

V BATTERSEA IRONSIDES 22.01.22 RFC

London Division 1 South Watchetts Recreation Ground, Park Road, Camberley, Surrey



Welcome to Camberley RFC



Welcome Everyone to our match against Battersea ironsides RFC. We had a tough match away before Christmas, in dreadful conditions and managed to get a narrow win. So I suspect that today's match will be equally tight.

Our last match was away to Chichester RFC and what a great result (A full report can be found on the club's Pitchero website: www.camberleyrugbyclub.co.uk, and later in this issue).

Many of our teams were in action over the last few weekends. The pick of the matches must be the brilliant win on 9th January by the Ladies Team against Portsmouth Valkyries, who until then were unbeaten. See Kim Johnson's report later on in this programme.

Other sides playing last weekend were The Vets who lost at Cobham in a high scoring match, our Senior Academy Side who beat Sutton 45 - 22 and our Junior Academy side who lost in a Cup Match against ⁶ Havant.

Hopefully our 2nd XV showed us the way against Battersea Ironsides last weekend, winning 17 - 7 in a league match and take the trip to Brighton today for another match in the Surrey Premiership League 1.

It is interesting that so many of our teams are playing Battersea Ironsides at the moment with The Vets next match at home (29th Jan) and our Senior Academy playing them tomorrow away.

A big thank you to today's sponsors Declan Pettit and Steve O'Meara.









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Unfortunately due to a lack of interested diners this time we have been unable to provide a pre-match lunch on behalf of Declan and Steve. But a huge thank you to both for their support of Camberley RFC. I am sure that there will be another opportunity for us to get together in the near future.

So our next two lunches will be on 12th February when we entertain London Cornish, sponsored by Chris Lee (Hotel Anacapri, Falmouth, Cornwall) and 5th March against Cobham, sponsored by Howard Ford and Gus Bartlett. This one will be another Sanjha special.

(Front Cover Photo and below by Dinger - from match v Chichester RFC)

Front Cover - Big Sam driving forward



Skipper Tom touches down



Fireman George in for his 1st

Section Results / Fixtures

January 9th
Camberley Ladies 30 Portsmouth Valkyries Ladies 27

January 15th 2nd XV 17 Battersea Ironsides 7 (Surrey League Match)

Cobham Vets 40 Camberley Vets 30

January 16th Senior Academy 45 Sutton 22 Junior Academy 10 Havant 55 (Hampshire Cup)

January 23rd
Havant Ladies v Camberley Ladies TBC
Senior Academy away to Battersea Ironsides 12.15p.m.
Junior Academy away to Reeds (Cup) 12.30p.m.
Under 14s "Maple" v Staines 13.00p.m.
Under 14s "Oak" v OCs 14.00p.m.
Under 13s v Whitgift 10.00a.m.
Under 12s v Guildfordians - Waterfall Cup 12.00

January 29th Vets v Battersea Ironsides (Home)

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Fixtures & Results to Date

	Camberley RFC Fi	Match Sponsor				
04/09/2021	Hammersmith & Fulham	19 - 8	Camberley	L	League	
11/09/2021	Camberley	36 - 15	Farnham	W	League	Shaun Bradbery (President's Lunch)
18/09/2021	Guildford	15 - 42	Camberley	W	League	
25/09/2021	Camberley	52 - 0	Chichester	W	League	SCRUFFS
02/10/2021	Battersea Ironsides	13 - 20	Camberley	W	League	
		-				(Memorial to those who have died)
16/10/2021	Camberley	19 - 27	London Welsh	L	League	Morgan Danaher: The life of Ron Danaher
23/10/2021	London Cornish	11 - 41	Camberley	W	League	
30/10/2021	Camberley	63 - 14	Horsham	W	League	Derek and Simon Olsen
06/11/2021	Cobham	30 - 39	Camberley	W	League	
13/11/2021	London Irish	0 - 89	Camberley	W	League	
20/11/2021		=				
27/11/2021	Camberley	32 - 7	KCS Old Boys	W	League	Roscan Electronics Ltd
11/12/2021	Camberley	41 - 31	Medway	W	League	John Carpenter/Mike Franzkowiak
18/12/2021	Farnham	P - P	Camberley		League	
08/01/2022	Camberley	41 - 7	Guildford	W	League	Harry & Chris Gibson
15/01/2022	Chichester	7 - 55	Camberley	W	League	
22/01/2022	Camberley	=	Battersea Ironsides		League	Declan Pettit & Steve O'Meara
29/01/2022	London Welsh	-	Camberley		League	
05/02/2022	Farnham	-	Camberley		League	
12/02/2022	Camberley	-	London Cornish		League	Hotel Anacapri Falmouth Cornwall
19/02/2022	Horsham	-	Camberley		League	
26/02/2022		-				
05/03/2022	Camberley	-	Cobham		League	Howard Ford & Gus Bartlett
12/03/2022	Camberley	-	London Irish		League	Stewart Davies & Dave Scott
19/03/2022		-				
26/03/2022	KCS Old Boys	-	Camberley		League	
09/04/2022	Medway	-	Camberley		League	
16/04/2022	_	-				
23/04/2022	Camberley	-	Hammersmith & Fulham		League	Smart Cyber Security Ltd.

