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WRU DIVISION THREE EAST



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Under 11s - Sarah Reasons
Under 12s - Janette Pincott
Under 13s - Jodie Pritchard
Under 15s - Abi Phillips
Under 16s - Angharad Jenkins



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WELCOME TO OAKDALE



It gives me great pleasure to welcome all players, committee and supporters of our visiting teams for the 2024/2025 season. Division Three (East) will be a tough, competitive league providing sizeable challenges week after week.

It's fair to say that relegation from Division Two (East) last season was a positive move for our senior team. Whilst we were able to compete physically, we were losing games in the last quarter. A chance to regroup was needed and we look forward to the next nine months with much encouragement.

The success of our first year back in the youth rugby structure has added to the positive feeling in the club. Our young players were exemplary in the attitude, behaviour and their performances on the pitch gives everyone much hope that the conveyor belt of talent from youth into senior rugby will benefit the club well in the long term.

None of this progress would have been possible without the commitment and endeavour of every team manager, coach and first aiders that has given their time to ensure our Minis & Juniors section build, develop & flourish. It gives me immense pleasure to attend their games on a Sunday morning to know that the future of the club is in good hands.

Time never stands still and there is always progress to make. With the completion of the full renovation of our function room last season, our goals and targets keep us busy and keep us focused.

One of the biggest developments that people will see this season is the acquisition of our very own club minibus to transport our players to and from games. Without the industrious vision of one of our players, Josh Tedstone, this would not have been possible and we owe a debt of thanks to Josh.

A huge thank you to all the sponsors who have contributed not only to the purchase of the minibus but also to those that have helped us in all areas of the club. Your support in is invaluable.

Good luck to all teams who grace our Recreation Ground this season. We welcome you back to the clubhouse after the match to celebrate this game of ours, Rugby Union.

