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A Life Woven Into the Fabric of Barnstaple Rugby



The club has lost one of its own. Brian Williams passed away last October, aged ninety-six, leaving behind a legacy etched into the very soul of Barnstaple Rugby.

Born on the 24th May, 1930, he belonged to that remarkable generation who rebuilt this club after the war, Brian was one of the early recruits to Barnstaple Chiefs after World War 2 having been part of the successful Barnstaple Grammar School side which was to benefit the Chiefs with some talented young recruits.

Brian joined in the 1950/51 season, a recruit from that celebrated Barnstaple Boys Grammar School side that furnished the club with a generation of talent.

Brian”Pussy” Williams as he was to be affectionately known as, was regarded as an

half-back Jack Barrow that defenders learned to fear.

Following two seasons with the Chiefs Brian left for Manchester University where he was not only to study but also turned out for the university team during his time there.

The Teacher Who Shaped Minds

Barnstaple Boys Grammar School became his stage. English and Economics. The head coach of the 1st XV. A man who stood before rooms of restless boys and demanded their attention—and



Barnstaple Chiefs 1950 – 1951

Standing L – R: Frank Purse, Frank Slann, Jim Pearce, Ivor Chilcott, Bert Jones (Captain), Arnold Thorne, Pat Tucker, Roy Capron, J.Sullivan, George Shapland. Kneeling L – R: Johnny Davey, **Brian Williams,** Billy Bone, Fred Barrow, Jackie Barrow.

received it.

But it was not merely in the classroom that Brian Williams left his mark. It was on the pitch, in the dressing room, in the quiet moments between drills when a young player needed guidance.

He played for Barnstaple again, mostly for the Athletic side and the youngsters who shared that pitch with him never forgot it. They were boys becoming men, and Brian walked beside them every step of the way.

John Gammon, whose own career with the Chiefs would become illustrious, remembered him with simple, devastating clarity:

"Brian was a gentle kind person, a lovely bloke who was not just brilliant but would always look after and mentor the youngsters he played with."

Brian would hang up his boots and embarked on a whirlwind tour of the former colonies, taking up teaching posts with the British Forces. Singapore between 1966 and 1971, becoming President of the Singapore association. Then he was posted to Cyprus but left in 74 following the Turkish invasion which forced him back home.

Brian returned to England in further teaching posts including Chesum Bois near Reading.

Brian took early retirement at fifty-seven. Most men would have settled into quiet afternoons and gentle hobbies. Brian Williams returned to Barnstaple Rugby Club.

He joined the committee as a volunteer. In 1986, he became Secretary—a post he held for eight years, steering the club through turbulent waters. The proposed bypass loomed like a storm cloud, a massive headache for the club, and Brian navigated it with steady hands and quiet resolve.

In 1994, he was elected President of Barnstaple RFC. He held the post for three years before stepping down. His final act as a volunteer came in 1999/2000, when he spearheaded the club's attempts to secure Lottery funding as Brian Williams continued fighting for Barnstaple rugby. Brian still came to the club on occasion. He would watch matches. He would enjoy a drop of wine. He would smile that gentle smile and share a story or two.

Brian Williams will be fondly remembered by those who played alongside him, those who volunteered with him, and those who were

shaped by him. But his reach extended far beyond the rugby club. The wider community of Barnstaple will remember him too—as their English and Economics teacher at Barnstaple Boys Grammar School, as the man who stood at the front of the classroom and demanded their best, as the man who coached the 1st XV and taught them what it meant to compete.

He was a fly half who danced. A teacher who shaped. A mentor who cared. A President who served. A volunteer who gave. Brian Williams lived a life woven into the fabric of Barnstaple Rugby, and that fabric is richer, stronger, and more beautiful because of him.

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Crunch Time at Pottington Road: Chiefs Face Make-or-Break Clashes in Survival Fight

Good afternoon ladies and gents, and welcome to Pottington Road for what can only be described as absolute crunch time for the Chiefs! Today, we extend a warm North Devon welcome to Loughborough Students for this crucial National 2 West encounter. A special nod goes out to their players, coaching staff, committee members, and the stalwart Travelling faithful who survived the gruelling four-hour journey down to be with us today. We hope you enjoy your visit to Barnstaple—at least off the pitch!

