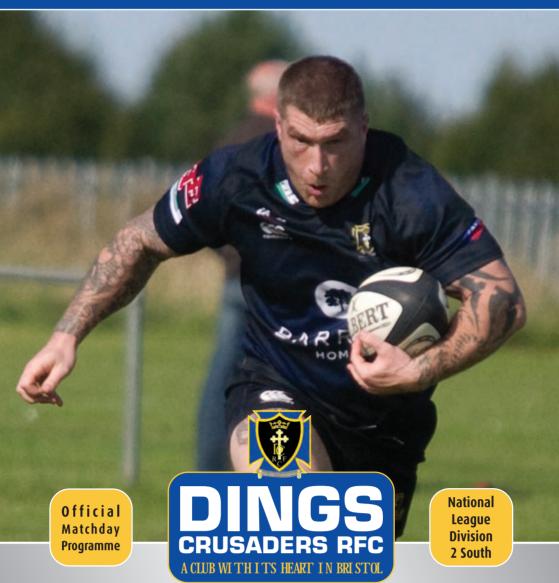
Saturday 6th October 2012 DINGS CRUSADERS V BOURNEMOUTH





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Welcome

Today we welcome Bournemouth RFC to Lockleaze for what I believe is not only their first visit to Lockleaze but the first time the two clubs have ever played each other. Although I'm sure members will recognise one of their coaching team who last visited The Dings whilst playing for Barking a couple of seasons ago. I'm positive he will make sure they know all about the place we call home.



A weeks break due to the sad demise of Rugby Lions and I expect all of you were struggling for something to do, well normal service is resumed

and hope that the weeks break has allowed the players and coaches (yes we do have coaches) to put the wrong right, after our last disappointing outing against an average Launceston team, who on the day just seemed to be a bit more organised. A wear worn path to the dug out to endure an all too familiar sin binning meant we went home pointless for the first time this season. If you think it doesn't mean anything to this group of players losing like that then I suggest you stand back and hang on to your hat for I believe today will be a day when it all gets put right, that is as long as we keep all players on the pitch!

I for one am not tempted by travelling up the Severn or to our near neighbours to watch a game, but felt compelled to travel to Cheltenham and watch the Knights play their first league game of the season. It didn't go quite to plan with a Old Pats team having some familiar faces playing for them. A youthful Knights came away pointless, but some pleasing aspects of play meant that two late tries brought a slightly better respectability to the scoreline. At least on a par with the normal cry offs, getting a team out was a feat in itself, and their season has started, hopefully they will come strong as they did last term, clinching the League title for the first time with only a handful of game left.

Around the rest of the clubs the slightly punctuated season has now begun, with the Dings putting out both Thirds and Fourths last weekend. Although with mixed results, the signs are encouraging with numbers returning just as they put their cricket whites away for another winter.

On the redevelopment, no real news I'm told, apart from we won't be planning an audacious bid on the Cribbs Causeway ground of our close neighbours although I'm sure it wont be long until we can bring some positive news for you all to digest. You will see that the roof tops of the development next door, starting to give clear definition to the landscape. As long as they don't mind the lads popping in to get their balls back, it wont be an issue.

Anyway back to today, this afternoons game, Match Sponsor is Mike Sanigar who over the last couple of Months has thrown himself into helping out at the club, and his work is a valuable addition to the existing team of volunteers that make a Saturday tick all the boxes for the home fans, so lets get the party moving, bringing a little bit of Lockleaze into the fray and a spur to get the lads going, so as always give the boys a huge roar as they come out onto the Battlefield of Play.

Come on you Dings Boys!

Steve Llovd



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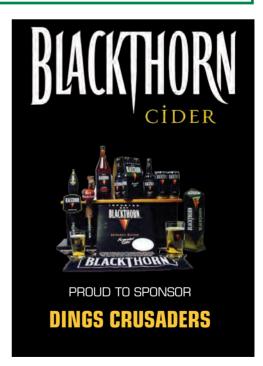
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Welcome to Bournemouth RFC

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

Founded in 1893 Bournemouth, who narrowly missed out in the playoffs to Hertford 22-23 in 2010-11, went one better last season to win the National Three South West title, promotion to National Two is the highest they have been in the league structure. After five years in National Three they won the title last season in some style with twenty four wins from twenty six games amassing over twelve hundred points and with a point's difference of over one thousand, pretty impressive stuff.

Bournemouth play their home games at Chapel Gate in Christchurch which claims to be one of the leading sports centers in the country, a sixty five acre site that caters for a host of sports including Rugby, Football, Cricket and many more as well as being the base for Bournemouth's football league side.

Bournemouth have made a pretty good start to life in National Two with two wins and ten points from the first five games to sit in eighth place. Their two wins have come at home first game of the season 32-17 over Canterbury and a couple of weeks later 41-29 to Chinnor, with the losses 14-45 at Worthing, 13-18 at Redruth and last week 7-43 at home to fancied Hartpury.

