



**Cornwall**  
Rugby Football Union

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# The Maul

June 25 Newsletter

welcome to you all...

## Annual General Meeting

The CRFU invite you to our AGM

25th June 2025

Camborne RFC @ 7pm



### South West Leagues presentations:

David McAteer and Denis Preece from the South West Regional Organising Committee joined us at Redruth RFC on the occasion of the Bill Beaumont Cup match against Kent to make the presentations to the various Cornish League Champions.

TRIBUTE COUNTIES 1 SOUTH WEST /  
PIRATES AMATEURS RFC



TRIBUTE COUNTIES 2 CORNWALL /  
SALTASH RFC

COUNTIES CORNWALL  
LEAGUE 3 PLATE /  
LANKELLY-FOWEY RFC



TRIBUTE COUNTIES 3 CORNWALL /  
CAMBORNE CRUSADERS

# Chairmans Chatter



With season 2024-25 receding fast in the rear view mirror it is time to take stock of events within Cornwall at the end of my first season as CRFU Chair. If you want more detail or want to discuss anything please do not hesitate to contact me. It has been a busy season and will be a whistle stop tour so buckle up!

At the Autumn Clubs Forum, the CRFU laid out the 5 key objectives below within our local plan for the next 3 seasons. Progress and activity in these areas are referred to throughout CRFU colleagues reports presented at the AGM and available on request from Jane Bell – Honorary Secretary.

- Retention of young males in the game beyond the U16-18 age range
- Continuing to support the growth in the Women's / Girls game
- Further development of Coaching across the County
- Providing access to a greater level of funding to our member clubs
- Enhancing the image of the CRFU given the no. of events that it organises

## Representative Rugby:

Our Men played 2 Championship games against reigning Champions, Kent, which we lost and Hampshire who we beat. Kent were unbeaten and progress to the final.

We also held 2 very well attended and popular warm-up games, the Tamar Cup game against Devon and a game against an Exeter Chiefs xv at Sandy Park.

Our Women lost to current Champions Hampshire but registered victories against Gloucestershire at Kingsholm and won their Tamar Cup clash against Devon. This left them 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group

The U20s began with a win against Gloucestershire but lost to Devon and completed their games with a draw against Somerset.

Our Cornish Clubs xv played games against St Ives, sadly abandoned due to player injury now recovering, Cornwall U20s and Devon Deaf xv.

## Club Rugby:

Launceston and Truro Women both won their respective leagues and were promoted. Pirates Ams and Saltash won their leagues as did Camborne 2nds and were also promoted.

## Cup Rugby:

Our Senior Cup had some challenges this year but, Bude v Truro will play in the final, with Wadebridge v Launceston contesting the Super Cup, both matches will be pre-season on the 23rd Aug @ Wadebridge.

Falmouth hosted the Duchy Cup Finals while Hayle hosted the Tribute Cornwall Clubs Cup Finals. At each of these finals days, 3 games were played for 3 trophies.

Winners across the competitions were Newquay Hornets, Falmouth, Saltash, Redruth 2nds, Bude, St Austell 2nds

CRFU have recently met with clubs and agreed the format for the 2025-26 competitions. This is discussed further in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all of those who have made rugby possible in our great Duchy : Sponsors, players, coaches, off field support staff, parents, partners, referees, grounds teams, bar staff, stewards, my CRFU colleagues and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Take a deep breath, enjoy the short break and come September let's do it all again in season 2025-26

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# County Teams

2024/25



**Cornwall Women celebrate with the 1994 Cornwall Women's team.**

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## Cornwall Women's v Devon Women's (Tamar Cup)

On a glorious afternoon at Polson Bridge both sides served up a feast of attacking rugby for the four figure crowd.

A stirring second half performance saw Cornwall Women overturn a ten point half-time deficit to win the inaugural Women's Tamar Cup 31-27 at Polson Bridge.

## Cornwall Men finish on a high @ Havant



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Pat Walton (Barnes) of Cornwall dives over for a try.