Today's Match Ball sponsors are The Bridge - Espresso & Wine Bar who have been fantastic supporters of the club this season

It has been an exceptionally arduous

fortnight for Barnstaple since that triumphant victory over Cinderford. The fixture computer did the Chiefs no favours, throwing the league's two heavyweight title contenders at them in back-to-back weeks. To make matters worse, severe selection nightmares left team managers scrambling with last-minute appeals just to field three senior match day squads. Yet, in true club spirit, the playing committee managed to pull a rabbit out of the hat, ensuring all three senior teams took to the field last Saturday. A massive pat on the back is thoroughly deserved for everyone working behind the scenes to make that happen.

On the pitch, the depleted squad faced an uphill battle away at Luctonians, ultimately being out muscled by a formidable side pushing hard for promotion. That setback followed a heartbreaking loss against Clifton, the league's other primary pacesetters. Yet despite the defeat to Clifton, the Chiefs displayed immense character: a blistering second-half comeback surge saw Barnstaple outscore their hosts 21-7, coming within a whisker of



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a dramatic, shock result that would have reverberated across National 2 West.

That brings us to today: the starting gun for a make-or-break block of four fixtures that will define Barnstaple's survival fight. The Chiefs now face a quartet of rivals stationed in their immediate neck of the woods in the standings. Tricky away trips to Bournville and Hornets sandwich a vital home clash against Devonport Services on December 5th. First up, however, are Loughborough Students, who currently occupy 9th place, just 10 points clear of the Chiefs. The math is simple: secure victory in three of these next four fixtures, and the Chiefs position themselves strongly for safety, particularly with two favourable home matches waiting at the tail end of the campaign. Fail to capitalise, and the remainder of the season becomes a daunting mountain to climb.

Loughborough Students arrive with their own complex narrative. With just three wins from nine outings, their campaign has hardly been plain sailing. However, a steady stream of bonus points alongside a hard-fought draw at Bournville two weeks

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ago has kept their tally ticking over nicely. Make no mistake: the Students possess lethal firepower. They remain the only side to conquer title favourites Luctonians this season, hanging a staggering 50 points on them on home turf. Loughborough boast the fifth-highest points tally in the entire division, trailing only the top four powerhouses. Yet, their vulnerability lies in defence: they leak points almost as rapidly as they score them, offering the Chiefs a clear strategic target to exploit.

All ingredients point toward a high-octane, fast-paced thriller this afternoon. For the visitors, it is an opportunity to put daylight between themselves and the relegation trapdoor. For the Chiefs, a win closes the gap and ignites their campaign. Lose, and the road to recovery grows exponentially harder.

The stakes could not be higher, and your Chiefs need every ounce of vocal support you can muster. Let’s pack the touchlines at Pottington Road today, bring the noise, and act as the 16th man to roar the boys on to a momentous victory!

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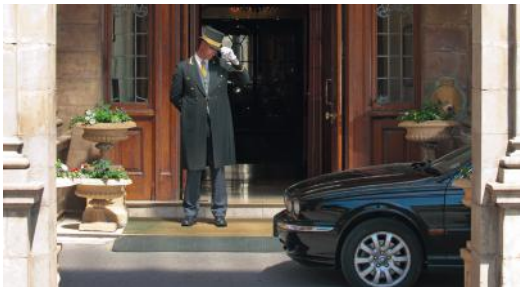
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To say the past fortnight has been a stern test of character for Barnstaple Rugby Club would be a profound understatement. Last weekend in particular witnessed a monumental effort from top to bottom at Pottington Road, as the heroics of the backroom staff ensured three full senior squads were fielded despite unprecedented crisis leaving 24 senior players unavailable. Those who wore the red and white shirt stepped onto the turf giving absolute devotion to the cause, standing tall in the face of daunting odds.

The Chiefs faced a formidable road trip to Mortimer Park to take on title contenders Luctonians—arguably the most physical outfit in National League 2 West. While the scoreboard proved painful viewing for the travelling faithful, and undoubtedly even more so for the squad itself, the underlying spirit of the team remained unblemished.

