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# Jamie Mclagan

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Jamie Mclagan sadly passed away on 5th March. As a club we are deeply saddened and send our sincere condolences to Jamie's family, friends, and all who knew him.



Jamie's connection with Barum began at just five years old, progressing through our junior and Colts sections before going on to make several appearances for the Tics over the years.

Even in later years, when he wasn't playing regularly, Jamie was still a familiar face at Pottington Road, often found on the sidelines supporting and watching his friends and teammates. Jamie was part of the Barum family for many years, and he will be remembered fondly by everyone at the club

Our thoughts are with his family and all those who knew and loved him at this difficult time.

Please join us in a minutes silence this Saturday before our home fixtures



# WELCOME TO POTTINGTON ROAD

## The Heart of Devon



Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and a very warm welcome to Pottington Road for what promises to be an absolutely cracking afternoon of rugby. This is undoubtedly the biggest game of the season so far for Barnstaple Chiefs, as they prepare to take on the league leaders and overwhelming favourites for promotion to National 1—Camborne. The visitors have made the long trip over the border to join us here today, and we are expecting a fiercely competitive contest.

We extend a warm North Devon welcome to their players, coaches, committee members, and the supporters who have bravely crossed the Tamar to be with us this afternoon. We hope you enjoy your day here in Barnstaple and that the match lives up to its billing.

Today's fixture is proudly sponsored by the Ladies of Barnstaple Rugby Club, as they celebrate their annual Ladies Day festivities. We extend our sincere thanks to them for all the tireless work and dedication they put into making this event run so smoothly year after year—their contribution to the club is immeasurable. A reminder to everyone that tonight's entertainment features live music from Barely Legal, kicking off around 6pm, and all are warmly invited to join the festivities.



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We would also like to extend a special welcome to our guests from Jewsons, who are enjoying the hospitality of the President's Lounge today. Thank you for your continued and valued support of our club—it goes a long way in making Barnstaple Rugby Club what it is today, and we trust you will witness a memorable game of rugby.

## **200 not out for Ryan Lee!**

A huge milestone for the man himself as he pulls on the famous shirt for the 200th time today. It feels like just yesterday we saw him make his debut all the way back on September 24th, 2016. Thrown straight into the deep end away at Chinnor in National League 2 South—what a way to start your senior career, and he has never looked back!

For nine seasons, Ryan has been a model of consistency for Barnstaple. It's also fantastic to see the long-standing relationship with his sponsors, Access an Area, who have backed him right from the start. They clearly saw something special, and Ryan has proven them right time and time again, racking up 106 points from 20 tries (plus a cheeky 4 conversions thrown in for good measure!).

Seeing the way he is playing this year, it looks like he's just getting started. The legs are still fresh and the desire is still there. Congratulations on 200 appearances, Ryan. Here's to the next chapter and many more unforgettable moments for the Chiefs!

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## **Action Elsewhere at the Club**

Before we turn our full attention to the main event, there is another crucial fixture taking place just alongside us on the second pitch. Barnstaple Athletic are hosting Saltash in another crunch Counties 1 Wester West league match hoping to secure another win, kick off is 2pm.

### **Before we turn our full attention to the match, a few important announcements:**

Calling all **Retired Barnstaple Rugby Players** there is a Reunion planned for April 18th when the Chiefs play their final home game against Syston. Tickets are from £10 and include a free burger and pint. To book your place contact either:

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### **End of Season Dinner – Friday 9th May**

Our popular End of Season Dinner returns once again, following the same successful format as last year. Further details will be released closer to the time, so please keep an eye out—it promises to be a fantastic evening.

### **County Championship – Saturday 23rd May 2026 – Cancelled**

Unfortunately, for those who were looking forward to this fixture, Gloucestershire RFU have withdrawn from the competition. However, we have some positive news—the club is currently in discussions with Devon RFU to potentially move the Devon Intermediate Cup final to this date. If confirmed, the game would be played here at Pottington Road and would feature a massive

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local showdown between our very own Barnstaple Athletic and Regional 2 South West high-flyers Okehampton. It promises to be an exciting contest for the trophy, and we will keep you updated as soon as we have confirmation.

Next weekend we have the Barnstaple Vets in their one and only home match in the Wooden Spoon Devon Veterans' League as they welcome Okehampton Vets to Pottington road in what will be an entertaining match for a worthwhile cause.

This will be the Vets second game following an away win at Tiverton (7-33) and a walkover they currently head the North and East standings. Kick off is 2pm

Finally a reminder that with the clocks going forward next weekend all matches following the easter break will kick off at the slightly later time of 2.30pm. for now enjoy today's rugby.

