



SCOTLAND

v FRANCE

Sunday 3 February 2008

Murrayfield

Referee: Paul Honiss (NZ)

Touch judges: Bryce Lawrence (NZ), Taizo Hirabayashi (Japan)

TMO: Rob Debney (England)

Assessor: Michel Lamoulie (France)

Last match, RWC2007 quarter final

07.10.07

v Argentina Stade de France Lost 13-19

15-R Lamont 14-S Lamont 13-Webster 12-Dewey 11-Paterson 10-Parks 9-Blair 8-Taylor 7-Hogg 6-White © 5-Hamilton 4-Hines 3-E Murray 2-Ford 1-Kerr

Subs used: Henderson, C Smith, Cusiter, Brown, MacLeod, Lawson, Southwell

T: Cusiter C: Paterson PG: Parks, Paterson

TEAM v France

Nick de Luca will win his first cap in the centre, whilst kicker Chris Paterson will be on the bench for Scotland's opening Six Nations match. In the back-row flanker John Barclay wins his second cap and Allister Hogg fails to make the 22. The side contains nine players who started the RWC quarter final v Argentina.

Injuries rule out Simon Taylor (broken thumb), Sean Lamont (knee ligaments) and Rob Dewey from selection

15 Rory Lamont (Sale Sharks, England)

- **10.10.02** 6-2 15-10
- **15th cap – 5T = 25pts**
- **Debut: 2005 v Wales**
- 2nd test v France – no pts
- 4 games at full back at RWC2007 – 2T each v Portugal and Romania
- 7th test at full back
- Moved in summer 2007 from Glasgow Warriors to join Jason White at Sale
- Try on test debut v Wales 2005 (22-46); his first five caps were consecutive. Three more caps in 2007 Six Nations
- Younger brother of Sean Lamont, the current international winger, who is out for the season with knee ligament damage. Were the 19th set of brothers to have played for Scotland, some of the most recent being the Hastings, Leslie, and Bulloch brothers.
- The Lamont brothers were born at Perth. They were the wings in the 2005 Calcutta Cup match.
- Spent 3 seasons at Glasgow, he was at University in Northampton (sports science) and was with the Northampton Saints Academy.

14 **Nikki Walker (Ospreys, Wales)**

- **05.03.82** 6-4 16-3
- **11th cap – 2T = 10pts**
- **Debut: 2002 v Romania**
- 2nd test v France – 1T = 5pts (in 2007)
- Another of the Ospreys internationals – Wales have 13 Ospreys in the starting line-up at Twickenham
- 2 games at RWC2007
- Recalled to the squad v Wales 2007 after impressing for Ospreys in his first season in Wales in 2006-07 after moving from Border Reivers.
- Gained his earlier caps all in the 2002 autumn series v Romania, SA (1T) and Fiji, but had not played for Scotland since 2002
- Played for Scotland at U21 and played for Scotland A through 2003- 2006
- From Hawick High School, Hawick RFC and Borders

13 **Nick de Luca (Edinburgh Rugby)**

- **01.02.84** 6-0 14-9
- **First cap**
- Has impressed in Heineken Cup and Magners league this season for Edinburgh
- Born at Dumfries, Scotland's 1,006th international
- Rejoined Edinburgh in summer 2007 after paying for Border Reivers in 2006-07
- Has played for Scotland at all age levels, and has been in recent A and Sevens squads, and played in the Churchill Cups of 2006 and 2007

12 **Andrew Henderson (Glasgow Warriors)**

- **03.02.80** 6-3 16-1
- **50th cap – 8T = 40pts**
- **Debut: 2001 v Ireland**
- 4th test v France – no pts
- 50th cap – 22nd Scot to reach the milestone
- Lost place v Wales 2007 to Rob Dewey, regained from Marcus di Rollo v France 2007. 3T v Ireland on 11.08.07 in RWC warm-up
- Played last 3 games at RWC2007 after injury
- Romania was only test of 10 that he missed in 2006.
- Played his first 6 tests in 2001 and 2002, after coming through national U21 and Students schemes, and then missed 8 tests through autumn 2002 and 2003 Six Nations.
- Then had a run of 20 caps in 22 Scotland tests until left out after the SA defeat in the final 2004 autumn test. Then had a run of 18 caps in 20 Scotland games before RWC
- Club rugby with Glasgow Hawks