Reflecting on the contest, Director of Rugby

Phil Gordon-Oke delivered a stirring tribute on the supporters' platform:

"The Chiefs travelled to Luctonians, probably the most physical side in our league. We lost, but anyone who witnessed that game will know our boys are still fighting for every inch and giving everything for their town. I couldn't be prouder of them."

That same relentless determination was on display seven days prior when high-flying Clifton visited North Devon. Although a challenging first half saw the game drift away early, Barnstaple responded with a thunderous second-half performance.

Powered by a penalty try from a dominant driving pack, along with impressive scores from Max Moore and Brandon Moore supplementing Alex Penny's earlier effort in the first half, the Chiefs outscored their Bristol opponents 21-7 after the interval. It was a spirited comeback that rattled the visitors and served as a clear reminder of the untapped potential within this young group.



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Now, the campaign reaches a pivotal crossroads. With four crucial, highly winnable fixtures on the horizon before the mid-season break, the time has come for the Chiefs to turn promise into points. A sustained run of form over the coming month is vital to lift the club clear of the relegation zone and lay the foundation for a triumphant campaign in the New Year.

The Chiefs are next at Pottington Road for the crunch local derby as they welcome Devonport Services on December 5th kick off is 2pm.

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Barnstaple Athletic found themselves facing a monumental task last weekend as they went toe-to-toe with division favourites Camborne 2ndXV. The host side, reportedly bolstered by the star-studded squad that clinched promotion from National 2 last season, presented a daunting challenge for Athletic. Backed by substantial investment and high-profile recruitment following their main squad's ascent, Camborne entered the clash as clear heavyweights.

Yet, for the opening forty minutes, Athletic defied the odds and turned the match into a fiercely competitive contest. Refusing to be intimidated by their opponent's pedigree, Barnstaple displayed remarkable grit and clinical attacking play. Tries from Josh Ovey, Jack Barrow, and Andrew Black, alongside a precise conversion from Haydn Gosling, kept Athletic right in the hunt. Trailing just 28-17 at the interval, an upset seemed well within reach for the visitors.

However, the second half proved a bridge too far. Camborne reasserted their dominance, leveraging their depth and physical edge to seize complete control of the match and ultimately pull away to secure a comfortable victory.

The result leaves Athletic in a position similar to the Chiefs, with just a single victory to their name so far this campaign. Their immediate schedule offers no respite either, as they prepare to travel to face Paignton—a side that finished as title runners-up in each of the past two seasons and currently boasts an impressive 100% record with six wins from six.

While securing a result away at Paignton will require an extraordinary performance, history shows Athletic are more than capable. Just two seasons ago, Barnstaple produced a memorable display on the road to stun Paignton with a thrilling 19-33 victory, a memory that will surely fuel their confidence ahead of Saturday's showdown.

Looking beyond this weekend, the fixture list opens up considerably in the run-up to the festive period, presenting Athletic with a golden opportunity to rebuild their season:

St. Ives (Home - November 21st): Next Weekend. A fixture where the Tics hold a flawless record, having won all four meetings over the past two seasons.

Devonport Services II (Away): A crucial road test offering a prime opportunity to secure vital league points.

Torquay Athletic (Away): Arguably the toughest test of the December stretch, but one that promises high drama.

Truro (Home - Dec 12): The first of two key home encounters to close out the calendar year.

Devonport Services II (Home - Dec 19th): The final clash before Christmas, giving Athletic a chance to head into the holidays on a high note.

With several highly winnable fixtures on the horizon, Athletic have everything to play for as they look to turn their momentum around and climb the table before the year ends.