Note: Haywards Heath have dropped out of the league.

Today's Fixtures

London Div	ision 1 South	Surrey Pr	emiersl	nip League 1
Camberley v	Battersea Ironsides (KO 2.00p.m.)	Brighton 2nd XV	V	Camberley 2nd XV (KO 2.00p.m.)

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- 4 Dan Sammut
- 5 Sam Voight
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- 7 Joshua Watson
- 8 Ed Grosvenor
- g Tom Chennell
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- 11 Reorge Owen
- 12 James Wellden
- 13 Ash Wright
- 14 Charles Hannan
- 15 Harry Faulkner
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- 17 Shawa Rai
- 18 Chris Bird





Battersea Ironsides RFC





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Sebastian Trower Oliver Davies Max Trickett James Buchanan Euan Chess Jonathan Newsham Harry Batstone Harry Martin

Jack Moates Cameron Baker

Benjamin Turner Gareth Coulter Jake Banton Charlie Craig Lewis Waters

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Position

Loose Head Prop Hooker Tight Head Prop Lock Lock Blind Side Flanker Open Side Flanker No. 8

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League Tables

London Division 1 South League Table

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	+/ -	TB	LB	Pts
1	London Welsh	14	13	0	1	492	219	273	12	1	65
2	Camberley	14	12	0	2	578	196	382	11	0	59
3	Medway	14	12	0	2	442	222	220	7	0	55
4	Hammersmith & Fulham	13	9	0	4	361	254	107	9	2	47
5	Chichester	14	7	0	7	377	392	-15	7	0	35
6	Guildford	14	6	1	7	344	422	-78	7	1	34
7	Battersea Ironsides	14	6	0	8	328	345	-17	5	3	32
8	KCS Old Boys	13	6	0	7	289	307	-18	6	1	31
9	Cobham	14	5	1	8	353	414	-61	5	2	29
10	Horsham	14	4	1	9	277	364	-87	4	2	24
11	London Irish Wild Geese	14	3	0	11	241	526	-285	4	2	18
12	Farnham	12	2	1	9	278	331	-53	3	2	15
13	London Cornish	14	2	0	12	175	543	-368	0	1	9

Surrey Premier League

#	Team	P	w	D	L	PF	PA	+ /-	TB	LB	Pts
1	Dorking A XV	11	8	0	3	282	228	54	7	0	42
2	Worthing Raiders A (2nd XV)	9	8	0	1	353	129	224	7	1	41
3	Richmond Jutes (5th XV)	11	5	1	5	268	241	27	4	2	33
4	Battersea Ironsides 2nd XV	9	5	1	3	209	148	61	4	1	30
5	Sutton & Epsom 2nd XV	9	3	0	6	225	189	36	4	4	26
6	Esher Abbots (3rd XV)	9	4	0	5	211	234	-23	4	1	26
7	Brighton II	10	4	1	5	211	256	-45	3	0	26
8	Horsham II	8	4	1	3	200	187	13	2	1	24
9	Farnham 2nd XV	10	3	0	7	186	356	-170	5	0	24
10	Camberley 2nd XV	10	2	0	8	150	327	-177	3	2	20

Today's Opposition - Battersea Ironsides RFC

Battersea Ironsides - Tanks, but no tanks!

One stop on from Clapham Junction and a short walk along the south side of Wandsworth Common is Battersea Ironsides Sports Club. It's a 4+ acre green site tucked into the London Borough of Wandsworth, known as much as anything for its HM Prison, though nowadays, in places, there's a chic feel creeping in, with the upgrading of terraced housing and coffee bars and restaurants springing up.