11 **Simon Webster (Edinburgh Rugby)**

- **08.03.81** 6-1 14-0
- **30th cap – 7T = 35pts**
- **Debut: 2003 v Ireland**
- 3rd test v France – no pts
- All 5 games at RWC2007 – 3 in centre, 2 on left wing
- Only one sub game in 2007 Six Nations (v Wales) after leg injury suffered when scoring v Australia in final 2006 autumn test
- Had been recalled to squad for the 2005 Autumn tests, and appeared in all 10 tests of 2006 with tries in both summer tests in SA and in autumn against Australia
- Chosen in 2003 Six Nations squads but withdrew injured. Played for Scotland XV v Barbarians in May 2003, and went on tour to SA in summer 2003, then won first full caps in RWC2003 warm-up tests.
- Joined Edinburgh in summer 2002 from Northampton Saints, where he was in their first team squad for 2 seasons (under Ian McGeechan) and now has contract through to 2009
- Scotland at U19, U21 and A levels, and qualifies through grandparents from Greenock though born at Hartlepool.

10 **Dan Parks (Glasgow Warriors)**

- **26.05.78** 5-11 14-5
- **38th cap – 4T 8C 8PG 3DG = 69pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Wales**
- 5th test v France – no pts
- All 5 games at RWC2007 – 1T 5C v Portugal, and PG v Argentina
- Returned v Ireland after missing Wales and Italy 2007 after being replaced by Phil Godman following the 2007 Calcutta Cup loss
- Only missed Italy 2004, England 2005, SA and Romania 2006, Wales and Italy 2007 in 42 games since debut.
- Scored vital DG in 2006 Calcutta Cup win
- Test tries v Japan in 100-8 win in 2004 at Perth, then Romania and Argentina in 2005.
- Half back who was formerly with several clubs in Sydney (Australia), and joined Glasgow Hawks from Eastern Suburbs in their Premiership.
- NSW at U19, U21 and A level, and played for Leeds in 2001.
- First choice kicker on summer tour 2004 after Paterson injury.
- Glasgow debut in Celtic League v Bridgend in Sept 2003, his grandfather was born in Ayrshire.

9 **Mike Blair (Edinburgh Rugby)**

- **20.04.81** 5-11 13-5
- **44th cap - 4T = 20pts**
- **Debut: 2002 v Canada**
- 4th test v France – no pts
- 4 games at RWC2007 – one of those rested v NZ
- Returned after missing 2007 Six Nations with shoulder injury which spoiled a run of 29 caps in 31 games since RWC2003 (where he played once)
- Had a run of winning 14 successive caps as sub for Cusiter when Cusiter first made the team.
- First two caps on the tour to North America in summer 2002. Try on debut v Canada.
- Has also played for Scotland A and at Sevens
- Attended the Scottish Institute of Sport and played for Edinburgh Academicals after leaving Edinburgh Academy. Now extended Edinburgh contract to 2009

8 David Callam (Edinburgh Rugby)

- **15.02.83** 6-4 16-10
- **11th cap - 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2006 v Romania**
- 1st test v France
- One game v NZ at RWC2007
- Test debut in 2006 autumn series as sub for Jason White (knee injury) v Romania, then 2nd cap for Johnnie Beattie (ankle ligaments) v Pacific Islanders, first start v Australia.
- Six Nations debut in 2007 Calcutta Cup
- 3rd season with Edinburgh, with whom he has renewed his contract in March 2007 for 2yrs after interest from French club Bourgoin, and Newcastle University biomedical science graduate.
- Former Scotland U18, U19 when at Bedford, was 2004 Scotland U21 captain, played for Scotland at Sevens from April 2006 and attends Scottish Institute of Sport
- First test try v Pacific Islanders 2006

7 John Barclay (Glasgow Warriors)

- **24.09.86** 6-3 16-8
- **2nd cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2007 v NZ (RWC)**
- 1st test v France
- The one uncapped player in Scotland's RWC2007 squad before the tournament – he was one of the changes for the NZ game
- Educated at Dollar Academy, where he saw RWC2003, he joined Glasgow as a trainee in 2004
- Was in Scotland's full squad for the 2004 Autumn Series in a dramatic breakthrough after helping Dollar to win the Scottish Schools Cup, and making Glasgow debut
- Played for Scotland at all junior levels
- In 2005 he won a scholarship to play club rugby in NZ, and a member of the Scottish Institute for Sport

