



# NEWBURY BLUES



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

## WELCOME

I'd like to wish all our members and supporters a warm welcome back for the 2022/23 season, and it does feel like we are properly "back" following the roller coaster of the last couple of years. Last year gave us time to get back playing and into the sport that we all love, and provided us with a great platform to move forward. We have much to celebrate. We still have 21 teams across all age groups of the club and have an ambition to increase that number this year with the introduction of a "walking rugby" team which we hope will be launched soon. We have a new Chair of Rugby in Alasdair Heath with Chris Smith the new Vice Chair and the rugby committee have agreed that we should aim to have at least two senior teams playing each week (men and women). We welcome two senior team Head Coaches this season - James McAvoy (men) and Niki Paton (women) and are delighted that Paul Archer & Darren Brown, our two previous Head Coaches, have moved across to lead player and coaching development of the senior teams.

With the work that the leadership teams have been doing over recent years I am delighted at the end of last season we finally broke even, clawing back the club's debt of many years. Membership income is key to this and we need to ensure that we continue to offer fantastic facilities and service to both playing and supporting members, provide opportunities for members to use the club for private functions and events and for us to grow our membership numbers this year, to ensure our future is secure and sustainable. As Club Chair I would like to invite every member to meet my challenge of encouraging at least one family member or friend to join NRFC this season.

As in previous years I have received many messages from individual members, who have taken the time to share their support for what we stand for at NRFC, the work that we do and the way in which we conduct ourselves throughout the club. We should all take pride in that feedback, I know I do.

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" to keep up to-date with what's going on at the club and the next big game or event. As always, if you would like to get more involved in supporting our club, then please get in touch or chat to me or any member of the Management Board or Committee at the game. I wish all our teams good luck for this season – taking pride in putting on that blue shirt!

Kind regards,

**Louise Goodall - Club Chair**



## NEWBURY BLUES FIXTURES 2022-23

REGIONAL 2 SOUTH CENTRAL						
03-Sep	Shipston-on-Stour	(A)		03 Dec	Stow-on-the-Wold	(A)
<b>10-Sep</b>	<b>Stow-on-the-Wold</b>	<b>(H)</b>		<b>10 Dec</b>	<b>Marlborough</b>	<b>(H)</b>
17 Sep	Marlborough	(A)		17 Dec	Tottonians	(A)
<b>24 Sep</b>	<b>Tottonians</b>	<b>(H)</b>		<b>07 Jan</b>	<b>Buckingham</b>	<b>(H)</b>
01 Oct	Buckingham	(A)		14 Jan	Devizes	(A)
<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>Devizes</b>	<b>(H)</b>		<b>21 Jan</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>(H)</b>
22 Oct	Grove	(A)		28 Jan	Swindon	(A)
<b>29 Oct</b>	<b>Swindon</b>	<b>(H)</b>		<b>11 Feb</b>	<b>Witney</b>	<b>(H)</b>
05 Nov	Witney	(A)		<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>(H)</b>
12 Nov	Reading	(A)		04 Mar	Salisbury	(A)
<b>26 Nov</b>	<b>Salisbury</b>	<b>(H)</b>		<b>11 Mar</b>	<b>Shipston-on-Stour</b>	<b>(H)</b>

For information about all sections of our club, please visit our website.  
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# BLUES NEWS



**NEWBURY BLUES v SALISBURY RFC**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022, KO 3PM**

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR

**Myddelton&Major**

Once again, we are delighted to be welcoming Salisbury back to Monks Lane. They last played here in 2018 and as long-time friendly rivals of Newbury, it's always good to rekindle the old derbies. We hope you have a great afternoon with us and enjoy the South African game afterwards, with a happy hour to tempt you to stay at the bar straight after our match. There is also a real ale festival here today with a bar pitchside so no need to miss any rugby!

Salisbury currently lie 6<sup>th</sup> in the league, one place behind Newbury. The average number of tries scored in this league has been 8 per game; Salisbury have scored 203 points this season whilst the Blues have scored 305. The rugby this season has always been entertaining and with regular crowds of over 350 here at Monks Lane, it is testament to the quality of the rugby played.

