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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Stoneyhill for our second home game of 2026 against Gordonians. The match between the two teams back in October was a thrilling high scoring affair with Musselburgh narrowly coming out on top. Despite their league position, Gordonians are an excellent side and ran Boroughmuir close last week. Our players and coaches will not underestimate the challenge that they will bring to Stoneyhill this week. Anyone who thinks there are easy games in this league hasn't been watching! A special thanks to Musselburgh Crusaders Riding Club for sponsoring today's match, we hope you have a great day,

Danny Owenson will win his 250th cap for the club today; this is a terrific achievement underlining his massive contribution to the club over many years. Danny came through the MRFC youth system, winning the U16 youth cup. He played his first game for the senior club in 2011, with a try scoring debut in a cup match against Kelso. He had a season at Gala as he pursued a Scotland U20 spot, before returning to his home club in 2013. Danny won his 200th cap in 2023 against Edinburgh Accies and passes another milestone today. Congratulations to him and his family; we all look forward to celebrating with them today.

Last week's game against Stirling County was a close and hard-fought contest, with Musselburgh running the league leaders close and collecting two league points in the process. It's never good to lose, but I have to say I was extremely proud of the effort from all players and coaches involved. Comments from the travelling committee and the match officials were similarly positive.

Unfortunately, our 2nd XV did not play last week as Ayr could not raise a 2A XV, which is very frustrating. Today, we welcome GHK which should be an exciting and challenging game with both clubs near the top of the league. With two teams at home, expect a busy clubhouse today.

Delightful news from our Women's rugby team last weekend who won the Aspiring Rugby Festival at Peebles. The team has progressed so far this year and it has been a real pleasure to watch them develop both in terms of playing numbers and ability. Huge congratulations to the players, helpers and coaching team. After a few friendly matches in the weeks ahead, our women's team will play in the National Bowl competition with matches scheduled against Gala (22/3), Aberfeldy (5/4), Banff (12/4) and Falkirk (19/4).

Please note that our re-arranged match against Glasgow Accies has been scheduled for 7 February, where the KO has been agreed for 11am to allow the game to be played ahead of the Scotland v Italy 6 Nations match that day. I'm also delighted to say that in addition to our usual tournaments, we have been invited to both Melrose 7s (23 May) and the Edinburgh 7s (30 May at Raeburn Place).

Some dates for your diary. We are hosting a Superbowl party on Sunday 8 February, with food and live music on offer ahead of the game which will be shown on the big screen; tickets are priced at £30. Our highly popular 6-nations brunch is scheduled for Sunday 15 February 2026, with Raymond Mearns and Willie Young confirmed as speakers; (the last few) tickets are priced at £30. Our annual club dinner will take place on Saturday 18 April 2026 and our annual 7s tournaments will take place on 2 May (Men) and 16 May (Women).

I hope it's an exciting and injury free game today. Please respect the players, coaches and officials today who are all doing their best and, moreover, are our guests here today.

Have a great day and enjoy the warm hospitality on offer.

Blair Stewart, MRFC President

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