Chris Thomas
Oakdale RFC Chairman

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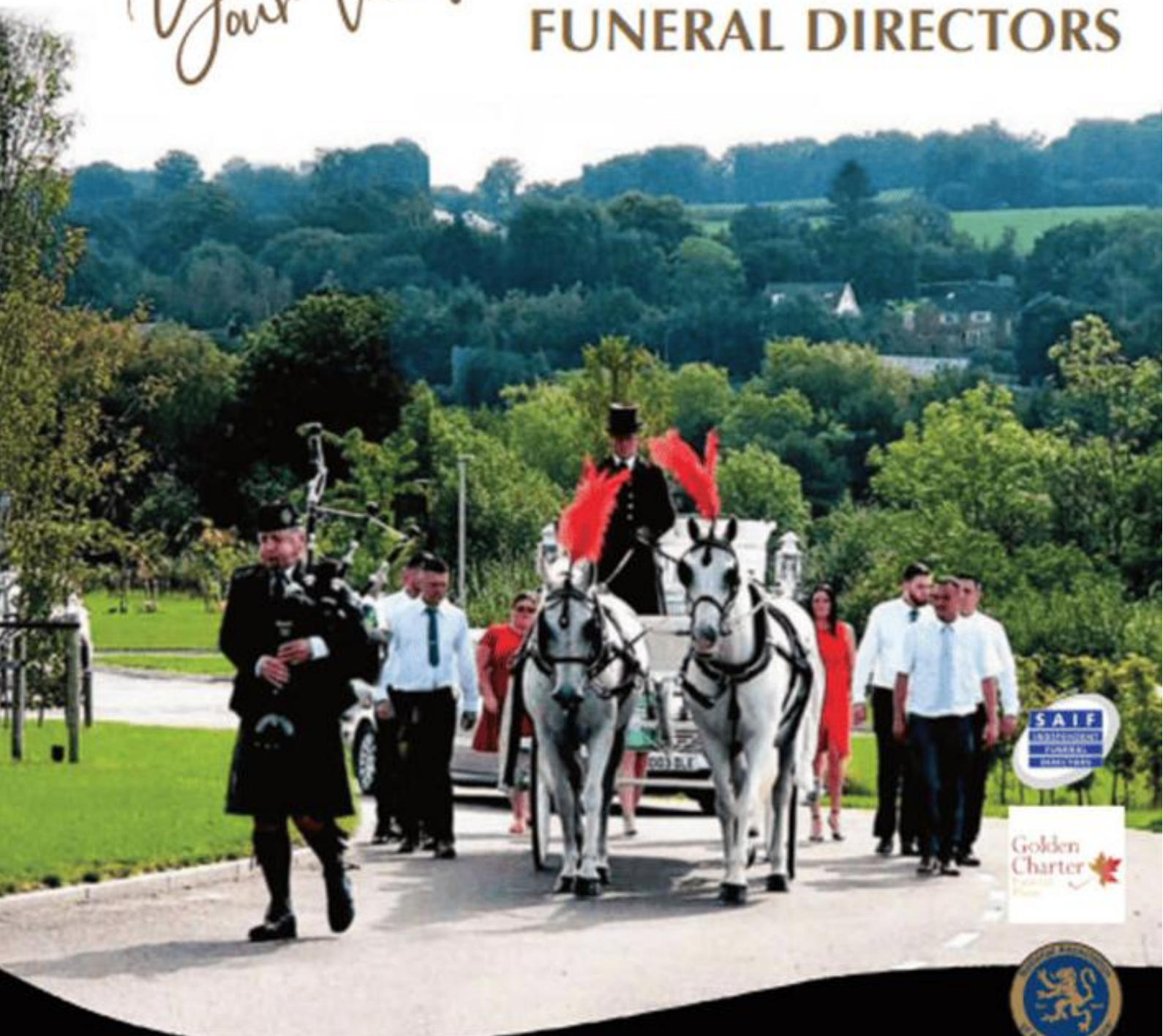
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Stepping into my twelfth season as Team Manager of the senior team I can comfortably say that the 2024/2025 season is one which I am very much looking forward to. We have improved the depth of the squad, added further quality to our coaching team and our patterns of play are evident in our approach to each game.

It will be great to renew rivalries with sides that we have not played in a number of years, and we know from seasons past that there are no easy games in this division. In fact, 8 of the 12 seasons where I have held the position of Team Manager have been spent in Division Three (East), so I understand the immense challenge ahead of us if we wish to progress back up the Welsh Rugby Union league structure.

One of the things that impresses me with our current crop of players is the unity and camaraderie that is evident all through the squad. This has obviously been aided with the rise of social media but the encouragement and support given to all players through their online 'chats' and on-field motivation suggests to me that Oakdale Rugby Club is in a good place with players playing for each other and the badge.



A competition that we will be targeting this season is the WRU Division Three Cup. Having reached the final of the old WRU Bowl in the 2018/2019 season I know how much these types of competitions can invigorate the whole club. The 'buzz' that was created in the run-up to the day and the day itself will live long in the memories of what was probably the biggest day in the history of the club.

I will be taking a keen interest in the youth team this season. Not only because my son has moved into the youth ranks but also because there will be a sizable contingent of that team hopefully moving into the senior set-up next season. A goal which has taken the club eleven years is finally coming to fruition and I, for one, am truly excited. There will be a number of people that the club owes a huge debt of thanks with the hours of input that has been put into the Minis & Juniors section to get us to this very exciting stage.

Simon Barber
Team Manager

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If every season is a chapter in the book of Oakdale RFC's history then this one is definitely one we are looking forward to. After the low of last season this part of the story is one where we can right the wrongs and forge ourselves a new path, laying the foundations for years to come.

The efforts of every single player was appreciated by everyone at the club last season but it is Division Three East where we find ourselves. It will be a difficult challenge to navigate but one where we have prepared appropriately and have strengthened in the areas requiring depth.

