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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

OLD REIGATIAN RFC, GEOFFREY KNIGHT FIELDS, PARK LANE, REIGATE, RH2 8JX



Lily Woodhams, Hati Sutherland, Caitie McGuigan & Tilly Palmer-Denning representing Surrey U18's



BEN HAMPS
CHAIRMAN ORRFC

A very warm welcome to ORRFC to all our supporters, sponsors and our guests and opposition today, London Cornish RFC. The 1st XV return to Park Lane today for their final home game of 2023. As we pass the halfway point of the season this is the return fixture having played London Cornish at their ground in early September. It was a close affair on that autumn afternoon with OR's winning by 36 points to 26. Having won the last of their 3 matches in Regional South East 2, ORRFC now find themselves in 3rd position in the league table with only 1 point separating us and Battersea Ironsides in 2nd place after they lost to Medway. It is also worthy of note that league leaders Beckenham were defeated last weekend by Sidcup who currently sit at the bottom of the league!

Our 2nd XV are also at home today as they play Weybridge Vandals in the Surrey Championship league. OR's currently sit in 9th position. However, only 1 point separates us from the 3 teams above, one of whom happens to be Weybridge so a home win and some of the other results going our way could hopefully see us jump up a few places.

At time of writing I'm delighted to hear that we will hopefully be fielding a 3rd XV today at home. Skipped by Ed Bartlett the lads will be playing a friendly match against a local side. There has been a fair amount of wet weather over the past week and the forecast over the next few days sees little change. Hopefully the pitches will survive the wet onslaught and the bar will be a bustling hive of activity after the 3 games.

Last weekend Old Reigatians hosted the Surrey U16's Finals day where 26 local teams descended on Park Lane. As a club we have hosted a number of these events over the years for the Mini's, Girls and Junior sections. However, what clearly set last Sunday apart for me was the fact we only had two weeks notice (normally we find out a year in advance!) after the planned hosts unfortunately could no longer accommodate the event. I must admit I was slightly sceptical on hearing that we had agreed to this but that was very quickly forgotten as the machine that is the army of amazing volunteers went into overdrive and pulled out all the stops to make the day a fantastic event for all participating. There are so many members to thank who helped out on so many fronts but I must personally mention Kate Birinder-Ross (club Hon Sec) and Clare Adams (U16's Manager) who were just phenomenal in organising a huge amount beforehand and orchestrating so much on the day itself.

Elsewhere around the club the U14's Boys are at it again when it comes to players being accepted into the Harlequins Academy. Many congratulations to Zac Cooper and Ollie Cohen who were successful after their trials. This brings the total to 11 for the age group, a brilliant achievement by the boys and their coaches. Well done!

I would also like to offer my congratulations to Hati Sutherland, Caitlin McGuigan, Tilly Palmer-Denning, Lily Woodhams and Ella Critchlow who have all been selected to represent Surrey U18 Girls. They will be playing for the county in three matches during the season so please keep an eye out for the fixtures. Girls and Womens rugby has been a huge success story at OR's and my thanks go to all the coaches and age group managers who have helped the club achieve this and create one of the most successful sections in the country.

With this being the last supporter's lunch of 2023, I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Ben



ORRFC 1ST XV

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Afternoon, welcome to London Cornish Squad Coaches and Supporters. When we visited Cornish it was probably the hottest Saturday this season when we came away with a 26-36 victory but full credit to Cornish they never gave up and really came back at us in the second half. So we have probably gone from the hottest to coldest! You have to love the English weather!! Cornish are visiting us following a massive win against Reeds which with our win at Gravesend moved us clear in third place.

Today's squad has a more familiar look to it with Dan Grant safely moved into his new home and Max Coyle and Gareth Stephens safely back from the Dubai 7s. Obviously coming after a good win on the road the Coaching team have had some selection decisions to make. Fantastic that we have three teams out this week. At time out writing just hope we can find a playable pitch some opposition and a Ref! Apart from that we are good to go!

