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In a tremendous gesture Danny will be presenting his Wales shirt to Director of Rugby Phil Gordon-Oke and Head Coach Winston James



A Century-and-a-Half and a Half-Century: Barnstaple Celebrates Milestone Legends Carter & Childs

Massive congratulations are in order for two stalwarts of the Barnstaple squad, Johny Carter and Jake Childs, who have etched their names into the club's history with remarkable personal milestones.

This weekend, we celebrate Johny Carter on his extraordinary 150th appearance in the famous Barnstaple colours. Reaching such a landmark speaks volumes of consistency, unwavering dedication, and a deep-seated loyalty to the club. Johny has been a leader, a relentless competitor, and an embodiment of what it means to wear the badge with pride.

Alongside him, we applaud Jake Childs on notching his 50th cap for the team. Hitting a half-century is a significant achievement that we have the pleasure to celebrate.

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Suffice to say the bar will be open from 11am, the Colts take to the field at 12pm against Bideford Colts then the main event as the two charities go head to head at 2pm.

It is going to be a fantastic day out for all the family and entry is just £5 per person with Under 18's free.

Turning to today's main event:

This top-of-the-table clash promises to be a classic. The Barnstaple Chiefs have been in electrifying form, creating plenty of excitement in their recent home games. The challenges keep coming, and they've risen to them brilliantly—holding off a forceful Loughborough Students side and then travelling to league leaders Camborne to secure a superb, hard-earned point with a tremendous second-half performance. They sit solidly in third, seven points clear of today's opponents, and are progressing brilliantly.

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Across the Club Today:

On the second pitch, Barnstaple Athletic are preparing for their own crucial Counties 1 Tribute Western West match against second-place St. Ives. Following two consecutive wins, Athletic are building powerful momentum for a thriller this afternoon.

More Athletic News:

We now know their Devon Intermediate Cup Final opponents will be Okehampton, after a nail-biting semi-final. Even bigger news—the final will be played here at Pottington Road! Save the date and come out in force to support them.

On the Road: The Buccaneers travel to Torrington in high spirits following two successive wins, the latest a gritty performance in truly wild Exmoor conditions.

Please note, there will be no rugby at Pottington Road next weekend, as all our teams are on the road. We will next see you here in a fortnight's time, Saturday, December 20th (2 PM KO), for the Chiefs' big chance at revenge when Exeter University visit. That's one you will not want to miss!

Also playing will be Barnstaple Athletic in another Counties Western West 1 match against the current league leaders, and by some margin already, Wiveliscombe.

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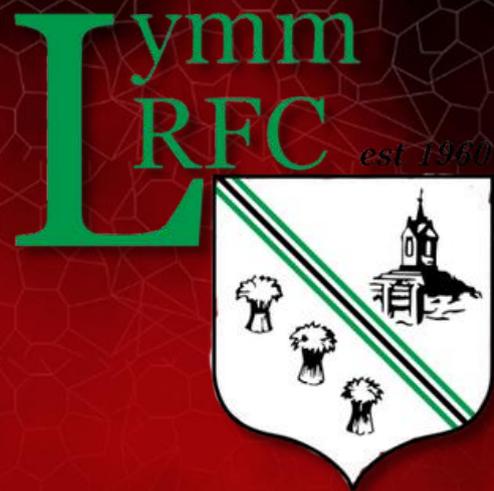
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The Thirst That Forged a Club: How a Bad Pint Led to the Birth of Lymm Rugby

Every great institution has a founding myth. For Lymm Rugby Club, the story begins not with a soaring ambition for sporting glory, but with a simple, shared desire for a decent pint.

During the early months of 1959, a regular group of young men huddled around the fire in the snug of Lymm's Spread Eagle Hotel. Their primary pursuit was camaraderie, but the beer, by all accounts, was consistently uninspiring. One particularly disappointing evening, the conversation turned, as it often did, to the poor quality of the ale. Tired of mere complaints, one of the group proposed a radical solution: they should form their own drinking club.

