



The Rugby World Cup 2019 has finally come to an end; the Rose Warriors were defeated by the 'Springboks'; England 12 — South Africa 32

After six weeks of exceptional Rugby hosted by Japan during the Rugby World Cup, England had battled valiantly through each of the stages; first the Pool games, then the quarter and semi-finals. Finally, to get within touching distance of coming home with rugby's showpiece trophy 'the Webb Ellis Cup'. The last set of English hands to touch this hallowed prize was the 2003 squad. Heartbreak again for England, to get to the final and come away second best just like in 1991 and 2007.



England's road to the final was secured with wins against Tonga (35-3), USA (45-7), Argentina (39-10) in the Pool games. The quarter finals against Australia (40-16) and the semi-final against New Zealand (19-7).

The final was a very different game to the previous week's game against New Zealand, which was exciting and innovative; the Kiwi's had no answer to England method of play. Having the instrumental Kyle Sinkler off the pitch with a head injury within the first couple of minutes of the final was a blow to England as he has an impact in every one of their games.

South Africa stuck to their tried and tested game plan for the whole tournament – strong front row to win the scrums, push the opposition to make mistakes and give away penalties away, then kick. It worked perfectly, England were making mistakes and the 'Boks' just punished them. Handre Pollard kicked 18 penalty points by the 58th minute of play. Owen Farrell had earned 12 penalty points by then and a further three points by the 60th minute. Then South Africa broke English hearts, Makazole Mapimpi scored

the first try which was converted by the 'Boks' kicking machine, Pollard. Then to rub salt into the wounds, six minutes from time, Cheslin Kolbe scored their second try which was duly converted by Pollard. Final score England 12 – South Africa 32.



Though this win will be enormous for South Africa as a nation, breaking down more barriers and bringing all sectors of the rainbow nation closer together. The next set of winners are the Japanese, they managed a fantastic tournament, even when the weather tried to disrupt things and they sadly lost some of their own, the nation continued with a dignified respect as well as supporting every game (stadiums were almost full for every game) and their National team were outstanding, reaching the quarter finals. Japan could not have showcased themselves or the Rugby World Cup any better – hopefully they will be suitably rewarded by being promoted to the higher tier in World Rugby – they are only a twelve-hour flight from London and 24 hours away from South Africa.





Marlborough Rugby Club proud to be supporters of the British Army

Marlborough is very proud to have cemented an excellent relationship with the British Army, without their support it is unlikely that MRFC would exist as a senior side let alone be able to compete at a competitive level. Marlborough has a population of 8,000 with 2,000 between the age of 0-17 and 2,000 at 65+, so with 16,000 army personnel based in and around Salisbury plain it seemed sensible to tap into this resource.

Dorset & Wilts RFU and the Army Rugby Union have for several years been trying to encourage more clubs to consider integrating army personnel into their teams. *"The Army Rugby Union wishes to see far more British Army personnel (male & female) playing rugby at their local community rugby club. It is in both the Armies' and local clubs' interest that players maximise their availability"* James Cook OBE – Army Rugby Union.

Marlborough now has a relationships with several regiments and being an all-inclusive club is pleased to welcome players of all nations.

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armyrugbyunion.org.uk/

Compeed Marlborough Nomads

After a very successful training day on the 22nd September, we are very much looking forward to the next training day which is on Sunday 3rd November at Marlborough RFC.



Over the past month, a number of our players have been extremely busy, competing in the Tyrells Premiership, National League Rugby to competing for their Club. We have had a number of our girls called up to the 24 player England Under 20's squad, which they will train 3 days a month for.



We hope to see as many new faces as possible on the 3rd November, with around 50 players confirmed we would love to see some more faces there. The training day aims to develop individual and team skills as we come into the penultimate training session of 2019. If any

players are interested (aged between 17 & 30) in attending please can they fill in the link:

<https://forms.gle/DoCPzEcuw8CL1BL96>



October may be known for 'All Hallows Eve', but Marlborough's 1st XV definitely had some scary moments.

The firsts had a mixed bag of results during October; the first two games they lost, both home and away and the second two matches they won, both home and away!

On the 5th October, Marlborough were home to league leaders Banbury (100% win strike rate), where



hopes were high that the boys could knock them off their perch. It was a close-run game, but Banbury came away with the win; Marlborough 13 – Banbury 17.

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Banbury were very dominant at the beginning due to their well coached and drilled side, but to be fair, they generally scored when Marlborough took their eye off the ball and lacked discipline - Banbury were more than happy to punish Marlborough.

The following week the boys were away to Buckingham, this was the first time that the two teams had met due to it being Buckingham's first season in this league. Marlborough possibly underestimated their opponents as Marlborough lost, 42 points to 54.

