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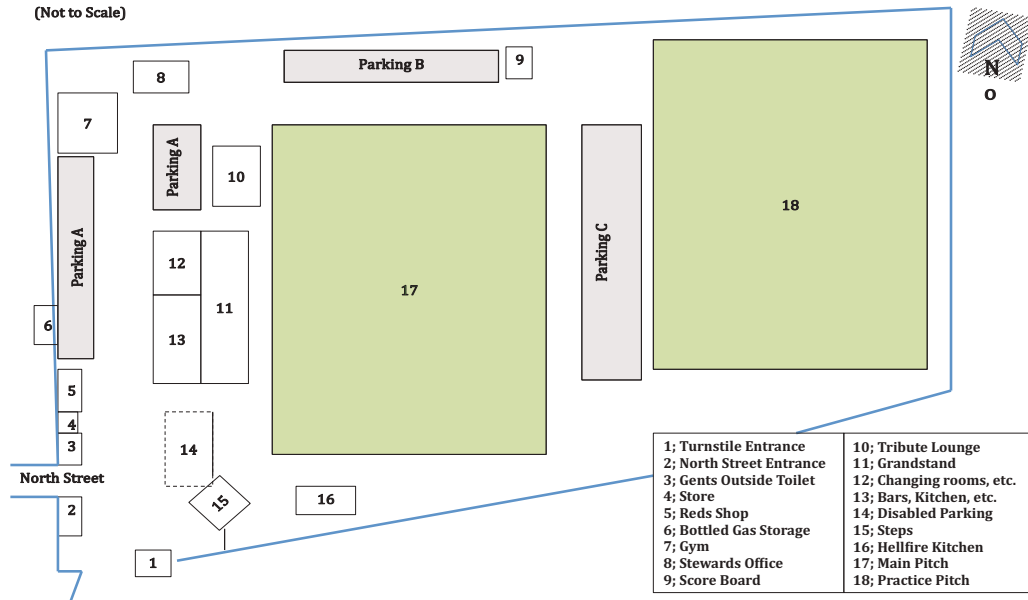
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President Programme Notes



A very warm welcome to everyone joining us at the Recreation Ground today as we welcome Taunton for the National League 2 West fixture. I would like to extend a sincere welcome to the club's officials, coaches, players and travelling supporters and we hope everyone enjoys their visit to Redruth RFC and the hospitality on offer throughout the afternoon.

Both Redruth and Taunton have had good starts to the season winning 4 from 4 with Redruth at the top and Taunton in second, so today's match should produce a great game of rugby. Last season the home fixture was nail biting right to the end which Taunton won with the last kick of the game getting 3 points from a penalty, so hopefully today the Reds can put in another great performance and come off with a win.

Redruth and Taunton matches have always been keenly contested even before the start of the national league's. Home or away fixtures between the two clubs have traditionally been very competitive and there is always an edge to the games with both sides not giving an inch, especially in the forwards where I myself came up against some excellent Taunton front rows in the past and I'm sure today's match will be no different.

Redruth today come into this match having won their first four games. The Barnstaple game two weeks ago was a test as we came up against a bigger pack but our forwards put in a great shift and had the edge in the scrum. They were able to supply the backs with some quality ball which they used to run with purpose and scored some good tries and got the win.

Last week at Exeter University on another warm sunny afternoon the Reds forwards were again in fine form, giving the backs a good platform to work from but the home defence was stubborn and our backs didn't have the momentum of previous weeks. The forwards got some good catch and drives going from the line outs to get the score board moving.

It was one of those games that any chance Exeter University had they moved the ball at pace but there was some great tackling by the Reds to keep them out. It was another good team performance with a 34 / 19 bonus point win.

Redruth 2s had a couple of friendly matches due to the delayed start of their season, this was to get them ready for their first league match. The Reds played well in a keenly contested match and going into the last ten minutes looked set for a win but Devonport Services never gave up and scored two late tries to share the spoils on the day. Well done to Jack Kemp on his man of the match award.

The colts got their season off to a great start with a fantastic 52 / 0 win over Wadebridge Camels, well done lads.

