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The Maul

April 25 Newsletter

Welcome to you all...



Ticket prices on the day will be £8 adult, £12 grandstand, U16 free.

However, to incentivise use of [Fanbase](#), we've reduced those prices to £7 and £11 respectively if, people buy in advance and just need to scan in on the day.

CORNWALL FIXTURES 2025

- 27th April:** U20s away to Devon @ Topsham RFC, ko 2pm
- 11th May:** U20s **home** to Somerset @ Redruth RFC, ko 2pm
- 17th May:** Men's XV away to Exeter Chiefs @ Sandy Park
- 18th May:** Women's XV away to Hampshire @ Havant RFC, ko 2:30pm
- 24th May:** Women's XV away to Gloucestershire @ Kingsholm Stadium, Gloucester
- 24th May:** Men's XV **home** to Kent @ Redruth RFC
- 31st May:** Men's XV away to Hampshire @ Havant RFC, ko 2:30pm
- 1st June:** Women's XV **home** to Devon @ Launceston RFC

Chairmans Chatter

The Tamar Cup



As I move towards the end of my first season as CRFU Chair, It is a great pleasure to invite our neighbours and traditional rivals Devon to Redruth for our Tamar Cup clash.

While this fixture has been played in mid week over the past few years I am delighted to see it now taking place on a Saturday. The first recorded rugby match between a Cornwall team and Devon took place on January 12, 1884.

Our gracious hosts Redruth have themselves been in existence since 1875 and are celebrating their 150th season. We thank them for their hospitality, with only two County Championship games this season it was very important to ensure that we had good quality opposition before these matches, to ensure that we were “match ready”.

Our Representative Rugby Group have worked tremendously hard to set up two fantastic games against Devon and Exeter Chiefs.

Cornwall vs Devon games always bring that extra bit of spice and our lads know that we will be tested as local bragging rights are once again up for grabs.

Rugby has changed significantly over the years and one key area that I believe the CRFU is “best in class” is in the sponsors we are fortunate to have and the way in which we engage with them. We believe that across our whole rugby community, players deserve the opportunity to represent Cornwall whenever they can and we will continue to strive to achieve that. While the RFU provide some money for County rugby it is nowhere near enough what is needed. Without the fantastic and ongoing support of our many sponsors, it would be very difficult to see how we could continue to provide the support for our teams and compete at the level that we currently do. I know that I speak on behalf of the Cornish rugby community when I say your help is very much appreciated. Your support helps us to deliver for Cornish rugby in many different ways.

This is a busy time of the season for representative rugby and as I wrote this piece I have a Calendar of CRFU events in front of me. Between 8th March and 23rd Aug, there are over thirty separate events being staged. These range from Senior Men and Women's Championships games, County Age Group games for Girls and Boys, Senior Cup Finals for Men and Women, Age group Festivals and Cup Finals Under 7s/ Under 8s up to Colts, Cornwall Clubs vs Devon Deaf, Coaching Conferences and Coach Development Days.

These events are spread throughout the County from Bude to Hayle, Launceston to Perranporth and many other points in-between. None of this happens by accident and I am very proud of all of my CRFU colleagues and those in their own clubs who never fails to step up and deliver for the good of Cornish rugby.

It is vital that we maintain Cornish rugby in as many places as possible. Who knows, that U16 Girl playing in the Cup Finals at Newquay Hornets and the U9 Boy playing at the St Austell Festival, will have their enthusiasm and desire for Cornish rugby fuelled and in a few years time will be running out in full County colours making more their own piece of Cornish rugby history !!!

Enjoy the game, make loads of noise and many thanks to you all for your support

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CRFU Youth Section 2024/25 Season Round Up...



Once again, the season has shown the very best of the sport to the whole county and beyond.

As we visit the various clubs around the county over the course of the season, we are heartened by the efforts and time being given by everyone involved.

Playing numbers across the age groups have shown an increase over the last season or two, which has shown up in the standards of coaching and playing levels.

County U18s Girls & Boys had a measure of success this season, with 2 boys making it into the Southwest trials. The U17s boys start their campaign in May and with the current crop of 1st year Colts across the county, we are hopeful for further success.

The boys DPP has been a success this season with 16 boys making the academy team. 24 boys are attending the Warwick Festival 12th/13th April and will be playing against Saracens Northampton Saints & Yorkshire. The U15s Cup day featuring 2 teams from Cornwall & Devon will be held at Bodmin RFC on Mon 5th May, first kick off @ 10am.

We are now well into the Festivals and Finals part of the season and the enthusiasm and skill levels have shown this sport has a bright future and will produce some excellent players for the coming years.

The Colts finals were held at Hayle RFC on Saturday the 12th April, with 4 trophies played for.

All matches were well supported and played in great spirit. Thank you to all at Hayle RFC for hosting the finals, ensuring the day was enjoyable for all.

