



# 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>

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# BLUES NEWS



## NEWBURY BLUES v SWINDON RFC

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022, KO 3PM**

Local Derbies used to be a major part of community rugby, so it is great to see Swindon back at Monks Lane today after a few years absence. A warm welcome to all from Swindon as well as our own very valued and loyal supporters in the stands, on the North Bank and Blues Corner. Rumour has it that we have some real ale on tap today! I hope we have an exciting and open game of rugby, and you all have an excellent afternoon.

Swindon lie 8<sup>th</sup> in the league with two wins so far but some closely contested games; last week losing to Witney (31-10).

The Blues last week turned in a dogged performance for 65 minutes, creating numerous try-scoring opportunities against a very physical (but one route) Grove side. Not all chances were taken and a lack of concentration close to the end, with various substitutions made the game closer than it should have been as Grove fought back tenaciously. But Newbury's game plan and support play provides entertaining rugby and after the early season wobble, has proved very successful. How fantastic to see Robbie Drysdale (complete with his Lee Van Cleef Moustache - "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"), collect his 200<sup>th</sup> cap. Robbie has always been a Blues Favourite for his tremendous tackling and unselfish teamplay. It's also good to see Graham Stewart still delivering out on the pitch at 52!! Where are those younger players who could learn off these guys? But to be fair, there is something special about the front row fraternity the rest of us will never learn or understand!

Talking of club icons and the front row brotherhood, Nick Weston was part of the Under 11s coaching team that took their squad to the London Irish Land Rover Cup recently, playing various teams including Roslyn Park and London Welsh. What a great day out for the youngsters. Nick is also part responsible for the reformation of Newbury Vets (known as the Bulldogs), who play their first game next Friday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> Nov) at the club against Hungerford. This is 'A MUST' for all rugby lovers and a chance to see some Veteran Superstars. I know they will want your encouragement and it's a great way to start the weekend.

The Newbury Women just keep on winning and are top of their league, last week securing a resounding win over St Mary's Old Boys Ladies. This means they retain their 100% record. Do look on the website for their fixtures and come and watch; the rugby is impressive!

Unfortunately, last week we had to again cancel the Stags game due to a lack of players. A huge amount of injuries has not helped but this is also a national problem at second and third team level and it is so disappointing for those who want a social runout at the weekend. It is the biggest problem facing our rugby club in my view and the transition from Colts to Senior Rugby. The jump from Colts to the Blues is too big for most players and preserving the social side of a rugby club is fundamental to its success. I know the rugby committee are looking at it.

Thank you as always to all our sponsors for your continued support through difficult times. The club would not be here without you.

Please keep an eye on the website or in the programme for future events at the club - Louise and her team are trying to lay on good value, quality events for members and friends (Badness were amazing apparently), so please try and support them when you can; it's a good night out and good for the club.

There is plenty of rugby to watch at the moment on the TV and coming up, so do check what will be shown here at the Club.

Have a great rugby afternoon.

**David Jones - President**

*Congratulations to Rob Drysdale who is celebrating 200 Caps for The Blues*



## Regional 2 Tribute South Central - League Table

		P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Marlborough	7	7	0	0	35
2	Witney	7	6	0	1	31
3	Stow-on-the-Wold	7	6	0	1	30
4	Tottonians	7	5	0	2	25
5	<b>Newbury Blues</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
6	Devizes	7	3	0	4	17
7	Grove	7	3	0	4	16
8	Swindon	7	2	0	5	11
9	Salisbury	7	2	0	5	11
10	Reading	7	2	0	5	11
11	Shipston-on-Stour	7	2	0	5	9
12	Buckingham	7	0	0	7	8

### SENIOR PLAYER SPONSORS 2022-2023

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

For more info, please contact **Mick Futcher** on  
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#### 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 Futcher)
Kris Ford	Yuri Pasea
Jamie Futcher	Dave Shields
Alex Harris	Capability Financial Solutions Ltd (Rob 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 Harris)
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To: voting members of NRFC

### FINANCIAL AGM

**WED 16 NOV 2022, 7PM**

#### STAGS v TADLEY – KO 3PM

Adam Henderson, Andrew Maher, Ashley Doel, Ben Topping, Charlie Lewis Colt, George Robinson-Slater, Jamal Watson, Louis Carnell, Mathew Cox, Nick Weston, Ryan Jeram, Sam Bramhall, Tom Haynes, Tom Pender, Greg Price, Will Trumper

#### NEWBURY BLUES – 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM CAPS

Dan Thorne	238
Ben Hicks	218
Rob Drysdale	200
Josh Winfield	178
Jamie Futcher	173
Toby Thorne	170
Graham Stewart	149
Josh Bartlett	118
James Macauley	114
Kyle Doel	104
George Robinson-Slater	90
Duncan Craigen	59
Kris Ford	38
Harry Waye-Branch	33
Tom Cole	26
Will Osborne	24
Jonny Lees	16
Oliver Keyse	13
Ben Davies	7
Harry Isaac	6
Michael Duppa-Miller	6
Miles Albert	6
Tiarnan Kelly	5
Leroy Pyke	5
Jamal Watson	4
Freddie Beharrell	4
Sam Bramhall	3
Tom Haynes	3
Alex Harris	3
Joel Cripps	2
Jordan Ruddock	2
George Butler	2
Ali Magee	2
James McAvoy	1
Henry Sandys-Lumsdaine	1

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**Referee  
Crispin Davis**



<b>NEWBURY BLUES</b>		<b>v</b>	<b>SWINDON RFC</b>	
<b>1</b>	Ben Hicks*	<b>PROP</b>	Guy Livermore	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Harry Waye-Branch*	<b>HOOKER</b>	Tyler Morris	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	James Macauley* (VC)	<b>PROP</b>	Ryan Minns	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Michael Duppa-Miller	<b>LOCK</b>	James Norrish	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Ben Davies*	<b>LOCK</b>	Ash Taylor	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Miles Albert*	<b>FLANKER</b>	George Lee	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	Jonny Lees	<b>FLANKER</b>	Michael Thompson	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Josh Winfield* (VC)	<b>NO. 8</b>	Pete Kewell	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Michael Klichowicz	<b>SCRUM HALF</b>	Connol Knott	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Dan Thorne (C)	<b>FLY HALF</b>	Frazer Brown	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	Henry Sandys-Lumsdaine*	<b>WING</b>	Jaques Danford	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	Kris Ford	<b>CENTRE</b>	Charlie Cox	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	Will Osborne*	<b>CENTRE</b>	(C) Sam Danford	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	George Butler	<b>WING</b>	Jordan Sheppard	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	Jamie Futcher* (VC)	<b>FULL BACK</b>	Robbie Dalglish	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	Rob Drysdale*	<b>REPLACEMENTS</b>	Dave Cox	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	Oli Keyse*		Jack Swann	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	Reuben Langdon*		Matthew Loader	<b>18</b>
<b>Head Coach</b> – James McAvoy <b>Coaches</b> – Nigel Beal / Paul Archer <b>Manager</b> - Michael Futcher <b>Physio</b> - Martin Paice / Dan Elsigood <b>Touch Judge</b> - Dave Shields			<b>Head Coach</b> – Mark Sharp	

**\*Player has come through youth section**



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

## 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)
4. In the event of no ticket forecasting the draw, the smaller margin or any ticket holding the draw number of points win or lose.
5. If no ticket holds the draw number of points, then any ticket holding plus or minus one of the drawn points score with the smallest margin. The plus or minus two and so on.

### 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.

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