The plan remained a pipe dream until one fateful day when four of the men, including Martin Hampson and Peter Holt, attended the Bowdon Rugby Sevens. As the afternoon wore on, they witnessed something miraculous: the bar remained resolutely open. In this flagrant "abuse of the licensing laws," they saw their future. Here was the perfect solution—sports clubs could legally sell beer to their members, and rugby clubs, they observed, seemed to consume it in truly admirable quantities.

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There was, of course, one small hurdle: to be a rugby club, you rather needed a rugby team. Undeterred, the group set their plan in motion as the winter nights of 1959 drew in. An advert was placed in the Warrington Guardian, calling upon anyone interested in forming a rugby club to attend a meeting at the Spread Eagle on November 27th, 1959.

The response was excellent, leading to an inaugural meeting at the same venue on January 14th, 1960. Twenty-one founding members and thus Lymm Rugby FC was born and today a mere 65 years on plies its skills in tier 4 of English rugby.

A Union Island in a League Sea

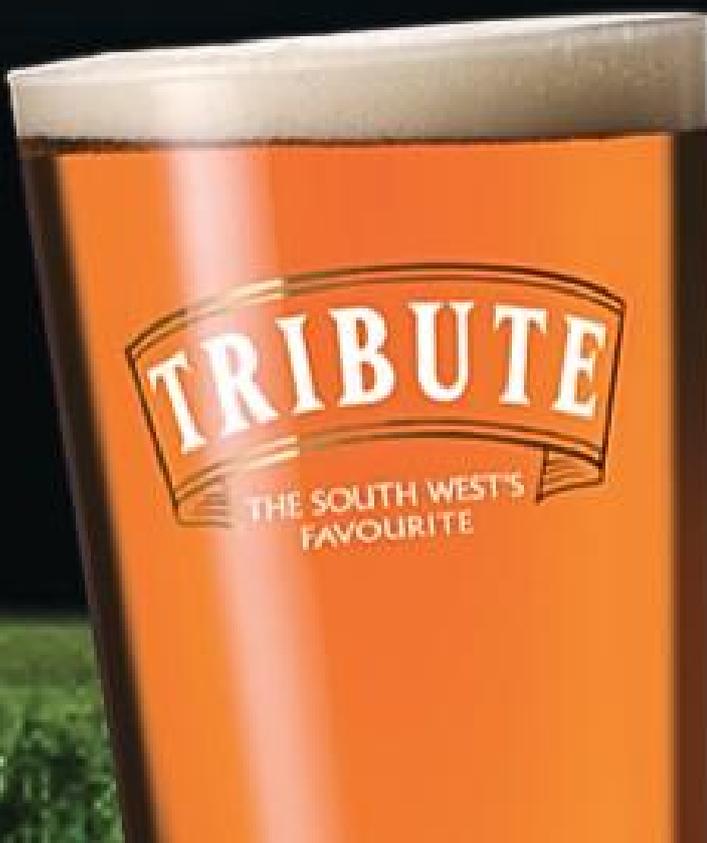
Lymm Rugby Club is situated in a region famously dominated by Rugby League. This proximity to rugby league heartlands creates a unique dynamic. Lymm RUFC not only has to compete for players and support in a crowded sporting market. Famous rugby league teams such as Warrington Wolves, Just a mere five miles from Crouchley Lane, St. Helens, a short drive to the north, as well as Wigan Warriors and Salford Red Devils, add to the dense concentration of elite rugby league clubs surrounding Lymm.

Yet Lymm stands as a proud beacon for the rugby union code. It provides a crucial outlet for those drawn to the 15-a-side game and has successfully carved out its own loyal following. The club is a social hub, where post-match in the clubhouse is as important as the 80 minutes on the pitch. Its minis and juniors section, with hundreds of children playing each Sunday, ensures the club's values and future are secure.

