

Breadalbane Cup launch for 'Sonians v Melrose rugby

Watsonians and Melrose will be contesting a new trophy on Saturday, 14 December, when they meet at Myreside (kick off 3pm) in the Arnold Clark men's rugby premiership.

As well as league points at stake will be the honour of claiming the first-ever Breadalbane Cup which will also secure £500 for the winning club's charity, donated by Breadalbane Finance.

Breadalbane Finance, a trusted commercial finance broker and proud sponsor of both Watsonians and Melrose, has introduced the trophy to mark the teams' second clash of the 2024-25 Premiership season.

When the teams met earlier this season Watsonians ran out 31-5 winners in the Borders.

If victorious again Watsonians will continue fundraising efforts for the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity, while Melrose Rugby aims to support the My Name's Doddie Foundation in memory of rugby legend Doddie Weir who died of Motor Neurone Disease in November 2022.



Pictured at the launch of the Breadalbane Cyp are, left to right, Alastair Hamilton (Watsonians), Jamie Lindsay (Breadalbane Finance) and Doug Crawford (Melrose).

Jamie Lindsay, Managing Director at Breadalbane Finance,

said: “We’re very excited and proud to launch the Breadalbane Cup, between two clubs we are very proud to support and be involved with. The two clubs embody our values and vision, as we look to support and grow the game across the country.

We are honoured to be able to offer a charitable donation to the winning side. Along with the chance for the teams to get their hands on some silverware and lift the Breadalbane cup.”

For Watsonians the Breadalbane Cup represents an opportunity to further their 2024 mission to raise £10,000 for the Edinburgh Children’s Hospital Charity. The club has been organising events throughout the year and is closing in on its ambitious target. The upcoming match provides another platform to rally support while playing for a cause that is important to the Watsonian community.

Alistair Hamilton, General Manager of Watsonians, added: “We couldn’t be more excited to launch the Breadalbane Cup here at Myreside. Not only does it give the two clubs something tangible to fight for twice a season, but the added charitable donation certainly adds a new dimension to the matches.”

Doug Crawford, General Manager, Melrose Rugby, said: “Melrose Rugby are very grateful to have Breadalbane’s backing across the whole club and especially as the principal partner of our new Rugby Academy.

“Breadalbane’s commitment to growing club rugby in Scotland goes above and beyond, so it’s great to be able to celebrate their support with this new trophy.”