

## SPORT

# Royals bring down the Abbey

ROYALS RFC got their long-awaited revenge over returning Reading Abbey with an impressive 38-19 victory on Saturday.

The match was Abbey's third sortie to 'Fortress Grainville', with both previous meetings being resounding victories for the visitors – and once again they

deployed an accomplished squad including several first teamers.

Jersey Reds lock Jerry Sexton had no game commitments, so led the Royals from the sideline for the first time this season.

The visitors started strongly, utilising their heavier pack with hard carries. This, coupled with

quick ball at the breakdown, created space for the backs, and centre Jack Stevenson cut a good line to dot down on ten minutes. Mike Beckly converted.

Although the Royals put the visitors under pressure, Reading soon offloaded their way up the pitch for winger Ed House to finish in the corner.

This, however, proved to be the wake-up call the Royals needed, and a string of powerful rucks created space out wide. Fast-hands delivered the ball to Will Dawson, who rode one tackle before beating the opposition full-back on the outside to score in the corner. Jake Vautier slotted a tough conversion.

Livewire Royals scrum-half Harrison Jukes was the next to score when he jinked past the guard at the breakdown and swerved the full-back on 35 minutes. Vautier was again on target from the tee.

Abbey replied, with volatile flanker and man of the match Matt Eldridge crashing over. Beckly converted and Reading

## Royals RFC 38

Tries: Dawson 29; Jukes 35; Dillon 49; Pozzo 52; Le Seeleur 75; Wisdom 80

Cons: Vautier 29, 35; Jukes 52, 80

## Reading Abbey 19

Tries: Stevenson 10; House 19; Eldridge 39

Cons: Beckly 10, 39

led 19-14 at the break.

The Royals emptied their bench on the resumption which ultimately proved decisive, with the visitors not scoring a point in the second period.

Royals' first-time hooker Sam Dillon formed a wedge with Tom Wright and crashed over on 49 minutes. The score went unconverted.

The Royals kept the pressure up, and on 52 minutes a moment of brilliance from wing-turned-centre Daniel Pozzo turned up the heat. Facing four defenders, Pozzo chipped ahead, caught on the bounce, sidestepped the last man and touched down. Jukes added the extras.

Royals were forced to defend

resolutely as Abbey pushed them hard, but the siege was lifted when Abbey spilled the ball.

As Abbey tired, Royals continued to impress with power and pace. Slick handling from Nick Kearns fed debutant Adam Le Seeleur on the right-wing. Brought on ten minutes prior, Le Seeleur raced down the 15 metre channel and fended off an attempted tackle to slide into the corner with five minutes to play.

Royals were still not done and Kearns carried hard to the gain-line before popping to marauding prop Cameron Quééré, who crashed through the defence before releasing elusive centre Kirk Wisdom. Leaving one defender for dead with his trademark side-step he then out-paced the remaining Abbey defenders to score under the sticks. Jukes converted with the final act of the game to round off a 38-19 victory.

Royals officials thanked sponsors Dominion, Baker and Partners and Liberation Breweries for their support.



■ Cameron Quééré charges through the Reading pack at Grainville  
Picture: ROB CURRIE (23964584)



■ All as one . . . Royals and Reading Abbey at the final whistle

## Sports Diary (cont)

### Wednesday

#### BADMINTON

**Carlton Junior BC:** Beginners (4pm); advanced pairings (5pm). Details 731308 or 07797 738844. New Gilson Hall, La Pouquelaye, St H.

**Hawks BC:** Details 840535. Gilson Hall, La Pouquelaye, St H, 7pm.

**Mixed Badminton Group:** St Michael's Sports Hall, Five Oaks, St S, 8.30pm.

#### BILLIARDS

**JBSA League:** Tower T'ree v Tower Royals; St Aubin Misfits v Services.

#### BOXING

**Jersey Leonis ABC:** Introduction to amateur boxing (young people get fit for life). Co-ordination, balance, agility, exercise. Boys and girls, 10-15. Qualified ABA coaches. Details 07797 758010 or 07797 767174. South Hill, Mont Bingham, St H, 6.30pm.