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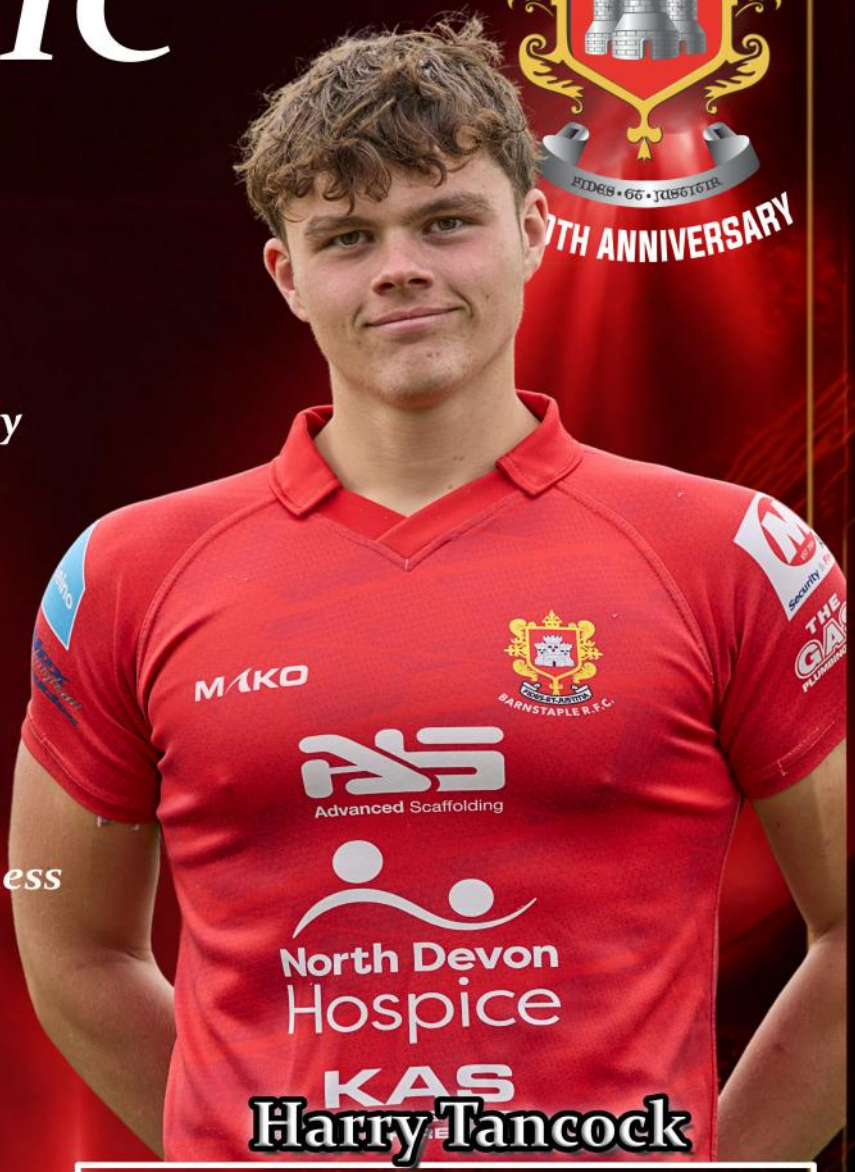
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The Buccaneers' Raids Continue at Pace as Brixham Albion Are Stormed 63-3



Barnstaple's Buccaneers kept up their relentless march at Pottington Road, running in a commanding 63-3 victory over a depleted Brixham Albion side.

Before a word on the rugby, though, the visitors deserve the loudest applause of the afternoon. Brixham Albion arrived in North Devon with just 14 men, and rather than call the fixture off, they borrowed one of the Buccaneers' own players to make up the numbers. They knew full well they were facing a good side, and they still turned up, ready to play. That kind of spirit is what grassroots rugby is all about, and massive respect goes to everyone at Brixham Albion for it.

On the pitch, the Buccaneers did what was asked of them. The scoreline tells its own story, and the result brought another

valuable five-point haul, which keeps the Bucc's right in the thick of the race for the Paul Harris Merit Table.

That race is shaping up nicely. Crediton 3rd XV sit at the top, with the Buccaneers just three points behind them. South Molton 2nd XV are in third, only a point adrift of Barnstaple. Those are the three sides pushing for the Merit Table title, and with so little between them, every game from here on carries real weight.

There is a breather for the Buccaneers this weekend, giving the squad a chance to rest, recover and refocus. Attention then turns to a trip to Honiton, where they will take on the home side's 2nd XV the following weekend.

The next date for supporters to circle is Saturday 5th December, when the Buccaneers return to Pottington Road to host Merit Table leaders Crediton 3rd XV. Kick-off is at 2pm, and it promises to be a clash of giants and a hugely important game for both sides. Be there, and get behind the Bucc's.