Two weeks ago, Newbury scored 7 tries and 6 conversions in an exciting game against Reading, which was in the balance up until the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute when the Blues scored 3 quick successive tries. Until then, former Blues coach Lee Goodall, now coaching Reading, was hoping he might secure an upset. It was a good job Lou Goodall, our club chair, was not on the side-line, creating a family division of loyalties!

The Stags were also playing away at Reading that day but sadly lost to Reading IIs. However, there was a great team spirit, ably spearheaded by George Robinson Slater, with a great attitude to developing this social side of the club. The rugby committee are looking at ways to support this team with the national problem post Covid of ensuring more players stay, play and enjoy the game and the friendship that rugby so brilliantly fosters. We look forward to the committee's initiatives very soon.

The Women's side stormed to their sixth win and maintained their 100% success rate and top of the table position. This is a fabulous effort, and the crowds are getting bigger and bigger, so well done to captain Lizzie Harris and the rest of the squad.

The Vets' (Newbury Bulldogs) rugby match played against Hungerford on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November under floodlights, had 300 supporters. It was a very closely contested and entertaining game, very ably controlled by referee Stuart Codling. You cannot take the competitive spirit out of the sportsman, whatever speed they now think they run at!! The older you get, the easier it is to spot the gaps, but it takes a bit longer to get through them, by which time .....! The Bulldogs next fixture is on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December.

A very big thank you to all our sponsors but especially today to our match sponsor Myddelton & Major, Chartered Surveyors. David Smith is one of their senior partners and has been a long-standing servant of the club. He joined Newbury RFC in 1978 and then became Captain and led them in the 1980/81 season when Newbury won the Berkshire Cup and the Oxfordshire Floodlit League. Despite spells at Bath and Harlequins, Newbury was always Smithy's favourite club and he was President here for 19 years. Thank you David, for your continued support.

Well, we have had quite a rugby feast over the last few weeks which culminates tonight!! Whether you are a union or a league fan, there has been plenty to enjoy, and the last five minutes of several games has been scintillating. Whether you were watching the Red Roses lose the last lineout of the World Cup Final, or England scoring 20 points against New Zealand in the dying minutes at Twickenham or watching England's wheelchair team beat France in the last 3 minutes of their World Cup Final, you cannot argue against the drama of live sport.

We are currently hosting the West Berkshire Schools' floodlit tournament and I hope all the teams and schools competing are enjoying the competition. Tom Croft, Jonathon Joseph and his brother Will, as well as Ollie Hassell Collins, have all played in the tournament at some time.

Thanks to all those who made the FAGM. It was quite a unique occasion as Peter Lambert our new Treasurer was able to give some very upbeat news on the club finances. Please continue to support the club in any way you can and keep checking on the events going on here. We are heading in the right direction both as a community club and financially.

Today we are pleased to support the 'New Life' Charity with a raffle. This charity supports local hospitals providing equipment to help premature babies and mums through very traumatic times. Trevor Goodall who is here today has raised over £1million for this amazing cause over the last 20 years, which we are delighted to support. Keep up the good work Trevor!

Until the New Year Newbury Rugby Club continues to be a collection point for the Newbury Volunteer Centre for food and necessities, to help the most needy. All donations appreciated – please just drop at Reception.

I hope you can stay for the South African game after the Blues match, enjoy the real ale and a wonderful rugby atmosphere! Come on Blues Corner - do your vocal best!!

Have a great rugby afternoon.

**David Jones - President**

#### Regional 2 Tribute South Central - League Table

		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marlborough	10	10	0	0	50
2	Stow-on-the-Wold	7	8	0	2	40
3	Witney	7	7	0	3	37
4	Tottonians	7	7	0	3	36
5	<b>Newbury Blues</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>
6	Salisbury	7	5	0	5	24
7	Devizes	7	4	0	6	22
8	Reading	7	4	0	6	20
9	Shipston-on-Stour	7	4	0	6	20
10	Grove	7	3	0	7	18
11	Swindon	7	2	0	8	13
12	Buckingham	7	0	0	10	3

#### NOTICE TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

**THURS 15 DEC 2022, AT 7PM**

To give Club Members the opportunity to discuss previously announced proposals to fully constitute a Management Board, merging the group which has been operating informally for the past three years with the Trustees; and to approve necessary changes to the Rules.