### **Now, turning to today's main event.**

It has been a challenging run for the Chiefs in 2026, with just one win and a draw so far this calendar year—a sequence that has seen them slip from third at Christmas to their current sixth place. Last weekend, they had a golden opportunity to secure a much-needed victory against a struggling Loughborough Students side. A promising first half gave way to a second half dominated by the home side scoring four unanswered tries in the space of thirty minutes to put the game beyond reach. The Chiefs battled back with two further tries in the final ten minutes, but the deficit proved too great. The try bonus point however was enough to lift them above Cinderford, who lost at Redruth, leaving the Chiefs in a well-deserved sixth place.



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## **Camborne's Recent Struggles**

As for Camborne, it seems the wheels have wobbled somewhat in recent weeks. They had been cruising at the top of the table, suffering just a single defeat—away at Taunton—back in November, and looked certain for the title. However, two significant losses in their last two outings have raised eyebrows. First, a heavy 40-17 defeat at Hinckley, followed by a home reversal last weekend as Taunton completed the league double over them, winning 31-38. Despite this, Camborne still hold a commanding 13-point lead over second-placed Luctonians with only four games remaining. But as we all know in rugby, momentum is everything, and they will be desperate to avoid a third consecutive defeat this close to the finish line.

## **What to Expect Today**

That desperation, however, brings opportunity. There are chinks in the Camborne armour, and the Chiefs will be fired up, knowing they have already beaten Luctonians here at Pottington Road earlier in the season. They will be determined to repeat that feat against the league leaders.

This match will demand a full 80 minutes of committed, intelligent, and passionate rugby from both sides—and that is where you, the 16th man, come in. Your voices, your energy, and your support could be the deciding factor today. So let's make some noise, get behind the Chiefs, and drive them toward another famous victory.

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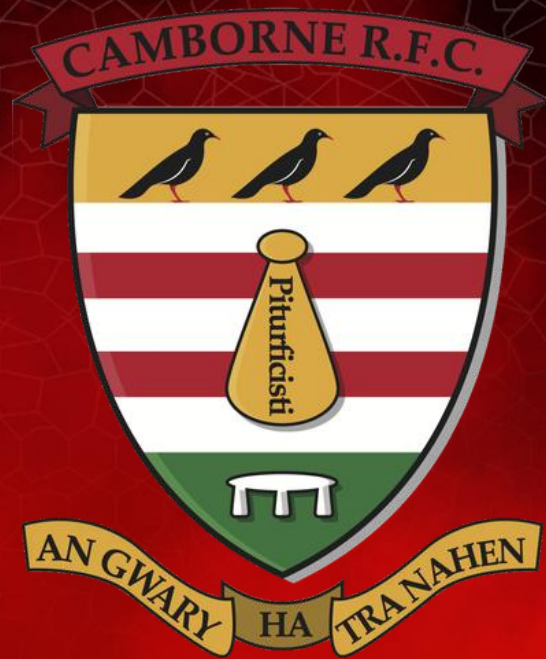


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# Chiefs Left to Rue What Might Have Been After Second-Half Collapse at Loughborough



Despite the 220-plus miles of travelling ahead, there would have been a feeling of quiet optimism from the Barnstaple Chiefs as they made the long journey north to Loughborough. Facing a side sitting second from bottom in the table with just six wins all season, the visitors had every reason to believe that a victory was within their grasp. Yet as any seasoned follower of this league knows, teams fighting for their survival at the bottom of the table are often the most dangerous opponents of all – a lesson Hinckley learned to their cost just last month when the third-placed side came spectacularly unstuck, losing 45-35 to these same students.

## **A Blistering Start Raises Hopes**

And for the opening quarter at least, the Chiefs looked every inch a side capable of avoiding a similar fate. Full of fire and belief, Barnstaple stormed into a 14-point lead after only 15 minutes. First Arthur Marks crossed for the opening score, then George Snell powered over, with Jake Murphy adding the extras to both tries to give the visitors the dream start they had hoped for.

The home side, stung into action, hit back immediately. But in a breathless, frantic opening 20 minutes, Marks claimed his second to re-establish that 14-point cushion as the game entered its second quarter.

Again the students replied, narrowing the lead once more, but

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again Barnstaple had an answer. Marks completed his hat-trick to restore the familiar 14-point gap, and with the Chiefs looking dominant, the game appeared to be firmly in their control.