Lymm Rugby Club first reached the fourth tier of English rugby union at the start of the 2023/24 season. This achievement was the culmination of several years of building a powerful squad and consistent performance

This promotion placed them in National 2 North for the 2023/24 season, and in the following season they achieved their highest ranking ever 3rd in National 2 North. This season see's them, like Chester, sideways shifted to National 2 West and the long journey's to clubs such as ours. This however has not deterred them from their mission, to reach the best level of rugby they can while drinking plenty of decent pints.

Currently in fourth place with a 100% home record, this season is looking bright. From its humble beginnings to its current status as a force in National 2 rugby, Lymm Rugby Club has navigated its unique position with determination and spirit. It remains a proud union outpost, cultivating its own rich tradition while coexisting amidst some of the most famous names in rugby league.



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The SANIX tournament, held annually, is a pinnacle of international schools rugby, attracting the best youth teams from across the globe. For Exeter College to be chosen as the standard-bearer for England is a testament to the exceptional talent, dedication, and high-performance culture fostered within its rugby department.

Adding a proud, personal dimension to this team honour is the selection of one of the Barnstaple Rugby's standout Colts, Ruben Chugg, to the touring squad. Ruben's inclusion recognises his exceptional skill, work ethic, and potential, marking a significant milestone in his young rugby career. This experience will offer him unparalleled exposure to international competition, a once in a Lifetime opportunity .

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In addition to his five caps, he has also earned 2 caps for the official Jamaican National Team (JRFU), having taken the field against formidable opponents in Mexico and Bermuda.

The entire Barnstaple Rugby Club wishes the best of luck to Josh Ridewood-Williams and the entire Jamaica UK squad this Saturday. Play hard, represent proudly, and continue to build the legacy of Reggae Rugby!

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Grit and Thrills: The Chiefs' Character-Filled fortnight of Rugby

As the season progresses, the Barnstaple Chiefs continue to entertain and enthrall with a brand of nerve-jangling, edge-of-your-seat rugby. This was never more true than in their recent home clash against Loughborough University, a contest that saw a seemingly comfortable lead transform into a desperate, twenty-minute rearguard action. In the face of a valiant student fightback, the Chiefs' determined defence ultimately held firm to secure a breathless 36-33 victory and a precious five-point haul.

From the outset, Barnstaple's forward dominance laid the foundation. Brandon Moore announced their intent, finishing a powerful 5-metre lineout maul for the opening score. This set the tone for the afternoon, with the Chiefs' pack establishing clear supremacy at the set-piece and in the tight exchanges, a platform they would leverage all game.

Yet Loughborough's threat was immediate and potent. Boasting a talented, quick-stepping backline that stretched Barnstaple's defence to its limits, they hit back just minutes later. The first half unfolded as a thrilling tit-for-tat affair. Each time the Chiefs nudged ahead, the visitors reeled them back in. A wayward Loughborough lineout was pounced on by Bertie Stretch, whose charging run into the 22 led to a recycled ball for the powerful Emosi Nadaubale, who smashed through multiple tacklers to score. True to form, Loughborough replied

swiftly, and by the 20th minute of a breathless opening, they led 12-14.

Undaunted, Barnstaple rallied with a period of sustained pressure. Winger Jordan Petherbridge celebrated his first try of the season for the Chiefs, finishing neatly in the corner after a series of phased attacks. Then, to exemplify their scrummaging mastery, the Chiefs shunted the students backwards over their own line from a 5-metre scrum, allowing Brandon Moore to dot down for his second. At 24-13, Barnstaple seemed poised to pull away, but Loughborough's resilience surfaced again with a try before the break, sending the teams in at 24-19.

The second half began with Barnstaple tightening their grip. Bertie Stretch touched down from another imposing maul, and around the hour mark, after a series of relentless pick-and-goes, Viliame Kotobalavu stretched out to score. At 36-19 with 20 minutes to play, the result appeared a formality.

Then, calamity struck. In a dramatic shift, a penalty restart for something that happened after Viliame's try which was quickly followed by two Barnstaple yellow cards in quick succession. Reduced to 13 men, the Chiefs dug in, but the constant pressure and Loughborough's incisive backs eventually told, as they scored almost immediately to cut the lead.

