



NEWBURY BLUES



**REGIONAL 2 TRIBUTE SOUTH CENTRAL
2022 – 2023 SEASON**

WELCOME

I'd like to wish all our members and supporters a happy and healthy New Year as we return for the remainder of the 2022/23 season.

We are half-way into the season and there is much to celebrate. Rugby is going well, both with our women's 1st XV unbeaten so far and the Blue's, after a slow start, are now showing their potential. The Club still runs more than 21 teams overall, offering rugby to all across our community thanks to our volunteer coaching teams.

On the business side, commercial are reaping the benefits of the hard work put in over the last year and members and supporters are enjoying improvements to service and quality as a result. I'd like to personally thank everyone for their ongoing time and commitment so far this season and for their dedication to this club.

Of course, there are always things to challenge us, and the leadership teams continue to manage the affairs of rugby and the wider club to ensure its ongoing success. We are always looking for volunteers to help in a managerial or practical way, so if you want to get involved, please contact me or any member of the rugby committee or management board. We'd be interested to hear from you.

Finally, I hope you enjoy today's game. Don't forget to log-in to our website to pick up the latest news in "Blues News – Keeping in Touch" which will keep you up to date with what's going on at the club and the next big game or event.

It just leaves me to wish all our teams good luck for the remainder of the season.

Kind regards,

Louise Goodall - Club Chair



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BLUES NEWS



NEWBURY BLUES v GROVE RFC

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023, KO 3PM

A warm welcome to our guests from Grove today – the last league game of the season for the Blues before the start of the Papa John's Cup which starts on 1st April. A bonus point win and an 11-point margin today would push The Blues up to a third-place finish above Stow. Grove had a very close game against Swindon last week and will be looking to repeat that today and ensure that does not happen, so I fully expect a very competitive and exciting game.

The season seems to have raced by - 45 players have represented the Blues, with a good number of former junior and youth players continuing to emerge through the club, which bodes well for community rugby and our one club strategy next season. There have been many excellent Saturdays throughout the season, both home and away. Swindon away was an excellent game of rugby, whilst the three home games on the trot in February, including the double header against Reading on the Reunion Day were great club afternoons. Blues secured three wins and there was great community involvement with our charity day raising over £6800, our involvement with Interakt (the charity based at NRFC), and the regular mini mascots under the direction of Under 6s super head coach, Simon Best.

The Stags play Slough today and we wish them the best of luck; a win will ensure they stay in their current league which would be excellent in a tough season for our men's second team. This must be a club priority next season and we are already advertising for dedicated coaches. We want this club to become the best community coaching set up in Berkshire and what a great goal to have at all levels.

Meanwhile, the women just keep on going! They rode into Devon on Sunday, scored 46 points against Cullumpton, conceded none, recorded their 13th consecutive win and rode back to Berkshire, still undefeated and top of the league! What a story this season is turning out to be for their Coach, Nikki Paton, Captain Lizzie Harris and a squad with great skills and team spirit. Make sure you have Saturday 15th April in your diary as they will be playing at home and it could be a very big day for Newbury RFC if they secure promotion to Level 2. You can also book in for lunch on that day and hear about their journey.

The Bulldogs (Veterans) had a great win against the Army on Friday evening. A very competitive game, superbly refereed by Stewart Codling. A good crowd watched some great rugby - surprisingly quick at times, with Simon Niven and James McCarthy flying down the wings and Westy, G and Crippler belying their years and controlling the pace of the game in the forwards! Well played all and hopefully more games to come next season.

This was followed by Super Saturday with a giant screen on the pitch and all three Six Nations games televised, with plenty of food, beer and an Irish Band. It was a great family day out and thank you to all those who supported the event. Everyone had a great time and hopefully will be repeated again next year. Congratulations to all our Irish members as Ireland thoroughly deserved the Grand Slam. Probably not many "Irish eyes a smiling" the next day but a lot of celebratory hangovers.

The Annual Club Dinner is on 28th April with guest speakers David (Flats) Flatman and Mark Durden-Smith. Unsurprisingly tickets are selling fast for such incredible guest speakers so make sure you contact Reception to book your ticket. It should be a great way to celebrate a very good season at Newbury RFC.

Thank you as always to all our incredible sponsors, supporting our amazing community members rugby club. For those who like figures, our average crowd this season has been 355; sponsorship has hit £80000 and if you do the match forecast, the average number of tries scored per game in this league has been 8.5.

Let's raise the volume levels in Blues Corner this afternoon. I know the players are incredibly proud and grateful for the fantastic support you give and the atmosphere that generates.

Finally, thank you to all the many volunteers throughout the club and the small but always cheerful and enthusiastic commercial team front of house. You all make this club happen!

Have a great rugby day.