6 Jason White (Sale Sharks, England)(captain)

- **17.04.78** 6-5 18-6
- **64th cap - 4T = 20pts**
- **Debut: 2000 v England**
- 7th test v France – no pts
- Captain in 4 RWC2007 games – rested v NZ
- Returned for RWC warm-ups after damaging knee ligaments in the opening 2006 Autumn Series test against Romania and missed seven tests (last two Autumn Series games and all 2007 Six Nations)
- Captain from 2005 autumn tests until his injury – had previously captained Scots at U19, U21 levels and also captained Glasgow on 7 occasions and occasionally at Sale.
- 17 Scotland captaincies
- Took over captaincy from Gordon Bulloch (75 caps), and after Jon Petrie (next captain v Romania 2005) was injured.
- Scotland Player of the Season 2005-06
- Test debut in famous 2000 Calcutta Cup win 19-13 after progressing through the age-levels and U21 side.
- Won 51 caps in back row, has 6 caps at lock (inc sub games) before Italy 2006
- RWC2003 – all 5 games, 3 starts and 2 sub
- Moved to Sale Sharks in summer 2003 from Watsonians and Glasgow Rugby.

5 **Jim Hamilton (Leicester Tigers, England)**

- **17.11.82** **6-8** **19-12**
- **14th cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2006 v Romania**
- 2nd test v France – no pts
- Played the last 4 RWC2007 games
- Six Nations debut in 2007 Calcutta Cup match, and 13 tests in Scotland's last 15 matches
- Scotland's 1000th international when he came on as sub v Romania in autumn 2006
- First team squad at Tigers since the age of 18, and progressed into first XV after retirement of Martin Johnson
- First club was Barker's Butts, the club that produced Neil Back and Leon Lloyd
- England U19 in 2001, and spent a recent summer with Marist in Christchurch, NZ

4 **Nathan Hines (USA Perpignan, France)**

- **29.11.76** **6-7** **18-8**
- **49th cap - 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2000 v France**
- 4th test v France – no pts
- 4 games at RWC2007 – rested v NZ
- Recalled to squad after Scott Murray's 2006 suspension –he had missed 6 tests – and has continued in squad
- 17 caps in the last 20 tests since recall (missed two tests after foot injury in club game, plus NZ)
- Moved from Edinburgh to France in summer 2005 and now has Chris Cusiter as a team mate
- Scots qualified through grandmother from Govan, and a RL player for Sydney Bears and then RU for Manly in Australia. Club rugby with Gala from 1998
- Good performances at RWC2003, 4 games and 3 starts
- First Scot to be sent off in test rugby (v USA in 2002 after scoring try)
- First capped on 2000 NZ tour after joining tour as replacement, then suffered cruciate ligament damage which hindered progress in earlier days

3 **Euan Murray (Northampton Saints, England)**

- **07.08.80** **6-1** **18-12**
- **16th cap - 2T = 10pts**
- **Debut: 2005 v Romania**
- 2nd test v France – 1T = 5pts (in 2007)
- 4 games at RWC2007 – rested v NZ
- Started 14 of the last 15 tests before 2007 Six Nations
- Moved from Glasgow Warriors to Northampton in summer 2007, is a qualified vet
- Six Nations debut in 2007 Calcutta Cup match and might have won Ireland the 2007 Six Nations with a late try v France, only for France to score again seconds later
- Capped against Romania in Bucharest in 2005 as sub, after playing for Scotland XV v Barbarians a fortnight earlier – 2nd cap also against Romania on 11.11.06
- Played for Scotland at U18, U19 and U21 levels, and went to Australia with senior squad in 2004 – returning early after thigh injury
- Originally with Glasgow Southern, joined Glasgow Hawks in 2001, and Glasgow Warriors in 2003. Injury hit 2005-06

2 **Ross Ford (Glasgow Warriors)**

- **23.04.84** 6-1 16-1
- **17th cap – 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Australia**
- 1st test v France
- 4 games at RWC2007, and first test try v Portugal
- Moved from the defunct Border Reivers to Glasgow in summer 2007
- First cap in first game of the 2004 autumn tests (sub) v Australia, then missed 13 tests before 2nd cap v Wales 2006.
- Had more responsibility now that Dougie Hall missed RWC with medial knee ligament damage
- Into squad after continued impressive displays in Magners League
- Former Scotland U16 captain, and also played at U18 and U19 and U21 levels.
- Scotland Sevens squad, Scottish Institute of Sport, and plays for Kelso RFC.
- Border Reivers Player of Year 2006