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The Colts wasted no time in making their intentions clear. They came out of the blocks firing on all cylinders and had a try on the board inside seven minutes, with a second following shortly afterwards. Midway through the half, two more tries in the space of five minutes stretched the lead, and Barnstaple went into the break in a healthy position.

The second half proved a little tougher, with the Colts having to work their way up the slope. Okehampton fought hard to stay in the contest, but Barnstaple found two more tries before the midway point of the half to put the result beyond doubt and seal a comfortable victory.

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Colts now sit at the top of their group with the full ten points in the bag. It is a position coach and players alike will relish, though it is hardly a comfortable one. Hot on their heels are Exeter Athletic Colts, who are level on points after two matches, with Barnstaple ahead only courtesy of a higher points tally. With so little between the sides, every score is going to count.

There is a bit of a wait for the next group game, which is not until Saturday 28th November, when the Colts travel to Plymstock Oaks. To make sure the squad stays sharp in the meantime, head coach Ed Day has arranged a home friendly against Crediton Colts next weekend.

Then comes the one everybody has been looking towards. On Saturday 12th December, the Colts' biggest challenge so far arrives at Pottington Road, when Exeter Athletic visit for a top-of-the-table clash. Kick-off is at 2pm, and with the pair level at the summit, it promises to be a cracker. Come down, make some noise, and get behind the Colts.

Feel the Barum Spirit

THE RISE OF THE BARUM CHIEFS: INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND IDENTITY IN VICTORIAN RUGBY

A Club on the Ascendant

As the 1890s progressed, Barnstaple Rugby Club underwent a transformation that extended far beyond the achievements of its players on the field. The club was improving with ever-increasing strides, its ambitions matched by a determination to establish the infrastructure and organisation befitting a side of growing national reputation. The decade would witness not only triumphs against the finest clubs in England and Wales but also the physical and administrative development that would secure Barnstaple's place among the foremost provincial rugby institutions of the Victorian era.

The First President

The AGM of July 1890 saw the election of Mr. W. A. Roberts to a newly created position: President of Barnstaple Rugby

Football Club. This was the first time that such a title had been formally conferred, and it represented a significant step in the club's institutional development. The role of president would come to embody the club's values, provide strategic direction, and serve as a figurehead for the organisation's ambitions.

Roberts' election was a recognition of his contributions to the club's growth and his standing within the wider rugby community.

As the first person to officially hold the title, he set a standard for presidential leadership that subsequent office-holders would strive to emulate. The creation of this position reflected the club's growing organisational complexity and its ambition to be governed with the professionalism befitting a major sporting institution.

The Codification of Governance

The 1893/94 season brought further evidence of the club's growing maturity with the adoption of a formal set of club rules. For the first time in its history, Barnstaple Rugby Club would be governed by a

comprehensive constitutional framework that delineated the responsibilities of its various committees and established the regulations to be followed by all members.

This was a significant milestone in the club's evolution, marking the transition from an informal sporting society to a properly constituted institution.

The rules were formally adopted at the general meeting held on the 7th of September 1893, a gathering that must have been attended by the leading figures of the club, including its officers and most committed members. The document that emerged from this meeting would have specified the composition and duties of the various committees responsible for different aspects of the club's operations—the selection of teams, the management of finances, the maintenance of the ground, and the organisation of fixtures. It would also have established the standards of conduct expected of members, both on and off the field, ensuring that the club's reputation remained untarnished.

This administrative development

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complemented the physical infrastructure of the grandstand, demonstrating that Barnstaple was building not merely for the present season but for a sustainable future as a leading rugby institution.

The Grandstand: A Statement of Ambition



Opening of new stand at Newport 31st October 1891:
Standing L – R: A.E.Arnold, G.Sellick, F.Sly, E.Saxon, E.Gratton, C.Vicary, A.Dalling, H.Stoyle, A.Hannaford, A.Hannaford, A.Hill.
Seated L – R: M.H.Toller,, L.E.Day, R.M.Hayman, Dr.F.Penny (Capt.), W.Lewis,

The most visible symbol of the club's rising status came in 1891 with the funding and construction of a grandstand at the Rumsam ground. This was no modest erection but a substantial structure capable of seating 220

spectators, with the added innovation of changing rooms situated beneath the stand itself. For a provincial club in the West Country, such an investment represented a considerable financial undertaking and a clear statement of intent. Barnstaple was no longer content to be a casual gathering of rugby enthusiasts; it was building for a future in which the club would be a permanent and prestigious fixture in the sporting landscape.