David Jones - President

NEWBURY RFC

*End of
Season Dinner*

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

DAVID FLATMAN
&
MARK DURDEN-SMITH

APRIL
FRIDAY **28** AT 7 PM
2023

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Regional 2 Tribute South Central - League Table

		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marlborough	22	22	0	0	110
2	Tottonians	21	16	0	5	79
3	Stow-on-the-Wold	22	15	0	7	77
4	Newbury Blues	21	14	0	7	72
5	Witney	22	14	0	8	71
6	Reading	22	9	1	12	50
7	Salisbury	22	9	0	13	50
8	Devizes	22	9	0	13	48
9	Shipston-on-Stour	21	8	0	13	46
10	Swindon	22	9	0	13	45
11	Grove	20	3	0	17	14
12	Buckingham	21	0	1	20	11

Sat 25 th March	Newbury Blues vs Grove RFC (Home) Newbury Stags vs Slough RFC (Away)
April	Papa John's Cup (Rounds as below)
Fri 7 th April	Annual Memorial Match at Hungerford RFC
Sat 15 th April	Newbury Women 1 st XV vs Cheltenham Ladies (Home) Newbury Women 2 nd XV vs Aylesbury Ladies (Home)
Sat 22 nd April	Newbury Women 1 st XV vs St. Mary's Old Boys Ladies (Away)
Fri 28 th April	Club Dinner (with Mark Durden-Smith & David Flatman)
3 rd June	Super Sevens Series UK

PAPA JOHN'S CUP COMPETITION

Round 1	01/04/2023	Final 16	15/04/2023	Qtr Final	22/04/2023
Semi Final	29/04/2023	Final	07/05/2023		



**THE SENIOR PLAYERS AND COACHING TEAM WOULD LIKE TO
THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT THIS SEASON.
BLUES' SUPPORT IS THE BEST IN THE LEAGUE, AT HOME AND AWAY,
AND HUGELY APPRECIATED BY THE WHOLE SQUAD. THANK YOU!**



Referee
Crispin Davis



NEWBURY BLUES		v	GROVE RFC	
1	Tom Haynes	PROP	David Hales	1
2	Harry Wayne-Branch*	HOOKER	Steven Dixey	2
3	Sam Bramhall	PROP	George Hook	3
4	Alex Du Sautoy	LOCK	Lawrence Birkhead	4
5	Ben Davies*	LOCK	James Monks	5
6	Jamal Watson*	FLANKER	Joe Chivers	6
7	Jonny Lees	FLANKER	Adam Shaw	7
8	Josh Winfield*(VC)	NO. 8	Mark Roberts	8
9	Toby Thorne*(VC)	SCRUM HALF	Ollie Nicholl	9
10	Jamie Futchter*(C)	FLY HALF	Charlie Roberts	10
11	Freddie Beharrell	WING	Matthew Dunn	11
12	Oli Rhoads*	CENTRE	James Slatter	12
13	Harry Isaac	CENTRE	Daniel Coombs	13
14	Ali MaGee*	WING	Samuel Christensen	14
15	Josh Bartlett*	FULL BACK	Joey Wright	15
16	Rob Drysdale*	REPLACEMENTS	Tom Fearn	16
17	Michael Duppa-Miller		Joe Cooper	17
18	James McAvoy		James Owen-Smith	18
Head Coach – James McAvoy Coaches – Nigel Beal / Paul Archer Manager - Michael Futchter Physio - Martin Paice / Dan Elsigood Touch Judge - Dave Shields		THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S MINI MASCOTS		
*Player has come through NRFC youth section				

SENIOR PLAYER SPONSORS 2022-2023

Thank you to all our Player Sponsors for their valued support.

For more info, please contact **Mick Fatcher** on m_fatcher@hotmail.com or 07768641719.

Senior Men

Miles Albert	Mike and Shirley Jarvill
David Barrow	Rehab Guru Ltd, Digital Healthcare Platform
Freddie Beharrell	WMJ Consulting (Mike Jarvill)
Harry Waye-Branch	Newbury Lodge Kennels (Peter Branch)
Duncan Craigen	Gary Light
Ben Davies	BW Print & Design (Ian and Helen Davies)
Rob Drysdale	MF Project Management (Mick Fatcher)
Kris Ford	Yuri Pasea
Jamie Fatcher	Dave Shields
Alex Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob & Gill Harris)
Tom Haynes	The Stratford Park Hotel & Golf Club (Beverley Haynes)
Ben Hicks	Vets4Pets (Joe Binfield)
Harry Isaac	The Globe Newbury (Katie & Colin Martin)
Michael Klichowicz	T.Mather Tree Services
Jonny Lees	Precision Fabrication, Andover (Bespoke Metal Works)
James Macaulay	John Mason
Ali Magee	Gary Light
Will Osborne	Kress, Robotic and Garden Tool Manufacturer
Max Pocock	Nuvias Unified Communications (James Orton)
Leroy Pyke	The Bell Pub Aldworth (Mary and Hugh Macaulay)
Jordan Ruddock	Lakeview Carpentry
Toby Thorne	Kept Assets Ltd (Richard Hayes)
Dan Thorne	Piper Power (Stuart Piper and family)
Jamal Watson	Euan and Kinga Smith
Josh Winfield	Tony Naylor's Lunch Table

