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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.

I have focused the project around 3 Key Themes :

- 1. The Spirit of Stirling County*
- 2. Murrayfield Memories*
- 3. Legends & People of Stirling County*



2. Murrayfield Memories

I have been lucky enough to get permission from the SRU to go pitch side at Murrayfield to capture the great memories as the U16 & U18 teams have taken to the field in the Youth Cup Finals. Watching the teams run out that tunnel with the Scotland flag alongside them and to then take on the challenge of the game with their friends has been pretty special for me – imagine what it is like for the players!

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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.

For Murrayfield Memories, I still have more photos I am going to add in here, however 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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Murrayfield Memories

I have been at Murrayfield several times to watch the girls and the boys Under 16 and Under 18 teams run out the tunnel onto that pitch to play in their respective Scottish Youth Cup Finals. Choosing just a few photos from those special days proved difficult. There are the moments when the teams lift the cup and join the legacy of the youth section at the club as well as the moments at the end where the players can celebrate their achievements with their family and friends and of course a couple of action photos of the players on the pitch. That must be a memory of a lifetime playing on that hallowed turf.



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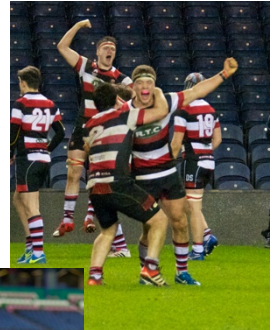


Murrayfield Memories

My first trip to Murrayfield to watch the Stirling County Under 18s lift the trophy was back in 2011. What a team of players that turned out to be. Three went on to play for Scotland, one for the British Lions and another four play in the Stirling County & Heriots Super6 teams.



A young Finn Russell kicks a penalty – wonder if this was his first experience of playing at Murrayfield?



Watching my own son, Bryce, enjoy his time at County from the age of 7 right through to leading the Under 16s on to the pitch at Murrayfield and a couple of years later being part of the winning Under 18s team are certainly memories I will cherish for the rest of my life. Getting permission from the SRU to work along the touchline at Murrayfield to take the photos of these games has been a very special experience for me personally.





Dare to Dream

It can be interesting looking back over the photographs and suddenly realise you have captured a player a much earlier part in their career, that has gone all the way to the top. On a previous page in the Murrayfield Memories, there was a young Finn Russell. Below is Ali Pryce who has had a great tour with the British Lions. Alongside him in this photo is a young Archie Russell who is now back in the Stirling County Super6 team. So, you never know what you could achieve, or indeed what your team mates might achieve in the future – the important thing is to dream big. Two of the other GHA players in this photo also played with County (PJ and Alan Auld). And in the celebrating Scotland team photo there is Ali, Finn and Grant Gilchrist