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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NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 SOUTH

TEAM	Р	W	L	D	Pts
Henley Hawks	5	5	0	0	25
Shelford	5	4	1	0	20
Worthing	4	4	0	0	19
Redruth	4	4	0	0	18
Hartpury College	4	3	0	1	16
Canterbury	5	3	2	0	15
Chinnor	4	2	2	0	13
Bournemouth	5	2	3	0	10
Bournemouth Launceston	5 5	2 1	3	0 1	10 10
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Launceston	5	1	3	1	10
Launceston Southend	5 5	1 2	3	1	10
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LEADING TRY SCORERS			
Player	Team	Tries	Points
Peter C Kelly	Canterbury	7	35
James Comben	Henley Hawks	6	30
Thomas Duncan	Redruth	6	30
Lewis Paterson	Launceston	6	30
Jack Maslen	Worthing	6	30
William Pomphrey	Clifton	5	25
Daniel Cleare	Southend	5	25
Ross Moriarty	Hartpury College	4	20
Liam O'Neill	Henley Hawks	4	20
Jack Hayes	Hartpury College	4	20

TOP LEAGUE KICKERS					
Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop Goals	Points
James Comben	Henley Hawks	25	3	0	59
Steven Smith	Shelford	13	10	0	56
Mark Woodrow	Dings Crusaders	4	15	0	53
Alan Paul Thirlby	Redruth	10	10	0	50
Scott Browne	Canterbury	14	7	0	49
Benjamin Stevenson	Bournemouth	9	8	0	42
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	8	8	0	40
Matthew McLean	Worthing	16	2	0	38
Craig Jackson	Hartpury College	9	6	0	36
Ben Roberts	Clifton	9	6	0	36

TOP LEAGUE POINT SCORERS					
Team	Cons	Pens	Drop	Tries	Points
Henley Hawks	25	3	0	6	89
Shelford	13	10	0	1	61
Dings Crusaders	4	15	0	1	58
Canterbury	14	7	0	1	54
Worthing	16	2	0	3	53
Redruth	10	10	0	0	50
Launceston	8	8	0	1	45
Bournemouth	9	8	0	0	42
Hartpury College	9	6	0	0	36
Clifton	9	6	0	0	36
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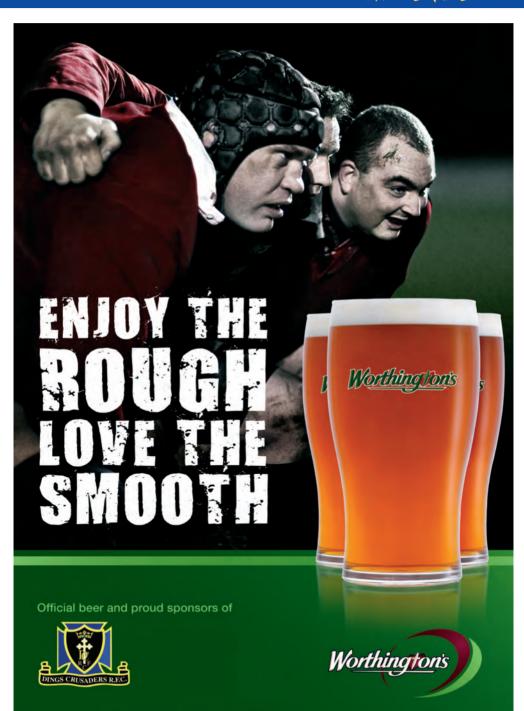
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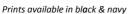


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So the season progresses but not as we had hoped, having been docked 6 hard earned points and surrendering leads in two matches we then went on to lose, one could feel slightly down hearted, but Heh! We are the Dings and we don't do pessimism.

Something clearly happens to us at Half Time, perhaps we shouldn't leave the field. For those of us of an 'age', leaving the field at half time was not allowed unless with the referees permission. For most of us the onset of half time heralded a blissful 5 minutes of rest, interspersed with a minute seament of orange, often dropped in the mud, a swig from a communal water bottle (HIV and other dark things hadn't been invented then) and a wipe over with a rapidly drying sponge not cleaned from season to season. We took in turns to tell jokes and the passing of water whilst we all stood in a circle was mandatory. Now it is a much more scientific and structured period used for the reinforcement of tactics and the ever present game plan. Funny though, I can't ever remember playing on the losing side for the Dings, maybe we had it right.

Today we welcome Bournemouth for their virgin appearance at Landseer Avenue, having finally been promoted to Division two after a couple of near misses. I have fond memories of Bournemouth having played for the Vikings (the Original Dings Sunday seven, when we still a temperance society) in their well organised sevens many years ago. We didn't win the tournament but had a good time. We also had to negotiate a bit of a local disturbance at Castle Cary on the way home,

Andy 'Tate' Lyle being bitten by the landlord's dog, and the late great Bobby Dark, 'borrowing' the coach

Many other memories were recalled recently with a rare appearance of the legend that is Steve 'Flash' McCall, despite being transported to Australia many years ago with 'Codge' Connelly it was good to hear he retains his Bristol accent albeit with a hint of Aus. Keep an eye open, word has it that Rich Hook will be making a brief visit this month.

Ding's rejects sprung a bit of a surprise last Friday evening at the Mem. Both Buster and Chas making an appearance. Good for them.

Further afield Jersey are finding it tough in the first division, but I expect some big tax free spending will try and recue their ambitions. Ealing, with the help of our ex. Forwards are doing well, although Old Albanians are also finding life a little difficult.



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