



Official Matchday Programme



DINGS CRUSADERS RFC

A CLUB WITH ITS HEART IN BRISTOL

Saturday 19th November 2011
DINGS CRUSADERS v RICHMOND

National League Division 2 South

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Today we welcome High Flying Richmond to Lockleaze for what we hope will be the start of our revival although a very tall ask given their excellent start to this season even by their own standards - only a solitary blip against a Worthing side deemed to be their bogey team. Anyway let's hope that the game warms up our bones given the change in weather recently.



The last couple of weeks saw vastly different performances, a somewhat lack lustre performance against an average Lydney team saw another game swing away from us, still too many mistakes and then the following week when all around us expected us to be put away by the brash young (and some not so young) students in the deep reaches of Upper Gloucestershire, still not to be, even at the last breath we pounded the soap dodgers line and were unlucky not to take more home back to Bristol. I think the support that actually bothered to venture into the depths were well rewarded and I know the players took on board the amount of support and noise produced, well done to all who enjoyed the game.

Looking around the Hartbury College set up it was hard not to be impressed, acres and acres of land set aside for sport, it just goes to show what an initial input of Government monies can do for you, although I had been told the farm now supplies the monies, it must take an awful lot of eggs, milk & honey to satisfy the craving of the work shy, anyway best of luck to them, different world and a different ball game me thinks.

The last couple of away games has seen the vastly knowledgeable supporters, start their very own cooking club gone are the days when we swigged Cheddar Valley on the road, now reduced to producing home made pies and lately scones. There have been a few problems with John Davis Mowbrey pie exceeding the weight limit set for a commercial vehicle and John Watkins gleefully sat watching the poor attempts to match his own version of a full roast dinner in a pie crust. Still it all makes the long journeys seem shorter or maybe it's the red wine that normally accompanies the fine dining! I don't know what the players make of it all, accusations of shop bought pies were dismissed by the judges, although Mr Davis was seen to be lurking around Mr Watkins Bins.

So Back to today, a hard game as we know from our previous experiences, but hopefully buoyed on by a large crowd, who as stated previously can do their bit in raising the teams morale. The next couple of weeks are going to be pivotal for us if we are to make the move up the table, so please give the lads as much support as you can and this afternoon another famous day in our long history.

Come on you Dings Boys!

Steve Lloyd

Welcome to Richmond RFC

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

Richmond started the season as favorites for the title to continue a brilliant success story that has seen them return from the obscurity of the bottom tier of the leagues in 2000-01 season back to the top of the game. They missed out on promotion last season when coming third behind Ealing and Jersey, both promoted last season, and currently sit four points clear at the top of the division with eleven wins, sixty six tries and eleven try bonus points from twelve starts, it is very impressive stuff.

Recent form has seen Richmond win three from their last four, their sole defeat to date was 17-21 at second placed Worthing two weeks ago, with wins 35-15 home to Launceston, 41-14 home to Shelford and 31-24 away at Westcombe Park.

Our league record against Richmond in the last three seasons here at Lockleaze stands at one win, one loss and a draw, and overall two wins, three losses and a draw. However last season was our poorest with Richmond taking both, 24-38 away in November and 10-38 here at Lockleaze last April. I think we are in for a tough afternoon but as we showed last week on top form we can m any team in the division so it should be a good match.

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 RICHMOND

DINGS CRUSADERS

Royal Blue & Black Hoops

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| 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> |
| SYLVAN EDWARDS | 11 | <i>Wing</i> |
| STEVE PLUMMER | 10 | <i>Stand Off</i> |
| WAYLON GASSON | 9 | <i>Scrum Half</i> |
| DAVE HILTON | 1 | <i>Prop</i> |
| DAVE WHEELER | 2 | <i>Hooker</i> |
| JAMES COOKE | 3 | <i>Prop</i> |
| OLLY HODGE | 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> |
| ADAM BELLAMY | 16 | <i>Replacement</i> |
| JERRY QUICK | 17 | <i>Replacement</i> |
| TOM KNIGHT | 18 | <i>Replacement</i> |
| HARVEY SKELTON | 19 | <i>Replacement</i> |
| TAYLOR STEVENS | 20 | <i>Replacement</i> |

RICHMOND

Old Gold, Red & Black Hoops

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OFFICIALS: Referee: Simon McConnell
Touch Judges: Fred Spong and Debbie Innes

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 SOUTH

| TEAM | P | W | L | D | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Richmond | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 56 |
| Worthing | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 52 |
| Hartpury College | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 48 |
| Henley Hawks | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 44 |
| Old Albanians | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 39 |
| Redruth | 12 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 35 |
| Lydney | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 31 |
| Southend | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 30 |
| Shelford | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 28 |
| Taunton | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 24 |
| Hertford | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 22 |
| Clifton | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 21 |
| Launceston | 12 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 21 |
| Barnes | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 15 |
| Westcombe Park | 12 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 14 |
| Dings Crusaders | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 14 |

