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WELCOME FROM

VICE ADMIRAL ANDREW BURNS CB OBE

PRESIDENT ROYAL NAVY RUGBY UNION

On behalf of the RNRU, welcome back to Brickfields Stadium for the first of the Inter Service fixtures which sees the Royal Navy take on the Royal Air Force across three fixtures. The masters level competition started last night with the Royal Navy Mariners vs Royal Air Force Vultures and the Senior Men and Senior Women will play today.

The eagerly anticipated clash between the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force is a significant event in the rugby calendar for our sailors, Royal Marines and aviators, and I am delighted to be a part of it in my first Inter Service fixture as RNRU President.

The road to this encounter has been paved with dedication and relentless training. The Navy teams deliberately choose a challenging path when selecting the opposition teams they face, in the lead up to the Inter Service campaign. The Mariners play a blend of veteran and club fixtures; wins against HM Prison Service at Fylde RFC and a confidence boosting victory against Torbay Sharks have put them in a good place. The Senior Men have enjoyed Championship level rugby and are better off for the experience. The Senior Women have improved exponentially and stood up well against a formidable Marine Nationale side in March.

The commitment to the cause must be seen to be believed. The days in camp running 'tempo's', lifting weights and the lengthy travel to fulfil the fixture list illustrates what it means to the players to represent their Service. None of this can be achieved without the extraordinary efforts of the Training Support Groups who put their players' needs above their own and set the conditions for success.

The Inter Service fixtures evoke strong emotions among rugby fans, and today's



atmosphere at Brickfields Stadium reflects that sentiment. We're reminded of the enduring support our rugby community offers. Your presence here today means a great deal to all the teams. I must also thank all of our generous sponsors and our hosts, Plymouth Albion. Without your loyal support, it would not be possible to develop teams with such skill and passion, year after year. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Service Rugby.

Reflecting on the thrilling matches of last season, where the RAF and RN shared a victory, a draw and a loss across the three fixtures, we anticipate another round of

memorable contests.

Congratulations to the players chosen to represent their Service today. You epitomize excellence and the finest qualities of your respective Services. Embrace the moment, cherish the camaraderie, and play with the same determination that got you here.

Aviators, Royal Marines and sailors, get ready for an unforgettable rugby showdown. Let's make today a memorable one as we witness the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force showcase their skills, strength, and spirit on the field.

Enjoy the match and may the best teams win!

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Witnessing teamwork, respect, and determination on the field is a privilege we share with our veterans who embody these values within our company.

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Thank you to all who serve, their families, and to the organizers who make this event possible. We're looking forward to the games!



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ANDREW JAMESON, RNRMC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We are thrilled to have been selected as one of the Charities of the Day for the Inter Service Championship rugby match between the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

It is a fantastic event to be a part of, and a great opportunity to spread the word about the RNRMC and what we do – ensuring sailors, Marines, and their families are supported, for life.

We wish all the teams taking part the very best of luck.

SAM MATAVESI, RNRMC AMBASSADOR

I am absolutely thrilled that the Inter Service Match Committee has chosen the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity as one of the Charities of the Day for the Royal Navy v Royal Air Force match at Brickfields Stadium in Plymouth.

It's a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and vital funds for the support of our sailors, marines, and their families.

Thank you to everyone involved for their incredible support.

AVM CHRIS ELLIOT, RAF BENEVOLENT FUND CONTROLLER

The RAF Benevolent Fund are delighted to have been selected as one of the Charities of the Day for today's match.

This fixture is always of interest to us personally and it never disappoints in terms of the friendly rivalry, passion and commitment from both teams.

I am sure that you will enjoy the match here in Plymouth, whatever the outcome.

For those who have been able to donate my sincere thanks as your support will help us to change the outcomes for many in our military community, including veterans of all ages, and those who continue to serve our country today and their families.

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UK ARMED FORCES RUGBY SEASON REVIEW

As winter turns into spring and rivalries resume in the Inter Service Championship, it is easy to forget that many of the players who will be going head-to-head in Plymouth, Twickenham and Gloucester started the season as team mates at the 2023 International Defence Force World Cup in France.

The International Defence Force World Cup

is organised to be held in parallel to that year's Rugby World Cup, with the same nation hosting the best military players from across the globe.

UKAF made the relatively short trip looking to go one better than 2019, when they were losing finalists. This time around they were drawn alongside Tonga, Georgia and Spain in Pool B, with the two other pools of four featuring both

traditional rugby nations as well as less familiar names at the top end of the international sport.

Pool A pitched France against Australia, Japan and the Netherlands, while reigning champions, Fiji, were up against New Zealand, Ireland and Uzbekistan in Pool C.

UKAF could barely have had a better start to the competition, showing variety, pace and cohesion in a seven-try, 43-14, opening day win over Tonga. This was followed up by grit and character to turn around a 14-3 half-time deficit to Georgia into a 24-21 victory.

A round three win over Spain saw UKAF into the Cup semi-finals and a re-match of the 2019 final against Fiji.

But then the camp, and indeed Inter Service rugby as a whole, was rocked by the news of the sudden passing of Royal Navy centre, Steffan Rees, and while the semi-final was played – preceded by an emotional tribute to their fallen team mate – and was indeed competitive on the scoreboard right up until the final 15 minutes, Fiji scored a late try and penalty to secure a 41-29 win.

This put UKAF into a third-place play-off against



New Zealand. The Kiwis' Haka was powerful, but there was nothing their pack could do to stop the UKAF eight from scoring the first try, hooker Jamie Roberts on the end of a five-metre lineout drive.

