



Monmouth RFC v Ynysddu RFC

WRU National League Division 1 East

Referee: Gavin Roberts (Cirencester)

Kick-Off: 2.30pm

Date: 30 Dec 23



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Monmouth RFC

A Message from the Chairman

Good afternoon and a welcome to Ynysddu RFC and the supporters of Monmouth RFC to the Sports Ground for this final Division 1 East encounter of 2023.

December has been a disappointing Monmouth with games being cancelled early in the month followed by losses to Talywain and Usk on Boxing day, a bright note in a dreary few weeks was an excellent win for the Druids away at Gwernyfed RFC, the hard fought victory saw them move back to the top of the Newport & Pontypool District league.

Looking forward to 2024, we have a packed month of fixtures in January, with the 1st XV, Druids and Youth team all in league action.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Monmouth RFC, the players, coaches of all our teams from under 6 to under 16, and the committee, for all their hard work during the past 12 months, as well as our sponsors and members for their continued support that makes what we do as a club possible.

The fixture between the sides early in the season, proved to be an exciting encounter with both teams giving there all, I am sure we are in for a similar spectacle today.

I look forward to welcoming you all to the clubhouse after the game.

Andrew Davies
Chairman
Monmouth RFC



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Monmouth RFC

150 Year Anniversary

Monmouth Youth

The late past president, Ray Bobbett was a keen advocate of youth rugby and he would be delighted that, in its 150th year, the Monmouth club is again fielding a Youth team. John Powell, who has played at all age groups since the Minis, has stepped in this year to organise the Youth. In 1949/50 Mervyn Elias and Malcolm Young organised a youth team. From then on the Monmouth club has been fortunate that those who played for the Youth were to represent the club not merely at senior level, but also, continued after their playing days to become members of the club committees. There have been seasons when the club has not been able to field a Youth team, but, those who have played for the Youth can look back to numerous achievements. The youth records are not complete and I apologise for unintended omissions.

In 1974/75 Derek Tansill captained the youth team. As has been noted in previous programmes, the Youth enjoyed a good season 1974/75 culminating in the impressive winning of the Tiverton Sevens, defeating Bristol and Cardiff in the process. They were, also, winners of the East Gwent Sevens. In 1975 / 76 Chris Barter was captain and Chris went on to give sterling service to the 1st XV at scrum half. In 75/76 they played 28 matches, winning 17, losing 9 and 2 drawn matches. They scored 543 points and conceded 246. However, what is particularly noteworthy is the contribution of many of those players to the club in the future. Martin Harris was to play for the 1sts, and has served on the committee. John Williams was to captain the Youth and play for the firsts. Andy Tabb went on to play for the firsts and continues to contribute on the committee. Russell Pritchard captained the 1sts in 1986/87. Dave Fryer, the top scorer that season, not only played for the 1sts, but, had a very successful rugby career. Nigel Morris played for the 1sts, and after a season with Abertillery, returned to play and served on the committee. Martin Ware played for the firsts as did Andy Tansill and Kevin Nicholls. John Williams was youth captain 1976/77. John was a highly respected prop forward who went on to play for Pontypool before injury curtailed a very promising first class career. John retained his connection with Monmouth and toured Canada with the club in 1993. Sadly, John passed away during the pandemic. Andrew Griffiths, who went on to play for the 1sts and later served as club chairman was Youth captain in 1979 /80. The youth teams of the 70's were supported by Harri Pritchard, Mike Brown and Reg Stafford who acted as player secretaries.

At times in the eighties the club struggled to field regular youth teams. In 1984, the youth team was led by local boy, Rob Frost. Rob, an outside half, had played for Gwent under 15's at schoolboy level. Rob was to make his First team debut on the Easter Tour to Caen, and was to be a key figure in the very successful teams of 1991/92 and 1992/93. Rob contributed 1000 and 65 points during those seasons. Several of the team captained by Rob went on to play for the 1st XV – which include Colin Thomas, Richard Lewis, Julian Powell, Mark Jones (centre), Kevin Pask, Dai Elias, Neil Lewis, Nigel Dawson and John Powell (currently running our youth team). Several former Youth players of the mid 80's had a reunion in the club this year – among them were Sven Cronk, Bato, Daz Watkins, John Powell, Nathan Reed, Laurence Moon. (My apologies to those I have omitted.) The ex – players shared fond memories and paid tribute to Tommy Aleander and John Jenkins who had helped with the coaching. In 1990/91 the youth were captained by Marc Childs, whose father Malcolm had played and coached at Monmouth. Mark Perella captained the Youth in 1992/93 who were coached by Alan Tucker. Alan had played with distinction for Blaina and Monmouthshire. Alan not only coached Monmouth teams but served on the committee and served as Vice Chairman.