The U16's Cup finals will be held at Newquay RFC on Sunday 27 April commencing at 11am. Six girls' teams will be vying for the cup, shield and plate and eight boys' teams in the cup, shield, plate and bowl.

Again, we are often amazed at the level of commitment of all the volunteers who make sure the children, (Large and not so large), have the best attention that can be provided for coaching, safeguarding, first aid and organization right across the county.

The effort of parents cannot be ignored. We are conscious of the time and expense of travel and expenses for the children to play and without all the parents, volunteers and administrators, all the excellent matches, competitions and festivals would not be possible at all. Well done and huge thanks to everyone involved from the CRFU.

We hope that you will all enjoy your summer and look forward to welcoming you all and more volunteers to the 25/26 season.

Women's Cornwall Cup 2025



Heartfelt thanks to Jo Holden for organising the event, to Penryn RFC for hosting, Cornwall RRS for providing the match officials, also Ann's Pasties & Penny's Pies for keeping everyone fed on the day.

This season's competition took place at Penryn RFC.

With some 200 players attending from all the clubs around the county, a fun and competitive day was had by one and all.

The main Cup competition saw Launceston Ladies retain their cup with Truro Women runners up.

The Shield competition, for the Inner Warriors sides, saw Saltash Phoenixes win, with Wadebridge Camels Women the runners up.

The funny side of rugby.....

'Gone Fishing!!'

Can you spot a certain member of Cornwall RFU?

Mr Lee Maher, going over and above his numerous county duties to retrieve 'precious' rugby balls from the river beside Bude rugby club.

His defence was:
'balls cost money!!'.

Bless him for risking life and limb to save the county money!

It did make us laugh though....



Bolingey Barbarians host Le Harve RFC



Bolingey Barbarians were delighted to welcome Le Havre Rugby Club at Camborne RFC on Saturday 25th March.

This was a unique occasion, as the Barbarians have been touring to France every two years since 1998. So it was on this occasion that Le Havre made history, as the first team from France, to accept the invitation to play in our home County of Cornwall.

Situated at the mouth of the River Seine, the port city of Le Havre was almost completely rebuilt after World War II. The unusual concrete architecture of Le Havre, designed by Auguste Perret, has resulted in the city centre becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005. Highlights of Le Havre include the Perret show flat, impressive modern art museum and picturesque marina and beach. It is also an important cross-Channel ferry port and the largest container port in France.

The game was played with great sportsmanship, they certainly appreciated the humour displayed at the breakdown, rugby sign language a universal and obviously cross-channel tradition. The result was always going to be incidental on this celebratory occasion. However, there is no such thing as a 'friendly' and the final score of three tries a piece was a fitting and hard-fought draw.

When Le Havre said they were coming over the Barbarians wanted to show them some real Cornish hospitality, so a meal was served and catered for one hundred people. A 'Cornish' beef bourguignon with all the right accoutrements, followed by cream tea with strawberries, enough to sate the largest appetites.

We would like to thank Dave Saunter for refereeing, Alan Miliner from the CRFU and other fellow representatives who showed their support for the Barbarians and extended a warm welcome to our visitors.

The Bolingey Barbarians only play five or six matches a season and have supported over 100 worthy children's causes in Cornwall giving away £17,500.00.



*Roger Mead BEM
President Bolingey Barbarians.*

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GAME DEVELOPMENT

Cornwall Clubs:

23rd Apr: Cornwall Clubs Deaf away to Devon Deaf @ Tavistock RFC, ko @ 7:30pm

Senior Cup Dates:

10th May: Duchy Cup Finals @ Falmouth RFC

25th May: Club Cup Finals @ Hayle RFC

23rd Aug: Senior Cup Finals @ Wadebridge RFC

30th Apr 25 - contact Daubroy

Online Coaching Co-Ordinators Meeting

18th Jun 25

CRFU Summer Coaching Session @ Perranporth Beach

12th Oct 25

CRFU Development Day

England Rugby Page

RESOURCES:

(click on each heading to be directed to the relevant page of the website)

Club Management:

This section helps clubs navigate the demands of a club's business operations, and provide guidance on governing the club effectively now and in the future.

Coaching:

Coaching is one of the most crucial factors in developing, sustaining and increasing participation in rugby union, securing the future and quality of the game.

Refereeing:

Refereeing is a vital aspect of rugby union, ensuring the game is played fairly and safely while upholding the rules and spirit of the sport.

Player Welfare:

Clubs and organisers of rugby activities have a responsibility to health and safety to ensure that rugby union is delivered in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Safeguarding:

All matters relating to safeguarding within the game.

Rules & Governance:

Regulations that govern the game of rugby.

Useful links:

Community Help Platform: <https://help.rfu.com/support/home>

Submit Help Request: <https://help.rfu.com/support/tickets/new>

Platform 4 Rugby (webinars): <https://www.youtube.com/@platform4rugby>

Latest Community Game Update:
<https://rise.articulate.com/share/yRJIHIEVuzi30oAVIC7MFiDm1qO2TRCR#/>

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