The first match played in the presence of the new grandstand took place on the 31st of October 1891, a date that would be remembered in club annals as marking a new chapter in Barnstaple's history.

The occasion was marked by the introduction of admission charges, a significant departure from the previously informal arrangements that had characterised the club's early years. Spectators were now required to pay threepence for entrance to the ground, with a further sixpence for the privilege of a seat

in the newly constructed stand. These modest fees represented not merely a source of revenue but a recognition that the spectacle being presented was worthy of a price of admission. The sight of the grandstand rising above the Rumsam pitch must have filled supporters with pride and opponents with respect, for it signalled that Barnstaple was a club with serious aspirations.

The Birth of the Barum Chiefs

By 1897, the club's identity had evolved to such an extent that it acquired a distinctive nickname that would endure through the decades. A newspaper report covering the match in which Barnstaple were defeated by Devonport Albion by the emphatic margin of twenty points to nil contains the first known reference to the Barnstaple first XV as the "Barum Chiefs."

The origins of this moniker are rooted in the ancient name of the town itself. Barum had long been a familiar abbreviation for Barnstaple, derived from the Latin "Barum" by which the settlement had been known in earlier centuries and was a very widely used

term during Victorian times having been used in several topical novels of the era. The addition of "Chiefs" carried connotations of leadership, authority, and pre-eminence—qualities that the club's supporters believed their team embodied.

Though the match in question ended in a heavy defeat for the Barum Chiefs, the adoption of this nickname signalled the club's growing self-assurance and its determination to be recognised as a force to be reckoned with.

The "Barum Chiefs" would go on to become one of the most enduring names in West Country rugby, a title that connected the modern club to its Victorian origins and evoked the pride and passion of those early supporters who had first applied the name. That the moniker should first appear in a newspaper report of a defeat is perhaps fitting, for it suggests that the identity of the team was not dependent upon victory alone but was rooted in a deeper sense of belonging and tradition.

A Period of Consolidation

The developments of the 1890s, the grandstand, the club rules, and the adoption of the "Barum Chiefs" nickname—represent a period of consolidation during which Barnstaple Rugby Club matured from a fledgling sporting organisation into a properly constituted institution. The physical infrastructure of the Rumsam ground, with its grandstand and changing facilities, provided the foundation for the club's ambitions. The administrative framework of the club rules established the governance structures necessary for sustainable operation. And the emerging identity of the Barum Chiefs gave the team a distinctive character that would endure for generations.

These developments did not occur in isolation but were intimately connected to the club's on-field achievements. The victories against Llanelli and Saracens, the narrow defeats to Devonport Albion, the selection of Nobby Thomas and Charles Harper for England—all of these sporting successes were underpinned by the

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infrastructure and organisation that the club had put in place during this transformative decade. Without the grandstand to accommodate growing crowds, without the rules to ensure proper governance, without the identity of the Barum Chiefs to unite players and supporters, the club could not have sustained its rise to prominence.

A Legacy Forged in Scarlet

The golden era of the 1880s and 1890's established many of the characteristics that would define Barnstaple Rugby Club for generations to come. The attacking flair exemplified by players like A. F. Seldon, the depth of talent demonstrated by the formation of a second team, the competitive spirit shown in the Devon Senior Cup, and the organisational maturity evidenced by the merger and presidential election—all of these elements combined to create a club with a clear identity and ambitious vision.

The decision to adopt scarlet as the club colours proved particularly prescient.

Today, the scarlet jersey remains one of the most recognisable in Devon rugby, a

symbol of continuity and tradition that connects the modern club with its Victorian founders. When supporters don their scarlet scarves or players pull on their scarlet jerseys, they are participating in a tradition that stretches back more than 130 years to that momentous AGM in July 1890.

The scarlet of Barnstaple, first adopted in that Victorian AGM, continues to fly proudly in Devon rugby, a testament to the vision of those who shaped the club's golden era.