So here's back to today I'm wishing everyone a great afternoon at Redruth RFC.

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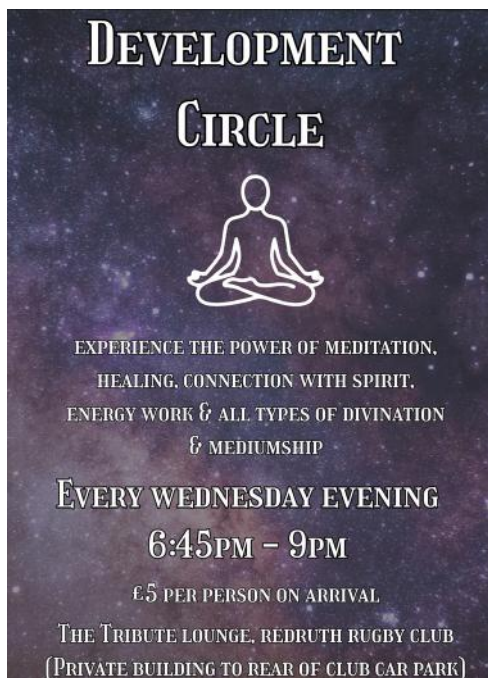
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Director of Rugby Richie Kevern

Hi all

Another good week on the road and a good start to the season. Feet are very much still on the ground but it is nice to see the lads performing like they are against difficult opposition.

Today is a challenge that will really test us, it will need us to be at the top of our game for long periods if we are going to get the result we want.

Your support will be a crucial part today, make yourselves heard! As always thank you for your support



Forwards Coach Richard Brown

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to The Rec for what promises to be a great game, with the current top two sides in the league going head-to-head.

What makes it even better is that it's our friends from Taunton who provide this week's challenge for the boys. Can we keep hold of the top spot?

We have had a great start to the season, and last week showed how far we have come as a squad. With a few changes to the side, we were still able to produce the same result — something we didn't manage to achieve up there last season. Five points away at Exeter cannot be underestimated, and it was another positive step forward for the squad.

However, today will be another step up in level for the lads. Taunton are a dangerous side, with talent all over the pitch, and they have the ability to score tries from anywhere. Their set piece is also a real strength, and we will have to meet them head-on in this area if we are going to get something from the game.

I know the boys are relishing the challenge, and hopefully we can put in a performance that everyone connected with the club can be proud of.

As always, please make some noise and get behind the boys like you always do. The support from the sidelines really does make a difference and gives the boys that extra boost when they need it.

Enjoy the game and hopefully the boys can do the business on the pitch today.

"Up the Reds"

Best

Richard Brown



As you read this, we're four games into the league season and, thankfully, four wins from four.

From a coaching point of view, the most pleasing aspect so far is that three of those four wins have come in very different ways and under very different circumstances. For me, that's probably the biggest takeaway from the opening four weeks.

When you're trying to build a team, the objective has to be to become as well-rounded as possible. There's no point having a great attack if your defence isn't good enough, and equally, there's no point having a strong defence if you can't consistently apply pressure and create opportunities with the ball.

As a coaching group, we want to expose the players to as many different pictures, scenarios and challenges as possible. Different game states, different opposition, different styles and different problems to solve.

Ultimately, we want to build a team that can adapt. We're only four games into the season, so there is obviously a huge amount still to improve, but the early signs of what this group is becoming are very encouraging. The important thing now is that we don't get distracted by the results and instead remain focused on the process, our standards and continuing to improve every week.

A big part of that development is also happening away from the pitch. The camaraderie within the group is growing, the willingness to work for each other is evident, and the relationships between the players are developing week by week. We've got new faces, new coaches and players who have been part of the club for a long time, and bringing all of those experiences together is an important part of building the environment we want.

For me personally, having grown up around Cornish rugby at Penzance and Newlyn, I understand the history and significance of Redruth from the other side of the rivalry. Redruth has always been one of the flag bearers of Cornish rugby, and there is a responsibility that comes with being part of a club with that history. There's an old saying that the shirt is never really yours — you're simply a custodian of it. I think that's particularly relevant to where we are now.