Training sessions are now well attended and as coaches, we are able to implement our game plan and influence the decision making throughout the team to ensure our performances match the expectations. As coaches, we will be looking to maximise our time on the training paddock so that we can consistently look to up the pace, maintain the intensity and improve our game

Continuity in our performances will be key to maintaining a place in the higher echelons of the league and we know that we will visit and host teams that will be looking to take the scalp of Oakdale. The players know this and will be well prepared.

Our recruitment will hopefully mean that we are not stretched during the season and that we will be able to give players a rest when the time allows. We know the demands of this league, it will be tough but we have the support of the club and the players have a togetherness which gives us confidence that we will navigate our fixture list with a fit and motivated squad.

We also must be mindful that we will need to respect all of our opponents, but we are ready. All aboard the 24/25 season.....

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Mathew Sullivan, Patrick James
Captain - John Lavender

Last Five Seasons

2023/2024 – 01st Division Four East
2022/2023 – 04th Division Four East
2021/2022 – 01st Division Three East B
2019/2020 – 06th Division Three East B
2018/2019 – 01st Division Three East C

Last Five Match-Ups

17/10/2015 – Sarries 33 v 53 Oakdale
16/01/1993 – Sarries 05 v 15 Oakdale
03/10/1992 – Oakdale 48 v 00 Sarries
15/02/1992 – Sarries 10 v 16 Oakdale
09/11/1991 – Oakdale 43 v 06 Sarries

Club Internationals

Bobby Windsor (1973 - 1979)
Charlie Faulkner (1975 - 1979)
Eddie Butler (1980 - 1984)
Jason Forster (2004)
Matthew Robinson (1999)

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02	Anthony Isgrove
03	Scott Hoskins (C)
04	Joe Franklin
05	Mark Dowden
06	Morgan Yemm
07	Corey Thomas
08	Jordan Wall
09	Dylan Jones
10	Harry Price
11	Alex Shattock
12	Kyle Walton
13	Jacob Rees
14	Josh Tedstone
15	Connor Jenkins

01	Rhys Price
02	Ewan Burrows
03	Blake Climo
04	Joe Corten
05	Greg Simmonds
06	Gareth Edwards
07	Jordan Howell
08	Kirk Lewis (C)
09	George Ovey
10	Connor Ash
11	Stef James
12	Andrew Morris
13	Sam Bevan
14	Liam Foley
15	Dex Lewis

Substitutes

Rhys Davies, Ben Parcell
Max Filer, A N Other
A N Other

Substitutes

John Lavender, Keiron Puggsley
Pat James, Huw Griffiths
Tom James, Rhys Yendle

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RHYMNEY	4	3	0	1	19	143	30	30	16
CAERLEON	4	3	0	1	16	115	44	44	16
NEWPORT SARRIES	4	3	0	1	19	134	46	88	13
MACHEN	4	2	0	2	19	130	71	59	11
CHEPSTOW	4	2	0	2	10	67	81	-14	10
NEW PANTEG	4	1	0	3	9	74	74	0	06
NANTYGLO	4	1	0	3	8	64	91	-27	05
ABERTYSSWG	4	1	0	3	6	46	167	-121	04
OAKDALE	4	0	0	4	7	49	190	-141	00

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Date of Draw **13/10/2024**

WINNING NUMBERS

02 **03**

06 **09**

NO WINNER
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TODAY'S DIV 3 GAMES

CAERLEON
VS
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CHEPSTOW
VS
RHYMNEY

FLEUR DE LYS
VS
ABERTYSSWG

MACHEN
VS
NANTYGLO

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24 SEASON'S FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER

		POST CODE	SCORE
07th	Fleur de lys (A)	NP22 3UN	58-12
14th			
21st	Caerleon (H)	NP12 0LX	23-37
28th	Machen (A)	CF83 8LA	59-0

OCTOBER

05th	Chepstow (H) (C)	NP12 0LX	24-36
12th	Chepstow (H)	NP12 0LX	14-32
19th	Newport Sars (H)	NP12 0LX	
26th			