A Membership Card for the 1893-1894 season shows the list of fixtures for the First and Second teams, the members (known then as Vice - Presidents which was maintained until towards the end of the 1990's) and officers, and for the first time, a set of Club rules as follows:



President:

J. R. Harper, Esq.

General Committee:

Messrs. A.E.Arnold, F.Abbot, A.W.Gaydon, J.R.Harper, R.Harper, G.Hammett, J.Jordan, F.Janes, W.Lord, T.Lee, H.J.Littleworth, R.Marshall, C.Perrin, A.Richards, R.Ridge, J.A.Stribling, F.Sly, W.R.Seldon, F.H.Toller, M.H.Toller.

Selection Committee: 1st XV.

Messrs. A.E.Arnold, J.R.Harper, R.Harper, J.Jordan, F.Janes, F.H.Toller, M.H.Toller.

Selection Committee: 2nd XV.

Messrs. C.Bright, J. Gratton, F.Heather, G.Hammett, W.Lockyer, R.Ridge, A.Richards, H. Vicary. Ground Committee:

Messrs. J.R.Harper, R.Harper, J.Jordan, F.H.Toller, M.H.Toller.

Grand Stand Trustees:

Messrs. F.Abbott, J.R.Harper, R.Harper, J.Jordan, F.H.Toller.

RULES

1.- That this Club be called "Barnstaple Football Club," and that its playing Rules be those of the English Football Union.

2.- That persons desirous of becoming playing members must make application to the respective Hon. Secs. of the 1st & 2nd XV., and be elected by the general Committee before taking part in any match.

3.- That the Annual Subscription be 5s. 6d. payable to either the Treasurer or Secretary. All playing Members must take their tickets on or before Nov. 1st in each year. In default of which they will be disqualified from membership.

4.- That general Meetings be held in April and September. That the Secretaries and Treasurer for the ensuing year be appointed at the April meeting, but the Committee and other Officers be appointed in the September meeting.

5.-That the Secretary have power to call a Special General Meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by 15 Members, or at the request of the general Committee.

6.-That the Club be managed by a Committee of 20 Members, including the President, Treasurer, Captain, and Secretaries ex-officio, that 5 form a quorum, and that they meet when necessary.

7.- That the teams be chosen by their respective selection Committee appointed for the purpose, each Committee to consist of not more than seven and not less than five members, including the Captain, and that they meet once a week.

8.- That the Club Colours be dark Red Jersey with White Collar, and the Borough Arms Badge on left breast, and be worn by each member in all matches.

9.-That the Secretary of 1st XV., have full power to arrange matches, but not to give guarantees.

- That the Secretary of 2nd XV., have full power to arrange matches in North Devon, but not beyond.

10.- That the management and control of the Grand Stand be vested on behalf of the Club, in five Trustees, to consist of the President, Captain of 1st XV., and three

other members.

11. - That the public be admitted to all matches, on the payment at the gate of three pence for each person unless otherwise arranged.

12.- That a Dinner be held at the close of the season.

Received and adopted at a general meeting, held on 7th Sept. 1893. John R. Harper President

1st XV. OFFICERS

Captain: Mr. F. H. Toller

Vice-Captain: Mr. M. H. Toller Treasurer: Mr. J. Jordan

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Robert Harper, 27, High Street

2nd XV. OFFICERS

Captain: Mr. R. Ridge

Vice-Captain: Mr. I. Pearce

Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Richards, Sunnybank.

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2	Clifton	9	8	0	1	386	258	128	8	0	40
3	Hinckley	9	8	0	1	328	148	180	7	0	39
4	Redruth	9	7	0	2	328	165	163	6	2	36
5	Old Redcliffians	9	6	0	3	306	254	52	8	1	33
6	Cinderford	9	6	0	3	312	318	-6	7	0	31
7	Taunton Titans	9	5	0	4	315	215	100	5	2	27
8	Lymm	9	5	0	4	267	308	-41	6	1	27
9	Loughborough Students	9	3	1	5	325	342	-17	8	2	24
10	Hornets	9	3	0	6	319	309	10	7	4	23
11	Barnstaple	9	2	0	7	198	294	-96	4	2	14
12	Bournville	9	1	1	7	263	507	-244	7	1	14
13	Exeter University	9	0	0	9	229	401	-172	5	1	6
14	Devonport Services	9	0	0	9	202	454	-252	4	1	5

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