

NEWSLETTER

MATCH REPORTS

Drifffield 10 v York RUFC 18

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York RUFC 29 v Doncaster Phoenix 10

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York RUFC 38 v Blaydon 24

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TABLE 1ST XV

TEAM	PTS
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Harrogate	20
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York	20
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Doncaster Phoenix	17
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Blaydon	16
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Drifffield	15
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Heath	13
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Pontefract	11
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Ilkley	11
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Sandal	9
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Scunthorpe	9
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Alnwick	8
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Cleckheaton	1
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NEW STAND OPENING!

A mini opening was held for the new stand on September 9th. Our new stand will greatly improve the spectator experience on match days. With 150 seats, a roof which doesn't leak, ramp access and a great view of the pitch the Wood-Butler Memorial Stand will help make Clifton Park the best place to watch sport in Yorkshire. The ribbon was cut by James Butler and Richard Wood - the sons of Jack M Wood- former club president and lord mayor of York, who the original stand was named after and Don "Butty" Butler a club volunteer of 68 years who sadly passed away during the COVID pandemic.

The stand has been funded by the generous donations of members, support from York Sports Club, our junior section and some grant funding. The work is not finished yet, we are around £45k short of our final target. Phase two of the stand will add an integrated building to the rear including toilets for all, storage and a kiosk for food and drinks during matches.

[Click here for photos and how to donate](#)

When complete there will be a huge celebration if that motivates you to chip in!



TABLE 2ND XV

TEAM	PTS
Billingham 2nd XV	10
Alnwick II	10
Sandal 2nd XV	12
Driffield 2nd XV	12
Sheffield 2nd XV	15
Heath 2nd XV	11
Tynedale Raiders (2nd XV)	7
Wharfedale 2nd XV	8
Sheffield Tigers 2nd XV	7
Ilkley 2nd XV	7
Scunthorpe 2nd XV (Stags)	4
York 2nd XV	-1

INJURY CORNER

We have had a number of players return to availability over recent weeks - some minor injuries, returning from concussion protocols during pre-season games and a couple visiting the World Cup.

Unfortunately, our skipper was injured in the win over league leaders Doncaster Phoenix. Ross White will be facing an extended time out following a suspected ruptured pectoral tendon injury.



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ICE CUBED PROPERTY FINANCE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YORK RUFC INTO THE 2023/2024 SEASON AND BEYOND



We are delighted to welcome Ice Cubed Property Finance, part of the Ice Cubed Group, as Headline Sponsor for the second season running. Earlier in the season we were able to grab the groups MD for an interview to discuss all things rugby, sponsorship and property finance.

Sponsor Spotlight: Tom Frank

So Tom, you guys are back as headline sponsor; what made you make this decision?

To be honest it was not a difficult one; all the original reasoning still remained strong in that we wanted to support a club that is at a crucial hub in York's social and business landscape. Add to that, we have really enjoyed our time at the club and be able to meet both new clients and new friends. It was a bit of a no brainer.

And why rugby in particular?

Rugby has always been a major part of my life; I played my youth rugby over at Malton before heading to university and playing for Mapperley Old Boys in Nottingham followed by a really enjoyable stint at Grasshoppers in London before returning to York and seeing out my twilight years here at York. The way rugby and rugby players and fans approach the world is also very much how we approach our business. It's all about personal connections and doing the right thing.

Any changes to the Ice3 sponsorship this season?

Yes quite a few actually. We remain headline sponsors and main shirt sponsor and as you will recall we brought on board our partners sponsors Blacks Solicitors and Royal Pilgrim last year. This year Fortus Business Advisors and Accountants, Ashtons Estate Agents, Autohorn and York RLFC Valkyrie join the stable.

Interesting to see the The Valkyries in that list, how did that come about?

Well as you know we are a key partner of York RLFC sponsoring both the Knights and the Valkyries. What you may not know is that we have recently agreed a deal with York RUFC Women's team to co-sponsor their team alongside Minster Engineering, Ashtons, Fortus and Autohorn. As part of this process, I spoke to Clint at York RLFC and he was keen to be involved and help promote cross collaboration across York Sport including the women's game, especially given the huge success of the Valkyries. Watch this space for some exciting joint ventures between York Valkyrie and York RUFC Women.