Scrum-half Joe Parkin was on the end of an offload to finish off some patient phase play – and an eye-catching break from Jack Johnson – before the first quarter was up, and with a ►





14-0 advantage UKAF had their destiny in their own hands.

New Zealand responded with a converted try from a long-range counter-attack just before the break, and then scored another two minutes after the restart to pull the deficit back to three points.

But Cameron McDonald settled nerves with some outstanding footwork on the left, after Vereimi Qorowale had opened things up with a 50-metre burst down the right touchline, and

even though there were 20 minutes remaining UKAF had a big enough buffer and medals to add to their collection, 24-12 the final score.

There was more action to come before Christmas, with the first clash between a UKAF men's team and a full international side since the Combined Services became UKAF in 2015. The squad travelled to Gdynia to face the Polish national side on Armistice Day, and after conceding a converted try after six minutes

UKAF tied things up on the stroke of half-time through Epeli Kotobalavu's try and Jordan Gott's conversion.

The third quarter remained even, before UKAF took a 14-7 lead through Ben Chambers and Gott. Unfortunately Poland then scored when it mattered most, getting a converted try in the 79th minute and a penalty in the 80th to win 17-14.

UKAF's women had their own Remembrance match against Bristol Bears, who showed their Women's Premiership calibre by building a 19-0 lead going into the break. Rose Dixon scored one of UKAF's two tries in the second half, but the Bears doubled their own score tally, 38-10 the final result.

UKAF's Under-23s have had game time since the turn of the year, too, playing Hartpury University (12-38) and Bristol University (29-36), before they come up against Harlequins Academy as the curtain raiser for the Army Masters v Navy Mariners at Richmond Athletic Ground on Friday, May 4th. ●





OVER-35 RUGBY PLAYING CRUCIAL ROLE ACROSS THE SERVICES

The on-field rivalry may be as fierce between the Over-35 Inter Service Championship teams as it is in the other three competitions, but the management of the Navy Mariners and Royal Air Force Vultures are united in their belief in the important role that rugby can play for both the mental and physical well-being of older personnel.

“The over 35 approach and ethos is key to retaining those who have often served for long periods and are now in more senior managerial roles with greater responsibilities and commitments, both on and off the field,” says Mariners Director of Rugby, Aidan Riley. “It also provides an opportunity for the re-invigoration of those who thought their playing days were over and for those who did not quite make the standard they had aspired to when younger.

“It is a genuine feeling of family, with team spirit, and a sense of belonging; the ‘grown up’ approach is welcomed by most of us, especially in and around the fixtures where training is taken seriously but not too seriously!

“The whole experience is often a much-needed relief from busy jobs and lives, which is incredibly

healthy for both body and mind for all the Mariners. Several players often comment on how much they learn, such as new drills and skills they can take back and pass on to their home clubs at every level, so it even gives back into community rugby.”

Vultures’ Team Manager, Gaz Charnock, concurs. “The experience of playing for the Vultures offers a unique and invaluable release for



individuals grappling with the demands of high-pressure jobs,” he says. “For those navigating demanding careers, the rugby field becomes a space where the pressures of deadlines, responsibilities, and expectations fade into the background. Moreover, the holistic benefits of rugby extend beyond the physical realm, encompassing mental resilience, emotional well-being, and interpersonal connections.

“Each player and coach involved with the team derives a myriad of benefits from their time with the squad. Firstly, there’s the sense of belonging and camaraderie forged through shared experiences, victories, and even defeats. Being part of a team fosters deep bonds and lifelong friendships, providing invaluable support both on and off the field.”

Having begun in 1996, the Over-35 teams are not ‘Vets’ in the traditional notion, but are more of an extension of the senior rugby programme, and the Mariners, Vultures and Army Masters all regularly play younger teams as the preparation for coming up against each other.

“We intentionally start the season with fixtures that allow us to see as many new players as possible, so sides that can accommodate us having rolling replacements and even playing in quarters is what we are after,” says Riley. “However, when it comes to preparing to play the other Services we aim to give ourselves tough tests against much stiffer opposition that will be representative of the Army and RAF.”

This approach is shared by the Vultures, who also recently spent a week in Gibraltar which included a fixture against Gibraltar Barbarians.

“Balancing the build-up fixtures, particularly when engaging younger teams, alongside the Inter Service matches, necessitates a nuanced approach,” Charnock comments. “Striking a balance involves careful planning to ensure adequate preparation for both scenarios.

“The Gibraltar trip epitomizes the perfect blend of a busy training schedule and pleasure. Beyond the rugby showdowns, it’s a strategic opportunity to strengthen team cohesion, foster camaraderie, and explore new horizons, quite literally!

“On the pitch, it’s a chance to showcase our skills, adaptability, and tactical prowess against



formidable opponents. Off the pitch, it’s all about building rapport, exchanging banter, and perhaps indulging in a post-match pint or two.”

And just as rugby as a whole is orientating itself into a new era, so are these two teams as well.

“The future of Vultures rugby holds immense promise, rooted in a foundation of talent and dedication,” says Charnock. “It’s crucial to recognize the pivotal role of continued development. This encompasses a multifaceted approach, including talent identification and development, robust coaching and regular new programmes, and fostering a culture of excellence and inclusivity. Off the pitch, cultivating strong ties with stakeholders, sponsors, and the broader rugby community can bolster support and resources, facilitating sustainable growth and success.”

