

Stewart's Melville 2nd XV v Selkirk 2nd XV 12.11.22

Selkirk 'A' travelled up the road to Inverleith looking for another win on the road but just fell short, losing to Stewart's Melville 2nds 17-14. An early opportunity came for Callum Anderson, on his return to rugby after a long lay off with a groin injury, to kick a penalty, but the ball drifted just left of the upright. It was however the hosts who scored first with a converted try in the 17th minute to take the lead 7-0. A further try by Derry McConnel, son of Ex Selkirk Club Captain Keith then extended their lead to 12-0. Another missed penalty goal eluded the away team, but undaunted the Philiphaugh men started to lift their game, with Declan Broatch and Callum Turnbull bulldozing up the middle of the park on numerous occasions to create space outside but some tremendous tacking by the home team kept the Souters out, leaving the half time score 12-0. However the try line was eventually breached at the start of the second half with the home team down to 14 men after a yellow card, when Frazer Easson emerged from a pile of bodies to score just right of the posts, converted by his brother Cameron to trail 12-7. Indiscipline from Selkirk resulted in a reversed penalty decision and from a scrum 5 metres out, the Inverleith men scored once more to extend their lead to 17-7. With time running out Selkirk continued to create opportunities to score and it was Anderson who took the ball at pace to score on his return to rugby, with Easson converting to make the score 17-14. The Souters had a chance to level the scores with a penalty, but Cameron Easson just pushed the kick wide much to frustration of the large travelling support. The final whistle signalled the end of a pulsating game that could have went either way. Cameron Easson continues to impress each week, while Captain Liam Cassidy led by example throughout. The return to rugby for Callum Anderson was a welcome sight, while Nathaniel Armstrong caused problems for the hosts' with his speed down the wing.



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