Barnstaple weathered the storm until returning to 15 players, but with just eight minutes remaining, a third yellow card—a consequence of repeated infringements as they fought to hold their line—again left them a man down. Despite the numerical disadvantage, the heroic defence limited Loughborough to just



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one more converted try with just minutes left, prompting a massive collective sigh of relief from the home support as the final whistle confirmed a 36-33 win.

It was another heart-pounding finish to a game the Chiefs should have sealed earlier. The flurry of yellow cards remains something of a mystery, representing a rare loss of composure this season as Loughborough's tenacity got under Barnstaple's skin—a lapse that nearly proved catastrophically costly. Nevertheless, the defensive effort in the final quarter was immense, and the forwards were exemplary throughout, providing the bedrock for victory.

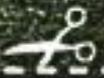
All in all, this was a superb advertisement for rugby, showcasing two contrasting and compelling styles. While the entertainment value was undeniable, the Chiefs' faithful will be hoping such a white-knuckle finale is not repeated anytime soon.

Chiefs Show Mettle in Valiant Defeat at Fortress Camborne

Following their nerve-shredding victory over Loughborough, the Barnstaple Chiefs faced their most formidable challenge of the season: a daunting trip to league leaders Camborne. The Cornish side boasted an aura of invincibility at their home ground, undefeated there since April 2024—a staggering season-and-a-half record. Although jolted by a first loss of the campaign at Taunton the previous week, Camborne remained the division's benchmark. For the travelling Chiefs, this presented a monumental task, but one laden with opportunity: could they be the first to topple the giants in their own fortress?



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The day began ominously for Barnstaple. Camborne's powerful start was rewarded with a try inside five minutes, and matters worsened soon after when a Chiefs yellow card conceded to relentless home pressure. Facing a deficit and a numerical disadvantage, the Chiefs' response was immediate and spirited. A clearing kick by Camborne in their own 22 was charged down by the alert Jake Murphy; he managed to scoop the bouncing ball into the grateful arms of Josh Ridewood-Williams, who finished a breathtaking counter-punch against the run of play.

Despite this moment of brilliance, Camborne reasserted their dominance for the remainder of the half. They added three further tries, securing their try-bonus point before the interval. Barnstaple's lone reply was a trademark score of sheer forward power: a colossal driving maul from a lineout marched Camborne backwards into their 22, allowing Brandon Moore to peel off and thunder through the heart of the defence. At the break, the Chiefs trailed 24-10, with the game threatening to slip away.

The second half pattern initially mirrored the first, with another Camborne try and, crucially, another Barnstaple yellow card. However, having weathered another ten-minute storm with 14 men, the Chiefs produced a performance of real character. Their play lifted a gear, culminating in a magical try. From a scrum on halfway, quick hands and a sharp line cut a hole in the defensive line. The powerful Emosi Nadaubale burst through, carried deep into the 22, and offloaded to the supporting Tom Swales for a simple run-in under the posts. At 31-17 with twenty minutes remaining, a crucial question emerged: could the Chiefs salvage something from the contest?

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The answer was a resounding, fifteen-minute onslaught. Barnstaple laid siege to the Camborne line in search of a bonus point. Their perseverance was finally rewarded with five minutes left. From a penalty lineout five metres out, Bertie Stretch expertly peeled off the back of a maul to crash over. At 31-22, a second, extra bonus point was within reach, but Camborne snuffed out that hope with a penalty to seal a 34-22 victory.

While defeated, the Chiefs earned immense credit. After a first half where the game threatened to run away from them, their second-half response was massive. They denied a potent Camborne side any points for a full thirty minutes while playing up the famous Camborne slope—a significant feat—and racked up two vital tries to secure a well-deserved try bonus point. This performance sets the stage for a tantalising prospect: the return fixture at Pottington Road on March 21st, where the Chiefs will be eager to prove the gap has closed.

With just three fixtures remaining before the Christmas break, the Barnstaple Chiefs are determined to maintain their 100% home record at Pottington Road. This stretch begins with today's crucial encounter against fourth-placed Lymm—a vital test if the Chiefs are to preserve their fortress status.