#### FOOTBALL

**Dog Club Trophy semi-final:** Trinity Reserves v St Clement Reserves, Les Quennevais, St B, 7.30pm.

**Fort Regent 5-a-side League, Div I:** Gardens 4U v Amazon Stars and Evergreen Water Solutions v Morin Electrics (both 6pm); Dragon Force 141 v Timesavers FC; Seascale Hotel v Club Sport Jersey (6.30). Div II: Smile FC v Royal FC; EDTSC v Bay Stores First Tower (7pm); Flamingo FC v Les Mielles GC; Jet Valeting v Brothers FC (7.30). Div III: Diogo Valeting v Musket-eers; Port East FC v FA Junior 54 Foundation (8pm); Golden Apples v Sabura; Adidas All Stars v Dragoes de Jersey Academy (8.30). Fort Regent, St H.

#### GOLF

**La Moye GC:** Ladies' Stableford 2, nine and 18-holes, La Moye, St B.

#### GYMNASTICS

**Jersey GC:** Recreational classes, 4 and 5pm. Details: www.jerseygymnastics-club.co.uk Samarès School, St C.

#### MARTIAL ARTS

**Jersey Judo Club:** U16s 6.30pm; seniors 7.30pm. Details 07797 850370 and 07797 743112. Fort Regent, St H.

#### PETANQUE

**Carrefour PC:** Friendly matches, members and prospective members welcome. Nicolle Centre, Le Couvent, St L, 2pm.

**Jersey PC:** Social pétanque, Les Quennevais, St B, 1.45pm.

#### RACKETBALL

**Regent Racquets Club:** Team League. Details, tel: 07797 718912. Fort Regent, St H, 6.45pm.

#### SHOOTING

**St John's SC:** Free air rifle and air pistol tuition, approximately £1.50 for ammunition, St John's Recreation Centre, St J, 7.30pm.

**Léoville S&MRC:** Pistol shooting (.22), tuition available, 8pm. Clubroom near St Ouen's Church, St O. Details 482381.

#### SQUASH

**Jersey Squash & Racketball Club:** Racketball Team League, Recreation Grounds, St C, 6pm.

**Regent Racquets Club:** Team Leagues, 6.45-8.15pm. Fort Regent, St H. More information at info@regentracquetsclub.com.

#### SWIMMING

**Swim Easy SC:** Learn to swim for children four and over; beginners to improvers, 6pm. Details 851629. Swimmers with disabilities, 7pm. Haute Vallée School, St H.

**Jersey SC:** Learn to swim, 4pm; development squad and fitness, 6pm; comp squad, 7pm; adults learn to swim, 8pm; masters, 8pm. Langford, Mont Millais, St H.

**SwimLife:** Learn to swim sessions for children from six months. Details 734524. Aquasplash, St H. Sessions 9.30am; 12.30 and 3.30pm.

**Calligo Tigers SC:** Competitive squad assessments for children 7-10 years. Details 449801. Haute Vallée School.

#### TENNIS

**Les Mielles TC:** Adult sessions, Les Quennevais, St B, 6pm.

**Caesarean TC:** Club evening, newcomers welcome, Caesarean Club, Grands Vaux, St S, 6.30-8pm.

#### TENPIN

**Over-50s League:** Jersey Bowl, 9am.

#### TRIATHLON

**Jersey TC:** Swim, Aqua Splash, Waterfront, St H, 6.30am.

#### WATER POLO

**JWPA:** Training, Aqua Splash, St H, 8pm.

### Thursday

#### ARCHERY

**Jersey Archery Society:** Qualified training and coaching for beginners and experienced archers of all ages, abilities and disabilities. Clubmark certified. More information contact courses@jerseyarcherysociety.org or call 855479 (daytime). St John's Recreation Centre, St J, 7.30-10pm.

#### ATHLETICS

**Jersey Spartan AC:** Juniors (school year 7 upwards) and senior track and field training, FB Fields, St C, 6.30pm. Details: info@jerseyspartan.com. Throw training (details: Cat, tel 07797 717467), FB Fields, St C, 5.30pm.

#### BADMINTON

**Flyers BC:** Newcomers welcome. New Gilson Hall, La Pouquelaye, St H, 8-10pm.

**Le Rocquier BC:** 7 to 9pm at Le Rocquier School, St C. Details 07797 713 774.

#### BILLIARDS

**Blue Dragon Therapies Individual League:** Bob Denison v Guy Heys; Richard de la Haye v Herbie Bruggaber; Martyn Le Gallais v Peter Robinson; Peter Allen v Robbie Kilpatrick; Robert Le Moel v Howard Smith.

