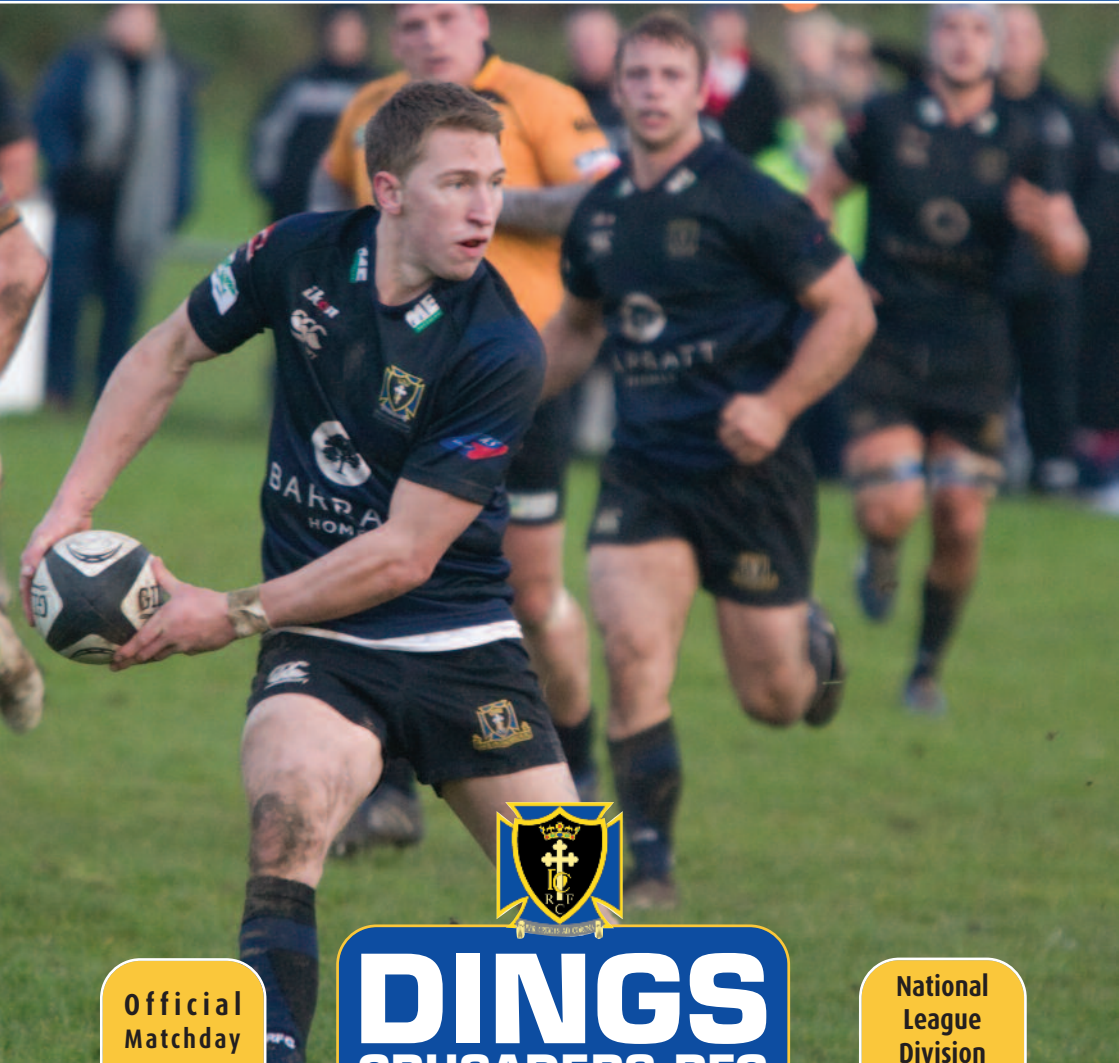


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Today we welcome Hartbury College back to Lockleaze and a special welcome back to Alan Martinovich, who hopefully has not brought his flock of sheep to graze on the Dings land after being awarded the freedom of the club, when he finally realised that there was more money to be had in the north of the county. We also welcome our old adversary in Barnsy, who I'm sure will have told his young charges Messrs Crompton and Marsden what to expect! Anyway let's hope we can repeat our home form from the past four weeks and give the soap dodgers a stiff test.



Two weeks ago saw a game at Lockleaze which we will be talking about for a long time, unless we all get struck down with alzheimers! Chinnor played their part in an absorbing game never lying down, but in the end the Dings boys stuck steadfast and true and came away with the spoils. It has been said that perhaps last season we wouldn't have won the game, who knows but I'm pleased to see that the current team is playing with passion and flair - not to be confused with some of the older players flares, which they still think is a fashion statement! Chinnor have obviously used the knowledge from past visits to this League to enhance their playing strength from the now defunct Rugby Lions, it did make for an enthralling game with good banter from both sides, but I think we also won the banter round.