“I feel the future of the Mariners is exciting,” Riley adds. “We have recruited some high-class new players this season who have previously played at the Senior level.

“The aim to get fixtures played before Christmas is always an aspiration but proves difficult with player availability being a challenge. As part of an earlier start to the season, we are eager to seek out opportunities to play some charitable fixtures with business facing clubs where we feel the Mariners brand will sit well. We have senior and often influential players who will stand the Naval Service in a very positive light.

“Our main aim is to remain competitive whilst also providing the opportunity for as many players and coaches as possible to really enjoy the sport they love for as long as they can.” ●



ROYAL NAVY MARINERS

Full back	15	POAET Paul Saberton 814 NAS
Right wing	14	LH Steve Mahoney HMS Prince of Wales
Centre	13	POAET Dane Waryck RNAS Yeovilton
Centre	12	AB Duncan Fraser HMS Queen Elizabeth
Left wing	11	Lt Matt Bowden MCM2 Crew 7
Fly half	10	Sgt Richard Cadywould 30 CDO IX
Scrum half	9	CPO Ryan Cox M 846 NAS
Prop	1	CPO Charlie Carr HMS Queen Elizabeth
Hooker	2	Lt Cdr Ed Gaught Northwood HQ
Prop	3	Lt Cdr Tom Blackburn 814 NAS
Lock	4	Lt Al Bodel SDA
Lock	5	WO2 Lloyd John (Captain) RM Poole
Flanker	6	CPOETWE (SM) Steven Hillman MOD Abbeywood
Flanker	7	POPT Ben Priddey HMS Raleigh
No.8	8	CSgt Gaz Evans JFC Naples

REPLACEMENTS

16	PO Chris Hart HMS Prince of Wales
17	CPO Paul Price HMNB Nelson
18	PO Peter Kewn HMS Collingwood
19	CPO Peter Manning Chicksands
20	Cdr Aidan Riley RNAS Culdrose
21	Sgt Val Valender DITG
22	LH James Elliott DSTO RAF St Mawgan
23	LH Dave Williams RNAS Culdrose

The team captains and the Match Committee ask all spectators to remember service conditions of sportsmanship and to refrain from unsuitable behaviour.

Score	Tries	Conversions	Penalties	Drop Goals
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ROYAL AIR FORCE VULTURES



Air Command, RAF High Wycombe	Sqn Ldr Dan Greener	15	Full back
RAF Brize Norton	Sgt Ashley Davies	14	Right wing
RAF Waddington	FS Lee Queeley	13	Centre
RAF Waddington	FS Thomas Gardner	12	Centre
RAF Akrotiri	Cpl Toby Mann	11	Left wing
RAF Brize Norton	FS Phil Thomas	10	Fly half
RAF College Cranwell	Sqn Ldr Rory Wood	9	Scrum half
RAF Leeming	Sgt Mark Greenwood	1	Prop
504 Aux Sqn	Sgt Pete Glanville	2	Hooker
SHFHQ RAF Oldham	Flt Lt Ryan Hopkins	3	Prop
AFCO Oxford	Sgt Gaz Charnock	4	Lock
RAF Brize Norton	FS Chris Lanigan	5	Lock
RAF Brize Norton	FS John Mason	6	Flanker
DFTU Moreton In Marsh	Sgt Ben Blakemore	7	Flanker
1AMW	Flt Lt Matthew Tibbatts	8	No.8

REPLACEMENTS

RAF Brize Norton	FS Richard Craig	16
RAF Brize Norton	Flt Lt Rob Hirsch	17
RAF Benson	Sgt Martin Tustin	18
RAF High Wycombe	Sqn Ldr Matthew Wood	19
ITDU	Sgt Jez Powell	20
RAF Northolt	Flt Lt JP Lynch	21
RAF Brize Norton	Sgt James Challenger	22
RAF Brize Norton	CT James Colman	23

Referee: **Brig Gary McDade**

Assistant Referee 1: **Maj Rich Smith (RR)** Assistant Referee 2: **Lt Col James Hill**
4th Official / Reserve Referee: **Pte Andy Edge** 5th Official: **WO2 Damion Walker**

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Victoria Percival**

Position: Director of Rugby



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Sarah Jenkins**

Position: Head Coach



**AB
Tristan Watson**

Position: Team Manager



**Leading Hand
Sam Benzie**

Position: Forwards Coach



**Petty Officer
Physical Training
Dave Heming**

Position: Backs Coach



Helen Andrews

Position: Physio



ROYAL NAVY WOMENS TEAM MATCHDAY SQUAD

12

LH
Rose Dixon (Captain)