NOVEMBER

02nd	Rhymney (A)	NP22 5NB	
09th	Nantyglo (H)	NP12 0LX	
16th	New Panteg (A)	NP4 0TL	
23rd			
30th	Abertysswg (H)	NP12 0LX	

DECEMBER

07th	Caerleon (A)	NP18 1AY	
14th	Fleur de lys (H)	NP12 0LX	
21st			
28th			



25 SEASON'S FIXTURES

JANUARY

POST CODE SCORE

04th	Machen (H)	
11th	Chepstow (A)	NP16 5UP
18th	Newport Sar (A)	NP10 8TG
25th	Rhymney (H)	

FEBRUARY

01st	Nantyglo (A)	NP23 4NH
08th	<i>Italy v Wales</i>	
15th	New Panteg (H)	
22nd	<i>Wales v Ireland</i>	

MARCH

01st	Abertysswg (A)	NP22 5AA
08th	<i>Scotland v Wales</i>	
17th	<i>Wales v England</i>	
22nd		
29th		

APRIL

05th		
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JASON JONES

Age: 35 Position: Front Row



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Best player played with: Daniel Carpenter

Best player played against: Martyn Madden

Favourite band/artist: Oasis

Favourite film: Snatch

Favourite TV show: How to get away with murder

Something you may not know about me: I am a legend

If I wasn't playing rugby I would be: Playing Bowls

What movie character best describes you and why?

Ain't got a clue

What is your 'go-to' number when there is a sing-song?

Ronan Keating - Say nothing at all

What three famous people would you invite to dinner?

Andy Powell, Maradona, Razor Ruddock

You're getting electrocuted in the morning what's your last meal & drink?

Steak with all the trimmings and a Strongbow

My most memorable rugby moment is?

Playing down the Principality Stadium with Oakdale

TEAM MATES

Best Trainer - Scott Hoskins

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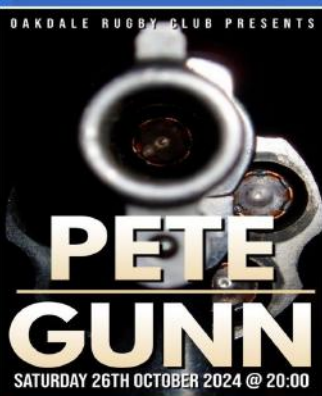
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- Enjoy our great game
- Everyone in our sport deserves respect



MATCH SHOTS

CHEPSTOW



WRU DIVISION THREE EAST
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024
OAKDALE 14 v 32 CHEPSTOW



MATCH SHOTS

CHEPSTOW



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SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024
OAKDALE 14 v 32 CHEPSTOW



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IT'S ALL ABOUT **THE FUTURE**

Youth rugby is well and truly back in Oakdale village – We hope everyone is as excited as we are and long may it continue.

Growing up watching Oakdale, with my brother (playing) and father (coaching), I have many fond memories associated with this club (who could forget that 2009/10 invincible season). Captaining the old Oakdale school team, we enjoyed many a game on Stade de Rec and was fortunate to be coached at club level by Oakdale legend – Craig “Big Bird” Thomas.

However, we never had the chance to play as an Oakdale junior or youth club side. Fortunately, thanks to the monumental effort by the club and many individuals over years of voluntary service, age grade rugby now thrives in the village.

The youth is now the proud product of this work, being involved with this team for only 3 seasons, I have seen the real effort and time that has been invested in this team since U7s by a special group of coaches, support staff and parents. This has bred an exceptional team bond and culture of young men who proudly represent the red and white jersey.



This togetherness & loyalty was tested last season, being a group of 1st years from U16s, coming up against a number of experienced sides. Starting this season the challenge ahead is somewhat different, bolstered by a strong coaching team & group of players who have transitioned well from U16s to create one strong youth squad. Pre-season has been a chance to learn new combinations, good training numbers translating to positive pre-season results..