However, with ten minutes remaining in the half, Loughborough mounted a sustained assault on the Chiefs' defence. It buckled twice under the pressure, allowing the home side two crucial scores that dramatically altered the complexion of the match. The sides went in at the break locked together at 28-28, and the momentum had visibly shifted.

### **A Devastating Second-Half Spell**

Buoyed by their late first-half revival, the Students emerged a different proposition and launched a relentless attack on the Chiefs, who appeared – psychologically speaking at least – not to have left their own dressing room.

In a devastating 30-minute spell, Loughborough ran in four unanswered tries, leaving the shell-shocked Chiefs chasing shadows and the game completely beyond reach. The students had turned a closely contested battle into a one-sided rout, and Barnstaple were left clutching at straws.

### **Late Response Restores Some Pride**

To their immense credit, however, the Chiefs refused to let their heads drop completely. Regaining their composure in the final ten minutes, they showed great fortitude and character to score twice through Ben Jago and Bertie Stretch, at least bringing some respectability to the final scoreline. Murphy, reliable as ever, landed five of his six conversion attempts.

As the final whistle blew, the Chiefs were left to ponder exactly

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how a game that had promised so much had slipped away so dramatically. Yet there was at least a consolation prize – a bonus point to bring back down the M5, a small reward from a long journey that had started with such hope.

## **Eyes Turn to Fortress Pottington**

Now attention swiftly turns to a massive encounter this Saturday at Pottington, where league leaders Camborne are the visitors. It promises to be a crucial match for both sides. Camborne will be desperate to take another significant step towards promotion to National 1, while the Chiefs will be equally determined to ensure that Fortress Pottington lives up to its name and makes the title-chasers work every second for their aspirations.

With just three games remaining after this weekend's showdown, Barnstaple are on course to achieve their highest-ever league position in English rugby once the final dust settles on the season – an amazing accomplishment by any measure. Victory against Camborne today would provide the most glorious icing on that particular cake.

Following this weekend's clash, the Chiefs enjoy a couple of weeks' break before their final three fixtures, which include their last home match of the season against Syston on April 18th. Supporters are reminded of the new 2.30pm kick-off time for home games.

Let's paint Pottington Red and white this afternoon, make some serious noise, and cheer the Chiefs towards what would be a great victory.

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## TICS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER PENRYN SETBACK AS SALTASH VISIT POTTINGTON ROAD

A timely weekend off couldn't have come at a better moment for Barnstaple Athletic following a chastening defeat at Penryn that brought their impressive winning run to a shuddering halt.



After finally rediscovering the form that served them so well last season, the Tics had strung together four consecutive victories – including an impressive scalp at Redruth and a commanding home win against Truro, where eight Colts featured, seven of whom hailed from Barnstaple Colts. Confidence was justifiably high as they made the long trip west to face 11th-placed Penryn.

Perhaps that confidence tipped over into overconfidence, as Athletic found themselves on the back foot from the very first whistle against their Cornish hosts.

It took until the 25th minute for Athletic to register their first score, Patrick Henry crossing for what would prove to be their only try of an opening period dominated by the home side. By the interval, Penryn had touched down five times to establish a formidable 31-5 lead.

The second half brought little immediate respite. A yellow card early in the period compounded Athletic's difficulties as Penryn continued to apply relentless pressure. However, credit must go to the visitors for showing commendable resolve when the game looked to be slipping completely from their grasp.

Despite being reduced to 14 men, Tom Chapman found his way over the line after 10 minutes of the half. Fifteen minutes later, Ryan Smale added another, reducing the deficit slightly. With Penryn cruising at 43-19 and victory assured, Athletic demonstrated their never-say-die attitude in the final seconds. Luke Knight crossed for a bonus-point try, giving the visitors something tangible to take from a difficult afternoon as the game finished 43-24.

While the scoreline made for disappointing reading, the manner in which Athletic scrapped for and secured that bonus point speaks volumes about the character running through this squad. The ability to find something positive even when trailing by such a margin suggests a resilience that will serve them well in the season's closing stages.

Remarkably, despite this hiccup, Athletic remain in third place – a testament to the solid platform built during their previous winning run, they now sit in an enviable position to finish the campaign strongly.

## **MUST-WIN ENCOUNTER LOOMS**

Today presents the perfect opportunity to banish memories of that tortuous trip across the border as bottom-of-the-table Saltash arrive at Pottington Road's second pitch. This represents nothing less than a must-win five-pointer for Athletic – essential not only for restoring morale but also for maintaining that precious four-point cushion in third place with just four games remaining.