Following this, attention turns to a challenging trip to Syston next weekend, before the stage is set for a massive local derby. In the final game of the year, the Chiefs will have the opportunity to repay Exeter University for their earlier-season defeat. A strong finish across these three matches is essential, with the aim of solidifying their position and ending the calendar year firmly within the top three of the league table.

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Barnstaple Athletic grab two more wins to climb the table as momentum shifts in their favour



Barnstaple Athletic Edge Past Penryn in Gritty Encounter

Barnstaple Athletic secured a hard-fought 12-5 victory over a dogged Penryn side at Pottington Road, a result built on defensive steel and crucial moments of individual brilliance.

The match began brightly for Athletic, who initially probed a well-structured Penryn defence. However, the visitors swiftly wrestled control, pinning Athletic inside their own half for much of the opening quarter. Weathering this early storm with robust defence proved key for Barnstaple, who gradually worked their way into the game. Establishing clear dominance at the scrum, they turned the screw and forced Penryn into a series of penalties. From a quick tap five metres out, JP capitalised on this pressure to dart over for the opening try and only score of the half to lead 5-0 at the break.

Penryn emerged sharpest after the break, applying sustained pressure and earning penalties deep in Barnstaple territory. Despite a valiant defensive effort, the relentless visitors eventually crashed over to level the scores.

The game thereafter developed into a war of attrition, with both defences utterly dominant and a stalemate seeming inevitable. The deadlock was finally broken following a period of forceful attacks from Athletic, which created space for Kyran McManus. Gathering the ball wide, he showcased blistering pace to sprint



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half the length of the pitch and score a superb try in the corner. Harvey Rostock's excellent conversion from the touchline extended the lead, which Barnstaple held firm to protect until the final whistle.

While not a classic, the 12-5 victory was a significant one for Athletic, maintaining crucial momentum in their push for a top-half league position. The defensive performance from both sides was the day's defining feature, with particular credit to Barnstaple for keeping their penalty count low. The challenge now is to find more creative ways to unlock resolute defences, having failed to fully convert second-half territory and possession into points.

Dramatic Comeback Seals Victory at Saltash

Carrying this momentum into the following weekend, Athletic faced another pitched battle on the road against Saltash. The hosts opened the scoring with an early penalty, but Barnstaple responded superbly as Euan Kent finished a fine break down the left wing. Harrison Greenslade's conversion put them 3-7 ahead. Saltash's excellent defence held firm against further pressure, and a penalty before the break narrowed the gap to 6-7.

Saltash struck early in the second period to reclaim the lead at 13-7. In a fiercely contested half, Athletic regained initiative through a try from Max Moore as the home side's penalty count mounted. However, Barnstaple conceded penalties of their own, allowing Saltash to edge 19-14 ahead with two successful kicks as the clock ticked into the final five minutes.

Showing characteristic resilience, Barnstaple refused to accept defeat. A quick-thinking lineout near the Saltash line caught the

defence napping, and Josh Davie crossed to level the scores. Harrison Greenslade held his nerve, slotting his third conversion to clinch a narrow but deserved 19-21 victory.

Top-Six Showdown Awaits Against St. Ives

These consecutive, gritty wins have propelled Barnstaple Athletic into 5th place in the league, generating vital momentum. Today, they face their biggest test yet as they welcome 2nd-placed St. Ives to Pottington Road (2pm KO, second pitch).

This promises to be a mammoth clash. St. Ives sit just four points and one win ahead of Athletic, meaning a bonus-point victory would be massive for the Tics' pursuit of a top-three finish. Last season, Barnstaple won this fixture comfortably (56-5) and completed a double with a 12-36 away win. However, this season's results indicate St. Ives are a significantly strengthened outfit.

The visitors have only one away win this campaign, but it was a commanding 12-46 victory at Plymstock Oaks. They will be eager to bounce back from a 10-21 home loss to Torquay Athletic last weekend.