The side is led by Rhydian Scott, Tal Watkins takes the vice captaincy after a fantastic tenure captaining the side last season – Both products of the Oakdale pathway. Expectations have been set & we are excited to see our development in all competitions. All involved in the youth side share the same values, our ultimate aim is to nurture the entire squad, to keep all players interested in playing the game to continue to promote Rugby in Oakdale for years to come.

Rhys Williams
Oakdale RFC Youth Coach

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21/09/2024	Caerphilly (H)
28/09/2024	Machen (A)
05/10/2024	Penallta (H)
12/10/2024	Risca (A)
19/10/2024	Bargoed (H)
26/10/2024	Llanharan (A)
02/11/2024	Abercarn (H)
09/11/2024	Monmouth (A)
16/11/2024	TBC
23/11/2024	TBC
30/11/2024	TBC
07/12/2024	TBC
14/12/2024	TBC
21/12/2024	Christmas
28/12/2024	Christmas
04/01/2025	TBC
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YOUTH TEAM PLAYER PROFILE

RHYDIAN SCOTT

Age: 17

Position: Flanker



Previous clubs & honours: Islwyn District

Best player played with: Max Rossiter

Best player played against: Ryan Jones

Favourite band/artist: King Von

Favourite film: Fast & Furious

Favourite TV show: How I met your Mother

Something you may not know about me: I love milk

If I wasn't playing rugby I would be: Grafting

What movie character best describes you and why?

Brian O'Connor - because he pulls

What is your 'go-to' number when there is a sing-song?

Follow Me - Uncle Cracker

What three famous people would you invite to dinner?

Margot Robbie, Jordana Brewster, Zendaya

You're getting electrocuted in the morning what's your last meal & drink?

Full English Breakfast with a Corona & Lime

My most memorable rugby moment is?

Dragons Plate 2022

TEAM MATES

Best Trainer - Scott Welsh

Best Drinker - Cruz Morgan

Best Dressed - Phil

Worst Trainer - Reagan Moses

Worst Drinker - Harrison Miles

Worst Dressed - Reagan Moses

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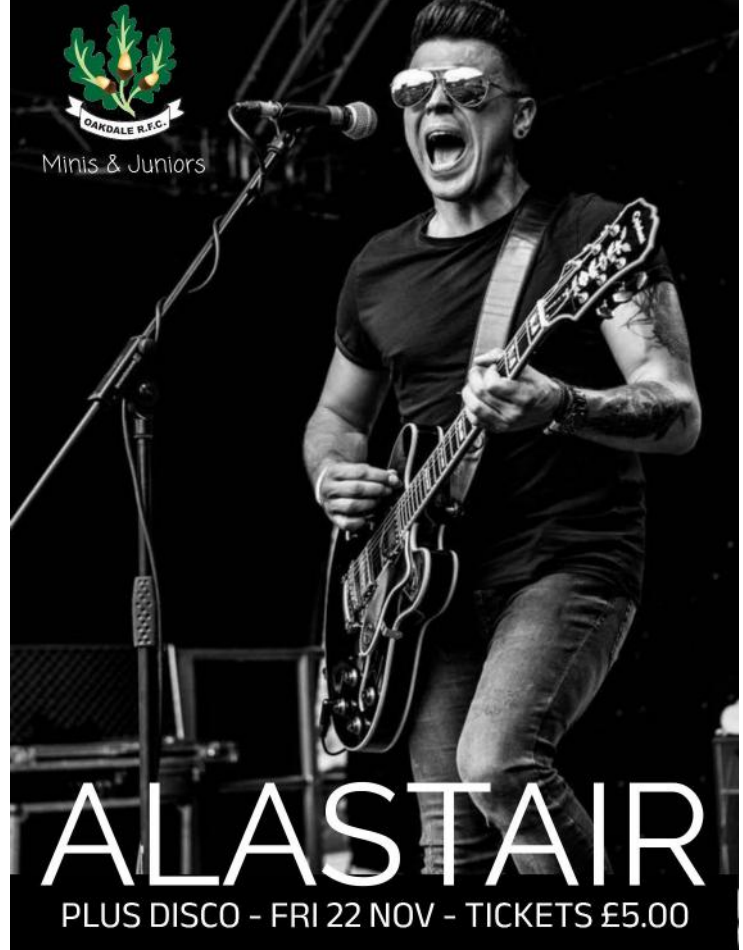

