



SELKIRK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Fixture: 2nd XV	Selkirk vs Stewart's Melville (Home) 3rd September
Result:	Selkirk 31 - Stewart's Melville 31

Selkirk 'A' opened their National One Reserve league campaign with a home draw with 14 man Stewart's/Melville on Saturday 31-31.

A lost line out by the home team in the first minute of play led to a quick fire try for the away team who traveled down to Philiphaugh with only 14 men to take the lead 0-7.

Again an error by the Souters led to the visitors attacking from the own half to convert another try to extend their lead to 0-14.

Selkirk were creating chances of their own and after some neat play by the backs, hard working second row Jack McDonald romped in for a try between the sticks, converted by Cameron Easson to claw back the score to 7-14.

The home pack seemed to take control in open play, charging into the stretched back line off the travelling team, and eventually the space was created for Nathaniel Armstrong to beat his opposite man to draw the game level with Easson adding the extras.

A further try by Stew/Mel pulled the visitors in front, however a yellow card reduced the men in gold and red to 13 men. The Souters opted to take the 3 points from the resulting penalty to end the first half trailing 17-21

It was once again Stewart's/Melville who started well from the kick off scoring first to extend their lead to 17-26.

The introduction of Ex captain Frazer Harkness brought a sharper edge to the back line, and further tries from Armstrong and stand off Easson, who converted both, gave the home side the lead for the first time 31-26.

With time running out it was the visitors who had the last word, scoring out wide with the conversion to win the game. With the ball pulled wide, a draw was a fair result for two hard working sides who created 9 tries for the appreciative crowd.

Special mention must go to Sam Clark who came off the bench and excelled in all areas, with Frazer Easson continuing to impress the coaches with some abrasive running with ball in hand. Also to scrum half Liam Davidson who again looked dangerous throughout and to man of the match Fraser Wheelans who tackled himself to a standstill after a long lay off from injury.