For Barnstaple, the formula is clear: maintain their excellent defensive standards and, crucially, learn to punish opponents clinically during periods of dominance. This fascinating top-six clash represents a perfect opportunity to prove their growing credentials and continue building a powerful head of steam.

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Buccaneers' Season Ignites with Stunning Double: Statement Win Over Leaders Followed by Emphatic Shutout



The Barnstaple Buccaneers have emphatically turned their season around, securing a vital first win in the best way possible before backing it up with a ruthless display on the road. The long-awaited breakthrough arrived a fortnight ago at Pottington Road, where the Bucs toppled merit table leaders Ilfracombe in a thrilling 28-21 victory.

From the first whistle, the intent was clear. A positive and determined camp translated onto the pitch, with the Buccaneers taking the game directly to the high-flying visitors. The boot of Keyan McInerney proved the ultimate difference-maker, his unerring accuracy securing the hard-fought four points and injecting a surge of belief into the squad.

Carrying that newfound momentum, the team travelled last weekend to South Molton Community College, where they faced not only the South Molton 2nd XV but also a ferocious hail storm. The Exmoor edge was bathed in sunshine pre-kickoff, but as the game began, pea-sized hail ripped across the pitch for a brutal twenty minutes. Undeterred, the Buccaneers set about dismantling the hosts, scoring their first try in the eye of the storm as the scrum-half dotted down from a powerful maul.

As the weather relented, 'Big H' found space and cantered

through for a second score. From there, the Bucs dominated territory and possession, with South Molton's rare opportunities snuffed out by a rock-solid defence. Addy Turner added a third from close range before the break.

The second half saw the the Buccaneers continue to excel in the sodden conditions. Lewis Purchase crossed after a period of expansive rugby, contributing to a final score line of 0-36. Captain Keyan McInerney added three conversions during the game to seal a complete performance, the team heading for a well-earned dry-off with maximum points.

The transformative power of that initial win cannot be overstated. The confidence gained from conquering Ilfracombe has sparked a remarkable resurgence, making the emphatic shutout of South Molton particularly sweet. This victory served as perfect revenge for a heavy 17-42 defeat suffered at home earlier in the season.

Attention now turns to the next challenge: a trip to Torrington. It presents another opportunity for redemption, recalling a heart breaking 46-48 loss at Pottington Road where the Bucs narrowly missed their first win. If they can replicate the same attacking verve displayed recently, coupled with the more robust defence seen at South Molton, the Buccaneers are well-placed to exact that revenge and continue their promising ascent.