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OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT



My name is Janette Pincott, and I am the proud mother of two boys, aged 12 and 11, who have been passionate members of Oakdale Rugby Club since they were just 7 years old.

Over the years, I've seen firsthand the positive impact that rugby has had on my children, from developing their skills on the field to fostering lifelong friendships off it. It was this experience that inspired me to take on the role of Chairperson for the Mini and Junior section of our club.

Rugby is more than just a sport; it's a cornerstone of our community. By stepping into this leadership role, my goal is to ensure that every child in our area has the opportunity to get involved in the national sport, make friends, and learn important life skills along the way.

A thriving Mini and Junior section isn't just beneficial for the children playing today—it's essential for securing the future of our youth and senior teams.

As Chairperson, I am committed to making our section as efficient and inclusive as possible. My vision is to create an environment where every child, regardless of their background or ability, has the chance to participate and grow.

However, none of this would be possible without the incredible support of our 76 dedicated volunteers. From coaching and team management to first aid, catering, and administration, these volunteers are the backbone of our section.

They fill crucial roles such as treasurer, secretary, fixture secretary, and safeguarding officer, ensuring that everything runs smoothly and safely. Their commitment and passion make it possible for our children to enjoy the game they love.

Together, we are building a future for Oakdale Rugby Club where every child can thrive, both on and off the field.

Why not review our fixtures on the following pages and join us for one of our home games this season

Janette Pincott

Oakdale RFC Minis & Juniors
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THE MINIS

2024/2025 Fixtures

UNDER 7s

01/09/2024	Beddau (H)
08/09/2024	Caerphilly (A)
15/09/2024	Caerleon (A)
22/09/2024	Rhymney (H)
29/09/2024	Abergavenny (H)
06/10/2024	Aberdare (A)
13/10/2024	Blackwood (H)
20/10/2024	Blaenavon (A)
27/10/2024	Pontypridd (H)
03/11/2024	NHSOB (A)
10/11/2024	Treharris (H)
17/11/2024	Pontypridd (H)
24/11/2024	Pontyclun (H)
01/12/2024	Treharris (A)
08/12/2024	NHSOB (H)
15/12/2024	Crickhowell (H)
22/12/2024	Christmas
29/12/2024	Christmas
05/01/2025	
12/01/2025	Mount Ash (H)
19/01/2025	Aberdare (H)
26/01/2025	
02/02/2025	
09/02/2025	Pontyclun (A)
16/02/2025	Rhymney (A)
23/02/2025	
02/03/2025	
09/03/2025	
16/03/2025	
23/03/2025	Blaenavon (H)
30/03/2025	Ystrad Rhnda (A)
06/04/2025	Abergavenny (A)
13/04/2025	
20/04/2025	Easter Sunday
27/04/2025	Crickhowell (A)

UNDER 9s

Beddau (H)
Porth (A)
Cambrian (A)
Abertillery (H)
Abergavenny (H)
Aberdare (A)
Nelson (H)
Blaenavon (A)
Blackwood (A)
Treharris (H)
Treharris (A)
Rhymney (A)
Blackwood (H)
Christmas
Christmas
Brecon (H)
Aberdare (H)
Penygraig (A)
Pontyclun (A)
Rhymney (H)
Abertillery (A)
Merthyr (A)
Penygraig (H)
Blaenavon (H)
Abergavenny (A)
Penygraig (A)
Easter Sunday