Senior Women

Lizzie Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob & Gill Harris)
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STAGS v SLOUGH (AWAY)

2PM KICK OFF

Ryan Jeram (C), Ben Topping*, Tom Curley*, Aled Davies, Ben Kaesser*, Sebastian Burgess*, Charlie Lewis*, Leroy Pike*, Mathew Cox*, Rory Jones(VC), Louis Carnell*, Will Osborne*(VC), George Stevens*, George Butler, Oscar Astbury, Ben Kelly*, Niall Hanly, Liam Cooper*



GOOD LUCK TO
ALL OUR TEAMS
THIS WEEKEND

Regional 2 Tribute South Central - Results Table

Away		Buckingham	Devizes	Grove	Marlborough	Newbury Blues	Reading	Salisbury	Shipston-on-Stour	Stow-on-the-Wold	Swindon	Tottonians	Witney
Home													
Buckingham			24-29	33-34	79-0	0-49	5-5	29-34	17-41	5-55	24-48	24-54	14-69
Devizes		41-10		55-21	14-48	14-17	29-25	17-16	18-12	27-46	19-15	22-38	27-17
Grove			50-24		AWO	26-37	0-62	29-33	20-78	7-61	12-17	40-23	19-53
Marlborough		HWO	48-10	58-5		50-3	101-3	81-5	39-17	31-7	36-17	53-8	42-5
Newbury Blues		45-0	39-24		20-31		42-3	29-10	61-12	24-29	34-12	41-17	33-12
Reading		39-33	17-19	61-3	13-57	19-47		33-26	47-15	28-19	18-22	24-12	26-55
Salisbury		31-26	22-17	63-7	10-22	5-34	46-7		45-26	7-34	22-17	11-32	7-43
Shipston-on-Stour		63-19	29-25	77-5	3-55	19-17	30-34	26-20		14-17	41-34		3-55
Stow-on-the-Wold		50-12	52-19	HWO	7-62	36-10	38-15	38-31	41-5		29-0	21-29	24-17
Swindon		30-24	41-5	31-22	5-40	29-31	5-7	20-27	32-20	17-14		10-53	10-7
Tottonians		92-0	36-26	33-7	18-24	40-19	69-7	55-14	53-0	16-15	51-7		53-38
Witney		34-25	37-14	38-5	14-47	15-14	38-22	17-10	38-32	14-10	31-10	17-26	

WHO'S WHO?

President	David Jones	
Vice President	Trevor Coles	
Committee:	Club Chair	Louise Goodall
	Honorary Secretary	Christine Morrell
	Treasurer	Peter Lambert
	Rugby Committee Chair	Alasdair Heath
	Rugby Committee Vice Chair	Chris Smith
	Chair of Senior Rugby	Brian Trott
	Chair of Ladies Rugby	Lauren Price Richards
	Chair of Junior Rugby	Abdi Hamisi
	Chair of Mini Rugby	Sarah Tunstall
	Rugby Resources Lead	Peter Benson
	Rugby Safe Lead	Richard Battley
	Co-opted	Alan McDermott
	Co-opted – Community Rugby Lead	James MacCarthy
	Co-opted – Rugby Income Lead	Ian Jack
Trustees:	Steve Gibbs (Chairman), Estelle Dessiaume, Adam Prickett, Mark Trumper	
Life Members:	D.Barratt, N.Booth, T.Coles, R.Cooper, R.N.Cripps, D.Eggbeer, D.J.Feltham, G.Feltham, D.M.Fishleigh, R.Golby, L.J.Goodall, R.Grove, D.Hawkins, C.O.Hobbs, A.Keaney, S.Leonard, J.Lewis, V.Lewis, A.Pankhurst, H.Price-Richards, R.Pratley, P.Simmons, I.Skipworth, D.G.H.Smith, R.Tucker, C.Vare, A.Widdop	

SCORE FORECAST – THE RULES

THE JACKPOT

Any ticket holding the correct match score at the end of the match wins the Jackpot.

MATCH DAY PRIZE

If the Jackpot is not won, a £50.00 prize is awarded to the nearest score at the end of the match. The nearest score will be determined in the following sequence

1. The winning score correct, in combination with the nearest losing score (above and below)
2. The losing score correct, in combination with the nearest winning score (above or below)
3. In the event of a draw, the nearest other draw (above or below)

Notes

- In the event of more than one winner the Jackpot or Match Day prize will be shared equally between the ticket holders.
- The end of the match is at 80 minutes or at time of abandonment. Extra time will not count.
- No prize will be paid without the winning ticket being presented.
- Winners have 28 days in which to claim their prize.

THE REFEREE

The referee has volunteered their services today which ensures the players have a game and that you, the spectators, get to watch it. They referee what they see which is not necessarily what you see or think you see, and they deserve your thanks and courtesy not your anger.

Please be advised that abusive language towards officials, players, coaches, staff or other spectators will not be tolerated, and you may be asked to leave the ground.

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