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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.

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I have tried to get along and support the different teams at County across all the different age groups. These are just some of the Team Photos. Again it will be interesting to hear as the players look back over time at these photos and remember the players they have won and lost along side – many great memories I am sure

And of course we have also hosted different teams on a number of occasions.

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Capturing Great Memories

I have taken many team photos over the years and I often wonder about the moment the players will look back on them and remember the friendships and memories they have created together. Whilst setting up the team photos there seems to have become a tradition that one person has to be late for the photo – capturing that moment can also be special.



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Equally in the team photos, capturing the laughter and banter whilst they are getting ready for the photo is also memorable and more natural.



I wonder what Matt was thinking about when this photo was taken?



Capturing Great Memories – Support & Teamwork

Another element that I aim to capture, is teamwork and the support of each other in the team, both when times are hard and when times are good. It has often been interesting for me standing taking photos behind the goal posts and after a try has been scored to sense the dynamics of the team that the try has just been scored against. Often from that you can sense if that team are going to work for each other and come back to win or if they are arguing against each other – that is rarely a sign that they will recover their position. Clearly, winning at rugby is a team game, all about the skills and the training that has been put in to develop techniques and systems but as in life so much is ultimately about mindset and attitude to support your teammates and to win for each other and together. And when you do – the feeling must be amazing.



Capturing the moment the penalty kick went over at the end of the game down at Melrose to secure the win – what it means to the coaching staff and players. Now that is a special moment to capture.



The Teams – Under 18s

Watching Bryce coming through the different age groups was a great experience. Supporting him and his team mates all over Scotland has been a laugh. This all seemed to come together in the Under 18 team – a great bunch of guys that achieved so much in their seasons (League, Youth Cup and Caledonia Cup winners). Great testament to the coaching team - Matt, Chris & Brian.



The Teams – The Wolves

I have tried to get to many of the different games as possible for the different age groups and different teams. They all have their very own spirit, but all are joined together with the One Club spirit at Stirling County



The Teams – The 3rds

It is rewarding that the players appreciate the time taken to capture the photos of the games, but to also feel part of the family at the club and enjoy the team banter is tremendous. None more so than watching the Thirds over a couple of years. The sense of fun, laughter and hard edge in the games these guys had, was a joy to witness. They certainly live by the rule of 'play hard, party harder'. It was a team with a great range of experience, some from previous 1st XV teams at County, U18s coming through and local students from Stirling University. The blend just worked.



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The Teams - Women

Similarly, the spirit in the Women's Team has been a superb to appreciate. The players put their hearts and souls into their games, and it has been a pleasure to have supported them on many occasions.



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The Teams - History

In the earlier years, most weekends were spent watching Bryce and his team play. But every now and then my camera was brought out for a few senior games. This is the 1st XV winning and being crowned the 2nd Division champions. Can you spot our current club captain Jonny Hope and Wolves Coach Craig Deacons?



The Teams – 1st XV

Before the evolution to the Super6 in 2019, the focus of many of my Saturday afternoons was to capture the action and moments of the 1st XV as they travelled all around the country in rain and sun – though mostly the rain!



The Teams – 1st XV

And a few of the many action shots from the 1st XV



The Teams – Super6

In 2019 a new era started in Scottish Rugby with the development of the Super6 Team.



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A great setting for rugby – Glasgow v Canada

It has also been good to see various other teams hosted at Bridgehaugh over the years.



Glasgow Warriors v's Canada



A great setting for rugby– Caledonia Reds v the South

Even better when so many of the County players pulled on the district shirts – especially that one that played for the winning South team!



Caledonia Reds v South



A great setting for rugby– League Cup Play Off Finals

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This was Aberdeen Grammar securing a close fought win over Highland to secure the league in 2019





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