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Cornwall travelled to Havant looking to finish their programme on a high following the defeat to Kent last Saturday.

In the event both sides looked to serve up some running rugby to royally entertain the crowd.

Cornwall's second half performance saw them build up a good lead and see off a late Hampshire revival.





## Future Proof your coaching

### Get game ready for the season ahead



Truro School |



Saturday 12th July |



9.30am through to 2.30pm

Coach Centered Ltd are again delighted to partner with Cornwall RFU at Truro School on Saturday 12th July where our high-performance coaches, come together to share insight, challenge norms, and elevate your coaching craft.

Take this opportunity to accelerate your learning and ready yourself for the new season, with clear game strategies and coaching ideas to take your players to the next level.

Ask yourself?

- What's your team's mindset, strategy, and skillset to cash in on turnovers?
- How well do your players understand the principles of phase defence — and how does this based on pitch geography and ruck location?
- How are you recognising learning, adapting session progression, and using tools that truly create decision-makers?

If these questions spark curiosity or challenge your current thinking, then you're exactly the kind of coach this conference is built for.

This isn't just another CPD event — it's a catalyst for real change in how we coach and how your players perform.

Ready to challenge yourself, connect with like-minded coaches, and leave with practical tools to transform your coaching?



Register now [www.coachcentered.com/coach-development/#CornwallConference](https://www.coachcentered.com/coach-development/#CornwallConference)



## Can you help a local mum/daughter's stem cell donor campaign?

### Danae's story

In April 2023, my lovely daughter Danae received a shock blood cancer diagnosis. She had been feeling 'under the weather' for a while: then a GP blood test revealed a devastating diagnosis for acute myeloid leukaemia. This meant she had to return home to Cornwall (she was finishing her second year at Warwick University) to start treatment.



After the first round of chemo, Danae's genetic results indicated she would need a stem cell transplant. However, getting the stem cell transplant proved difficult. None of our immediate family was a donor match, so a worldwide search began. Then, wonderfully, Danae's bone marrow biopsy came back MRD (minimal residual disease) negative – meaning there was no sign of leukaemia. Leukaemia specialists recommended to her team not going ahead with a stem cell transplant, but to keep it as an option in case Danae ever required one in the future.

### How you can help

Danae has now returned to university and is hard at work on her dissertation and final year of studies. We feel the time is right to do something positive for others needing to find compatible donors. I am volunteering with blood cancer charity DKMS UK, who hold the UK's largest register of stem cell donors. Please consider joining: Danae and I have set up a virtual registration page on the DKMS website [dkms.org.uk/danae](https://dkms.org.uk/danae)

**Thank you.**



DKMS is the trading name of DKMS Foundation, a registered charity in England and Wales (1150056) and Scotland (SC046917). DKMS is a limited company registered in England and Wales (08151279)

We would really appreciate your support in helping me increase awareness and hopefully numbers on the national stem cell donor register and will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

I am happy to discuss this in person. Danae and I are so grateful for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards, Sarah, Mobile Number - 07770993627

# CORNWALL COMPETITIONS



A big thank you to all those who attended the Clubs competitions meeting on Wednesday at St. Austell, I was really pleased with how many clubs were represented.

## CRFU CUP COMPETITIONS – 1 season trial

It was decided that the revamped model for all cup competitions will be decided on League positions, at the Christmas break your team, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XVs will be placed in the following competitions

C3 league and bottom 4 of C3C + invited fringe teams will play for the Duchy plate and Duchy vase

C3C top 4 and C2C bottom 8 will play for the Duchy cup and shield

C2C top 4 and bottom of C1WW will play for the Clubs cup and shield

C1WW top 2 and regional 1 and 2 will play for the super and senior cup

The hope is to make the competitions level with all teams playing around their ability, the rules will be tweaked but if a club team gives a walkover then they will not take part in any future rounds, this will also effect your dividend, all money the CRFU make on the cup competitions finals are, as I hope you know split between the clubs who compete in them, usually worth around £200.00 per club.

