



Official Matchday Programme



DINGS CRUSADERS RFC

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Saturday 3rd December 2011

DINGS CRUSADERS v HERTFORD

National League Division 2 South

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Today we welcome Hertford back to Lockleaze after a relatively short spell away in The London Division, where they gained promotion after a hard fought season, welcome one and all .

Over the last couple of weeks we have gained plaudits from the opposition, but sadly no winning points, only respectable losing bonus points, and that wont allow us to stave off the threat of relegation not at all!

Last weeks encounter at Barnes, was a sordid affair only brightened by the second half display for the boys and oh boy did they scare Barnes, 3 excellent tries tempered by yet more injuries, oh when will it end. We currently have as many injured as we do available, still I'm told it can only get better, with Kelly working overtime to get the boys back in shape or at least that's what I'm being told, I reckon the run in to Christmas and the period after is going to be crucial for getting back a full and fit squad.



Elsewhere around the club, memberships are slowly coming in, a bit too slow given we are now coming into December we really to kick on, Rich Cecil is always lurking about, so don't be shy he will gladly receive your monies, so just stuff it in his hand or up his jumper, or even in Margarets jumper she wont mind !

Over the Christmas period it's intended to play Weston in the Combination Cup, it's away and we will let you know in due course to the actual date, but its planned for a mid week fixture just to warm the cockles before the festive season starts, lets hope we don't give the Lords of Weston any early presents.

As we now enter the month of December, I want to let you all know that the game on the 17th December is a sumptuous sit down meal and the local turkey farms residents are covering in the sheds, but don't fret I'm told there will be plenty to eat, all we need now is to fill the remaining spots on the tables and there fast running out, although not as fast as Rob Andrews contract, so if you do want to join the bumper banquet when we play our old rivals Clifton on the 17th, please let Shaun at the bar know .

Last week trip to Barnes, was a journey into Italian Cuisine, with the request for home made Pizza being met eagerly by two of the travelling fans, but one who shall remain nameless (John Davis) turned up with a Victoria Sponge, fully decorated with fresh raspberries, I think he may need a new hearing aid, and it seems strange to be eating Victoria Sponge with a glass of Stella at 10.30 in the morning, I'm told it's the food of the Gods or is it some very sad old blokes ?

So back to today - a win is a must, some old names coming back into the team today to try and push the team back up the league, it's going to be hard but with your help I'm sure as always the faithful Dings support can lift the team to new heights, or at least 4th off the bottom.

Come on you Dings Boys!

Steve Lloyd

Welcome to Hertford RFC

We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to our visitors Hertford RFC and hope that all players, officials and supporters enjoy their visit to our Lockleaze ground.

Hertford return to Lockleaze today after a break of four seasons, their last visit was back in October 2006. Promoted to this level (then National Three South) back in season 2003-04 they spent three seasons in the league before being relegated in season 2006-07 and after four seasons in higher regions of the old London One they were promoted last season in the play offs.

Hertford currently sit two places above us in thirteenth place with four wins and twenty two points from their fourteen starts this season, all four wins have been at Hoe Lane with just three of their twenty two point gained away from home, four tries and a losing bonus point when losing at Taunton and a losing bonus point at Lydney.

Recent form has seen Hertford win two of their last five games home 34-22 to Redruth and home 29-21 to Shelford, with the three losses 7-37 home to Launceston, 14-31 at Worthing and 17-40 at Westcombe Park.

Good luck to both sides, may the best team win and all spectators committed or neutral enjoy entertaining afternoon's rugby.

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DINGS CRUSADERS **v** HERTFORD

DINGS CRUSADERS

Royal Blue & Black Hoops

JAMES OAKLEY	15	<i>Full Back</i>
SAM CAVEN	14	<i>Wing</i>
MARCUS BROOKER	13	<i>Centre</i>
SAM COX	12	<i>Centre</i>
SHELDON STEVENS	11	<i>Wing</i>
MITCH BURTON	10	<i>Stand Off</i>
STEVE PLUMMER	9	<i>Scrum Half</i>
JIM LITCHFIELD	1	<i>Prop</i>
ADAM BELLAMY	2	<i>Hooker</i>
JAMES COOKE	3	<i>Prop</i>
TOM KNIGHT	4	<i>Lock</i>
BUSTER LAWRENCE	5	<i>Lock</i>
ELLIOTT GOODMAN	6	<i>Flanker</i>
STEAN WILLIAMS (CAPT)	7	<i>Flanker</i>
JAMES LUCK	8	<i>No 8</i>
DAVE WHEELER	16	<i>Replacement</i>
DAVE HILTON	17	<i>Replacement</i>
ED HACK	18	<i>Replacement</i>
LOUIS SILVER	19	<i>Replacement</i>
A N OTHER	20	<i>Replacement</i>

HERTFORD

Royal Blue Black and Gold

RYAN O'LEARY	15
IAN CROMPTON	14
JAMES STOREY	13
LUKE SLOANY	12
MIKE ALLAN	11
OLLY FORREST	10
ROB GASH	9
JON PATTON	1
ALEX WALKER	2
KANWAIJIT BASRA	3
CRAIG SOUTH	4
LEWIS HETT	5
BRETT MCNAMEE	6
SEAN FLATMAN	7
ALEX LEO	8
GUY MASSEY	16
WILL TEMPERLEY	17
DAN FARRENDON	18
SIMON LAWRENCE	19
ROB MCPHERSON-SMITH	20