MJIN Barracks
Position: Centre
Age: 27
Caps: RN 11, UKAF 6



15

PLAET
Jasmine Abel

RNAS Yeovilton
Position: Full Back
Age: 20
Caps: RN 1



11

Lt
Olivia Critchley-Peddle

1710 Sqn
Position: Wing
Age: 29
Caps: RN 20, UKAF 1



14

LH
Josie Parnaby

DHE Birmingham
Position: Wing
Caps: RN 2



10

PO
Sam Alderson

HMS Scott
Position: Fly Half
Caps: RN 22, UKAF 1



13

ET
Sian McLaughlin

HMS Collingwood
Position: Centre
Age: 30
Caps: RN 7, UKAF 2



9

Lt
Rhian Newton

RNAS Culdrose
Position: Scrum Half
Age: 28
Caps: RN 7, UKAF 1



1

**Lt
Rosie Staples**

HMS King Alfred

Position: Prop

Age: 30

Caps: RN 5, UKAF 5



5

**LA (AH)
Yvonne Mealy**

HMS Queen Elizabeth

Position: Lock

Age: 37

Caps: RN 8



2

**SLt
Rebecca Addis**

HMS Prince of Wales

Position: Hooker

Age: 28

Caps: RN 7, UKAF 1



6

**AB
Laika Swain**

HMS Collingwood

Position: Flanker

Age: 22

Caps: RN 4



3

**AET
Lucy Honeybell**

HMS Sultan

Position: Prop

Age: 27

Caps: RN 10, UKAF 3



7

**SLt
Rowann Sinclair**

RCDM

Position: Flanker

Age: 24

Caps: RN 4, UKAF 1



4

**CPOWTR
Anne-Marie McIntyre**

HMS Drake

Position: Lock

Age: 38

Caps: RN 9



8

**NA
Jessica Bryan**

RNAS Culdrose

Position: No.8

Age: 28

Caps: RN 3





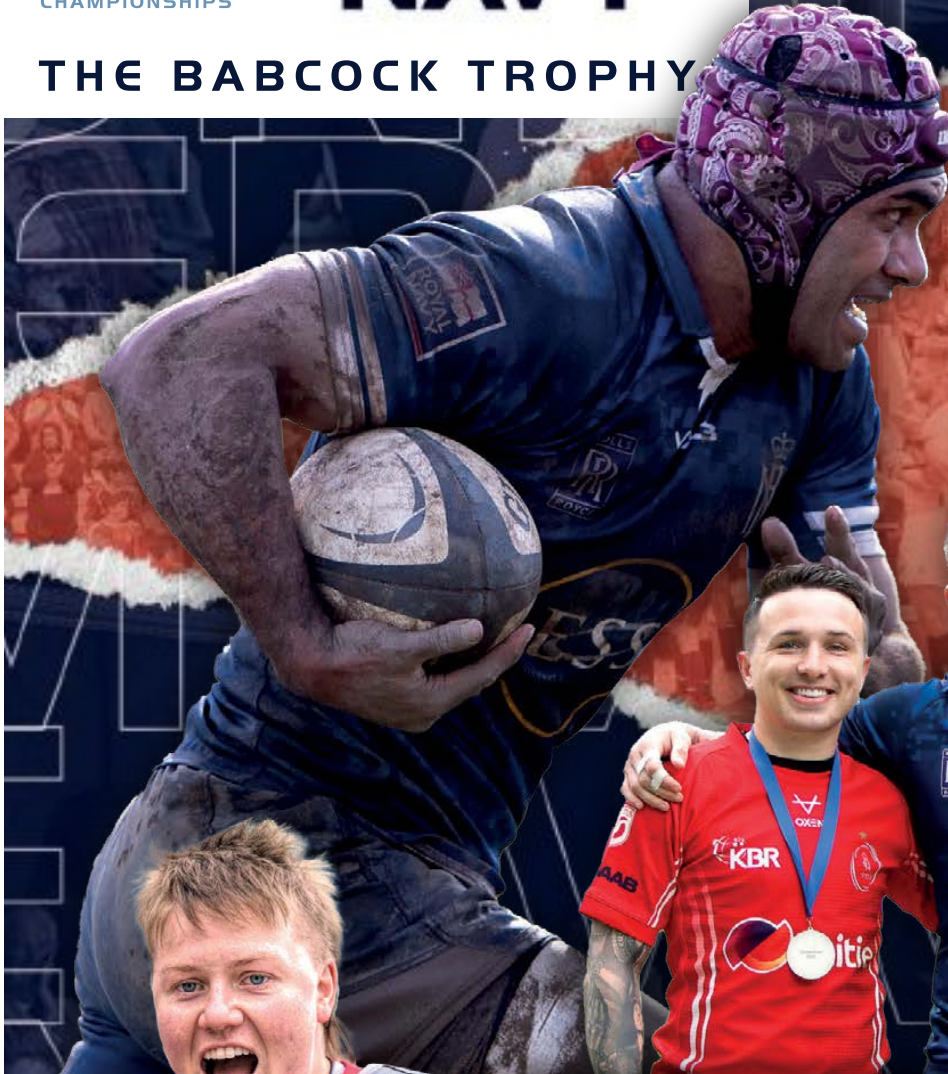
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16

LAET
Adrienne Baker

RNAS Culdrose

Position: Front Row

Age: 36

Caps: RN 1



20

LMA
Rhiann Dilmore

MTM INM Alverstoke

Position: Back Row

Age: 34

Caps: RN 6



17

AB
Elona Bythell

PJHQ

Position: Flanker/Scrum Half

Age: 23

Caps: RN 9



21

Lt Cdr
Cheryl Goodwin

HMS Dauntless

Position: Utility Back

Age: 31

Caps: RN 1



18

AB
Olivia Fafita

HMS Queen Elizabeth

Position: Lock

Age: 34

Caps: RN 4



22

ET WESM
Ellis Thorpe

RNAS Culdrose

Position: Flanker

Age: 28

Caps: RN 1



19

AB
Freya Moore

UTS DCHET Royal Navy MTM

Position: Flanker

Age: 20

Caps: 0



23

Lt
Abigail Ashby

RNAS Yeovilton

Position: Utility Back

Age: 28

Caps: RN 7



ROYAL AIR FORCE WOMENS TEAM MANAGEMENT AND COACHING STAFF

WO
John Wilding
RAF Waddington
Position: Performance Director



Sgt
Rosanne Mills
Position: Manager



Sqn Ldr
Ian Cokayne
DMS Whittington
Position: Forwards Coach



Cpl
Ceri Tucker
Wales AFCO
Position: Strength and Conditioning Coach



WO
Roberto Gabriele
RAF Boulmer
Position: Development Team Coach



Sqn Ldr
Mark Hope
RAF Henlow
Position: RAFRUW Development Team Coach



Flt Lt
Rebecca Piddlesden (Pids)
Defence School of
Policing & Guarding
Position: Referee Liaison



