



To get your Boroughmuir rugby fix, we have been asking some past players, legends of the club and even current players to make up their own Muir Dream Team.

First up we have Mr Boroughmuir himself, Harry Pincott. Rumours that he was a founding member in 1919 may be a bit unkind, but his connection goes back at least six decades, as a player and administrator and he holds the unique distinction of having twice been elected President. His best day in office was probably the Scottish Cup Final in 2000. As a sports journalist with The Scotsman, Harry was never shy of giving us his opinions, a habit that he has, thankfully, continued at Meggetland since he retired and it is only fitting that he should be the first to put his Boroughmuir "Dream Team" out there.

When selecting his team, Harry was sorry to have to leave out great players like George Johnston, Jim Saunders, Gordon Irving, Graham Hogg, Angus Martyn, Graeme Beveridge, Kenny Wilson (who played prop, lock and back row for 1st XV), Alan Irvine, Ben Fisher, Chris and Callum Cusiter. He also said he could go on as Boroughmuir have had a succession of class performers, and he even left himself out!



1. Bill Murchison
2. Johnny Matthews
3. Norrie Rowan
4. Jim Gormley
5. George Watson
6. Stuart Reid (c)
7. Bill Watson
8. Ken Ross

9. Mike Blair
10. Calvin Howarth
11. Derek Stark
12. Sean Lineen
13. Arthur Leith
14. Ian Welsh
15. Bruce Hay

**Coach – Fraser Henderson**

## Harry Pincott's Boroughmuir Dream Team





Our second Boroughmuir Dream Team is selected by Grant Wilson. Grant played at Boroughmuir for 11 years from 1985 until his retirement in 1996. Grant also has a son Arran Wilson who currently plays for our 1st XV, albeit at backrow rather than following in his dad's footsteps in the front row.

Grant had this to say about his dream team: "I believe that for a rugby team to be successful it needs two things - a pack that can supply lots of ball and backs that have the skill set to use the ball to beat their opponents. This pack would certainly win lots of ball - it would be sound on its own put in and would be destructive and aggressive enough to win a good share of their opponents ball. The backs offer threats at half back, who would control the game and across the midfield are strike threats all round. At the back is the wise old head who lets nothing pass. I'd love to have seen this team play together and think it would take a lot to beat them."

1. Dave Cockburn
2. Barrie Brown
3. Norrie Rowan
4. Darren George
5. Brian Richardson
6. Graham Drummond
7. Angus Martyn
8. Stuart Reid (c)

9. Mike Blair
10. Ally Black
11. Rory Couper
12. Sean Lineen
13. Malcolm Clapperton
14. Mike De Busk
15. Bruce Hay

Coach – Eamon John & Jim Aitken

**Grant Wilson's  
Boroughmuir Dream Team**





This weeks Boroughmuir Dream Team comes from Pete Blackhall. Rarely does someone give so much to a rugby club without ever having played for them. Pete coached his son Graeme's team throughout the youth section, ran the club shop (with help from wife Linda and daughter Jane) and has held two appointments on the Board over 8 years. Most prominently, he has been a part of the 1st XV management team for 20 years! He has seen it all! No player comes to Boroughmuir without being known by Pete.

Pete had this to say about his dream team, "Think Johnny Matthews would have fitted in nicely between the two power houses. Stuart Reid has to be the first man on the teamsheet, he always gave is all on the pitch and stood no nonsense from anyone. Johnny / Calvin / Starky - are just try machines for different reasons."

1. Grant Wilson
2. Johnny Matthews
3. Peter Wright
4. Mark Sorenson
5. Ali Davidson
6. Alasdair Strokosch
7. Angus Martyn
8. Stuart Reid

9. Mike Blair
10. Calvin Howarth
11. Charlie Keenan
12. Lindsay Graham
13. Malcolm Clapperton (c)
14. Derek Stark
15. Nick Mardon

**Coach – Eamon John**

## Pete Blackhall's Boroughmuir Dream Team



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This weeks Boroughmuir Dream Team comes from Gordon Laidlaw. Gordon has been a Boroughmuir legend longer than most people will remember. From player to Chief Reprobate. From bar manager in the old clubhouse to Bears (3rd XV) Championship winning coach. The incredibly intimidating pre-match speeches will not be forgotten quickly. You know you've made it if Goggsy comes up to for a wee chat after a game. He is a true all-round Boroughmuir great.

Gordon had this to say about the selection of his team: "I have come up with a team I personally would of liked to have played in, probably not all of the best players who have played at Meggetland but they are 100 percenters and all got over the gain line. Its only the players I've played with and watched over the last 45 years and 6 months. Ben Fisher would be my captain, not because he is my son in law but because he is the most successful captain in Boroughmuirs history of 15s. Arthur Ross would be my coach because he is a coaching legend, he coached all the teams. The two players I would like to mention for a special praise are John Sheddon, a great hooker and should have played for Scotland but he never played for a border club. The other is Graham Drummond, he terrorised stand offs (ask Craig Chalmers), he was a hard straight running wing forward, another player if he played for the right club would have played for Scotland. I would like to make a mention to Mike Baillie, a great clubman, player, committee man, my stalwart with the 3rd XV and a great friend. The last thing I would like to say, in all my days at Boroughmuir the best player lb to lb, Peter Knight, say no more."



1. Norman Rowan
  2. John Sheddon
  3. Peter Wright
  4. George Watson
  5. Ali Davidson
  6. Henry Edwards
  7. Graham Drummond
  8. Ben Fisher (c)
  9. Mike Baillie
  10. Calvin Howarth
  11. Derek McLaughlin
  12. Brian Halliday
  13. Lindsay Graham
  14. Derek Stark
  15. Bruce Hay
- Coach – Arthur Ross

## Gordan Laidlaw's Boroughmuir Dream Team





Another week, another Boroughmuir Dream Team, this week it's Mike Baillies turn. A real club favourite and absolute gent, Mike joined the club in 1967 after leaving school, the same time as Bill Watson! He played continually until he was about 35, from 1st xv to the 6ths. Then the U18s for a few years, in the days of Kevin Robertson and Ally McLean. Mike then had a long stint helping with the 2nds and 3rds along with some boroughmuir greats, Arthur Ross, Gordon Laidlaw, CT, Nick Mardon then the dream team (Stevie Douglas and Jud). The 3rds then became the Meggetland Bears, which he is delighted that the name is living on with the Super 6 squad. This all coincided with his Fixture Secretary duties which he took on in season 1992/93. So Mike will be starting his 29th year this coming season. A true Boroughmuir great.

Mike had this to say about his team "although I could easily have picked another equally talented team. I was hoping to pick players who I had actually played with but there are a few players I just couldn't leave out (Mike Blair, Sean Lineen etc.) Bill Noble was a prop ahead of his time, a very skilful ball player who just loved to have the ball in his hands. John Shedden, in the days when hookers had to hook Johnny was one of the quickest strikers in the game. Brian Halliday, 'Hal' was a class act on and off the pitch. He deserved further honours but was unlucky to play at the same time as a number of good centres, Jim Renwick for one. Amazing how many talented players have graced the Meggetland turf."

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1. Bill Noble
  2. John Shedden
  3. Norrie Rowan
  4. George Watson
  5. Archie Wilson (c)
  6. Norrie Morrison
  7. Graham Drummond
  8. Bill Watson
  9. Mike Blair
  10. Harry Pincott
  11. Murray Fiskien
  12. Sean Lineen
  13. Brian Halliday
  14. Jimmy Dunney
  15. Bruce Hay
- Coach – Arthur Ross

## Mike Baillie's Boroughmuir Dream Team