The reverse fixture back in November at Saltash serves as a timely reminder that nothing can be taken for granted. On that occasion, Athletic had to grind out a narrow 19-21 victory, proving

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that league positions count for little when these sides meet. The Tics will need to be at their absolute best for the full 80 minutes to secure the maximum points on offer.

## **EXTENDED BREAK AHEAD**

Following today's fixture, Athletic – like the Chiefs – enjoy another two-week break before returning to action on April 11th when 6th-placed Kingsbridge visit Pottington Road in what promises to be a crucial encounter in the battle for third spot.

The club is calling on supporters to turnout in force for that fixture and give the Tics the backing they need for an end-of-season push to secure that coveted third-place finish. Every voice from the touchline makes a difference as the campaign reaches its climax.



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# Buccaneers Finally get to play some rugby thanks to a Topsham side eager to play



The Buccaneers finally enjoyed some competitive game time as Topsham II made the journey to Pottington Road. Full credit must go to the visitors, who arrived short on numbers but were determined to fulfil the fixture. Thanks to several Barum players stepping up to lend a hand, Topsham were able to field a full side and ensure the game went ahead. In an era where fixtures are often called off at the first sign of difficulty, Topsham honoured the commitment—and as a result, plenty of players got valuable minutes on the pitch. Huge respect to a top rugby club for their sportsmanship and dedication.

As for the action, the match ultimately proved a one-sided affair, with the Buccaneers running out convincing 89–13 winners. But while the scoreline was emphatic, the bigger picture was the game time shared across the squad—an important outcome as the season enters its decisive phase.

This weekend, the Buccaneers are on the road for a crunch clash away at Teignmouth, their final league fixture of the regular season. After that, attention turns to cup rugby—though the exact details of the Buccs' involvement remain unclear at this stage. In previous seasons, they've competed for the Dave Butt Cup, but there's been no official word yet on this year's format or whether they'll be part of it. I'll be sure to keep you updated as soon as I hear more.

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# Colts Produce Stunning Second-Half Display to Storm into Semi-Finals



After enduring over three months without competitive action, Barnstaple Colts finally got the contest they'd been craving when they hosted Paignton Colts in the Devon RFU Colts Cup quarter-final at Pottington Road – and what a spectacular return to form it proved to be.

The opening exchanges suggested rust might tell against a quality Paignton outfit. Yet within just two minutes, Barnstaple had signalled their intent when Noah Bazely sliced through the visitor's defence to score untouched under the posts.

The following 20-25 minutes told a familiar story of a side searching for rhythm. Several promising opportunities went begging through dropped passes as Barnstaple struggled to find their fluency, while Paignton's stubborn defence deserved considerable credit for keeping the hosts at bay.

But the final ten minutes of the first half offered a tantalising glimpse of what was to come. The ring rust began falling away as passes started sticking and patterns emerged. Two tries in three minutes sent a clear message: a well-worked series of phases culminated in Jonson Tuhakaraina crossing the whitewash, swiftly followed by Jac Davies showcasing his pace with a breakaway score. With James Fyers adding the extras to all three first-half tries, Barnstaple headed into the interval with a commanding 21-7 advantage.



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Whatever was said in the dressing room clearly worked wonders. The second-half display that followed left spectators struggling for superlatives – arguably the finest half of rugby I have witnessed from a Colts side at Pottington Road in recent memory.


Barnstaple exploded from the blocks immediately after the restart. One player in particular Jac Davies seized the moment, completing a hat-trick of tries in devastating fashion. A blistering run down the wing gave him his second of the afternoon, before completing his treble approximately ten minutes later – a magnificent individual performance from the centre.

James Fyers enjoyed a day to remember, maintaining a perfect record from the tee with seven conversions before leaving the field. Not content with his goalkicking heroics, Fyers added a try of his own, leaping to claim a clever chip before sidestepping a tackle and racing down the left flank to score.

Oscar Lambert then got in on the act, bursting through the middle unopposed after Ruben Chugg delivered a perfectly-timed pass that drew in multiple defenders. The scoring was completed when James Hare identified a yawning gap in the Paignton defence, taking the ball at pace to cruise over untouched.

Fyers converted four of the five second-half tries, with Ruben Chugg adding the final conversion to complete a 56-17 victory that emphatically underlined Barnstaple's dominance against a very capable opposition.

The final scoreline perhaps told only part of the story. Paignton

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contributed significantly to an entertaining contest, crossing for three well-taken tries of their own and demonstrating why they're regarded as a quality outfit. They worked tirelessly throughout, but after three months without meaningful competition, this Barnstaple side were simply ravenous for action – and once they discovered their rhythm, they proved more than capable of dismantling any opponent.