GT
Jennie Green-Hope
RAF Benson
Position: Kit Manager



ROYAL AIR FORCE SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM MATCHDAY SQUAD

9

**Fit Lt
Lucy Nye
(Team Captain)**

RAF Halton

Position: Scrum Half

Age: 28

Caps: RAF 11, UKAF 2



15

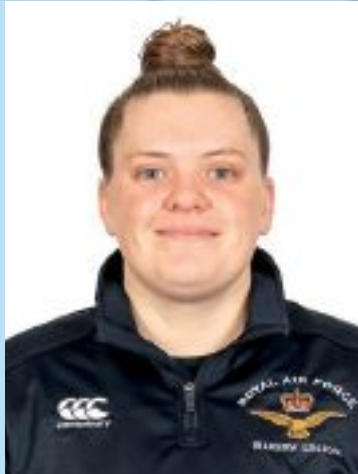
**AS1
Daisy Fahey**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Full Back

Age: 27

Caps: RAF 2, UKAF 2



12

**AS1
Rebecca DeFilippo**

Wyton

Position: Centre

Age: 29

Caps: RAF 2, UKAF 1



14

**Cpl
Leonie Mahon**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Wing

Age: 30

Caps: RAF 0



11

**Fit Lt
Carys Williams-Morris**

RAF Cosford

(Elite Athlete Scheme)

Position: Wing

Age: 30

Caps: RAF 2, UKAF 1



13

**Cpl
Orla Proctor**

RAF Honington

Position: Centre

Age: 21

Caps: RAF 0, UKAF 1



10

**Fit Lt
Sarah Graham**

RAF High Wycombe

Position: Fly Half

Age: 34

Caps: RAF 2, UKAF 5



1

Cpl Daniker Willmore

RAF Benson

Position: Prop

Age: 31

Caps: RAF 14, UKAF 6



5

Sgt Rebecca Faulds

RAF Marham

Position: Second Row

Age: 36

Caps: RAF 5



2

Sqn Ldr Louise Langton

RAF High Wycombe

Position: Hooker

Age: 34

Caps: RAF 4, UKAF 1



6

Sqn Ldr Emma Tadman

RAF Odiham

Position: Flanker

Age: 32

Caps: RAF 12, UKAF 6



3

Flt Lt Emily Russell

RAF Wittering

Position: Prop

Age: 24

Caps: RAF 0



7

Sgt Annie Forbes

RAF Honington

Position: Flanker

Age: 32

Caps: RAF 7



4

Cpl Tyler Lewis

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Second Row

Age: 25

Caps: RAF 0



8

Cpl Kathryn Robinson

RAF Odiham

Position: No.8

Age: 31

Caps: RAF 16, UKAF 6



16

**Sgt
Zoe Franklin**

RAF Waddington

Position: Hooker

Age: 32



20

**AS1 (T)
Evie Longworth**

RAF Coningsby

Position: Scrum Half/Wing

Age: 20

Caps: RAF 0



17

**Flt Lt
Elsie Fletcher**

RAF High Wycombe

Position: Prop

Age: 30

Caps: RAF 8, UKAF 2



21

**Fg Off
Jenna Hughes**

78 Sqn Swanwick

Position: Fly Half/Centre

Age: 23

Caps: RAF 0



18

**Flt Lt
Yasmin Suer**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Lock

Age: 27

Caps: RAF 4, UKAF 1



22

**AS1
Cerys McNevin**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Wing

Age: 21

Caps: RN 0



19

**Cpl
Kirsty O'Brien**

RAF Marham

Position: Back Row/Hooker

Age: 34





ROYAL NAVY WOMEN

Full back	15	PLAET Jasmine Abel * RNAS Yeovilton
Right wing	14	LH Josie Parnaby * DHE Birmingham
Centre	13	ET Sian McLaughlin * HMS Collingwood
Centre	12	LH Rose Dixon * (Captain) MJIN Barracks
Left wing	11	Lt Olivia Critchley-Peddle * 1710 Sqn
Fly half	10	PO Sam Alderson * HMS Scott
Scrum half	9	Lt Rhian Newton * RNAS Culdrose
Prop	1	Lt Rosie Staples * HMS King Alfred
Hooker	2	SLt Rebecca Addis * HMS Prince of Wales
Prop	3	AET Lucy Honeybell * HMS Sultan
Lock	4	CPOWTR Anne-Marie McIntyre * HMS Drake
Lock	5	LA (AH) Yvonne Mealy * HMS Queen Elizabeth
Flanker	6	AB Laika Swain * HMS Collingwood
Flanker	7	SLt Rowann Sinclair * RCDM
No.8	8	NA Jessica Bryan * RNAS Culdrose