Next up it was Beaconsfield at home on the Common, the visitors were on a high from the previous week where they had beaten Chippenham. Marlborough had a great start to the game, a try within the first two minutes. There were some great phases of play and some good offloads. Again, Marlborough's lack of defending allowed the visitors back into the game which they optimised. Fortunately the boys managed to hang on for the win, 29 - 22.

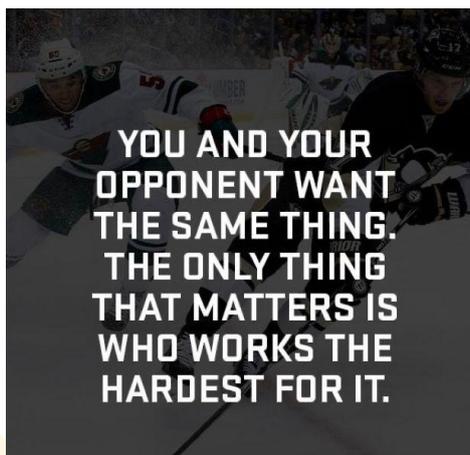


The final game of the month was away to Chippenham. The weather was foul; wind, horizontal rain and cold - not good for free-flowing rugby. Thankfully the boys managed to battle through and secure the win, 14 -17.

Table as at 31/10/2019

**WADWORTH SOUTH WEST
1 EAST**

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	Pts
Royal Wootton Bassett	8	8	0	0	39
Old Centralians	9	7	0	1	35
Banbury	8	7	0	1	33
Oxford Harlequins	8	5	0	3	26
Marlborough	8	5	0	3	26
Buckingham	8	5	0	3	25
Sherborne	8	5	0	3	24
Chippenham	8	4	0	4	23
Beaconsfield	8	3	0	5	17
Wimborne	8	2	0	6	14
Old Patesians	8	2	9	6	11
Trowbridge	8	2	0	6	10
Windsor	8	1	0	7	7
Salisbury	8	0	0	8	2



October proves to be a slippery month for the seconds.

MRFC welcomes a newcomer to the family

Nathan Morgan aka 'Mooner' and his wife Lauren had a son this month and they have named him Noah. Congratulations to you both; he has already been initiated into Rugby.



October has proven to be a difficult month for the boys in blue and gold as they have not only had three league matches of which two were against the top two Clubs in the league but they have had a Cup game as well.

First up, the seconds were away to league leaders Frome II who are also newbies to the 'Wadworth 6X Dorset & Wilts 1 North league. At halftime the score was Frome (II) 26 - Marlborough (II) 7. The final score wasn't much of an improvement, Frome II won 57 - 14.

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Next up, it was the Dorset & Wilts Cup where the seconds were home against Trowbridge II. Again, the boys struggled, but they did have their moments of good phases of play, just not enough. Final score; Marlborough (II) 12 – Trowbridge (II) 39.



The following week, it was back to league fixtures and the boys were home again, this time it was against Sutton Benger. This was a closer game, but it still took the Marlborough boys a while to get into the game, but when they did, they started to score. Final score, 22 – 34 to Sutton Benger.



The final game for the month was away to Avonvale. Unfortunately, the home side were just too good for Marlborough, winning 41 – 8.

Dorset & Wilts 1 North table as at 31/10/2019.

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Wadworth Dorset & Wilts 1 North

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Frome II	6	6	0	0	29
Avonvale	6	5	0	1	25
Melksham	6	5	0	1	22
Royal Wotton Bassett	6	4	0	2	21
Sutton Benger	6	4	0	2	19
Warminster	6	4	0	2	16
Minyot	6	2	0	4	11
Trowbridge II	6	1	0	5	10
Calne	6	2	0	4	9
Bradford-on-Avon	6	1	0	5	6
Marlborough II	6	1	0	5	6
Chippenham II	6	1	0	5	6

If you want to be part of the 1871 group then email Rod Adams info@mrfc.co.uk

November

Dates for the diary

Monday

9:30 am Yoga

Tuesday

10:30 am Pilates

Wednesday

10:00 am & 11:15 am

Sing & Sign

Thursday

18:30 pm Yoga

Saturday

9:00 am Park Run on the

Common

9:30 am Yoga

Marlborough RFC Clubhouse for hire

The Clubhouse is available for meetings and seminars, with the ability to show presentations on the large screen and use of a fully equipped kitchen with tea and coffee facilities.

All manner of celebrations can be held here; birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, pregnancy gender reveals and wakes.

The above list is not exclusive to what the Club can host.

Please contact info@mrfc.co.uk to check for availability.

Elisi wishes his nephews, Mako and Billy good luck

Elisi Vunipola and the boys wished England players good luck for their semi-final match against the 'all blacks' on the local news Point's West.



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