#### BOXING

**Jersey Leonis ABC:** All aspects of amateur boxing training by qualified ABA coaches for seniors and juniors. Details, tel: 07797 733127. South Hill, Mont Bingham, St H, 6.30pm.

#### CYCLING

**Caesarean CC:** Ride from Trinity Parish Hall car park, T. Newcomers welcome, 9.15am.

#### DARTS

**United Ladies League:** Union Inn v The Parade; Jersey Mechanics' Institute v The Admiral; Bagot Inn v The

Wellington; Post Horn v Farmers Inn.

#### FOOTBALL

**U15 Dave Melton Memorial Cup semi-final:** St Peter v St Clement, Les Quennevais, St B, 7.30pm.

#### MARTIAL ARTS

**Torakan Judo Club:** Juniors 7pm; seniors 8pm. Details 07797 850370 or 07797 743112. Communiqué, St B.

**Jersey Wado Ryu:** Classes for all. Details 07797 722102. Bel Royal School, St L, 6.30pm.

**Suzenkai Karate Club:** Training, children 7pm, adults 7.45pm, details: 07797 757743. Samarès School, St C.

**Qigong:** With Freda Ruderham, Fort Regent, 7.30pm.

#### POOL

**Planet Pool and Snooker:** Captains Challenge League, Wharf Street, St H, 8pm.

#### SHOOTING

**Crabbé Clay Pigeon Club:** Skeet shoot (and Friday), Crabbé Range, St Mry, 2pm.

**Eastern ARC:** Budding marksmen are invited to visit the club behind Grouville Parish Hall where tuition for beginners will be given, 7.30pm.

#### SQUASH

**Regent Racquets Club:** Club training night, 6-7.30pm. Fort Regent, St H. More information at info@regentracquetsclub.com.

#### SWIMMING

**Jersey Synchro SC:** Synchro swimming, 7pm. Details 855942. Aquasplash, St H.

**Calligo Tigers SC:** Youth sessions, 6.15pm. For assessments, tel: 449801. Haute Vallée School, St H.

**SwimLife:** Learn to swim sessions for children from six months. Details 734524. Aquasplash, St H. Sessions at 9.30am; 12.30pm and 3.30pm.

**Jersey SC:** Masters, 6.30am, 8pm; comp squad, 6pm. Langford, Mont Millais, St H.

#### TABLE TENNIS

**JTTA:** Bat and chat, 10am; Junior octane, 4.30pm; Adult refreshers, 6pm. Geoff Reed Centre, FB Fields, St C.

#### TENPIN

**Fosters Invitation Friendly League:** Jersey Bowl, St P, 7pm.

#### TRIATHLON

**Jersey TC:** Spinning, BodyRox, Seaton Place, St H, 7pm.

### Friday

#### AWARDS

**Jersey Sports Council:** Annual awards evening, Royal Yacht Hotel, St H.

#### BADMINTON

**Carlton Junior BC:** Minis' session. Details 731308 or 07797 738844. New Gilson Hall, La Pouquelaye, St H, 6pm.

#### HOCKEY

**Rathbones Men's Minor Cup:** Island Ladies v JHC Lions, Les Quennevais, St B, 7pm.

#### MARTIAL ARTS

**Thai Boxing:** Class for children. Details 498332. Pisces Gym (next to the Elephant Park), St B, 4.45pm.

#### SQUASH

**Jersey SC:** Club night, free courts, Recreation Grounds, St C, 6.15pm.

#### SWIMMING

**SwimLife:** Learn to swim sessions for children from six months. Details 734524. Aquasplash, St H. Sessions 9.30am; 12.30 and 3.30pm.

**Jersey SC:** Learn to swim and development squad, 7pm; comp squad, 8pm. Aquasplash, St H.

**Swim Easy SC:** Learn to swim for children five and over from beginners to improvers, 5-6pm. Swimming for people with disabilities (all ages) 6-7pm. Adults from beginners to improvers and length swimmers, 7-8pm. Langford, Mont Millais, St H. Details 851629.

#### TABLE TENNIS

**JTTA:** Bat and chat, 10am. Geoff Reed Centre, FB Fields, St C.

#### TENNIS

**Grainville TC:** Adult session. Tel: 07797 783346. Grainville, St S, 6pm.

**Jersey TC:** Swim, 6.30am. Aquasplash, Waterfront, St H.