As a coaching group and playing group, our responsibility is to respect what has gone before us, continue to build on it and ultimately leave the club in a better position than we found it.

Today gives us another opportunity to test where we are. Taunton arrive also four from four, so we know the challenge in front of us. From a coaching perspective, these are exactly the games you want. A good test of our systems, our decision-making, our physicality and, importantly, our ability to stay true to our identity when the pressure increases. We've spoken a lot about becoming a team that can deal with different pictures, and today will provide another one. The challenge for us is to embrace that, execute our plan, adapt when we need to and continue to learn about this group.

We're four games in. The start has been positive, but for us, that's all it is — a start. There is a long way to go, and plenty more for this group to prove.

Best Ryan

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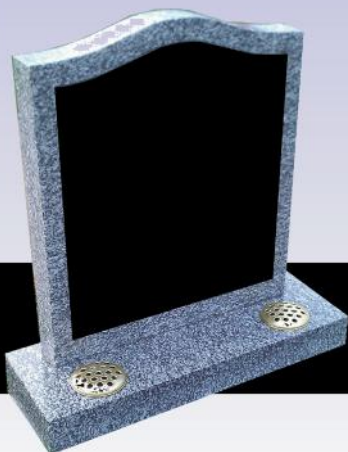
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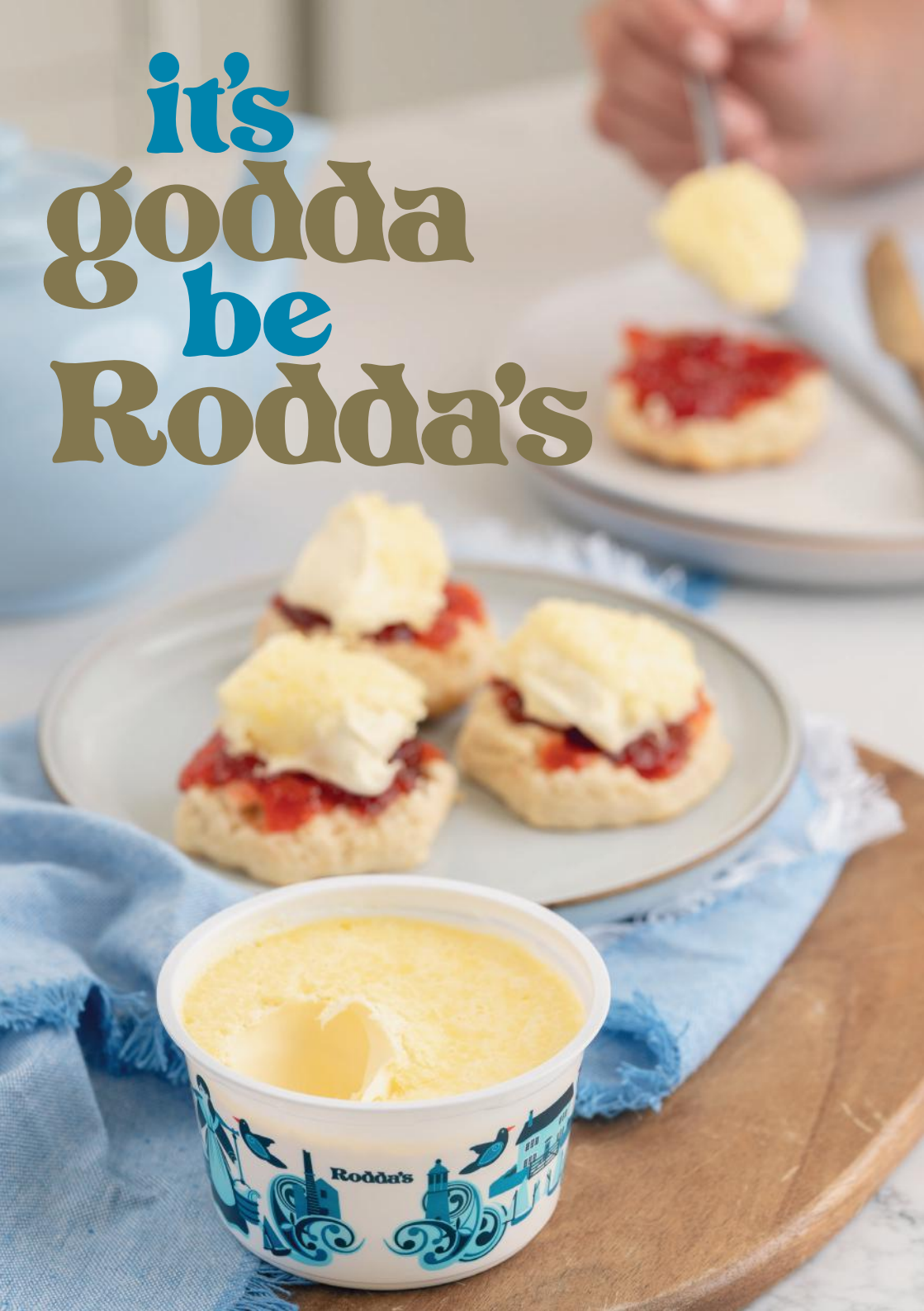
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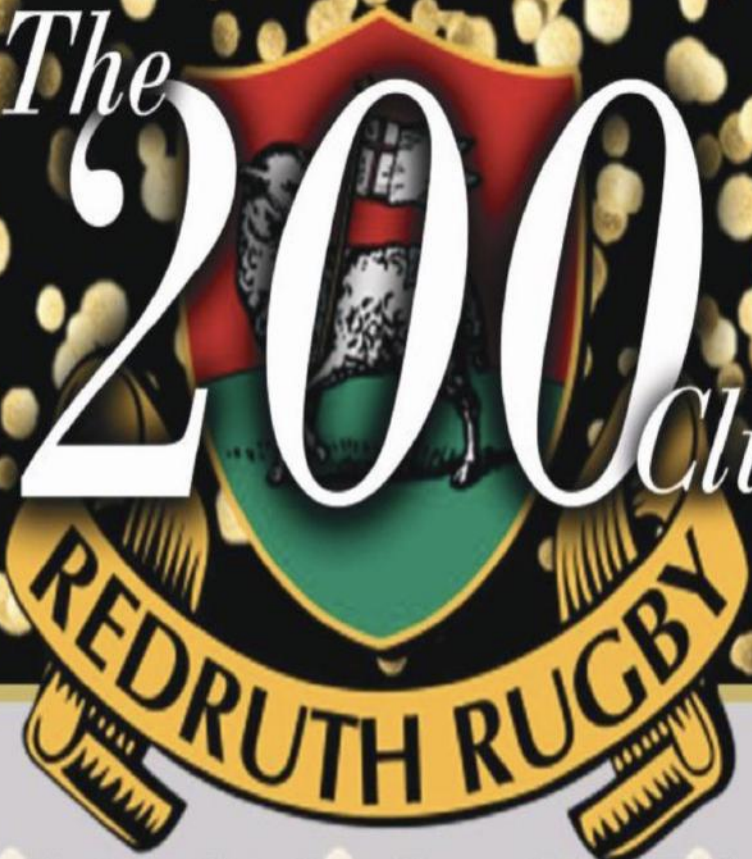
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Just three teams remain unbeaten in Nat 2 West as we go into the fifth week of this season. Today first place takes on second with the arrival of old rivals Taunton Titans who are just behind us on points difference. Our visitors arrive after a narrow 36-34 home win over Hornets. Titans were twice had a comfortable lead but Hornets staged two fierce comebacks which almost snatched the game.

Redruth racked up their fourth win on the trot with a 34-19 win at Exeter University. The Reds pack provided the platform for the victory and the back division managed to shut down their speedy Exeter opposite numbers.

