

The Boxing Day Match 2018



Plymouth Argonauts

versus

OPM RFC



Wednesday 26th December 2018

Bickleigh Down – kick-off 11am

Today's Match Sponsor:



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Match Programme: £1 when sold separately – all proceeds to The Boiler Fund!

Season's Greetings

Welcome to the latest instalment of the traditional Boxing Day fixture which was first played for in 1935. There has been a long relationship between the two clubs dating back to 1926-27 when seven Argaum players left the club to form the new OPMs side including one George Wakeham, later to become President of both Plymouth Albion and Devon RFU. A match was played on Christmas Eve of the following season which ended in a 3-3 draw in which Wakeham himself grabbed Old Boys equalizing try. Nine years later the first Boxing Day fixture took place with Argaum running out 5-0 winners. The match was often keenly contested with a number of draws, including the occasional scoreless one, unlikely that we will have a repeat of that today.

OPM are of course very familiar with our clubhouse having utilised the facilities in the late 1980s and early 1990s before relaunching themselves at the King George V playing fields. Both venues have had their problems with the odd cold shower over the years and no doubt they will join us in relief that our recent boiler issues have been resolved!

Finally we are very grateful to former player Martyn 'Whisky' Walker for officiating today. He has usually featured in a playing capacity and in recent seasons, alongside his two sons Joe and Adam, who are back in the Argaum fold this season.

We hope you all enjoy today's match and afterwards raise a glass or two of port in our clubhouse, itself celebrating 60 years of existence. From all at the club hope you have had a very Merry Christmas and continue to enjoy the remainder of the festive season!

Past Matches

26th October 1935 – Argaum 5 OPM 0

OLD BOYS FINISH WITH THIRTEEN PLAYERS

Argaum started off well in their Boxing Day game at Geasons. Plympton. with O.P.M.s, when in the first few minutes Hannah got possession and raced through to send Sully over for a try in the corner. Robinson converted with a magnificent kick from the touch-line. The O.P.M.s improved following this reverse and attacked for several minutes. but failed to break through. The O.P.M.s lost a man with concussion and following the interval another left the field with a shoulder injury. Finishing the game with thirteen men, the visitors had quite as much of the play as Argaum. Cleverley was seen to advantage with a nice run through, and finished with a long, raking kick the visitors' touch-in goal. No further scoring took place, and the game ended in a victory for Argaum goal (5pts.) to nil.

Let It Flow

As you may know the clubhouse boiler finally packed in a few weeks back and, despite valiant attempts to resuscitate, it was unfortunately condemned. The club acted quickly and recently arranged for club hooker Dan James to install a brand new boiler which will provide hot water for the showers. Dan's growing plumbing business has kept him very busy this winter and limited his own availability on the park but we are grateful that he was able to contribute so valuably off it. Boilers don't come cheap and the club is fund raising to replenish the coffers after such an outlay. A good start was made recently when a sponsored social media blackout for Chris Langley raised over £500. Watch this space for further fundraising initiatives later throughout 2019.



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Past Matches 1946 & 1967

A SPORTING DRAW Plymouth Argaum's Match With O.P.M.s

The Plymouth Argaum v. O.P.M. Christmas fixture was contested with the usual vigour and good sportsmanship and a gruelling game resulted in a draw of three points each. Play was open and even in the first half, the only score being for the Old Boys. Berryman darting over from a scrum close to the Argaum line. Collins failed with the kick.

Conditions deteriorated in the second half, due to heavy rain, and handling became difficult. Argaum set up continuous pressure with sound forward play and in the last five minutes Smith burst over strongly from a lineout with an unconverted try.

ARGAUM WIN —DESPITE INJURIES

THE annual Boxing Day fixture between Plymouth Argaum and O.P.M.s produced an exciting game right to the end, the former winning by 9pts. to six.

The O.P.M.s had the assistance of several guest players of note and fielded a side worthy of their traditions.

Argaum, hit by injuries, found able substitutes, and it was a grand, open game.

O.P.M.s went ahead through a penalty goal by Griffiths, but Argaum hit back strongly. Kirby kicked a penalty to level matters and later another from 45 yards.

Good passing saw winger Giddy score in the corner to give Argaum a deserved 9-3 half-time lead.

But the only score was another penalty goal from Griffiths for O.P.M.s in a close match.

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Five Star

We are very proud to announce that following an inspection by South Hams Council today we have maintained our 5* Food & Hygiene rating.

This is a massive achievement for a volunteer run organisation. To receive this in the first place in 2016 was a success story but to maintain this rating means even more to us.

As a club we owe a debt of gratitude to Bridgette Raymont for all the hours and diligence she has put in to retain this gold standard.



Boxing Day 2014



Next Home Match

Saturday Jan 5th 2019 – Cornwall & Devon League
Plymstock Albion Oaks KO 14:30