations. Now players were forced to choose and a notable feature of EURFC's recent history has been the number of famous Scottish players who have been Edinburgh University students but have not played their rugby for the university.

Two examples of this are Andy Irvine, the famous Scotland and 1974 and 1977 British Lions fullback, who despite being an Edinburgh University student played all his club rugby for Heriots School Former Pupils, and more recently Simon Taylor, the current Scotland number flanker and No 8, selected for the last two British Lions tours in 2001 and 2005, who obtained a law degree from Edinburgh University, but who has played his professional club rugby for the Edinburgh Gunners, and currently Stade Francais in Paris.

Nevertheless, despite this, in all 55 players have been capped by Scotland whilst being current student members of Edinburgh University RFC, 12 for Ireland and 5 for England. Of other universities in the UK and Ireland, only Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin can compete with these figures in this respect.

The current structure of the game in Scotland is that below the national teams, there are two professional clubs, Edinburgh and Glasgow, which compete in the Magners Celtic League and in the Heineken European Cup. Below that are national club leagues. Edinburgh University currently competes in the fourth ranked division in the national leagues playing open age group clubs, semi-professional and amateur, on Saturdays. On Wednesdays during academic term time EURFC competes in both the Scottish university championships, which it has won in 8 of the last 10 years, most recently in 2007, and in the recently established British university (BUSA) championships, in which its best result to date has been to reach the last four, which was achieved four years ago.

In recent years EURFC have toured the South East Asia, the United States, Canada and last year Argentina and Chile. This tour however marks the first visit to Japan of a rugby club formed before 10 years before the Meiji era and this seems a fitting and exciting way to celebrate the club's 150th anniversary.



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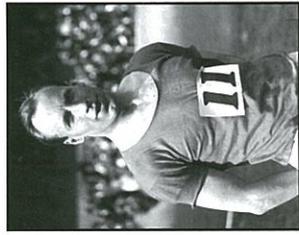
「エディンバラ大学ラグビー部」として最初の記録があるのは、1858年1月19日付の『エディンバラ・アカデミカルズとエディンバラ大学との間に行われた試合についての記事』です。

1857年12月初旬の土曜から1858年1月16日の土曜まで4週に渡って試合が行われ、最初に4つのゴールを決めたチームが勝者というルールで行われました。この時代、トラライのものにポイントを与えられ、ゴールキックを試みる(トライをする)権利を得るだけでした。1857年12月の最初の土曜日、エディンバラ大学は1-0でリードし、その後2週連続は両チームとも得点なし。そして年も変わった1858年1月16日、両チームの人数をそれぞれ30人とすることでようやく試合は動き出し、アカデミカルズが一気に4ゴールを奪ってこの長い試合に決着をつけたのでした。

1873年、スコットランドラグビー協会が設立されました。創設メンバーは、エディンバラ大学、エディンバラ・アカデミカルズ、グラスゴウ・アカデミカルズ、ウェスト・オブ・スコットランド、ロイヤルハイスクール、マキーストン・キャッスル・スクールです。協会設立当初、エディンバラ大学 (EURFC) は、非公式のスコットランドクラブ選手権の常勝クラブで、イギリス国内においても最強クラブのひとつでした。この時期、スコットランド代表チームに選出される選手が数多かったのも自然のことです。例えば、1901年には、ウェールズとの対戦のために、スコットランドチームにおいてEURFCの選手が8人も選出されています。

エディンバラ大学で最も有名な選手といえば、エリック・リデルでしょう。リデルはエディンバラ大学在学時の1921年から1922年にかけてスコットランド代表WTBとして活躍し、7キャップを獲得。また、1924年にパリで開催されたオリンピックにおいて400メートル短距離で金メダルを獲得した時も、彼はまだ学生でした。リデルを世界的に有名にしたのは、彼を主人公にしたオスカー受賞作品『炎のランナー』です。この映画は、実際のオリンピックで、100メートル競走の予選が日曜日に当たるため、リデルが宗教的理由により出場を拒否するという有名な実話に基づいています。彼は、400メートルの選手として出場し、予選にも世界記録を打ち立て見事に優勝しました。リデルは200メートルでも、銅メダルを獲得しました。

スコットランドラグビーにおいてエディンバラ大学によるトップ独占は、1960年代まで続き、今もまたアマチュアのアスコット



1924年、パリ・オリンピックエリック・リデル

しかし公式リーグの結成後は、選手は大学でプレーするかクラブでプレーするかを選択しなければならなくなりました。近年も代表に選出されるエディンバラ大学出身者は多いのですが、実際にEURFCのメンバーとしてプレーした選手は少なくまりました。例を挙げますと、一人はアンディ・アーハイムというスコットランドでは有名な選手で、1974年と1977年には、全英プリティッシュ・ライオンズのFBを務めました。彼はエディンバラ大学の出身ですが、在学中はハリオット・スクールのOBクラブでプレーしていました。最近では、サイモン・テイラーという現役スコットランド代表FL兼No 8が挙げられます。彼は、2001年から2005年のプリティッシュ・ライオンズのメンバーにも入りましたが、エディンバラ大学では法律の学位を取っています。在学中はプロラグビー・クラブのエディンバラ・カンナースでプレーし、現在はパリのスタッド・フランセで活躍しています。

しかしながら、そのような近年の事情にも関わらず、EURFCの現役選手であった期間に各国の代表キャップを獲得した選手数は数多くいます。スコットランド代表に55人、アイルランド代表12人、イングランド代表5人を輩出しています。この点においてエディンバラ大学と競うことがのできる英国及びアイルランドの大学は、オックスフォード大学、ケンブリッジ大学、ダリントン大学のみです。

現在のスコットランドにおけるラグビー界には、代表の下にエディンバラとグラスゴウという二つのプロクラブが存在している。その下には、冬レベルのナショナルリーグが存在し、EURFCは現在4部に所属し、年齢制限のないセミアプロ、アマチュアのクラブと土曜日に試合をしています。そして学期中の水曜日は、最近10年間で8回EURFCが優勝しているスコットランド大学選手権 (BUSA) の試合を行います。この選手権においては、4年前にベスト4になったのが今までの最高の戦績となっています。

近年、EURFCは東南アジア、アメリカ、カナダに遠征しており、昨年はアルゼンチンとタリに遠征しました。今回は、明治時代が始まる10年前に設立されたラグビークラブに代わって初めて日本遠征であり、まさにクラブ創立150周年を祝うのにふさわしい遠征になると考えています。



SCOTLAND: WALES; played at Inverleith Park, 9th February 1901

Back Row: 19th to right: D. R. Bledisloe (Edinburgh University), J. Ross (London Scottish), J. A. Bell (Glasgow), A. B. Platt (Edinburgh University), R. S. Stronach (Glasgow Academicals), A. W. Duncan (Edinburgh University), A. B. Thomas (Edinburgh University), A. N. Felt (Edinburgh University).  
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