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Saturday 15th October 2011

DINGS CRUSADERS v LAUNCESTON

National League Division 2 South

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The Tide is High

Today we welcome Launceston to Lockleaze, their first visit for a number of years and I'm sure they will be keen to put their own unfathomable form to rights, let's hope it's a cracking game as they normally are against the Cornish teams.



Launceston past issues have been well documented and I wish them well but hopefully not at our expense as we try and get our own aspirations back on track. Today will be a stern test indeed with Dings never getting anything off of Launceston either home or away. Who can forget those heady days back in the nineties when we first made the trip down into sunny Cornwall to be greeted by a Launceston legend in the form of Rodney Stratton, a man mountain in his own right, and a good player to boot, I think it was his strong on and off field resolve that helped Launceston become what they are today, oh happy days.

Our last home game was a strange affair, completely outplaying the opposition for the first forty minutes then going to sleep for fifteen minutes, a cat-nap that caught us out and only a losing bonus point to show for all the first half effort. With our long-term injury list not getting any shorter coupled with a few more being injured playing for their College sides this is becoming an even more forgettable start to what was being tipped as our best ever season. Still a few games in the bag and a few players back and I'm sure we will start to climb back to a safer position in this ever more competitive league.

Around the rest of the club mixed fortunes all round with the injuries having an impact at all levels, but as always we shall keep on going, onwards and upwards, Still no resolve to Pierregate but as he's plying his trade across the water now with our Celtic cousins I doubt we will get to see Pierre strutting his stuff in the Blue and Black again. If you do wish to see him one last time then pop up the Crown he's still pulling pints there and he's pretty good at it, so expect Taunton to swoop for him to run their Bar next, lets hope Mr Selway has more luck getting compensation.

Come on you Dings Boys!

Steve Lloyd

Welcome to Launceston RFC

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

Launceston were founded in 1948 and their ground at Polson Bridge was purchased in 1969, with developments such as floodlights, enlarged clubhouse, present changing rooms and finally their Grandstand being added over the years. In 1981 they won the Cornwall County Cup for the first time which started a remarkable period of success and a fairytale climb up the leagues to be one of the top forty sides in England from a town with a population of just 7000, remarkable.

They gained gained promotion to National Leagues in 2000 and have spent the last ten years in the National Leagues getting as high as third in National One at one stage. The club survived administration last season but with a deduction of twenty points were relegated to join us in National Two South.

Launceston currently sit in twelfth position in the table with just one win, 48-7 at home to Westcombe Park, but some very close results particularly in recent week suggest they are better than their league position indicates. They are nearly as desperate for a win as we are so it's sure to be a well-contested game.

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 LAUNCESTON

DINGS CRUSADERS

Royal Blue & Black Hoops

HARVEY SKELTON	15	<i>Full Back</i>
SHELDON STEVENS	14	<i>Wing</i>
SAM COX	13	<i>Centre</i>
TIM GEAR-EVANS	12	<i>Centre</i>
SYLVAN EDWARDS	11	<i>Wing</i>
WAYLON GASSON	10	<i>Stand Off</i>
STEVE PLUMMER	9	<i>Scrum Half</i>
JERRY QUICK	1	<i>Prop</i>
DAVE WHEELER	2	<i>Hooker</i>
MATT HUDD	3	<i>Prop</i>
OLLY HODGE	4	<i>Lock</i>
TOM KNIGHT	5	<i>Lock</i>
ELLIOTT GOODMAN	6	<i>Flanker</i>
STEAN WILLIAMS (CAPT)	7	<i>Flanker</i>
BUSTER LAWRENCE	8	<i>No 8</i>
JOSH LLOYD	16	<i>Replacement</i>
WILLIAM MACKIE	17	<i>Replacement</i>
JAMES CRADDOCK	18	<i>Replacement</i>
MARCUS BROOKER	19	<i>Replacement</i>
JAMES ADAMS/ JAMES OAKLEY	20	<i>Replacement</i>

LAUNCESTON

Black with White Cross

JAKE MURPHY	15
KIERON LEWITT	14
LEWIS PATERSON	13
STEVE PERRY	12
AARON STRUMINSKI	11
LEWIS WEBB	10
JAMES LIGHTFOOT-BROWN	9
TIM MATHIAS	1
JAMIE SALTER	2
BRUCE POW	3
JAMIE TRIPCONY	4
BEN HILTON	5
JOSH LORD	6
TOM RAWLINGS	7
MIKE RAWLINGS	8
TOM HURDWEL	16
JAKE KEAT	17
WILL CARRICK-SMITH	18
LIAM YEO	19
DOM CATONE	20

OFFICIALS: Referee: Phil Davis
Touch Judges: Simon Adams and Geoff Worrall

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 SOUTH

TEAM	P	W	L	D	Pts
Richmond	7	7	0	0	35
Worthing	7	7	0	0	34
Henley Hawks	7	7	0	0	32
Redruth	7	5	2	0	25
Hartpury College	7	5	2	0	24
Lydney	7	5	2	0	24
Old Albanians	7	4	3	0	21
Shelford	7	4	3	0	20
Southend	7	3	4	0	15
Hertford	7	2	5	0	12
Taunton	7	2	5	0	11
Launceston	7	1	6	0	10
Clifton	7	2	5	0	9
Barnes	7	1	6	0	6
Westcombe Park	7	1	6	0	4
Dings Crusaders	7	0	7	0	4