For the watching supporters, this performance offered more than just cup progression. It provided a thrilling glimpse of the future for Barnstaple's senior squads. Seven of these Colts have already featured for the Athletic side at home, while last weekend alone saw Jack Barrow start for the Chiefs, with Rhys Hadley and Oscar Lambert providing impact from the bench.

Attention now turns to a mouthwatering semi-final clash away at Crediton. The challenge ahead couldn't be clearer: replicate this devastating form against opponents enjoying a phenomenal campaign of their own. Crediton sit level with Newton Abbot atop the Colts merit tables with eight wins from eight, narrowly ahead of third-placed Barnstaple.

This promises to be an epic encounter – quite possibly the game of the tournament. If Barnstaple can maintain the momentum generated by this remarkable display, they'll give themselves every chance of progressing further.

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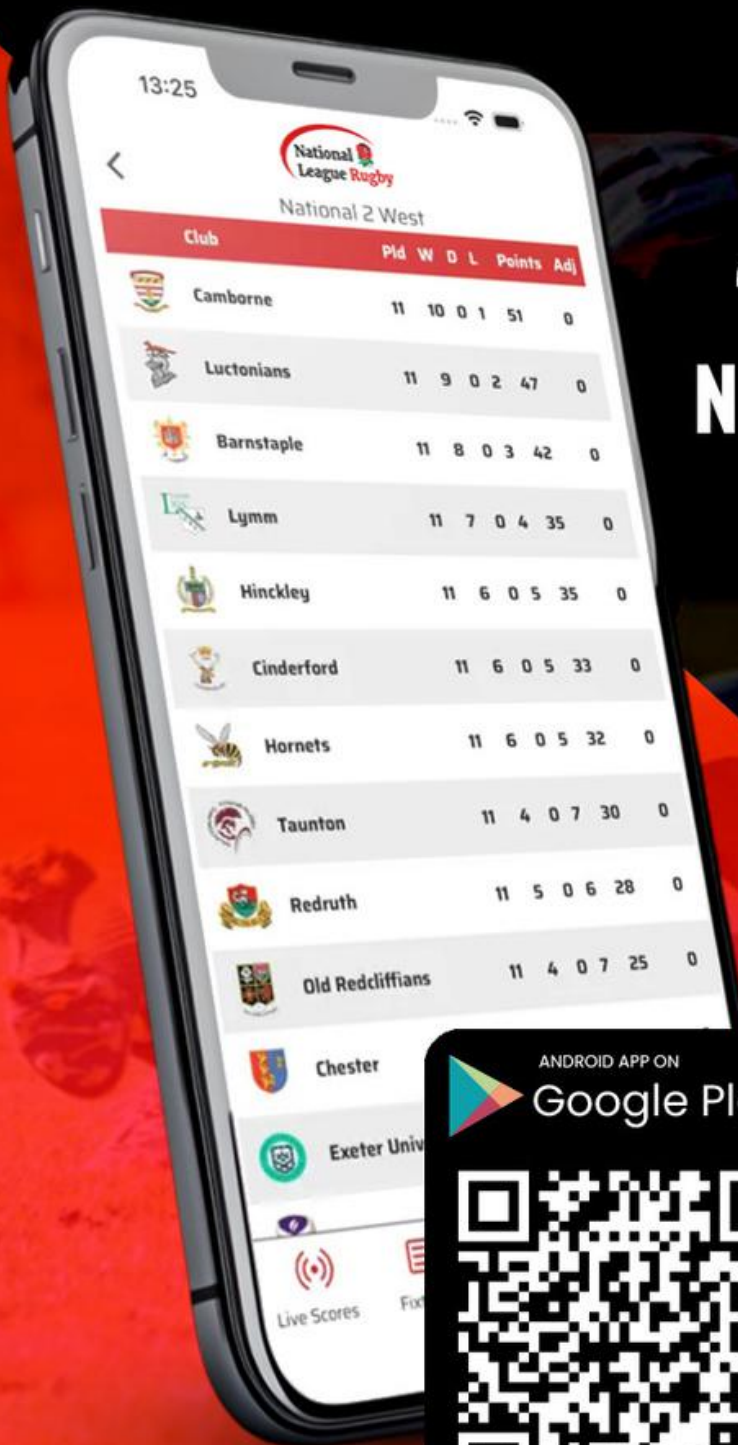
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