All exciting stuff, so what's new this season for Ice3?

It's going to be a busy year for us. The market is quite challenging with the new interest rates as you can imagine, and it's more important than ever that we are able to offer our clients a full solution to their property needs. As such we will continue to offer our suite of property funding options including Development Finance, Buy to let Mortgages, Commercial Mortgages and Bridging Finance but we have also launched WeAreYork Business Finance to look after the less traditional property requirements such as cashflow lending, asset finance and business growth funding.

We are also bringing our two main businesses, Property Finance and Real Estate, much closer together enabling us to assist our clients in finding or disposing of sites and portfolios as well as funding them.

Finally any predictions for RWC 2023

Having watched the South Africa v New Zealand game with Blacks Solicitors down at Twickenham, I can't see much past the Boks to be honest. I think they beat France in the final.

► **Watch interview with Tom Frank from the first home game of the season**

BLACKS SOLICITORS: PROUD SPONSOR OF YORK RUFC



Blacks Solicitors is a 28 partner law firm with around 200 employees. The Firm provides a wide range of legal services to commercial and private clients across the UK, and continues to go from strength to strength.

Operating from its Head Office at City Point in Leeds, Blacks believes in delivering a first-class service to all of its clients, whilst providing expert advice at realistic rates. To achieve this, Blacks takes time to get to know and understand its clients, building long-term relationships to deliver the best results possible.

Blacks regularly provides advice to owner-managed businesses and high net worth individuals on: Corporate & Commercial Law; Intellectual Property; Data Protection; Employment Law; Real Estate; Leasehold Enfranchisement; Planning Law; Residential and Buy to Let / Conveyancing; Commercial and Civil Dispute Resolution / Litigation; Trusts, Wills & Estates; and Family Law.

In addition, Blacks also acts for clients across a range of niche sectors including: Healthcare; Energy; Telecoms; Education; Leisure & Hospitality (including Holiday & Home Parks and Hotels); Sport; and Music Law.

Sponsor Spotlight: Marcus Kaye



Who are you?

I'm Marcus, a Senior Associate Solicitor in Blacks' Real Estate Team with a focus on Real Estate Finance.

What do you do?

I play a key part of the Real Estate Finance team and act for many high street lenders, private lending institutions and borrowers in both bridging and development finance transactions. I act for both developer and investor clients and advise on all aspects of a Real Estate transaction.

When you're not at work where will we find you?

I am quite the family man and enjoy spending time with my 2-year-old daughter and walking the dog. When I do have some free time (and if its not raining) you will find me on the golf course.

A random fact you love:

It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland. It's considered animal abuse because they're social beings and get lonely.

Why do you sponsor the club?

Having played rugby for Yorkshire in my late teens, I have always watched and supported amateur rugby and when we were notified by Tom Frank of Ice Cubed Finance that sponsorship was available we jumped at the opportunity.

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WOMEN'S RUGBY



Having only played two games since February 2020 our women's team have been hit hardest by Covid and everything else the world has thrown at us. The team dropped to just 5 players at the end of last season but new Captain Dan Young and her vice captains Anna and Helen plus coach Freddie, have made a really friendly welcoming environment. With the help of more social media posts than an out of work reality TV celeb they have grown to a squad of 22 (so far) including some experienced and completely newbie players.

The squad has a new playing kit, training tops and after match shirts - all made possible by our generous sponsors - Fortus Accountants, Ice3, Ashtons Estate Agents, Minster Engineering, Autohorn and York Valkyries RLFC.

The team reentered the NC 3 North (central) league taking on the likes of Pocklington, Malton & Norton, Skipton and North Ribblesdale.- the team made a great start winning 27-15 home to Skipton before travelling to West Park Leeds where they competed for 40 minutes before eventually losing 51-10.

If you want to get involved come to training at 7pm Wednesday - you will have a great time.

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