1 **Allan Jacobsen (Edinburgh Rugby)**

- **22.09.78** 5-10 18-6
- **25th cap – no pts**
- **Debut: 2002 v Canada**
- 3rd test v France – no pts
- Started RWC opener v Portugal, but injured and missed rest of campaign – after 111 successive tests
- Played in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 autumn tests, but missed both the 2005 and 2006 Six Nations through injury before playing all 2007 Six Nations games
- Played both tests on Scotland's 2002 tour to North America for first caps, then 15 months later won 3rd cap in RWC warm-up test v Ireland. At RWC2003 as cover for injured Gavin Kerr but did not play.
- Played for Scotland XV v Barbarians in 2000 and 2001, before winning first cap, and scored try in 2005 fixture. Scotland at U18 and U21 levels in younger days, and originally from the Preston Lodge club.

Substitutes

16 **Fergus Thomson (Glasgow Warriors)**

- **18.10.83** 6-0 16-5
- **4th cap (if he plays) – no pts**
- **Debut: 2007 v Ireland**
- 1st test v France
- One game at RWC2007 – sub v NZ
- Churchill Cup squads in 2006 and 2007, then into full national squad after Dougie Hall's medial ligament injury – capped in both RWC2007 warm up games v Ireland and SA
- Glasgow debut in Heineken Cup in 2003, Magners League debut in 2004, but first Glasgow start in 2006 after 20 sub games
- Played for Scotland at U19 (in 2002), U21 (in 2003) and A levels



17 **Gavin Kerr (Edinburgh Rugby)**

- **03.04.77** **6-2** **17-9**
- **48th cap (if he plays) – 1T = 5pts**
- **Debut: 2003 v Ireland**
- 6th test v France – no pts
- All 5 games at RWC2007, 3 starts, 2 sub
- Has started 28 of his last 31 tests (out of the last 32 Scotland tests) on both sides of scrum
- Sub in all Six Nations tests 2004 (neck injury), but started all Six Nations tests 2005 and 2006 and 2007.
- Taken over fully in Scotland XV after retirement of Tom Smith (61 caps)
- Returned to Border Reivers in summer 2006 from Leeds Tykes after only playing 4 senior games for Leeds 2005-06 due to international commitments, and now with Edinburgh.
- Impressed with fine displays for Leeds in the 2005 Powergen Cup win
- Born at Newcastle, played club rugby for Berwick, then Jedforest from age of 18 for 5 years. Arrived at Leeds in 2001 for their promotion push from Caldy on the Wirral, where he played for a season.
- Has been monitored for Scotland through U18, U19, U21 and Scotland A levels.

18 **Scott MacLeod (Scarlets, Wales)**

- **03.03.79** **6-6** **17-5**
- **15th cap (if he plays) – no pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Australia**
- 2nd test v France – no pts
- All 5 RWC2007 games – 4 as sub, start v NZ
- Switched in summer 2006 from Border Reivers to Wales
- Played in the 3 midweek tour games on summer tour 2004 in Australia before being capped in all 4 autumn internationals 2004. Next caps in 2006 Six Nations, and last capped on 2006 summer tour in SA
- Took up serious rugby aged 21, and played for Hawick Trades before joining the bigger Hawick RFC and being their 57th Scotland cap. Born at Hawick, educated at Hawick High School.
- Had played for Borders since their inception until moving south.

19 **Kelly Brown (Glasgow Warriors)**

- **08.06.82** **6-4** **17-2**
- **20th cap (if he plays) – 3T = 15pts**
- **Debut: 2005 v Romania**
- 1st test v France
- All 5 RWC2007 games – 4 as sub, start v NZ and try v Portugal
- Moved from the defunct Border Reivers to Glasgow in summer 2007
- Six Nations debut in 2007 Calcutta Cup
- 9 consecutive tests since 2006 summer tour to final 2007 Six Nations game v France which he missed.
- Try on test debut in May 2005 v Romania, 2nd try v Pacific Islanders 2006, 3rd at RWC v Portugal.
- Former Scotland U18 captain, played for Scots and Borders at all age levels.
- Club rugby with Melrose
- Educated at Glasgow Academy, Sports science student at Edinburgh University, and key member of Scotland Sevens squad from 2003-05