OFFICIALS: Referee: ean-Marie Burel (SRU)
Touch Judges: an Pengelly and Grant Mossford

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 SOUTH

TEAM	P	W	L	D	Pts
Worthing	14	13	1	0	61
Richmond	14	12	2	0	60
Henley Hawks	14	11	3	0	54
Hartpury College	14	11	3	0	53
Old Albanians	14	10	4	0	49
Redruth	14	9	5	0	45
Southend	14	7	7	0	35
Lydney	14	6	8	0	32
Launceston	14	5	9	0	31
Taunton	14	5	9	0	30
Shelford	14	6	8	0	28
Clifton	14	5	9	0	28
<i>Hertford</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>
Barnes	14	3	11	0	19
Dings Crusaders	14	2	12	0	15
Westcombe Park	14	3	11	0	14

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10 Dec	OLD ALBANIANS	AWAY
17 Dec	CLIFTON	HOME
7 Jan 12	REDRUTH	AWAY
14 Jan 12	WESTCOMBE PARK	HOME

National League Two South Stats

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Player	Team	Tries	Points
Reuben Haile	Taunton	16	80
Alexander Nielsen	Worthing	13	65
Ian Clark	Hartpury College	12	60
Josh Hannam	Lydney	12	60
Thomas Duncan	Redruth	11	55
Andrew Daish	Old Albanians	10	50
Daniel Norton	Hartpury College	10	50
Kieran Leeper	Westcombe Park	10	50
Ollie Marchon	Old Albanians	10	50
Thomas Allen	Henley Hawks	9	45

TOP LEAGUE KICKERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop Goals	Points
Matthew McLean	Worthing	40	17	0	131
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	27	23	0	123
Harry Owen	Shelford	28	20	1	119
Richard Gregg	Old Albanians	46	7	0	113
James Comben	Henley Hawks	26	17	0	103
Tony Yapp	Taunton	30	13	1	102
Aaron Penberthy	Redruth	28	13	1	98
Luke Giles	Westcombe Park	21	18	0	96
Rob Richardson	Hertford	17	16	2	88
Tim Stevenson	Hartpury College	22	13	1	86

TOP LEAGUE POINT SCORERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop	Tries	Points
Matthew McLean	Worthing	40	17	0	6	161
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	27	23	0	3	138
Harry Owen	Shelford	28	20	1	2	129
Richard Gregg	Old Albanians	46	7	0	2	123
James Comben	Henley Hawks	26	17	0	3	118
Tim Stevenson	Hartpury College	22	13	1	6	116
Tony Yapp	Taunton	30	13	1	2	112
Aaron Penberthy	Redruth	28	13	1	1	103
Luke Giles	Westcombe Park	21	18	0	1	101
Rob Richardson	Hertford	17	16	2	1	93



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 IRISH CIDER

Pleased to be
 Supporting
 Dings Crusaders

Caption Competition!

Mars bar for the best entry.
Please leave your caption
at the clubhouse bar.



Top Touch Oracle

I have not had a 'rant' in this column for a while so I thought I would indulge myself this week. Firstly it is good to see that the body that controls our destiny, the RFU, is so well run and demonstrates such good leadership values that we can rest in our beds knowing that all is well with our game.

And Secondly I feel so much better knowing that my taxes, particularly the one's that go towards our creaking education system, are being used to employ good people at our universities and colleges, even if only to allow them to play for that college. I feel better now that's off my chest. Just to show that I am happy to help I have offered to assist the referee assessors with their scoring of the referees at each game, sadly this offer has been declined!

If anyone is approached by John Davies asking if they would like a Goose for Christmas, beware he is not talking about the use of his hands but his 'under cover' activities at Barnes last week, it was more like playing at Slimbridge. The sight of John stalking the gaggle of Canada geese like some demented David Attenbrough was a pleasant diversion from the traumas of watching the game.

It was good to note that we probably had more spectators than they did. One of the home spectators asked us exactly where was Ding? We said that unlike most teams in the league we didn't have any overseas players and we certainly didn't have any Chinese playing for us!



Despite losing (again) it was worth the hassle of London traffic just to see and 'hear' Sam Caven's tackle on his opposing winger in the second half. The poor victim spent the rest of the game being pointed in the right direction by his team mates. Note to Sam, get him earlier next time!

We extend a welcome today to Hertford RFC, based in the county town of Hertfordshire. It is a town of some 28,000 and derives its name from the Anglo Saxon meaning the 'Ford of the Stag'. The town has links with the Knights Templar, so readers of Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code take note.

For those of an observant nature, did you spot directions on the M4 last week to the 'Oracle'? I am now doing gigs!

Today marks the half way point in the league programme and we seem to need a little impetus to raise us up the table. We are now in the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the Glory that is to be revealed. Well if we don't start to get a few wins under our belt we might find ourselves short on Glory. However the 'Oracle' remains positive and optimistic and believes we will climb out of the depths. So as always let's get behind the boys and do our bit by supporting them throughout.

DINGS V RICHMOND