UNDER 10s

Penallta (H)
Talywain (A)
Rhymney (H)
Abergavenny (H)
Aberdare (A)
Cambrian (A)
Blaenavon (A)
Valley Ravens (A)
Blackwood (A)
Ystrad Rhnda (A)
NHSOB (A)
Ferndale (A)
Crickhowell (H)
Christmas
Christmas
Blackwood (H)
Ferndale (H)
Pontyclun (A)
Rhymney (A)
Cambrian (H)
Newbridge (H)
Blaenavon (H)
Abergavenny (H)
Easter Sunday
Crickhowell (A)

THE JUNIORS

2024/2025 Fixtures

	UNDER 11s	UNDER 12s	UNDER 13s
01/09/2024	Dowlais (H)		
08/09/2024	Penygraig (A)		Blackwood (H)
15/09/2024	Porthcawl (A)		St Albans (A)
22/09/2024	Bridgend (A)		Dowlais (A)
29/09/2024	Abergavenny (H)	Abergavenny (H)	Caerleon (H)
06/10/2024	Aberdare (A)	Bargoed (H)	Mount Ash (H)
13/10/2024	Newport (A)		Cambrian (A)
20/10/2024	Blaenavon (A)		
27/10/2024	Pontyclun (A)	Pontypridd (H)	
03/11/2024	Penygraig (A)		Penallta (A)
10/11/2024	Porthcawl (H)	NHSOB (A)	Rhiwbina (H)
17/11/2024			Beddau (H)
24/11/2024	Pontyclun (H)	Penallta (A)	Ebbw Vale (A)
01/12/2024	Mount Ash (A)	Pontyclun (A)	Pontypridd (H)
08/12/2024			Ferndale (A)
15/12/2024	Crickhowell (H)		Brecon (A)
22/12/2024	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas
29/12/2024	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas
05/01/2025			Bridgend (A)
12/01/2025	NHSOB (A)	NHSOB (A)	
19/01/2025	Aberdare (H)	Mount Ash (A)	Ferndale (H)
26/01/2025	Newport (H)	Rhymney (H)	Mount Ash (A)
02/02/2025	Bridgend (H)	Penallta (H)	
09/02/2025		Penarth (A)	Porth (H)
16/02/2025		Tondu (H)	Penallta (H)
23/02/2025	Mount Ash (H)	Penarth (H)	St Julians (A)
02/03/2025	Abercarn (A)	Rhymney (A)	Ebbw Vale (H)
09/03/2025	Taibach (H)	Pontyclun (H)	Rhiwbina (A)
16/03/2025			
23/03/2025	Blaenavon (H)	Blaenavon (H)	Canton (A)
30/03/2025		Caerphilly (H)	Brecon (H)
06/04/2025	Abergavenny (H)	Abergavenny (A)	Caerleon (A)
13/04/2025			
20/04/2025	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
27/04/2025	Crickhowell (A)	Pontypool Ud (A)	St Julians (H)

THE FUTURE

2024/2025 Fixtures

	UNDER 15s	UNDER 16s
01/09/2024		Brynmawr (H)
08/09/2024		Abertillery (H)
15/09/2024	Croesyceiliog (H)	Treorchy (A)
22/09/2024		Pontypridd (H)
29/09/2024	Rumney (H)	Beddau (A)
06/10/2024	Croesyceiliog (A)	Risca (A)
13/10/2024		
20/10/2024	Merthyr (H)	Ynysowen (H)
27/10/2024	Mount Ash (A)	
03/11/2024	Blackwood (A)	
10/11/2024	Beaufort (H)	Clwb Rygbi (H)
17/11/2024	Llanishen (A)	Brynmawr (A)
24/11/2024	Cefn Coed (H)	Monmouth (A)
01/12/2024	St Peters (A)	Caldicot (H)
08/12/2024	Hafodyrynys (H)	Pontrhydfen (A)
15/12/2024	Brecon (A)	Pontrhydfen (H)
22/12/2024	Christmas	Christmas
29/12/2024	Christmas	Christmas
05/01/2025	Chepstow (A)	
12/01/2025		
19/01/2025	Blackwood (H)	
26/01/2025	Bedwas (A)	
02/02/2025		
09/02/2025	St Peters (H)	
16/02/2025	Llanishen (H)	
23/02/2025	Merthyr (A)	
02/03/2025	Llantrissant (A)	
09/03/2025	Rumney (H)	
16/03/2025	Beaufort (A)	
23/03/2025		
30/03/2025	Mount Ash (H)	
06/04/2025	Hafodyrynys (A)	
13/04/2025	Cefn Coed (H)	
20/04/2025	Easter Sunday	
27/04/2025	Chepstow	