(tbc in next programme)



Monmouth RFC Fixtures

1st XV, Druids & Youth

1ST XV				DRUIDS				YOUTH				WALES			
AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST		AUGUST	
4TH	LEDBURY RFC (FRIDAY NIGHT)	PSF	AWAY									05/08 - ENGLAND	5.30pm	HOME	
12TH	ABERTILLERY RFC	PSF	HOME									12/08 - ENGLAND	5.30pm	AWAY	
19TH	FITNESS TESTING / SOCIAL EVE	FT	HOME									19/08 - SOUTH AFRICA	3.15pm	HOME	
26TH	BERRY HILL RFC (SEDGES DAY)	PSF	AWAY	BERRY HILL RFC	PSF	AWAY									
SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER	
2ND	SENGHENYDD RFC	L	AWAY												
9TH	TALYWAIN RFC	L	HOME	BEDWAS BARBARIANS		AWAY						10/09 - FIJI - RWC		8.00pm	
16TH	YNYSDDU RFC	L	AWAY	BLACKWOOD GRIFFINS		HOME		NHSOB			HOME	16/09 - PORTUGAL - RWC		4.45pm	
23RD	NELSON RFC	CUP	AWAY	CATCH UP/FRIENDLIES								24/09 - AUSTRALIA - RWC		8.00pm	
30TH	BLAENAVON RFC	L	HOME	NHSOB EXPENDABLES		AWAY	NATIONAL YOUTH CUP	RND 1				07/10 - GEORGIA - RWC		2.00pm	
OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER		OCTOBER	
7TH		CUP										14/10 - WIN POOL C V R/UP POOL D		4.00pm	
14TH	PONTYPOOL UTD RFC	L	AWAY	NHSOB EXPENDABLES		HOME	CALDICOT/CHEPSTOW			AWAY		14/10 - WIN POOL D V R/UP POOL C		4.00pm	
21ST	BRYNMAWR RFC	L	AWAY	PILL HARRIERS DEV.		AWAY	FRIENDLY/U7 TRANSITION					20/10 - WIN Q/F 1 V WIN Q/F 2		8.00pm	
28TH		CUP					FRIENDLY/U7 TRANSITION					21/10 - WIN Q/F 3 V WIN Q/F 4		8.00pm	
												27/10 - R/UP S/F 1 V R/UP S/F 2		8.00pm	
												28/10 - WIN S/F 1 V WIN S/F 2		8.00pm	
NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER	
4TH	RISCA RFC	L	HOME				NATIONAL YOUTH CUP	RND 2							
11TH	ABERGAVENNY RFC	L	AWAY				CROESYCEILIOG			HOME					
18TH	BEDLINO G RFC	L	HOME				GARNDIFFAITH			HOME					
25TH	NELSON RFC	L	AWAY	ABERGAVENNY QUINS		AWAY	CATCH UP/FRIENDLIES								
DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER		DECEMBER	
2ND							NATIONAL YOUTH CUP	RND 3							
9TH							FRIENDLY/U7 TRANSITION								
16TH	TALYWAIN RFC	L	AWAY												
23RD				GWERNYFED ATHLETIC		HOME	DRAGONS LEAGUE	S/F							
30TH	YNYSDDU RFC	L	HOME												
JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY	
6TH	BLAENAVON RFC	L	AWAY	PILL HARRIERS DEV.		HOME									
13TH	PONTYPOOL UTD RFC	L	HOME	GWERNYFED ATHLETIC		AWAY									
20TH	BRYNMAWR RFC	L	HOME	CATCH UP/FRIENDLIES											
27TH	RISCA RFC	L	AWAY	ABERGAVENNY QUINS		HOME									
FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY	
3RD												WALES V SCOTLAND	H	4.45pm	
10TH												WALES V ENGLAND	A	4.45pm	
17TH	ABERGAVENNY RFC	L	HOME	BLACKWOOD GRIFFINS		AWAY									
24TH												WALES V IRELAND	A	2.15pm	
MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH		MARCH	
2ND	BEDLINO G RFC	L	AWAY	CALDICOT GEESE		HOME									
9TH	NELSON RFC	L	HOME	BEDWAS BARBARIANS		HOME						SUN 10/03 - WALES V FRANCE	H	3.00pm	
16TH															
23RD	DOWLAIS RFC	L	AWAY	CALDICOT GEESE		AWAY									
30TH	DOWLAIS RFC	L	HOME									WALES V ITALY	H	2.15PM	
APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL		APRIL	
6TH															
13TH	SENGHENYDD RFC	L	HOME												
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27TH															
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MAY		MAY		MAY		MAY		MAY		MAY		MAY		MAY	
4TH															
11TH															

PLAYERS / SUPPORTERS PLEASE NOTE : FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING SEASON -

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Team Sheet



1873 150 YEARS 2023



15 Matt Tabb	15
14 Harvey Thomas	14
13 Morgan Jeffs	13
12 Dan Dunmore (vc)	12
11 Harry Whelan	11
10 Dan White	10
9 Oliver Scriven	9

1 Tom Green	1
2 Ed White (c)	2
3 Jamie Strachen	3
4 Logan Woskett	4
5 Jacob Hartles	5
6 Ryan Holder	6
7 Kester Mobbs-Morgan	7
8 Jack Edwards	8