REPLACEMENTS

16	LAET Adrienne Baker * RNAS Culdrose
17	AB Elona Bythell * PJHQ
18	AB Olivia Fafita * HMS Queen Elizabeth
19	AB Freya Moore UTS DCHET Royal Navy MTM
20	LMA Rhiann Dilmore MTM INM Alverstoke
21	Lt Cdr Cheryl Goodwin * HMS Dauntless
22	ET WESM Ellis Thorpe * RNAS Culdrose
23	Lt Abigail Ashby * RNAS Yeovilton

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International Cap +

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Score	Tries	Conversions	Penalties	Drop Goals
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ROYAL AIR FORCE WOMEN



RAF Brize Norton * AS1 Daisy Fahey	15	Full back
RAF Brize Norton Cpl Leonie Mahon	14	Right wing
RAF Honington Cpl Orla Proctor	13	Centre
Wyton * AS1 Rebecca DeFilippo	12	Centre
RAF Cosford *+ Flt Lt Carys Williams-Morris	11	Left wing
RAF High Wycombe * Flt Lt Sarah Graham	10	Fly half
RAF Halton * Flt Lt Lucy Nye	9	Scrum half
RAF Benson * Cpl Daniker Willmore	1	Prop
RAF High Wycombe * Sqn Ldr Louise Langton	2	Hooker
RAF Wittering Flt Lt Emily Russell	3	Prop
RAF Brize Norton Cpl Tyler Lewis	4	Lock
RAF Marham * Sgt Rebecca Faulds	5	Lock
RAF Odiham * Sqn Ldr Emma Tadman	6	Flanker
RAF Honington * Sgt Annie Forbes	7	Flanker
RAF Odiham * Cpl Kathryn Robinson	8	No.8

REPLACEMENTS

RAF Waddington Sgt Zoe Franklin	16
RAF High Wycombe * Flt Lt Elsie Fletcher	17
RAF Brize Norton * Flt Lt Yasmin Suer	18
RAF Marham Cpl Kirsty O'Brien	19
RAF Coningsby AS1 (T) Evie Longworth	20
78 Sqn Swanwick Fg Off Jenna Hughes	21
RAF Brize Norton AS1 Cerys McNevin	22

* Royal Air Force Cap
+ International Cap

Referee: **Maj Matt Wray**

Assistant Referee 1: **Capt Rob Hitch (RF)** Assistant Referee 2: **W02 Jay Chisenga**

4th Official / Reserve Referee: **W02 Stu Kiddie** 5th Official: **W02 Asif Mahmood**

Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Tries	Score



ROYAL NAVY RUGBY UNION: SEASON SO FAR.

AS WE REACH THE BUSINESS END OF THE SEASON, LET'S QUICKLY REFLECT ON THE JOURNEY SO FAR FOR THE RNRU SENIOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS.

SENIOR MEN'S TEAM

The Senior Men's team, coached by Dave Pascoe and skippered by Jarrard Hayler, has fronted up against a formidable fixture list, using the matches to test and adjust structures, allowing players to go back and forward to their clubs throughout the season.

The men enjoyed a winning start at Plymouth Albion, playing in torrential conditions, before losing out to Cambridge University. The Cornish Pirates threw the kitchen sink with the team





unable to get on the scoreboard. A second match in the Duchy was all square in St. Austell as the Navy withstood the County's best players.

Premiership powerhouse Exeter Chiefs was next, and the stark contrast of opposition was evident as the Navy, though capable of putting the phases together, were outplayed by the professional outfit.



The team next boarded a ferry with the Women's squad to play Marine Nationale in Vannes, Brittany. The result was extremely frustrating as they weren't allowed to play their game. The big names were brought back for the game, and they played well regardless of the result. Nine new players were awarded their caps.

The final fixture before today's game had the British Police visit Burnaby Road on the back of a successful tour to Czechia. Tied at half-time the



Navy came away with an impressive result against a physically imposing side.

SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

The Senior Women's team has also made waves this season on the rugby pitch. Led by Head Coach Sarah Jenkins and captain Rose Dixon, the team has demonstrated a burgeoning combination of skill, athleticism, and passion for the game.

Ostensibly the season started in January, but they really came together in October as they integrated new players into the Development XV.

The women faced tough competition first encountering Havant in a traditionally fixture. The new girls did themselves proud losing by a converted score. After a narrow loss to Portsmouth Valkyries, they travelled to the West Country to produce a fine performance against the Oaks in the most challenging of conditions. ►



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The team came back together in the new year to play Havant again winning impressively. Five-all at half time, the women had a warm feeling against the British Fire Service. The Firefighters had a different opinion and played some of the best rugby seen at Burnaby Road. The Navy impressively stayed in the contest throughout; two great tries from Caitlin Render mark her as one for the future.

Like the Men, the fixture against Marine Nationale was not without its challenges. The Navy was resilient in defence but ultimately the French muscled their way through to a win.

CONCLUSION

As we reflect on the season so far, it's clear that both the Senior Men's and Women's teams have made their mark. With impressive performances, the introduction of great prospects, unwavering determination, and a strong sense of camaraderie, these teams embody the spirit of excellence that defines the Royal Navy. ●

AS FANS, LET'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR TEAMS AS THEY NAVIGATE THE INTER SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIP. TO PUT IT SIMPLY, 'GO NAVY!'



RAF RUGBY UNION: SEASON SO FAR



The Royal Air Force Senior Men have been hitting a strong vein of form heading into the business end of the season.

The spring has seen the team travel to Cambridge and Rams rugby clubs to face a pair of squads full of players looking to prove themselves. But it was the Light Blues who caught the eye, with a pair of performances full of all-team attacking and plenty of tries.