A full explanation and the new rules being proposed will be circulated to Members before the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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Referee  
Dean Crossley



NEWBURY BLUES		v	SALISBURY RFC	
1	Ben Hicks*	PROP	Michael Dauwalder	1
2	Harry Wayne-Branch*(VC)	HOOKER	Aiden Gill	2
3	Rob Drysdale*	PROP	Gareth Blackborow	3
4	Ashley Doel	LOCK	Matthew McCarthy	4
5	Michael Duppa-Miller	LOCK	Dominic Porter	5
6	Miles Albert*	FLANKER	George Fossey	6
7	Jamal Watson*	FLANKER	Luke Newton	7
8	Josh Winfield* (VC)	NO. 8	Jacob McConnell	8
9	Joel Cripps*	SCRUM HALF	Jack Fitzgerald	9
10	Toby Thorne*(VC)	FLY HALF	Blake Ryder	10
11	Freddie Beharrell	WING	Matthew Woodhouse	11
12	Kris Ford	CENTRE	Tom Tully	12
13	Harry Isaac	CENTRE	Benedict Wheeler	13
14	Michael Klichowicz	WING	Bobby Spiers	14
15	Jamie Futcher* (C)	FULL BACK	Robert Crossley	15
16	George Robinson-Slater*	REPLACEMENTS	Robert Brown	16
17	Ben Davies*		Richard Smart	17
18	Will Osborne*		Sam Waters	18
<b>Head Coach</b> – James McAvoy <b>Coaches</b> – Nigel Beal / Paul Archer <b>Manager</b> - Michael Futcher <b>Physio</b> - Martin Paice / Dan Elsgood <b>Touch Judge</b> - Dave Shields		<b>STAGS v ABINGDON (A) – 2.30PM</b> Tom Haynes, Ben Topping, Sam Bramhall (VC), Alex Du Sautoy, Andrew Maher, Ed Gavin, Louis Carnell, Oli Keyse (C), Will Trumper, Mathew Cox, Xavier Brouard, Oli Rhoads, Jacob Checksfield, Max Pocock, George Butler (VC), Ryan Jeram, John Bastable, Sam Palmer, Charlie Lewis		

\*Player has come through youth section

## SENIOR PLAYER SPONSORS 2022-2023

Thank you to all our Player Sponsors for their valued support. For more info, please contact **Mick Futcher** on [m\\_futcher@hotmail.com](mailto:m_futcher@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 Wayne-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 Futcher)
Kris Ford	Yuri Pasea
Jamie Futcher	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

## REAL ALE FESTIVAL

It is with many thanks that we welcome the return of Indigenous Brewery's Kevin Brady to Monks Lane. As before, Kevin has provided all the kit for the bar and some of his fine ales. Purchase of the barrels was generously supported by donations from:

Sean Bate;  
George Strang;  
Mike & Shirley Jarvill;  
Don Cameron  
at 'StaySafe';  
Dicky Hayes  
at 'Kept Assets'



### Senior Women

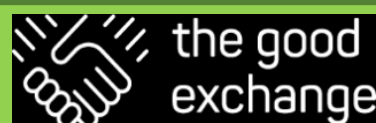
Lizzie Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob & Gill Harris)
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**Regional 2 Tribute South Central - Results Table**

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

## NRFC CLUB EVENTS – JAN/FEB 2023

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Thank you day for Volunteers & Life Members
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Club Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Sponsors Day and Pink Charity Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Reunion Day



Please support the club's live appeal for **ONGOING PITCH MAINTENANCE**. All donations match-funded by The Good Exchange. [www.thegoodexchange.com](http://www.thegoodexchange.com)

## WHO'S WHO?

<b>President</b>	David Jones	
<b>Vice President</b>	Trevor Coles	
<b>Committee:</b>	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	Nick Spain
	Co-opted	Alan McDermott
	Co-opted – Community Rugby Lead	James MacCarthy
	Co-opted – Rugby Income Lead	Ian Jack
<b>Trustees:</b>	Steve Gibbs (Chairman), Estelle Dessiaume, Adam Prickett, Mark Trumper	
<b>Life Members:</b>	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.

Thank you.

*Cover image provided by  
Ian Jack*

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT



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