



WINCHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2011

Winchester 1st XV vs Old Alleynians Away | KO: 14:30 | London SW3

Winchester 2nd XV vs US Portsmouth 2nd Home | KO: 14:30 | Hants Merit 1

Winchester 3rd XV vs Eastleigh 2nd Home | KO: 14:30 | Hants Merit 2

Winchester VETS vs TBA | KO: 14:30 | Friendly

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2011 |

Colts vs Worthing Away | KO: 14:00 | National Cup Round 3

Colts Saxons vs Tottonians Home | KO: 14:00 | Friendly

Hampshire U16 vs Middlesex U16 Home | KO: 14:00 | County

U14 vs Romsey Away | KO: 10:00 | Friendly

Minis – Savills Winchester Emerging Players Festival Home | KO: 10:00

ILLEGAL BOOTS

Please see the below photograph of a boot with a single toe stud configuration that is being purchased for use in playing Rugby. This is illegal under Law 4.4 (j) and players should not be permitted to play with boots with this sole configuration. Please note that any Adidas boots with this configuration have not been designed or sold as a Rugby product.



THE CLUB HAS BEEN OFFERED TICKETS FOR THE 6 NATIONS AWAY GAMES IN FEBRUARY 2012

There is a pair of tickets available for the game against **Italy in Rome on Saturday 11 February at 4pm** at the price of £85.50 the pair.

Tickets are also available for the game against **Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday 04 February at 5pm** at the price of £115.50 a pair.

These tickets are now available to members generally on a '**first come first served**' basis. Applications by letter accompanied by cheques should be sent to the **Club's Ticket Secretary, Michael Hayes at 30 Velmore Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 3HE to be received no later than Monday 21 November 2011.**

Members should note that tickets will be provided on the basis of the RFU's Ticket Conditions that are available on www.rfu.com/tickets/terms and conditions and members will be assumed to have familiarised themselves with these.

We have to return our allocation form to the RFU by 24 November so there is limited time to deal with this.

CAN YOU HELP?

Is there anyone out there who can help the Club to get uPVC fascia boards at a reduced price? And/or help us install them in place of the peeling and rotten wooden ones on the pitch side of the Clubhouse?

This job was one of several bits of maintenance planned and budgeted for this summer, but which had to be postponed because our new insurance company wanted us to do other work to improve the Clubhouse security and safety. That work's under way, but in the meantime the fascia boards are looking increasingly shabby, and in a couple of places the gutters are sagging and leaking because there's nothing for the screws holding them up to bite into!

So, if you can help us get new maintenance-free fascia boards, and/or if you've got the skills to join a small team spending a day or so up a stepladder taking off the gutters and the old boards, putting up the new ones and replacing the gutters, you'll be a candidate for **WRFC Hero of the Month!**

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WINCHESTER CLOSE THE GAP – By Henry Lewin-Titt

Winchester reduced Sandown & Shanklin's lead at the top of the league to just 2 points after ending their 7 match unbeaten streak with a hard fought 17-13 win.

This game was always going to come down to who took their chances when they could and Sandown & Shanklin gained an early 3 point lead from a penalty in the second minute of the match.

For most of the first half it was a tense affair with both teams making errors and failing to build up coherent phases of play. But Winchester were the first to really find their feet in the match and looked more creative in attack. The forwards drove the ball into the heart of the Sandown defence. Quick recycling and good hands put winger Matt Woods in the corner though the referee adjudged he was held up over the line. Fortunately for Winchester they were awarded a penalty for an earlier infringement and a successful kick from Matt Gibson levelled the scores. Repeated offences at the breakdown by Sandown & Shanklin saw No. 8 Sam Rees sent to the bin for 10 minutes. Having a man advantage gave Winchester the impetus they needed. Matt Woods supported a break by Danny Waite and used his size and weight to force his way over from short range. Gibson's successful conversion gave Winchester a 10-3 lead.

But Sandown & Shanklin were spurred on by Winchester's try. A lack of concentration allowed them to break through the ruck defence allowing them to immediately strike back. The missed conversion ended the half at 10-8



Matt Lown dives over the winning try

The second half kicked off where the first ended with both teams searching for an opportunity. A well placed kick from Sandown & Shanklin forced full back Alex Welch to scramble the ball into

touch. An innovative short lineout move saw their excellent captain Joe Rees score in the corner; this gave the visitors a 13-10 lead.

Winchester fought back after their lapse in concentration and were awarded 2 penalties in quick succession inside Sandown & Shanklin's half. But their lack of a standout goal kicker has been a problem throughout the season and neither penalty was converted.

Throughout the second half Winchester were the better team and spent long periods of the match in Sandown & Shanklin's half. They had several chances but lacked composure and tried to force offloads rather than running through the phases. However, as the game was coming to a close replacement lock Matt Lown found space out on the wing and scored a last gasp try, to huge cheers from the considerable home support. The conversion gave Winchester a 4 point lead with only minutes to go.

Coach Andy Fields said "I am delighted the team has won, the fight they showed to the end is just such a difference from last season when we'd have lost a game like that by 20 points." But he knows that the season is far from over and warned his players they must prepare properly for their next match, a real test, away against 3rd place Old Alleynians.

WINCHESTER 1st XV ARE SPONSORED BY DENPLAN

.....AND A GREAT LUNCH



Over 40 members and guests sat down to a splendid pre-match Chairman's Lunch prior to our game against Sandown last Saturday. Good food and good company.

WINCHESTER 2ND XV MAINTAINED THEIR 100% WINNING RUN

Winchester 2nd XV maintained their 100% winning run in the league with an impressive 29 -5 win over Tottonians.