Cambridge 1923 were despatched 54-17, thanks to a Rhyan Scott-Young hat-trick, two from Keiron Prescott and further tries from James Roberts, Ryan Crowley, Sam Moorby and Dave Manning.

This was followed by a 43-21 success against Rams Titans in Reading, with Prescott and Crowley scoring for the second game in a row. Prescott ended up with four tries on the night, with Jordan Oatley and Zack Taylor also crossing.

The tone for these matches was set in a hard-fought 'Le Crunch' outing against the French Air

Force at the StoneX Stadium in north London.

Momentum shifted between the teams, and after Toby Evans' early try gave the RAF a lead the French struck back to build up a 20-10 lead. However fly half Oatley was having a great night from the tee, and four unanswered penalties gave his team a two-point advantage going into the final few minutes.

Unfortunately a late drop goal and converted try saw the French head home with a 30-22 win. But captain, Alex Stanley, said at the time that the team had produced a fine effort, commenting: "I was banging on about resilience all week. The boys fronted up, and even when we went 10 points down they were still up for it, getting back into the fight and I commend them for that."

The Senior Women's build-up has been more disrupted, both due to the water-logged pitches which have blighted rugby clubs across the country, as well as an increased operational ►





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tempo seeing more players on deployment.

Defeat by the British Police – in a game which saw lots of new faces wear the RAF shirt for the first time and different combinations be tested in competition – was followed by a cancelled fixture against Lichfield, with the final game being a good win against Shelford, reward for hard work put in by all the players and coaches during the training camps.

“It is certainly an exciting time of the year,” says Head Coach, John Wilding, “and as ever we cannot wait for the tournament to begin.”

The RAF Vultures have been travelling further afield for their rugby, with a week-long trip to Gibraltar capping off their training and playing schedule. A week of hard work was rewarded with a 32-12 win over Gibraltar Barbarians, Ashley Davies (2), Chris Lanigan, Ben Blakemore, Rob Hirsch and Michael Nichols the try scorers.

