

DUNBAR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1951 - 1952

GOOD WIN AGAINST IRISH SIDE

TWENTYNINE members of Dunbar Rugby Club visited Eire, last week, on the occasion of the Scotland versus Ireland match at Dublin. The main party left East Lothian by car in the early hours of Friday morning and, boarding the 8.50 a.m. plane from Renfrew, were in Belfast in just under an hour. There they joined the other four members of their party and their Haddington friends, who had crossed by boat. The "Enterprise," a fast non-stop train which runs between Belfast and Dublin, took the party to the latter city in good time for lunch. On arrival in Dublin they were met by members of the Skerries Rugby Club, and the afternoon was reserved for sight-seeing and shopping.

In the early evening the party proceeded to Skerries by train—a distance of 15 miles—and found it to be a small and delightful seaside resort, not unlike their own home town of Dunbar. That night they were entertained by their hosts to dinner in the Marine Hotel and, after a toast to the Dunbar Rugby Club had been proposed by the Skerries President and replied to by the Dunbar Captain (Mr Douglas Gardner), "the Skerries Club" was submitted by Mr R. Chalmers Watson and replied to by Mr Desmond Cashell, the Skerries captain.

JUNIOR CUPHOLDERS BEATEN

The following morning at 10.30 the game between Skerries and Dunbar took place, and, to the pleasant surprise of the latter, the home team, who are the Junior Cup holders in Ireland, were not found to be as strong as had been anticipated. In fact, the Dunbar team, playing undoubtedly one of the best games they have ever played, were continually on the attack and scores were quickly registered by Malcolm Stuart and Alan Stewart. Skerries got a fair share of the ball, but the Dunbar tackling has seldom been excelled. In the second half Donald, who played his usual good game, got away on the wing and, kicking across found Robertson up for a further score. Unfortunately, the Dunbar kicking was not of the same high standard, as all three tries should have been converted. Towards the end of the match, Dunbar were penalised and Skerries were rewarded by a penalty goal. It was indeed an excellent game and, if the Skerries supporters were disappointed, those who had travelled the long way from Dunbar left wondering why it was that form such as "this could not be regularly expected for the home games. Result:—Dunbar 9 points, Skerries 3 points

SKERRIES RFC 3 DUNBAR RFC 9
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