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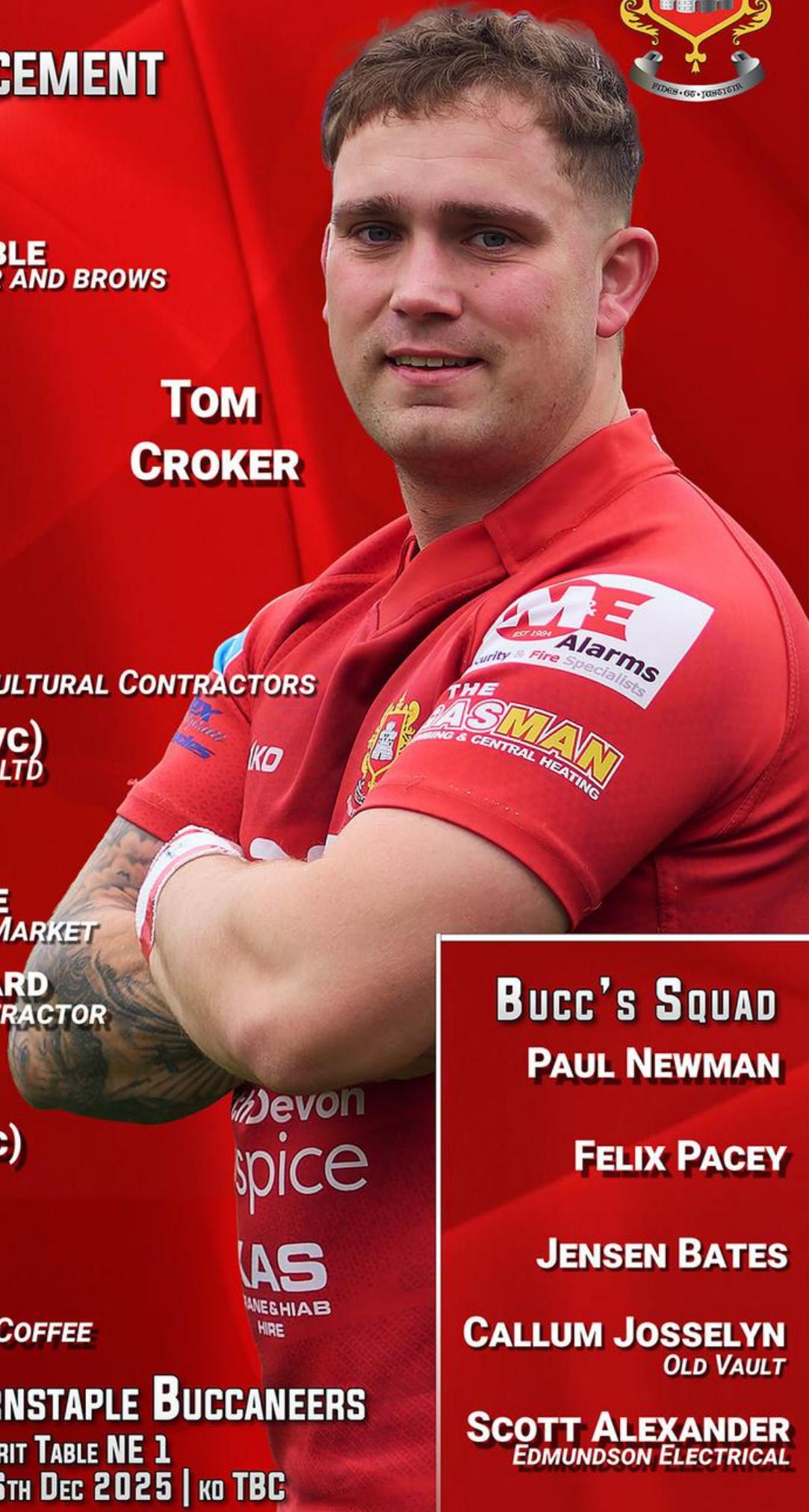
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Barnstaple Colts' Title Charge Stalled by Frustrating Fixture Void

The Barnstaple Colts' pursuit of Devon Colts Merit Table glory remains in a state of enforced hiatus, with the side increasingly frustrated by a lack of competitive rugby. Despite this, they continue to showcase their formidable form and intent in a series of one-sided friendly matches.

Their league campaign has been frozen since a convincing victory at Cullompton back on November 1st, which marked their fourth successive win in the competition. Since that date, their schedule has been decimated by a trio of cancellations: three weeks ago, a waterlogged pitch called off their trip to Exeter Athletic; a week later, the same opponents were unable to raise a team; and last week, Teignmouth Colts also conceded the fixture.

Forced to make do with alternative arrangements, the Colts' only outing in this period was a friendly last week, where they delivered a powerful statement of intent. They emphatically dispatched a visiting Wadebridge Camels side by a resounding 50-5 score line, underlining the potent form that remains untested in the league.

Attention now turns to maintaining momentum through further non-competitive fixtures. Today, the Colts were due travel to local rivals Bideford for another friendly, unfortunately the weather has spoilt it again as the game has been cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch



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 Lymm	11	7	0	4	365	342	23	6	1	35	0
 Hinckley	11	6	0	5	368	334	34	9	2	35	0
 Cinderford	11	6	0	5	335	312	23	8	1	33	0
 Hornets	11	6	0	5	313	295	18	7	1	32	0
 Taunton	11	4	0	7	354	363	-9	8	6	30	0
 Redruth	11	5	0	6	291	325	-34	6	2	28	0
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 Syston	11	1	0	10	279	488	-209	6	0	10	0