



Sidcup RFC

vs.

Shelford RFC



Saturday 11th February 2023

Kick-off 3pm



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WELCOME TO SIDCUP

We welcome to Crescent Farm today, the Committee, players and spectators from Shelford Rugby Club, Cambridgeshire. I hope Shelford enjoy our hospitality as we were well looked after on our visit to Shelford in early November but afraid, came away losing on the artificial surface 28-19.



This is our second home game in a row after winning the rearranged fixture against Sudbury last week 22-17. A very important win for us in the league position we hold at present. Another win today would really assist the relegation battle before we go into the three games against fellow strugglers Hertford, Medway and CS Stags. Both Hertford and Medway are away games and your support for these two matches would be well appreciated by the players.

It's been a strange season, not being able to put the same team out two weeks in a row. Last week we saw two of our players return only to find three players injured from the artificial playing surface at Bedford the week before. That's rugby and we must get on with it!!

On the other hand, Shelford find themselves in third position in the league and one of the two teams that have beaten the league leaders, Westcombe Park. Last week they came away from a Friday night match against local rivals Bedford Athletic losing 29-15. With only one side being promoted and 17 points behind the league leaders you ask yourself 'are Shelford playing for pride' and is the league structure correct?

After today, the battle continues to avoid the drop with the below fixtures, 3 away game and the single home match.

Feb 18th – Hertford – A

Feb 25th – Medway – A

Mar 4th – CS Stags – H

Mar 11th – Westcombe Park – A

On the 4th March we are having the **Annual Sponsors & Volunteers lunch**. This is a very important day for the Club to be able to thank everybody that Sponsors the club or gives up their time to help. This will be our last league match of the season at home, although we are yet to hear about the League Cup which is new this season. It not in my remit to have such an early finish to the league competition this season.

We also continue with the Six Nations this week with two matches being shown in the clubhouse Ireland v France 14.15 and Scotland V Wales at 16.45. I know it’s always tempting to remain in the clubhouse with a beer but your support on the touchline is very much needed. It certainly helped last week.

Please remember the value of respect and keeping high standards in everything we do and especially towards the officials in their difficult task.

We are also delighted to welcome our match official today James Maby, of the London Society. We hope you enjoy your time at Sidcup Rugby Club.

Everyone is most welcome to join us in the clubhouse afterwards for a drink and to watch the Scotland v Wales match on the big screen.

Phil West,
President, Sidcup RFC

Regional 1 South-East

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	±/:	TB	LB	Pts	Adj
1	Westcombe Park	17	15	0	2	568	279	289	13	1	74	
2	Colchester	17	11	1	5	440	330	110	11	3	60	
3	Shelford	18	12	1	5	369	356	13	4	3	57	
4	Tring	18	10	1	7	401	402	-1	4	3	49	
5	Bedford Athletic	18	8	1	9	509	483	26	6	5	45	
6	Harpenden	17	7	2	8	395	384	11	6	4	42	
7	Tunbridge Wells	16	8	0	8	309	306	3	3	4	39	
8	Sudbury	18	7	0	11	428	469	-41	7	3	38	
9	CS Stags 1863	18	7	0	11	398	404	-6	7	7	37	-5
10	Sidcup	17	6	0	11	316	472	-156	1	3	28	
11	Hertford	16	5	0	11	270	396	-126	4	4	28	
12	Medway	16	4	0	12	250	372	-122	0	5	21	

National 2 and Regional Leagues will see the top club in each league promoted to a league above, with the bottom two clubs in each League relegated.

Regional 1 South East Division (Level 5)

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SIDCUP RFC

16	Charlie Pooley
15	Luke Sheridan
14	Liam Jones
12	Sam Leek
11	Louis Keeley
10	Colby McMahon (vc)
9	Josh Twyford
1	Joe Brady
2	Charlie Hopkins
3	Sam Carmen
4	Liam Healey
5	Freddy Ruff
6	Alex Tompkins
7	Zak Jones
8	Jon West (c)
17	Jon Fordham
18	Ben King
19	Chris Annous
DoR	Chris Jones
Head Coach	Danny Mizen
Manager	Scott Mclean
Physio	Pete Stevenson
TJ	Hugh Beresford-Webb

SHELFORD RFC

15	James Nicholls
14	Mike Gillick
13	Euan Rees
12	Lewis Cracknell
11	Louie Tang
10	Tom James
9	Charlie Baker (C)
1	Bradley Robinson
2	Oli Emsley
3	Miles Anderson
4	Jordan Freer (VC)
5	Will Ramply
6	Isa Slood
7	Harry Rogerson
8	James Adamson
16	Calum Coyne
17	James Robinson
18	Shingai Chiwanga
DoR	Will Cotterill
Fwds Coach	Jono Farmer
Backs Coach	John Naylor
Manager	Steve Crtacjnell
Physio	Marjolyn Visser

Referee: James Maby (LSRFUR)



Today's Mascots

Harry Atkins

Harry has been a solid Sidcup player who's not afraid of getting stuck in. A talented player under the highball, hooking in the scrum or at halfback, he's always buzzing around the ruck and has a 'go-forward' mentality that never seems to run out of energy.

His rugby brain has been moulded by years of Ice Hockey, Roller Hockey, Boxing and Cricket, so not one to take offence sitting down and he let's his opinion be known. A great communicator on the pitch and a very popular member of the squad with a perpetual smile on his face and always up for a game.

Harry's favourite team is Saracens and would give Jamie George or Ruben De Haas a run for their money. And it wont take long for Harry to bulk up as his favourite food is Pizza, the staple diet of all high performance athletes.



Today's Mascots

Torben Schoonees



Torben has been a solid member of the team since the early days and don't let his size deceive you. What may appear smaller in stature, only masks the spirit of a lion. Torben is living proof of the saying, "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size fight in the dog".

First into any ruck against much larger players, his technique and positioning afford a solid defence and sound ball retention. A great little halfback with determined running and committed tackling have won the affection of his

teammates, coaches, and oppositions alike.

This fearless mindset is understandable given his South African pedigree. Mum and Dad, both staunch Bok supporters, however some serious concerns have more recently arisen with Torben's favourite rugby team being England. Could England have a new Faf de Klerk in the making?

When not dominating the rugby pitch Torben likes to unwind with dreams of space travel, reading, tennis, swimming, munching on Sushi and gaming.

Today's Mascots

Lawrie Innes

One of the 'originals', Lawrie is literally a pillar of strength who towers over the paddock. A coaches' favourite with an amusing past habit of throwing the ball forward for a touchdown. Now having mastered the art of passing is often seen exploding down the side-line in his favourite wing position.

Lawrie's a tall powerful player not afraid to take the ball into contact and always looking for the offload.

Lawrie's favourite team is England, and it won't be long before he has Jonny May worried about retaining his place in the team. But given his genetics could quite easily pack down next to Itoje or find himself on the opposite flank to Tom Curry.

When not strafing down the pitch Lawrie enjoys boxing, water polo, handball and even a bit of football. Given the choice, a perfect evening out would be watching England smash the All Blacks while munching down a delicious Thai dinner.



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