On a small but near perfect pitch Winchester set to work to secure another win but was dealt a blow when influential centre Ian Stuart was injured 10mins into the game. Replacement Jim Alder burst straight into action to put skipper Mark Castle in for the opening try but the referee adjudged the pass forward.

Great forward domination kept constant pressure on Tottonians and this was rewarded with Jim Trantham taking advantage from a driving maul to scrabble over the line, Tom Lock grab the extras. Winchester have learnt well from previous games and uncontested scrums and worked Tottonians well to create space. Jerry Alfandari went close several times before a jinking run allowed him to score and this was closely followed with another forwards try which was claimed by Peter Hobbs.

Winchester leading at half-time 17 – 0



The second half was much the same but Tottonians played with heart and came close to scoring a few times until good forward work allowed them to sneak over at the side of a ruck.

In past games Winchester discipline has been an area of concern but none of this showed through against Totts.

Second half tries from Josh Cutteridge and Tom Large extended the lead with Tom Lock adding a conversion.

Overall this was a great team performance and if we had been more clinical we could have had another 15 points.

That said Totts kept us under pressure and deserved their try. The team still has some areas to work on and know that next weekend's home game against US Portsmouth will be a real tough encounter. - *Mark Castle*

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WINCHESTER'S U16 RETURNED HAPPY

Winchester's U16 returned happy from their away return fixture against Bracknell having come out on top, with a final score of 3-41, despite going behind to an early penalty. The friendly kicked off at just gone 11 o'clock having observed the two minute Remembrance Sunday silence. Both clubs fielded sides selected from across their whole squads.

The first half was fairly evenly matched. After Bracknell's early penalty, two tries, by Marchant and Bennett and one conversion (Marchant), put Winchester into the lead. The visitors then allowed the opposition back into the game, although the home team did not trouble the scoreboard again. A yellow card for Flanker Clouting kicked the visitors back into action but the score remained 12-3 at the half time whistle.



After a reminder by the Coaches of their strengths a reinvigorated team returned to the pitch for the second half. This was a much more one sided event for the visitors as the Winch backs once again benefited from good go-forward play.



Chaplin-Rogers, Phelps, Newbold and Marchant added tries (and two conversions) before Newbold completed the score with his second try in the 65th minute.



Marchant at fly half had another good day, going over for two tries but Newbold, having missed out last week, also got a brace to maintain his position as lead scorer this season. Scores too could have been higher, had more conversions been made, but nonetheless Players, Coaches and parents all had an enjoyable and sunny Remembrance Sunday fixture. **Bracknell 3 - 41 Winchester**

Squad: Hiscock, Bennett Try (15'), Cheyney, Murphy Aremu, Clouting, Stroner, Newbold Try (50', 65'), Wandless, Rhodes, Flynn-Williams, Chaplin-Rogers Try (40'), Geddes, Millward, Marchant Try (10', 55'), Conversion (10', 40', 55'), Brooks, Phelps Try (45'), Haynes, Lampard, Wilkinson.

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WINCHESTER UNDER 15Bs PLAY A BLINDER

Winchester U15 B Team played host to U S Portsmouth this week, and they played a blinder, cruising to a very well deserved win of 56-5.





Will Rayner started the landslide of tries with one a couple of minutes after the whistle blew, followed by a hat-trick from **Isaac Wallbridge**, spread over the match, and contributions from **Will Hoff, Theo Webb, Fred Chandler, Dennis Applebaum, Ben Vail, Tristan Flynn-Williams** U S Portsmouth pulled one back, but really had no response to the Winchester onslaught, and the ref ended their misery a short way into the second half.

It was a great result for Winchester, and they now look ahead to playing Alton on the 27th November with real enthusiasm.

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WRFC 13S HAMPSHIRE CUP SUCCESS

Winchester U13's soared away to a very convincing victory against Farnborough in the first round of the under 13s Hampshire Cup.

The teams played on the first team pitch on a gloriously sunny Remembrance Sunday. After a strong start from Farnborough, Winchester's fast running and passing style on this big pitch soon told. Winchester's sure handling and quicker reactions at the breakdown soon gave them a positive rhythm. Six tries in the first half saw a commanding lead of 38-0 at the interval. The forwards were evenly matched but Winchester's stronger back line and expansive play allowed them to convert hard-won ball into points.

After major replacements at interval the second half was more evenly contested with periods of sustained pressure from the Farnborough forward line. The home side were rewarded with a deserved try when one of their forwards bundled his way over from a penalty.

Winchester replied with a further trio of tries to see a final score of Winchester 57 - Farnborough 5. All the boys worked hard at tackling and setting up moves but special mention to **Ollie Dunger** who scored 4 times with **Chris Bottomley**, **Kyle Monkcom**, **James Robinson** and **Sam Mills** also getting over the line.
Score Farnborough 5 – Winchester 57

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CLUB DIARY DATES

SAVILLS WINCHESTER EMERGING PLAYERS FESTIVAL

Sunday 20th November 2011

LADIES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

Wednesday 23rd November 2011. Free glass of bubbly on arrival. Over 20 stalls to browse.

SNOWBALL Friday 16th December 2011. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 17th December 2011. Bookings are now being taken on 865388 or info@goldstripe.co.uk.

Don't miss the U13's Curtain Raiser Game

FUNDAMENTALS + U7's CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 18th December 2011. 1.00p.m - 3.00p.m Come and meet Santa. Phone Santa's helper on 865388 or email on info@goldstripe.co.uk to book your place.

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