Huge Congratulations to 1st XV Captain Reilly and his Wife Elme on the birth of their second child Vincenzo. Reilly will hopefully back playing in Feb following his knee injury. Also on the injury front great to hear that Paul Marshall is heading closer to a return to play and again hopefully is due back Feb. During last week's win Ryan Taylor – Travers has broken his toe which is cruel luck having only been back for four games since missing last season. Fingers crossed he will return after Christmas. On a brighter note we welcome Toby Francis to Old Reigatian today. Toby was at Leeds Beckett with Gareth & Max and we look forward to him making his debut today.

I hope you all enjoy the game and see you in the bar

Richie

2023/24 LEAGUE TABLE – REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST

#	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	SD	TD	LB	PTS
1	Beckenham	11	9	0	2	347	266	81	8	1	45
2	Battersea Invictas	11	7	0	4	352	345	187	7	2	37
3	Old Rogation	11	7	0	4	290	252	47	8	0	36
4	Reeds Weybridge	11	7	0	4	262	202	60	2	3	33
5	Old Colliers	11	6	0	5	277	259	98	5	2	31
6	Michey	11	6	0	5	258	286	-28	5	2	31
7	Old Alington	10	5	0	5	271	249	22	5	3	28
8	Sutton & Epsom	11	5	0	6	325	304	21	4	4	28
9	Colham	10	5	0	5	288	276	12	7	0	27
10	London Cornish	11	3	0	8	240	353	-113	4	2	18
11	Gravesend	11	3	0	8	213	302	-89	3	3	18
12	Selsay	11	2	0	9	217	318	-101	2	3	13

LEAGUE FIXTURES – SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Battersea Invictas	V	Selsay	3
Beckenham	V	Sutton & Epsom	3
Michey	V	Colham	3
Old Alington	V	Gravesend	3
Old Rogation	V	London Cornish	3
Reeds Weybridge	V	Old Colliers	3

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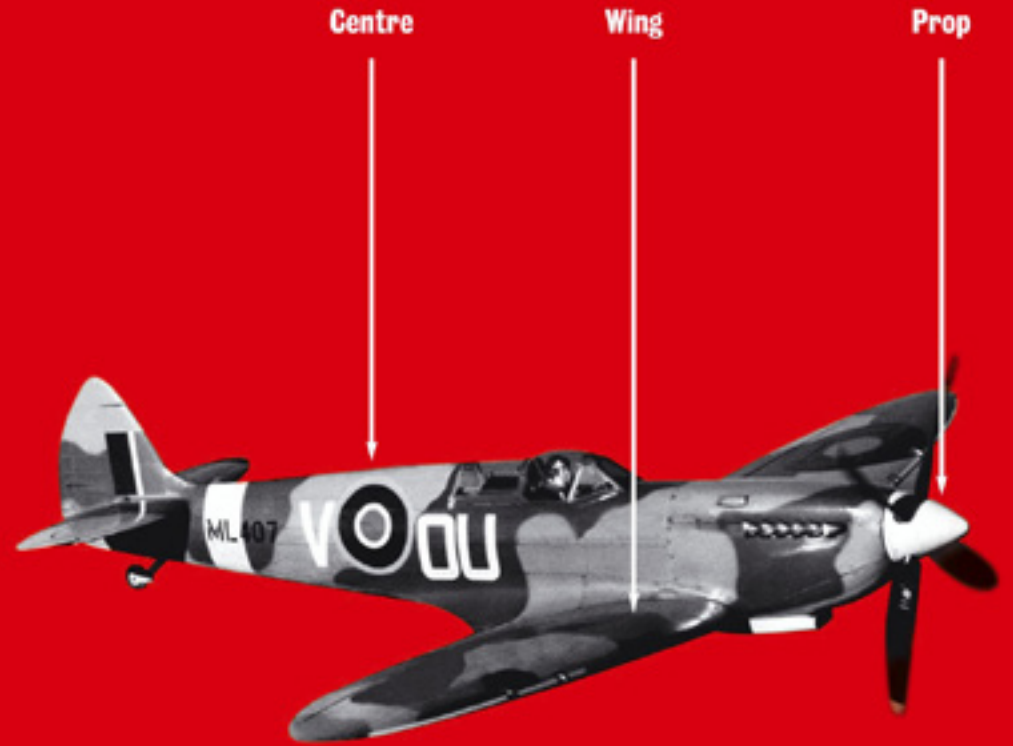


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