Our very first league encounter with Taunton was way back in season 1987/88 in the old South West 1 when we lost 23-17 at Priory Park. Since then the record against Taunton has been P23 W10 D2 L11. Last season Taunton did the double with a convincing 44-15 win up in Somerset and then snatching a 20-18 win here with a penalty on the stroke of the final whistle.

Taunton have been one of the strongest sides in our league for many seasons, usually finishing in the top quarter of the table. The club was founded in 1875, the same year as the Reds, although the earliest account of rugby in the town comes from the previous year when Taunton College School took on the Wesleyan College.

The earliest record of a match for the Taunton club came in 1876 when they took on Weston super Mare. The majority of the Taunton side came from the schools that had taken part in that earlier match. On 27 January 1879 Taunton played Wellington under electric light, exactly two weeks after Redruth had also staged a match under lights. Judging from newspaper reports the lights were the same ones, being toured around the South-West by Charles Provis, son of a Redruth copper agent.

This early incarnation of the Taunton club did not survive for long and it was 1888 when they again began to feature in the local press as the Taunton & District XV. They met with mixed fortunes in the pre-war period but managed to build up a decent fixture list which included other emerging Somerset sides. The club's success on the field remained patchy to say the least but they could celebrate having two of the team turn out for Somerset against the All Blacks in 1905.

The club reformed after the First World War and by the 1930s it was playing around 30 matches a season. Having spent the first half century playing in a number of locations they finally landed at Priory Park where they were to remain for more than 60 years. It was a ground that would become familiar to Cornish rugby supporters as the location for County Championship matches against Somerset.

By the 1960s Taunton were tasting success on a regular basis, often topping the SW Merit Table. They made a slow but steady start when the league system was introduced but a move to the current ground, which was then called Hyde Park, in 2001, signalled the start of a successful climb up the tables. Having been relegated from South West Two West in 1999/00 they were runners-up behind Cleeve in Western Counties North in 2000/01 winning the promotion play off against Withycombe 24-16. They were relegated again in 2003/04 but topped the table the following season. In 2008/9 they were champions of South West Two West and a year later topped the old National Three South West ahead of Old Patesians to move into National Two South where they have remained ever since.



Nick Serpell

The Reds



Player:

- 15. LUKE JOHNSON
- 14. NOAH CLIFFORD
- 13. JACK SIMMONS (Captain)
- 12. CONNOR GILBERT
- 11. JACK COUNTER
- 10. JOE CUMMINS
- 9. JACOB CHAPPLE
- 1. ROHAN EWELS
- 2. TOM COWAN-DICKIE
- 3. TYLER GENDALL
- 4. LUKE HATTAM
- 5. TODD PRISK
- 6. MAWGAN OSBORNE
- 7. WILL SYMONS
- 8. FINN WOLSTENCROFT

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Bench:

- 16. CAMERON LEIGH
- 17. MAX SURRY
- 18. KAIDEN CARNE
- 19. ROB BARAGWANATH
- 20. ADAM HALL

Team:

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| Backs Coach | Ryan Westren |
| Forwards Coach | Richard Brown |
| Team Manager | Neil Ryan |
| Physio | Jeff Till |

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Player:

- 15. FREDDIE ELLIOTT
- 14. BEN PARSONS
- 13. CONOR VICKERY
- 12. IZZY AKINROWO
- 11. TROY JACKSON
- 10. TOM PUTT
- 9. SCOTT GIBSON
- 1. OLLIE SHUSTER-WOOD
- 2. ALEX SPURDLE (C)
- 3. JOE ATKINS
- 4. ALEX LONG
- 5. ANDY ENGLAND
- 6. JAN DAVISON
- 7. JACK GADD
- 8. BEN OLIPHANT THOMPSON

Today's Match Officials

Referee Dan Parrott
Assistants Stefan Anderson-Thomas
Andy Bickle

Bench:

- 16. GABE MEAD
- 17. WILL VAUGHAN
- 18. WILL RAMAFANO
- 19. OLLIE ABOUD
- 20. MATT WHITLOCK

Head Coach: Tony Yapp

Coach: Gary Kingdom

Upcoming Fixtures

October 10th **Hornets**

October 17th **Lymm**

