Several years ago, I set myself a goal to try and capture the Spirit of Rugby at Stirling County Rugby Club. Over the last few months, I have worked my way through more than 10,000 photos spanning over 15 years at the club in order to select 100 photos which celebrate the fantastic people at Stirling County.

Capturing Memories





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All these photos are moments captured in time in the rugby journey of so many players. It has been a privilege to run along the touchline and capture the action, laughter and great achievements through immense teamwork.

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Now that I have compiled some of my favourite photos against the 3 Themes, I would really appreciate your input to tell the stories behind the pictures.

If you have a particular photo that is special to you please drop me an email with a few lines that

- Explains the story behind what is captured in the photo
- Explain what that photo means to you
- And if you want, you can also let me know what being involved in rugby and / or Stirling County has meant to you
- This way the project can be then held as a unique archive, of a distinct period in time, setting out what being involved in the rugby family has meant for so many different people

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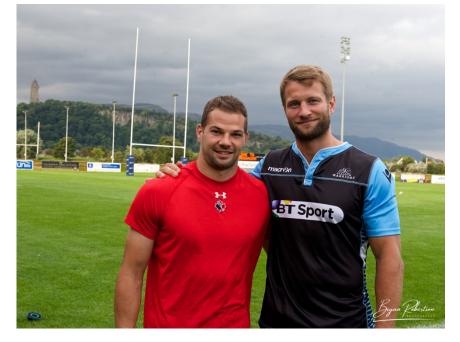
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Legends & People of County – the Journey

There have been many great players that have worn the red, white and black of Stirling County. Some have worked their way through the different age groups to move into senior rugby and wear the blue of Scotland and in one case the red of Canada, also for Cyprus and Poland.

From the stalwarts of the championship winning team team of the 90s (Kevin McKenzie, Ian Jardine and Kenny Logan) to more recently Adam Ashe, Jamie Bhatti, Grant Gilchrist, Nick Griggs and Allister Hogg. There are several more that have played for Stirling County and Scotland that I don't have photographs of. There are also more players who have played with Glasgow and/or Edinburgh such as Matt Smith photographed here with Adam Ashe.





Gordon McRorie won 43 caps for Canada and Fraser Lyle has played for Glasgow Warriors and London Scottish as well as being capped several times for the Scotland 7s team









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Legends & People of County – the Journey to wearing the blue of Scotland

The club have also seen hard work and endeavor pay off from the women's section with Megan Kennedy and Siobhan Cattigan earning their role in Scotland colours. These two ladies have had to work through serious injuries and have been great role models for the club. Equally, they have recently been joined by our team captain – Rachel Shankland. Also coming up through the girls' teams to rightly earn their place in recent Scotland squads has been Evie Gallagher and Evie Willis.









The development programmes have also given many players the opportunity to play at district level for the Caledonia Reds and also for Bryce Robertson & Billy Dineen who represented Scotland Universities in a game v's Ireland University in 2018

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Legends & People of County – the Journey

The pathway to earning a Scotland jersey must be a challenging and ultimately rewarding one. Over the 15 years at County, I have watched just a few who have made it all the way. One to call out, who's journey is not finished yet, is Logan Trotter. The first day I took Bryce down to have a go at rugby at Stirling County I wondered when I went across to the pitch if anyone at that age of 7 could stand out. Well in that first training session Logan stood out for me. I have watched him go all the way through the club, playing with the senior team aged 18 and now in the Super6 team. He has played for Scotland at Under 20 level - here's hoping he can go all the way to the senior Scotland squad.



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Legends & People of County – Touring Sides

There have been several memorable Friday night games against touring sides when the comradery, banter and beer are all flowing. These photos were of a game against a couple of French touring team. Also a great team from Wales.















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Rugby 7s

Rugby 7s at County back in 2007



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Legends & People of County – Having fun in the summer playing touch

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Legends & People of County – Club Day

All of these friendships come together for that end of season club day.



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The Sponsors

Like all rugby clubs our teams would not be able to develop or function without sponsorship from local businesses. Over the last few years United Auctions have been a major support of the club. As have Kilgannon Motors, especially in their support of the youth academy. I look forward to seeing what the next sponsorship will bring from the likes of Wolfcraig as they develop their exciting new business in Stirling.







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The Journey

I am thinking about doing another project with a set of photographs in black and white....







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