



Sidcup RFC

vs.



Tunbridge Wells RFC

Saturday 7th January 2023

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WELCOME TO SIDCUP

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to Crescent Farm today where we welcome the Committee, players, and spectators from our Kent neighbours, Tunbridge Wells.

Due to the British weather, we played our last home game against Hertford back on November 12th and were due to play Sudbury on 10th December, but a frozen pitch only allowed us to have a lovely Christmas lunch without rugby. So our last game was on Saturday 10th December away at Colchester which was nearly a month ago. Let's hope all players have rested and are looking forward to a ten run of matches without any breaks, even for the 6 Nations games.



We complete all our games by March 11th unless we have any further weather interruptions. Then for the inaugural cup competition to complete the season, which we don't know too much about except for the sponsors - Papa Johns!!

When we visited Tunbridge Wells back on the 1st October 22, we were well beaten 55-17 and this must have been our worst performance of the season. We certainly will be trying to put that to rights today. Tunbridge Wells have continued to have a solid season lying 5th in the league table with 8 wins from their 12 matches. We have a lot to do to recover from a poor 2022 but I am hopeful with players returning from injury we will be competing in the middle of the table. Our seconds and thirds continue their league programme today with away visits to Hastings & Bexhill and Old Williamsonsians.

I watched the Sidcup U23s play an Old Colfeians U23s side where over 50 players getting some game time on New Year's Day. OCs had the better of the 1st and 4th quarters with Sidcup taking the honours in the 2nd and 3rd quarter. Thank you to the organisers of the game which attracted players away at university playing with our second and third team shining stars. There was a good crowd too.

Please remember the value of respect and keeping high standards in everything we do and especially towards the officials in their difficult task. Let's get behind the players today and encourage from the touchline.

We are also delighted to welcome our match official today Alex Powdrell 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.

Phil West,
President, Sidcup RFC

Regional 1 South East Division (Level 5)
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SIDCUP RFC

TUNBRIDGE WELLS RFC

16	James Poland
15	Louie Keeley
14	Oli Vidgeon
12	Colby McMahon (c)
11	Sam Leek
10	Fraser Smith
9	Josh Twyford
1	Jon Fordham
2	Charlie Hopkins
3	Sam Carmen
4	Steve Evans
5	Ben Stock
6	Liam Healey
7	Zak Jones
8	Dom McGeekie
17	Tony Erhawah
18	Freddy Ruff
19	Luke Sheridan
DoR	Chris Jones
Head Coach	Danny Mizen
Manager	Scott Mclean
Physio	Pete Stevenson
TJ	Hugh Beresford-Webb

15	Edward Shepherdson
14	Michael Doherty
13	Alistair Main
12	Alexander Skinner
11	Max Hobbs
10	George Montgomery
9	Finlay White
1	George Bench
2	Benjamin Mutch
3	John Petty
4	Harrison Chapman
5	Joshua Hawkins
6	Jonathan Hinton
7	Jason Lord
8	Nicholas Doherty
16	Stuart Nicholls
17	Charley Smith
18	Archie Warren
DoR	Simon Jervis
Team Coach	Chaz Spence
Backs Coach	David Strettle
Fwds Coach	Ben Kayser
Fwds Coach	Mike Hathaway

Referee: Alex Powdrell (LSRFUR)



Today's Mascots

Arian Aziz

Arian joined Sidcup Rugby Club in 2020 and immediately fell in love with the game. He shows great enthusiasm and actively participates as a dedicated member of Sidcup rugby club. Arian shows great potential, and all hopes are that he can develop into a highly skilled player.

His favourite player is Damian McKenzie, probably one of the best fullbacks ever to play in the All-Black jersey, which is why the All-Blacks are undoubtedly the greatest rugby-playing nation on the planet.

Arian's preferred position is wearing the nr 8 jersey for his local team and hopefully follows in the footsteps of Zinzan Brooke, Lawrence Dallaglio and Duane Vermeulen. He loves scoring tries and being on the winning side after a tough match.

Arian's favourite holiday destination is a hot place, so I would suggest going to South Africa where rugby is just as hot as the weather. He is currently a

pupil of Fairford Academy primary school and hopes to join Bexley Grammar School to further develop his education.



Today's Mascots

Joshua Copley

Joshua Copley joined Sidcup Rugby Club in 2020 and quickly developed good rugby skills. Joshua is a team player and always gives his best when playing the game. His favourite rugby player is the English captain, Owen Farrell. Like Farrell, he would like to become one of the top point scorers in test history. His favourite premiership team is Harlequins. I hope that rugby will make a positive impact on him to strive to become one day one of the best.

His preferred position is nr 8, which is probably the hardest position to play in the fifteen-man game. One of his funniest moments was when he got hit on the head with a ball, if he was a football player, he probably would have been carried off the field on a stretcher.

Rugby is a game for the tough! Scoring his first try was a monumental experience for him and I do hope that the tries will keep coming. For any true rugby enthusiast like Joshua, South Africa will be one of your favourite destinations, after all, they are the world champions. Joshua is currently in year 6 attending St Thomas More primary school and hopes to join St Columbus Catholic Bexleyheath this year. I wish him all the best, work hard and play hard.



Today's Mascots

Jack Lewis

Jack joined Sidcup Rugby club in 2020. From his first training session he showed great ball skills and ability to run with the ball, an overall team player. His favourite player is also the current England captain Owen Farrell. Jack is a solid defender, fortunately his tackling technique is low - unlike his rugby hero.

Jack loves scoring tries, his preferred position is wing. Who knows we might have a little Cheslin Kolbe here at Sidcup. His least favourite rugby memory so far is when he dropped the ball over the try line, perhaps celebrating a bit early.

Jack also has a taste for the good life hence his favourite holiday destination is Mexico. He hopes to join Crown Woods Secondary after year 6.

It is an absolute pleasure coaching Jack, and we are all looking forward being part of his development.



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