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| 26 Nov | BARNES | AWAY |
| 03 Dec | HERTFORD | HOME |
| 10 Dec | OLD ALBANIANS | AWAY |
| 17 Dec | CLIFTON | HOME |

National League Two South Stats

LEADING TRY SCORERS

| Player | Team | Tries | Points |
|--------------------|------------------|-------|--------|
| Reuben Haile | Taunton | 14 | 70 |
| Alexander Nielsen | Worthing | 12 | 60 |
| Daniel Norton | Hartpury College | 10 | 50 |
| Kieran Leeper | Westcombe Park | 10 | 50 |
| Ian Clark | Hartpury College | 10 | 50 |
| Ollie Marchon | Old Albanians | 9 | 45 |
| Josh Hannam | Lydney | 9 | 45 |
| Thomas Duncan | Redruth | 9 | 45 |
| Jason Luff | Taunton | 8 | 40 |
| Richard Barrington | Hartpury College | 8 | 40 |

TOP LEAGUE KICKERS

| Player | Team | Cons | Pens | Drop Goals | Points |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Matthew McLean | Worthing | 35 | 16 | 0 | 118 |
| Harry Owen | Shelford | 25 | 20 | 1 | 113 |
| Kieron Lewitt | Launceston | 21 | 19 | 0 | 99 |
| Richard Gregg | Old Albanians | 37 | 7 | 0 | 95 |
| Luke Giles | Westcombe Park | 20 | 18 | 0 | 94 |
| Rob Richardson | Hertford | 16 | 16 | 2 | 86 |
| Tony Yapp | Taunton | 26 | 11 | 0 | 85 |
| Tim Stevenson | Hartpury College | 21 | 13 | 0 | 81 |
| Harvey Skelton | Dings Crusaders | 16 | 16 | 0 | 80 |
| James Comben | Henley Hawks | 19 | 13 | 0 | 77 |

TOP LEAGUE POINT SCORERS

| Player | Team | Cons | Pens | Drop | Tries | Points |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Matthew McLean | Worthing | 35 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 148 |
| Harry Owen | Shelford | 25 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 123 |
| Kieron Lewitt | Launceston | 21 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 114 |
| Tim Stevenson | Hartpury College | 21 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 106 |
| Richard Gregg | Old Albanians | 37 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 105 |
| Luke Giles | Westcombe Park | 20 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 99 |
| Tony Yapp | Taunton | 26 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 95 |
| Rob Richardson | Hertford | 16 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 91 |
| Harvey Skelton | Dings Crusaders | 16 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 90 |
| James Comben | Henley Hawks | 19 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 87 |



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Top Touch Oracle

Richmond.

So I arrived a little early at Hartpury and took the wrong turning. I eventually rocked up at the Equine centre where I was told it was a Three Day event, I said I didn't realise we were going to a stag do! Anyway having been directed to the palatial facilities of the rugby club I glanced at the programme. What a back row, Farnon, Farnon and Herriot, and the rest of the pack looked like all creatures great and small.

I was rather disturbed during the first half when their medical man ran on to the pitch to treat an injury. Now up on the 'Top Touch', which of course is Kelly's domain all we hear is strained this, pulled that or twisted this. Last Saturday there was talk of a Dropped Calf Bed and a Thrown Fetlock, and more alarmingly whereas Kel wears nice little latex gloves, up there the physio put on full length heavy duty rubber ones and washed them down first in warm soapy water.

Anyway what a display by Dings, full of fight and spirit and deserving of more than 1 bonus point, wait 'till they visit DS corner then they will need a vet. Also tremendous support throughout the game for our lads, I wondered who was the home side! Many of their supporters looked a little sheepish (no apologies for the pun).

Today we welcome the visit of the League leaders, once members of



rugby's aristocracy and trying desperately to return to where they regard as their rightful place. Richmond play just up the road from where Henry VIII used to take his birds after a night out, and the area is steeped in beauty and history. Very similar to us I suppose. Whilst on the subject of Royalty I wonder what they would have done with Mike Tindall in Henry's day, I expect they would have taken his head off, a bit like a Panaho tackle.

I've been very interested this week watching the Border agency hearing on the TV. Who said what and to whom, who authorised this and that? It strikes me that half of the teams in the leagues may have benefitted from some relaxation of the rules. All joking to one side though, it surely cannot benefit our game if we continually import players just to deliver results. Where do our young players go to develop and what incentive is there to encourage youngsters in to the game?

Today we also welcome many of our old players and members, if you are one of them, please come again and regularly, you will find it fun and hospitable and a great way to let off steam.

PREVIOUS ACTION