In 1943, a Battalion of the Royal Tank Regiment (Cadets), based at Clapham Junction, started up a rugby club and they initially called themselves The Ironsides, soon changing it to Battersea Ironsides. They were a 'wandering' rugby club with no home pitch. Their headquarters was the Regiments drill hall in Battersea. Ironsides was the nickname for tanks, so it was an obvious direct association. By all accounts, it was very appropriate because they had a playing reputation that went with the name.

The rugby club paid for and used two other council pitches on nearby Garrett Green, which it continues to do today for matches. It was 1983 when the club first made its home where it is now. At the time, it was owned by Holloway Properties, part of what became the Aviva Group. The then tenants were moving out of London and those running Battersea Ironsides saw it as an opportunity to get their own ground. A mixture of bank and personal loans and all the trauma of personal guarantors meant they were able to take it over. They had the best of intentions, but it was quite a short lease, It came as no surprise that they had difficulty renewing this lease in 1990. They had found it hard to keep up the maintenance and repair obligations because absolutely everything was done by club volunteers. It was - and still is - Metropolitan Open Land, and in a conservation area, so any owner was limited in the type of re-development. However, after five years of negotiations and court battles, in 1995, they did get a new fifteen year lease.

When that lease ran out in 2010, Aviva put the ground up for sale, as it did with the neighbouring Spencer Club's. Both clubs had the first option to buy and there was a general flurry of activity, not to say anxiety, over where the money would be found. Ironsiders were not keen on going down the personal loan route again! One of London's iconic sporting charities came to the rescue - the London Marathon Trust. One of their objectives is to ensure the preservation of London sports fields and facilities and they came to the rescue and provided the cash for both clubs to purchase their grounds. A separate company, London Marathon Trust Earlsfield Ltd, jointly owned by Battersea Ironsides Sports Club and the Spencer Club, was set up to own the freehold of the land each club occupied. It means that the Ironsides could be where they are forever. It was a big turning point for the club. 2014/15 was one of the best seaasons for Battersea Ironsides Rugby Club. The first fifteen won the Junior Vase at Twickenham, and also won the Surrey League and the Surrey Cup - a magnificent treble. A local private school also uses the site on weekdays. Hornsby House School at Balham has used the ground for the past few years for football, rugby, cricket and netball. The school would like to secure a long-term tenure. Negotiations continue and, if successful, would open up opportunities for a 4G artificial grass training area; a much needed facility bearing in mind the numbers using the ground!

(Article written in 2016)

1st XV Squad



16. Michael Clarke



17. Adam Musa





13 Ash Wright



11 Josh Lewanituva



6 Josh Watson



9 Tom Chennell





12. Josh Wright 15. George Owen



6 Ben Lovell-Smith



10. Matt Smart



4 Dom Sammut



14. Jaid Wiltshire



5 Sam Voight



3 Greg Franzel



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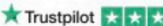
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CONFIDENT CAM BANISH BLUES IN 9 TRY ROUT BY ROGER BERRY

1st Half

Saturday started grey, cold and damp so the visit to Chichester aka The Blues was not looking too promising as wins at Oaklands had been few and far between for the black and ambers in recent seasons but those loyal Cam supporters able to make the trip will have found their trip home very warming after witnessing their team destroy the Blues in a nine try rout, again demonstrating their class and their outstanding teamwork in overcoming a side who, despite a slight dip in form recently, were still lying 5th in the table at the start of play.

The game saw Cam receiving the kick off, playing away from the clubhouse and in the opening 10 mins or so we saw both sides full of endeavour but making too many mistakes and with Cam conceding far to many penalties so that in these early stages any field position they did make was inevitably squandered.

However even at this stage it was clear that the black and ambers were already claiming superiority at scrum time and also at the lineout and this proved to key during the remaining 70 mins.

The breakthrough came on 15 mins when, following a couple of penalties in favour of Cam we saw young H put the ball into touch just 5m short of the Chichester try line and following a great take, and playing a penalty advantage skipper Tom dived over from a ruck on the try line and with H adding the extras Cam had at last reaped some reward for their early efforts. From the restart Cam found themselves scrumming down on their own 22 but a great shove saw the home pack retreat at a rate of knots and this was followed up by some really aggressive tackling by Tom and the back row which won them a penalty almost on halfway. However the quick tap saw a lucky interception with the home player managing to make it to the posts for a converted try.

This, however, as well as being extremely fortuitous, it also became the only time that the home side would bother the scoreboard operator during the game.

Obviously stung by this score Cam were soon back in the red zone and a driving maul saw Bazza emerge from the pile of bodies to claim the try and with H again adding the extras the score had moved to 7-14 on 28 mins.