Replacements

Joe Christopher | Jamie Ridgeway
Will Tyler | Ollie Park
Joe Impey

Replacements



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Chay Billen
Head Coach



Jonathon Hawker
Backs Coach



Luke Hunter
Manager



Ed White
(Club Captain)
Hooker



Jack Edwards
(1st XV Captain)
Back Row



Ben Alexander
Prop



Jamie Ridgeway
Front Row



Logan Woskett
2nd Row



Shaun Hobbs
2nd Row



Jacob Hartels
2nd Row



Ollie Park
Back Row



Lewis Ryan
Scrum Half



Oliver Scriven
Scrum Half



Dan White
Scrum Half/
Utility Back



Rhodri Williams
Centre



Harry Jenkins
Centre



Will Scriven
Winger



Harry Whelan
Winger



Richard Jones
Winger

2023/24 Squad



Jamie Strachen
Prop



Dean Bartlett
Prop



Tom Green
Front Row



Joe Christopher
Hooker



Ellis Brown
Back Row



Corey Harper
Back Row



Tom Hawkins
Back Row



Rhys Evans
Back Row



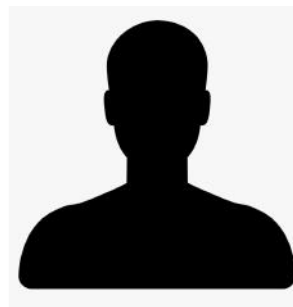
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Morgan Jeffs
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Jordan Howells
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Ryan Holder
Centre



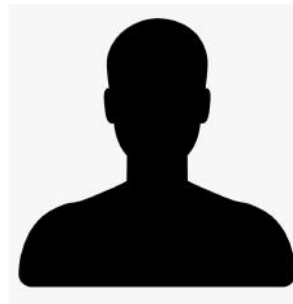
Harvey Thomas
Winger



Kester
Mobbs-Morgan
Winger



Matthew Tabb
Fullback/Wing



Lewis Bates
Fullback/Wing



Adam Roberts
Utility Back

Player Profile



Name: Oliver Scriven

Nickname(s): Scriv

Age: 20

Position(s): Scrum Half

PROFILE

Occupation:

Ground works

Previous Clubs:

Cwmbran & Bream

Likes:

Alcohol

Dislikes:

Dan White

Most memorable rugby moment:

Beating Bleanavon last season in there back garden

Goal for 2022/23 season:

Finish top 3 in the league

TEAMATES

Funniest:

OOO DEANO BARTLETT

Most likely to be sent off:

Logan

Most skilful:

Myself

Best on the beers:

Jeffsy

Coaches pet:

Dan White

Most likely to become famous:

Dean Bartlett (Harvey Price)



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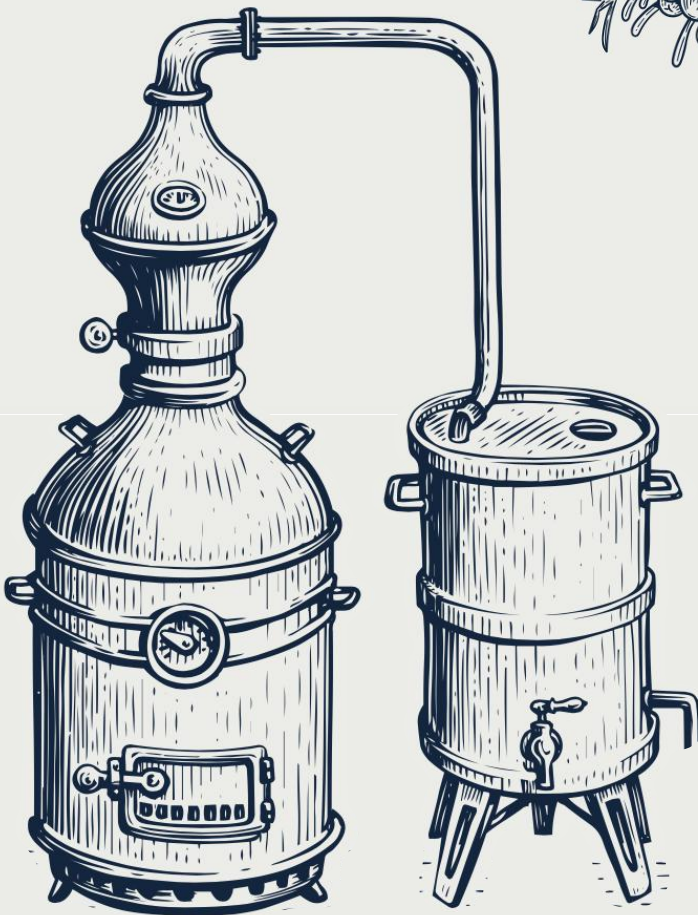
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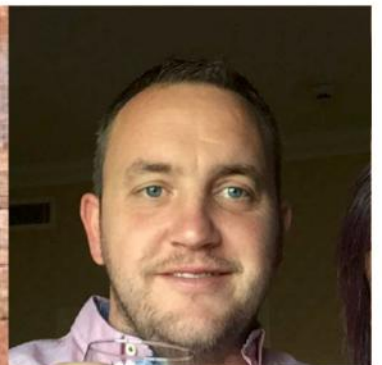


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Talywain 24 - 12 Monmouth

Saturday 16 December | WRU National League 1 East

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