20 Chris Cusiter (USA Perpignan, France)

- **13.06.82** 5-10 13-1
- **37th cap (if he plays) – 3T = 15pts**
- **Debut: 2004 v Wales**
- 5th test v France – no pts
- Played in last 4 games at RWC2007 – try v Argentina in quarter final
- Switched from the defunct Border Reivers to France and joins team mate Nathan Hines at Perpignan
- Recovered from shoulder injury (ligaments and dislocation) v Pacific Islanders in 2006 autumn tests to make comeback in 2007 Calcutta Cup. Had keyhole surgery on left knee in June 2007
- Has left the field in first quarter of 3 tests when No 1 scrum half for Scotland – knee v NZ 2005, shoulder v both Italy 2006 and Pacific Islanders 2006
- Was Borders captain, brother also had Borders contract, and father played senior rugby for Gordonians
- First 16 caps from the start of the 2004 Six Nations were in succession and as a starter to Wales 2005. Lions tour to NZ. Played Lions v Pumas 2005.
- Test tries in 2nd test v Australia in summer 2004, and Romania in November 2006. Before third try at RWC v Pumas
- Replaced the retired former captain Bryan Redpath (60 caps) for 2004 Six Nations; he has played for Watsonians and Boroughmuir and Melrose. Member of Scottish Institute of Sport.
- Is from the Scotland age-levels teams, and played for Scotland U21 and from 2002 for Scotland A. Educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen.

21 Chris Paterson (Gloucester Rugby)

- **30.03.78** 6-0 12-6
- **82nd cap (if he plays) – 22T 78C 114PG 2DG = 614pts**
- **Debut: 1999 v Spain (RWC)**
- 9th test v France – 5C 10PG = 40pts
- All 5 games at RWC, kicked 17 out of 17 (10C 7PG) and scored try v Romania
- Moved from Edinburgh Rugby to Gloucester in summer 2007
- Broke Scottish record in 2007 with 65 Six Nations points and 16PG
- 7PG v Wales 2007 equalled International Championship record
- This could be his 81st test in Scotland's last 85 games, missed Tonga and Argentina in 2001 then suffered facial injury on 2004 summer tour and then missed two tests v Australia – there was a 4-game span between his 1st and 2nd caps
- 12 Scotland captaincies, 5 in 2004 Six Nations, and then in 2006 autumn series v Pacific Islanders and Australia after Jason White injured knee ligaments. Continued through 2007 Six Nations
- Now 2nd on the Scots all-time points scorers lists with only Gavin Hastings (667) ahead.
- Third on the Scotland try lists behind co-leaders Ian Smith and Tony Stanger (24)
- Third behind only Gregor Townsend (82) and Scott Murray (87) in Scots caps list
- 40pts v Japan in Nov 2004 (3T 11C 1PG) – best by a Scot on home soil.
- Played in 2000 and 2006 Calcutta Cup wins, and Scotland Player of Season in 2004-05
- Switched from Glasgow to Edinburgh in 1999-2000 after 2 games for Glasgow. Gala club debut in 1996 aged 18, is from Galashiels Academy. Now with Boroughmuir.



22 Hugo Southwell (Edinburgh Rugby)

- 14.05.80 6-2 15-2
- 37th cap (if he plays) – 8T = 40pts
- Debut: 2004 v Samoa
- 3rd test v France – no pts
- All 5 RWC2007 games – 4 as sub, start v NZ and try v Portugal
- 30 consecutive tests from start of 2004 summer tour to missing France 2007 after shoulder injury v Ireland – only missed two tests since debut
- 19 test starts at fullback, 5 test starts on wing, and 12 tests as sub.
- Born in London, grandfather from Falkirk. Educated at Eastbourne College, played 3 seasons for Bristol Shoguns (while at Bristol University) and then one season with Worcester, before joining Edinburgh in 2003. Club rugby with Currie
- Was once on the books of English champions Sussex County Cricket Club as a junior

Coach

Frank Hadden 14.06.54

- Appointed in September 2005 after previously being interim coach in May 2005
- Former PE Teacher, trained at Carnegie in Leeds, then taught in Yorkshire, and was Head of PE at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh
- While at Merchiston, he coached Scotland at U16, U18, and U19 levels from 1994-2000
- Came to the Scotland job from Edinburgh Rugby