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05 Nov	LYDNEY	HOME
12 Nov	HARTPURY COLLEGE	AWAY

National League Two South Stats

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Player	Team	Tries	Points
ReubenHaile	Taunton	9	45
Alexander Nielsen	Worthing	8	40
Daniel Norton	Hartpury College	6	30
Ian Clark	Hartpury College	6	30
Thomas Duncan	Redruth	6	30
Josh Hannam	Lydney	6	30
Matthew Payne	Henley Hawks	5	25
Ollie Marchon	Old Albanians	5	25
Feofaaku Lea	Shelford	5	25
Harrison Edwards	Richmond	4	20

TOP LEAGUE KICKERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop Goals	Points
Matthew McLean	Worthing	17	13	0	73
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	14	13	0	67
Harry Owen	Shelford	14	12	1	67
Rob Richardson	Hertford	11	10	2	58
Tim Stevenson	Hartpury College	16	8	0	56
James Comben	Henley Hawks	13	7	0	47
Luke Giles	Westcombe Park	13	7	0	47
Richard Gregg	Old Albanians	20	2	0	46
William Blair	Clifton	6	11	0	45
Harvey Skelton	Dings Crusaders	8	9	0	43

TOP LEAGUE POINT SCORERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop	Tries	Points
Harry Owen	Shelford	14	12	1	2	77
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	14	13	0	2	77
Tim Stevenson	Hartpury College	16	8	0	4	76
Matthew McLean	Worthing	17	13	0	0	73
Rob Richardson	Hertford	11	10	2	0	58
Richard Gregg	Old Albanians	20	2	0	2	56
Luke Giles	Westcombe Park	13	7	0	1	52
James Comben	Henley Hawks	13	7	0	1	52
William Blair	Clifton	6	11	0	0	45
Reuben Haile	Taunton	0	0	0	9	45



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Top Touch Oracle

Launceston – aka the 'Cornish All Blacks'

Launceston (be very careful how you pronounce it, I believe Lannson is the proper way - profuse apologies to our visitors if that is wrong) gets it's name from the Cornish language and means the church of St. Stephen. Like Bristol it showed an allegiance to the crown during the civil war. It is a place of historical significance and was the County Town until 1835 when that title moved to Bodmin. It has a castle and a jail. It is said that the reason that Launceston is such a beautiful town is that all the rubbish has been moved to Penzance!

Launceston also has an affinity with the Dings as it is said that in olden days the furthest into Cornwall the authorities were prepared to go was Launceston due to the unruly nature of the inhabitants, perhaps that's where our boys used to go after a good riot! We look forward to the return fixture.

Their start to the season has been better than ours, just. I expect they were hoping for better after the drop last year. It must get up their nose that 'Druth are faring slightly better.

As I write this, most of the England players will have swum ashore and left the various clubs in which they did their training to come home. So for England the World Cup is over after a campaign of under achievement. For a good Anglo Saxon like me the fact that the only British side left is a Celtic one leaves me in a quandary as to who to support, by the time you read this the fate of Cymru will be known, secretly I do hope they win, and win the whole thing too.

However I think it is indicative of the English game, that despite assurances to the contrary, our game and organisation appear to me to be in disarray. We seemed to lack the basic technical skills, some will say the very necessary basic abilities to pass and catch the ball. The lineout, generally a thing of beauty, was a disaster. Decision making was appalling too, as was the focus of some highly paid people. Against France one or two players looked for glory, and instead of putting the ball in the corner after a penalty for a good old fashioned drive to the line, they sought to take a tap and go precisely nowhere. Anyway that's my moan out of the way. One thing is sure,



Johnno will be cheered up by the fact he has the chairman's support *and* we don't have to get up early on a Saturday now!

The Darwin awards have been released this week. These are the awards given, generally posthumously, to those members of society that appear to have done the gene pool a favour. There were several runners up, and included the man who made his own Bungee cable and leapt off of a bridge, not realising the cable was actually longer than the drop! The student who looked for a cheap way to get hammered and mixed petrol with milk which he then drank! When he inevitably felt ill he threw up into the fire place, sadly where there was a live fire!

The undisputed winner was an American (no prizes for guessing) who attached a rocket booster to his car. This was a JATO (jet assisted take off) booster used by the US Airforce to assist taking off on short runways. He went out into the desert, found a straight road, took the car up to full speed and then ignited the booster. It was calculated he reached a speed of 350 MPH, before leaving the road and soaring to a height of 120 feet and crashing into a cliff face. Our Selection Committee have requested that all candidates for these awards be in touch as there may well be a place for them in one of our teams.

To finish off this week a couple of Sports Trivia questions (Mike Sanigar is not allowed to enter). Sean (a View from the Bar) has the answers and the first person with a correct entry may get a Mars Bar.

Who is the famous French back who never received an International cap?

Who were the only Indian Father and Son duo to have represented their country at Cricket in the same match?

So welcome Launceston.

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