Then it was off to sunny Redruth, to play a team who had been spanked by our opposition today. An unspectacular game with some pretty good rugby by both sides, but a strangely lethargic performance from our lads meant we returned pointless and with a couple of players carrying bumps and bruises. It was good to see Big Bob taking charge of the sidelines and once he learns the players names say by 2016... although he did ask where step inside was... and the kid with the funny ears... nice to see how some things don't change, likewise, its hard to see how there's not more road traffic accidents down in the Duchy, what with everyone I met being so one-eyed!

The next couple of weeks will probably lay down where we feel we will ultimately end up in the league, with next weeks game at Lydney is going to prove crucial as it has been for the last couple of seasons. Let's hope our boys do not feel as generous as they have over the past couple of seasons. At the top a resounding loss by high flying Henley has really opened the race up and I think we could still play a major part in what finally happens - something that hasn't ever phased us in the past.

Lastly sad news, with the loss of a former club player and selection committee man in the form of Barry Arnold, who I recall made his final visit to Lockleaze only last season at the last Old Boys Reunion, our thoughts are with his wife and family at what is always a sad time.

Back to the matter in hand, let's give our boys a real step up and in the words of another lost soul... *"They don't like it up em!"*

Come on you Dings Boys!

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Welcome to Hartpury RFC

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

Following the development of the Hartpury Academy of Sport in 2000, the College has enjoyed success on the rugby field. In partnership with Premiership side Gloucester RFC the Hartpury Rugby Academy successfully attracts talented players who are passionate about the game and are determined to succeed.

The concept of a Saturday side, Hartpury College RFC, was the brainchild of Hartpury Principal Malcolm Wharton in 2004. The aim being to play at National rugby level and improve the BUCS teams, this was achieved the season before last with promotion to National League Two South. Hartpury College RFC is made up of player's from Hartpury's BUCS teams supplemented by senior players with experience at the highest level in the game.

Last season Hartpury's first at this level saw them finish in fourth place with twenty one wins and they will certainly be looking to better that this season. So far so good as they currently sit in second place just three points behind early leaders Henley.

Recent form has seen Hartpury win their last three outings home - to Redruth 46-15 and two away 22-8 at Chinnor and last week 46-16 at Lydney. They have lost just once 14-15 at home to Worthing, and drawn one 24-24 away at Launceston back in September.

Last season's league encounters with Dings were both won by Hartpury but were close, well contested matches. Back in November we were edged out at Hartpury 11-14 in a great game that could have gone either way right up to the final whistle, the disallowed Sylvan Edwards try still a mystery to us one-eyed Dings men and here at Lockleaze in March the score was 24-16 to today's visitors.

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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TEAM	P	W	L	D	Pts
Henley Hawks	10	9	1	0	45
Hartpury College	10	8	1	1	42
Shelford	10	8	2	0	41
Worthing	10	8	2	0	38
Redruth	10	8	2	0	38
Chinnor	10	5	5	0	29
Clifton	10	5	5	0	25
Launceston	10	4	5	1	24
Bournemouth	11	5	6	0	23
Canterbury	11	4	7	0	21
Dings Crusaders	10	5	5	0	20*
Taunton Titans	10	3	7	0	17
Southend	10	3	7	0	14
Lydney	11	1	10	0	10
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National League Two South Stats

LEADING TRY SCORERS

Player	Team	Tries	Points
Thomas Duncan	Redruth	10	50
Lewis Paterson	Launceston	8	40
Ian Clark	Hartpury College	8	40
James Comben	Henley Hawks	8	40
Ross Moriarty	Hartpury College	7	35
Martyn Beaumont	Canterbury	7	35
Richard Briggs	Henley Hawks	7	35
Peter C Kelly	Canterbury	7	35
Martin Nutt	Henley Hawks	7	35
Thomas Gray	Chinnor	7	35

TOP LEAGUE KICKERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop	Goals	Points
Mark Woodrow	Dings Crusaders	17	27	2		121
James Comben	Henley Hawks	50	3	0		109
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	20	19	0		97
Alan Paul Thirlby	Redruth	19	17	0		89
Ben Roberts	Clifton	16	14	0		74
Steven Smith	Shelford	19	12	0		74
James Cathcart	Chinnor	18	12	0		72
Anthony Wicks	Lydney	9	17	1		72
Scott Browne	Canterbury	19	9	0		65
Benjamin Stevenson	Bournemouth	11	13	0		61

