

For those of you who do not know about the Club here is a brief history with highs and lows. For those of you wanting a bit more detail there are various publications available that can help fill in any gaps.

1876 - A "football club" formed in Galashiels to provide a winter alternative to the cricket which had been started by Yorkshire workers in textiles.

1881 - Gala rugby club moved from the Public Park to Mossilee, the club's second ground.

1883 - Gala contested the final of the first sevens with host club at the Melrose Greenyards.

1884 - First Gala sevens tournament, known as "sports" and containing athletics and goal kicking competitions as well as rugby.

1890 - Adam Dalgliesh of Gala became the first Border player to represent Scotland, playing v. Wales.

1905-6 - Gala won Border League for first time

1912 - Gala moved to a new ground at Netherdale, built at a cost of £1150 including pavilion and grandstand.

1914-18 - World War I - 30 of Gala's club members died in service.

1922 - formation of Gala junior rugby council to link the interests of all junior and semi junior clubs in the town.

1931-2 - Gala's first and only success in the Scottish Unofficial Championship, under Jimmy Ferguson's captaincy. The town band turned out to welcome the players home after the final match in Edinburgh.

1932 - Gala's success in Melrose Jubilee sevens

1937 - Gala won Melrose tournament against London Scottish with the celebrated dribble half the length of the field by Tom Carruthers.

1939-45 - World War II - more Gala players, including Tommy Dorward and Jock Dun, killed on active service. Many other players continued rugby with KOSB and other service units.

1950s-60s - international selection for George Burrell, George Lyall, Jim Lees, Bob Wilson, John Fox, Arthur Dorward and others.

1961- 2 - Latest move to Gala's fourth ground when New Netherdale was completed at a cost of approximately £20,000, being the first new rugby ground in Scotland for a generation.

March 1971 - on two successive Saturdays six Gala men appeared in the Scottish XV which twice beat England - Arthur Brown, John Frame, Jock Turner, Duncan Paterson, Peter Brown and Nairn McEwan.

1975-6 - Gala's Centenary Year.

1979-80]

1980-81] - Gala's three Division I championships in the National League

1982-83]

1991 - The 100th playing of the Gala sevens tournament.

1994 - Gala won the first "King of the Sevens" title, with victories at the Gala, Melrose and Jed-forest tournaments.

1995 - Gala R.F.C. qualified as one of the leading eight Scottish teams to play in the new Premier League.

1999 - Gala won the Scottish Cup, Division II championship and the Melrose Sevens.

2004 - Gala won the Division II championship and were promoted to Division I, also lifting the Kings of the Sevens despite going out in the first round at Jed.

2005 – Gala relegated from Division I, but finish the season strongly to beat old rivals Hawick in the Border League final 23-13 at Netherdale

2007 – Gala relegated from Division II for the first time in their history, by the narrowest of margins, losing out by two points in the points difference tally for the season

2008 – Gala promoted back to Division II at the first time of asking

Gala RFC has provided 44 internationalists to the Scotland side (year of first cap shown):

A. Dalgliesh 1890	T.F. Dorward 1938	P.C. Brown 1964	G. Dickson 1978
J.R. Ford 1893	J.B. Lees 1947	J.W.C. Turner 1966	K.G. Lawrie 1980
T. Elliot 1905	G.G. Lyall 1947	J.N.M. Frame 1967	D.B. White 1982
H.B. Tod 1911	G. Burrell 1950	D.S. Paterson 1969	P.W. Dods 1983
A. Wemyss 1914	A.F. Dorward 1950	G.K. Oliver 1970	T.J. Smith 1983
J.H. Ferguson 1928	R.L. Wilson 1951	A.R. Brown 1971	I. Corcoran 1992
T.G. Aitchison 1929	J. Fox 1952	N.A. MacEwan 1971	G.P.J. Townsend 1993
A.H. Polson 1930	T. Elliot 1955	A.D. Gill 1973	M. Dods 1994
G. Wood 1931	N.S. Bruce 1958	D.G. Leslie 1975	C.D. Paterson 1999
G.L. Gray 1935	M.A. Robertson 1958	J. Aitken 1977	N. Hines 2000
G.D. Shaw 1935	R.B. Shillinglaw 1960	R.F. Cunningham 1978	S. Scott 2000

And 1 to the Scotland 7's side:

D. Gray 2005