This is a historical move, previously only club 1<sup>st</sup> XV's have been allowed to play in the clubs cups, but with the changing landscape of rugby, it was felt a new approach needed to be adopted, if this is successful then a policy change will be needed going forward.

We have also taken on board the feedback from the clubs regarding communication, social media posts, results and finals day's venue's, this is on the actions list for the management board.

## LEAGUE RUGBY – C3C

We have seen many challenges over the last two seasons, the game completion rate was at an all-time low last season.

It was decided to split C3C into a top 8, this will continue to be called C3C and be fully regulated by the EML (England men's leagues), the other 8 teams will be put into the C3 Cornwall league cup competition, the CRFU still have the league cup which was last played for in the 90's, before the formation of the current RFU leagues.

This will create a number of spare weeks (structured calendar sent via email to clubs), we are encouraging clubs to make further fixtures on these dates if you wish, any game played outside of the league will then be treated as a Cornwall merit table game, these will be recorded on a separate table and the winner at the end of the season will be presented the C3 shield, Lankelly-Fowey were the winners last season, we hope this will help some of the more established clubs who are used to playing 22 league games in a season.

## FRIDAY NIGHT PLAYING OPPORTUNITY'S

On the back of last season's successful Friday evening games between Newquay and Bodmin, we have fixtured in some additional playing opportunities, these are for the clubs who have excess players, but not enough to enter any of the structured competitions, we are asking for clubs to host one or more of these dates, we can then promote it, there is also talk between some clubs of a Wednesday evening competition? I am happy to hear of this proactive approach and again any club or club wishing to discuss competitions I am more than happy to get involved and help.

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CRFU Chairman competitions

CRFU youth competitions



## Game confirmation code of conduct

Dear Match Day administrator,

We are asking all clubs to sign up to this code of conduct, it will greatly help with teams not getting game time and increase the communication between teams and clubs.



Both clubs confirm there are no problems with the forthcoming match – CONFIRM BY 8PM ON THE TUESDAY.



If a club has a potential problem with the forthcoming game, this is communicated – NO LATER THAN 8PM ON THE WEDNESDAY



A fixture cannot be fulfilled - NO LATER THAN 8PM ON THE THURSDAY.  
If a club cancels a fixture later than that then they may be liable for sanction, points deduction, or a charge from the non-offending club for match day food if it has already been sorted out.

Good communication is key, this will help match day organisers find replacement games, C3C games can be postponed, please make sure you always inform the competitions lead.

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## ***The funny side of rugby.....***

### The old ways are the best ways!!!



When technology fails...then what?

While hosting the recent Duchy Cup Finals, Falmouth didn't let a little thing like the electronic scoreboard failing, stop them!!



A handy bit of cardboard, some artistic design and a able volunteer, meant that we were kept up to date with all those important match day scores.

# England Rugby Page

## RESOURCES:

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

As we are in AGM season, there could be changes to volunteer roles within your club. As you may be aware, the Game Management System (GMS) is the primary source of information for the RFU to find key contacts at your club or CB (e.g. the Community Game Update). Therefore, it is important that your GMS Golden Roles are updated with any personnel changes or contact details; and the appropriate level of GMS access is provided for the volunteer to be able to perform their role.

If you are not sure how to do this, please see the links below explaining what Golden Roles are and how to update them and the access level permission required:

- What are Golden Roles and how do I allocate them? -  
<https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000064096-what-are-golden-roles-and-how-do-i-allocate-them->
- How do I assign or remove roles? -  
<https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000063997-how-do-i-assign-remove-roles->
- How do I assign permission levels? -  
<https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000063991-how-do-i-assign-permission-levels->
- How do I remove a permission level for a user?  
<https://help.rfu.com/support/solutions/articles/103000064032-how-do-i-remove-a-permission-level-for-a-user->

Please seek further assistance via the [Community Rugby Help](#) or raise a ticket to the GMS Help Desk through the Feedback tile.

## Useful links:

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

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

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

If you would like to submit an article or club event to our bi-monthly newsletter, we would love to hear from you.

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