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ON THIS DAY

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On this day exactly 28 years ago, Oakdale entertained St Peters RFC in Division Four of the SWALEC leagues. It was first versus second with the Dale leapfrogging St Peters with the victory.



Playing that day was **Mike Hopkins** and **Craig Thomas** whose sons now represent the seniors with Joel Hopkins playing in the second row and Corey Thomas playing in the back row.



Try scorers that day were Paul Young, Christian Morgan, Rob Parfitt and Craig Thomas. Jeremy Lloyd adding one conversion.

Oakdale send pace-setters packing

ST PETER'S were toppled off pole position and lost their unbeaten record as Oakdale hit a rich seam of form to send the Cardiff side reeling. The valleys side leapfrogged over St Peter's with a richly deserved win which brought them four tries.

Oakdale led 17-3 at half-time as they rattled the Rocks with a fast-moving display. Craig Thomas plunged over for the opening try to spark off an impressive Oakdale show.

Paul Young and Robert Parfitt added further tries while Jeremy Lloyd cracked over a conversion. St Peter's only first half reply was a Stan Matthews penalty but they rallied briefly after the break.

They snatched a penalty try, converted by Matthews who also landed a second penalty but Oakdale were not to be denied and Chris Morgan sealed their sixth win of the season.

Whitland took over the leadership in highly convincing style with a thumping 41-5 win at lowly Blaenau. They went into a 14-0 half-time lead with tries from Anthony Griffiths and Robert Phillips, both converted by Steve Pearce.



STAR GAME

Division 4

But the floodgates opened afterwards as the men from Carmarthenshire roared into top gear. Right-winger Phil Bowen dashed over but the top accolade went to flanker Frank Setaro who grabbed a hat-trick.

Whitland's county neighbours Carmarthen Quins scored one point fewer as they trounced Vardre 40-7 with Anthony Dragone calling the shots. He scorched over for a try and landed two conversions and two penalties. Other tries came from Alan Mason, Barry Thomas (2), Adrian Davies and Rhodri Davies.

Vardre had stayed in the hunt in the first-half, trailing just 11-7 with an Adrian Humphreys try converted by Craig Jenkins.

Kidwelly pipped Glamorgan Wanderers 13-12, holding on in the second half as the home side fought back. Kidwelly waltzed in for tries through

Les Mathias and Barry Richards and a penalty from Peter Davies. Wanderers replied with a Phil Davies try and Nick Bellamy conversion while Andrew Arentson plunged over after the break.

But Wanderers could not conjure up a winning score as Kidwelly hung on.

Glynneath stayed in fourth place with a 21-6 win over Rhymney, bursting out in style in the second half after leading by just 6-3 at the interval.

Dave Harrett popped over two penalties while Steve Roberts banged a penalty reply for Rhymney. Harrett added two further penalties but the crucial scores were tries by Craig Owen and David Ellis while Robb added a further penalty for the visitors.

Tumble lost their seventh straight game as Llantrisant overwhelmed them 34-13. Richard Langmead and Paul Winder grabbed two tries apiece for the winners while Ceri Woodland and Steve Cook chipped in with one each. Langmead also landed two conversions while fir Tumble winger Eifion Lewis raced over and Simon Lewis added the goal and also kicked two penalties.



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