TOP LEAGUE POINT SCORERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drop	Tries	Points
James Comben	Henley Hawks	50	3	0	8	149
Mark Woodrow	Dings Crusaders	17	27	2	4	141
Kieron Lewitt	Launceston	20	19	0	1	102
Alan Paul Thirlby	Redruth	19	17	0	1	94
Steven Smith	Shelford	19	12	0	2	84
Matthew McLean	Worthing	22	4	0	4	76
Ben Roberts	Clifton	16	14	0	0	74
Anthony Wicks	Lydney	9	17	1	0	72
James Cathcart	Chinnor	18	12	0	0	72
Scott Browne	Canterbury	19	9	0	1	70

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JAMES OAKLEY	14	<i>Wing</i>
MARCUS BROOKER	13	<i>Centre</i>
SAM COX	12	<i>Centre</i>
JACK NOWELL	11	<i>Wing</i>
MARK WOODROW	10	<i>Stand Off</i>
STEVE PLUMMER	9	<i>Scrum Half</i>
MATT HUDD	1	<i>Prop</i>
DAVE WHEELER	2	<i>Hooker</i>
JOSH LLOYD	3	<i>Prop</i>
ED HACK (CAPT)	4	<i>Lock</i>
DAVE BUFTON	5	<i>Lock</i>
JOE JOYCE	6	<i>Flanker</i>
STEAN WILLIAMS	7	<i>Flanker</i>
JAMES LUCK	8	<i>No 8</i>
MIKE FLOOK	16	<i>Replacement</i>
ADAM BELLAMY	17	<i>Replacement</i>
STEVE UREN	18	<i>Replacement</i>
TAYLOR STEVENS	19	<i>Replacement</i>
JOEL CLARK	20	<i>Replacement</i>

HARTPURY COLLEGE

Red and Black

SEAN MARSDEN	15
ALEX O'MEARA	14
JACK HAYES	13
SEBASTIEN RODWELL	12
STEPHEN REYNOLDS	11
LUKE COZENS	10
CLIVE STUART-SMITH	9
JAMES GIBBONS	1
CALLUM O'CONNELL	2
DARREN CROMPTON	3
BRANDON WALKER	4
HARRY CASSON	5
GEORGE MILLS	6
LIAM WILKINSON	7
NATHAN THOMAS	8
RICKY CANO	16
DYLAN RODRIGUES	17
SAMUEL PITCHFORD	18
TIM STEVENSON	19
BRADLEY FIELD	20

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Top Touch Oracle

O dear, no luck in Cornwall again and even 'pointless'. Well that might win the jackpot on Alexander Armstrong's popular quiz show but sadly not in Div. 2, South, so it's back to the drawing board and an opportunity to notch up another home win over one of the better sides in the division. The students of Hartpury, budding vets and horse doctors to a man will also be looking to continue their rise up the table. However they will probably find the step up from their own frugal facilities to Stadium Landseer a bit difficult.

The Autumn internationals are under way, with only England of the home nations reaping any reward. With the club house ringing to the melody of 'Don't cry for me Taffy Davies' the Welsh crashed at home, the All Blacks scored whenever they were interested and Ireland at least had a go. England must beware the wounded Aussies!

I watched the film 'Witness' recently, I'm absolutely certain I saw Josh Lloyd living in the Amish village with his new beard!

And now to that time of the year when we celebrate those individuals whose exploits remove them from the world's gene pool, the Darwin Awards. It's always worth playing a little game here, trying to imagine which player is most likely to pull one of these stunts.

Receiving an honourable mention was Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie. This a new twist on Bonfire Night celebrations. They were bored just driving around at 2am, so they lit a quarter of a stick of dynamite to toss out the window to see what would happen. Unfortunately and sadly they failed to notice that the window was closed.

Now I know our training is tough, and many of the players tell me they are often almost hypnotised by the effort they put in on a Tuesday, however they would do well to emulate a 49-year-old San Francisco stockbroker, who was so totally in the zone when he was out for his evening jog, that he accidentally jogged off a 100-foot high cliff and didn't land too well.

The following is worth a mention despite not being considered due to a technicality. On 5th October 2012, in the US State of Florida the Police say that Edward, aged 32, died after winning a cockroach-eating contest (and losing a worm-eating contest) at a reptile store. By some reports, he ate a plate full of superworms, a handful of mealworms, and half a bucket of cockroaches. He was nominated for a Darwin Award, but Mr. Cockroach Man lost the prize because - surprising but true - cockroaches and worms are considered edible. Entomologists say that an all-you-can-eat insect buffet is not normally fatal, just silly. It is worth noting that none of these actually live in the Forest of Dean.

So boys, let's get back on track and climb up the league some more.





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