The scoreboard remained quiet then for a further 15 mins as injuries, unnecessary penalties and numerous mistakes made the period very stop start (in fact the first half actually lasted more than 55 mins) but eventually their big defensive efforts told on the home side and a great scrum drive from 10m saw the cam pack trundle over with #8 Ed managing the ball well and claiming the try, something which really excited one of the Cam supporters who, as a #2 for most of his playing career, didn't actually see anything like this in his paying career as he was usually in middle of the pile of bodies.

Cam soon regained possession following the restart and a great box kick saw the Chichester winger bundled into touch on halfway.

Good lineout ball saw Cam attack first through Fireman George and then H who was tackled just 15m short and great scrummaging again saw Cam win the ball against the head and quick ball from Tom saw Ash stroll over for the bonus point try which H converted.

The restart, this time proved to be less successful for the home side as the ball was swung out wide by cam and this time we saw George again running a really good line to cross wide out to make the score at the break 7-31.

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CONFIDENT CAM BANISH BLUES IN 9 TRY ROUT (2nd Half) BY ROGER BERRY

2nd Half

Despite retreating to the warmth of their changing room for the break the home side did not seem to come up with a plan to control the game and the second period saw Cam begin to play almost exhibition rugby with both forwards and backs running freely and putting pressure on the Blues defence.

The first score of the half came following some quality handling between forwards and backs with Bazza really enjoying his darts and despite some resolute defence the home side eventually ran out of players as George crossed wide out for what was an excellent score.

The fireman's next score came just 3 mins later again as a result of many hands, both forwards and backs it was just too much for the home side and George claimed his third of the afternoon with just 12 mins of the second period played. The next score again saw George run a defensive kick back into the red zone and several phase produced good ball for skipper Tom to claim his second of the afternoon under the posts and with H adding the extras the score had moved to 7-50 with 60 mins played.

The restart soon saw Cam on the attack again and with the ball being passed around a bit like a training night we saw Hughsey go over for a try for a 7-55 scoreline at 64 mins.

In all fairness to the players on both sides ,the final quarter was a tad meaningless, with the home side desperate to avoid conceding anything while the concentration and commitment of Cam boys was understandably reduced as they were already 'in job done bring on next week, mode' and so as the sky became more grey the game ended on a somewhat flat note.

Again another dominant display by Cam, with the front row outstanding with the aggressive scrummaging of Bazza and Clarkey and the solidity of Marvin (who didn't manage a touchdown today) just too much for their opposite numbers, Dom and Sam were completely dominant in the row and the back row of Hughsey, BLS and Ed were simply amazing both in defence and attack and I suspect that this was Hughsey's best game of the season and he thoroughly deserved his try. Tom had his usual fiesty game and is clearly enjoying the freedom he has to play his own game instead of just shovelling it out to his 10 and again he proved how swift he is over 5 – 10m!!!.

Special mention for Josh Wright who stood in for Smarty this weekend at 10 and had a really good game, strong in the tackle, great distribution and well controlled. The backs again, as we have come to expect, all played well both in attack and defence and replacements Shawa, Connor and Jos all added energy to the side when they came on.

So this result sees Chichester beginning to slip away from the leading group.

CAMBERLEY COCKTAILS SHAKE UP LEAGUE LEADERS TO KO 2022 by Kim Johnson

A perfect day at Watchetts

Camberley beat League Leaders Portsmouth Valkyries II in a highly contested end to end match to kick start 2022. The pace of the match was set early with the visitors putting the first score on the board in the opening minutes of the whistle, undeterred Camberley replied in under 5 minutes with No.13 Claudia Briggs cutting though the defence to ground the ball firmly over the try line. Camberley 10 Kayleigh Noyce had to leave the field early with an injury just before half time, a little reshuffle in positions saw replacement Laura Marsh, back from a lengthy absence, enter the field at 9 and with her first touch of the ball a pick up from the back of a ruck, head down she took the opposition by surprise with her pace and tenacity, skipping past three defenders to touch down. Half time the visitors were ahead 15-10. The second half continued to have the strong Watchetts crowd gripped as both teams were determined to keep up the pace. Portsmouth kicked a penalty which edged them into the lead and as the game moved into the final 5 minutes, Briggs finished what she started, taking the ball just outside the 22 she powered the length of the pitch hugging the try line to seal the win for the CamberleyCocktails. For now Camberley sit top of the NC3 South East (South) league table having ended Portsmouth's unbeaten record.

Try Scorers

Claudia Briggs 4, Dee MacKenzie-Jones 1, Laura Marsh 1

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