Opponents have also included Richmond (L 16-36) and Old Albanians (L 31-50). ●

ROYAL NAVY MENS TEAM MANAGEMENT AND COACHING STAFF

Lt RN

Owen Salmon

Navy Command HQ

Position: Assistant Director of Rugby



CPO AET

Dave Pascoe

RNAS Culdrose – 824 NAS

Position: Head Coach



CPO AET

John Court

RNAS Culdrose – 824 NAS

Position: Forwards Coach



Lt Cdr

Andy Vance

RAF Marham

Position: Backs Coach



CPO AET

Rob Jones

RNAS Culdrose – 824 NAS

Position: Team Manager



LAET

Rory McCarthy

824 NAS

Position: Kit Manager



SLt

Sam Sims

BRNC

Position: Head of Strength and Conditioning



Surg Cdr

Dan Hawkins

HMS Sultan

Position: Doctor



CPO

Ash Coates

AFCO Peterborough

Position: Performance Analyst



Chloe Leach

Position: Sports therapist



Capt RAMC

Rachel Baxter

RCDM

Position: Physio



LH

Jez Hulm

FOST

Position: Photographer



ROYAL NAVY MENS TEAM MATCHDAY SQUAD

8

**Capt
Jarrard Hayler
(Team Captain)**

HMS Temeraire

Position: Back Row

Age: 28

Caps: RN 16, UKAF 5



15

**Mne
Craig Duncan**

30 Cdo

Position: Full Back

Age: 29

Caps: RN 9, UKAF 3



12

**AB
Jesse Lowe**

PSG

Position: Centre

Age: 25

Caps: RN 3



14

**Mne
Kristan Dobson**

CTCRM

Position: Centre

Age: 25

Caps: RN 1, UKAF 1



11

**POAET
Ben Chambers
(Vice Captain)**

HMS Sultan

Position: Wing

Age: 32

Caps: RN 10, UKAF 12



13

**Mne
Setareki Raumakita**

42 Cdo

Position: Centre

Age: 36

Caps: RN 24, UKAF 4



10

**AET
Jordan Gott**

HMS Temeraire

Position: Fly Half

Age: 29

Caps: RN 7, UKAF 3



9

ETME
William Rigelsford

HMS Queen Elizabeth
Position: Scrum Half
Age: 26
Caps: RN 1



4

Mne
Josh Williams

HMS Temeraire
Position: Lock
Caps: RN 3



1

POAET
Kye Beasley

RNAS Culdrose
Position: Loosehead prop
Age: 34
Caps: RN 19, UKAF 5



5

Cpl
Ed Pascoe

HMS Raleigh
Position: Lock
Caps: RN 20, UKAF 7



2

Llogs
Sam Matavesi

Northampton
Position: Hooker
Age: 32
Caps: RN 13, UKAF 1



6

Cpl
Ratu Vakalutukali

CTCRM
Position: Back Row
Age: 34
Caps: RN 8, UKAF 2



3

LA(AH)
Ben Watson

1700NAS RNAS Culdrose
Position: Tighthead prop
Age: 29
Caps: RN 13, UKAF 8



7

Mne
Ben Mallett

42 Cdo K COY
Position: Back Row
Age: 24
Caps: RN 1



16

**Mne
Rhys Williams**

45 Cdo

Position: Hooker

Age: 30

Caps: RN 4, UKAF 1



20

**LAET
Chris Mills**

845 NAS

Position: Back Row

Age: 26

Caps: RN 1



17

**LS
Tam Lindsay**

Northwood HQ FLEET N2

Position: Loosehead prop

Age: 26

Caps: RN 1



21

**AET
Jay Toogood**

CHF HQ MFSU-RNAS Yeovilton

Position: Scrum Half

Age: 25

Caps: RN 3, UKAF 5



18

**LETME
Dom Cleverley**

HMS Sultan

Position: Tighthead prop

Age: 24

Caps: RN 4



22

**AET
Dan Rutter**

HMS Sultan

Position: Scrum Half

Age: 28

Caps: RN 6, UKAF 1



19

**LPT
AJ Hussell**

HMS Raleigh

Position: Back Row

Caps: RN 1



23

**LS (AWW)
Jake Hanley**

HMS Dauntless

Position: Fly Half

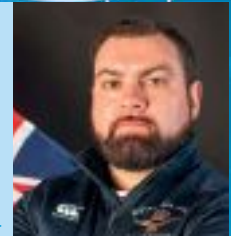
Age: 26

Caps: RN 3, UKAF 1



ROYAL AIR FORCE MEN'S TEAM MANAGEMENT AND COACHING STAFF

**Flt Sgt
Justin Coleman**
RAF Northolt
Position: Head Coach



**WO
Ben Moore**
RAF Northolt
Position: Team Manager



**Wg Cdr
Matt Williams**
HQ 22 Group, RAF High Wycombe
Position: Team Director



**Sgt
Andrew (AJ) Morgan**
RAF Honington
Position: Attack Coach



**Sgt
Ryan Lee**
RAF Brize Norton
Position: Kitting and Logistics Manager



**Cpl
Sion Edwards**
RAF Cosford
Position: Performance Analysis



**WO
Paul Mark Shanks (Shanksie)**
RAF Valley
Position: RAF Snr Men's XV Defence Coach



**Cpl
Kevin Briggs**
RAF Brize Norton
Position: Strength & Conditioning Coach



**Fg Off
Aidan Duffy**
RAF Marham
Position: General Manager



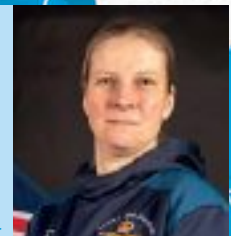
**Flt Sgt
Jason Roberts**
RAF Cosford
Position: Director of Performance Analysis



**Sgt
Matthew Woodward (Woody)**
RAF Brize Norton
Position: Deputy Kit Manager



**Sqn Ldr
Ellen Wolny-Slungaard**
DMRC Stanford Hall
Position: Medical Lead



**Flt Lt
David Manning**
RAF Odiham
Position: Prop / Forwards Coach



**Flt Lt
Faye Harrison**
RAF Shawbury
Position: Physiotherapist



ROYAL AIR FORCE MEN'S TEAM MATCHDAY SQUAD

6

**Fg Off
Alex Stanley
(Team Captain)**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Flanker

Caps: UKAF 2



15

**Cpl
Toby Evans**

RAF Benson

Position: Full Back

Caps: UKAF 2



12

**Cpl
Will Lamont**

RAF Cranwell

Position: Centre

Caps: RAF 6, UKAF 3



14

**AS1
Kieron Prescott**

RAF Benson

Position: Wing

Caps: RAF 0



11

**Cpl
Ryan Crowley**

RAF Benson

Position: Wing

Caps: UKAF 7



13

**Cpl
Mark Williams**

RAF Shawbury

Position: Centre

Caps: RAF 5



10

**Cpl
Jordan Oatley**

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Fly Half

Caps: UKAF 1



9

**AS1 (T)
Harry Davies**

RAF Benson

Position: Scrum Half

Caps: RAF 0



4

**Cpl
Josh McNally**

RAF Northolt

Position: Lock

Caps: RAF 16, UKAF 4



1

**Flt Lt
Dave Manning**

RAF Odiham

Position: Prop

Caps: RAF 22, UKAF 17



5

**Cpl
Alex Hayton**

RAF Halton

Position: Lock

Caps: UKAF 6



2

**AS1 (T)
James Roberts**

RAF Leeming

Position: Hooker

Caps: UKAF 7



7

**LCpl
Connor Morris**

1 Squadron

Position: Flanker

Caps: RAF 0



3

**Cpl
Jonathan Taylor**

RAF Marham

Position: Prop

Caps: UKAF 1



8

**Cpl
Zach Taylor**

RAF Benson

Position: No.8

Caps: RAF 0



16

Cpl Sam Breeze

RAF Halton

Position: Hooker

Caps: RAF 5



20

AS1 Josh Peacock

RAF Odiham

Position: Back Row

Age: 20

Caps: RAF 0



17

Cpl Matt Harris

Northwood

Position: Prop

Caps: UKAF 6



21

AS1 Kier MacDougall

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Fly Half/Centre

Age: 23

Caps: RAF 6, UKAF 1



18

Cpl Harry Challenor

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Prop

Caps: UKAF 1



22

Flt Lt Sam Moorby

RAF Cranwell

Position: Wing

Age: 21

Caps: RAF 2, UKAF 2



19

AS1 George Cook

RAF Brize Norton

Position: Second Row

Caps: RAF 1



23

Cpl Ryan Pugh

RAF Cosford

Position: Utility Back

Caps: RAF 0





ROYAL NAVY MEN

Full back	15	MNE Craig Duncan * 30 Cdo
Right wing	14	MNE Kristan Dobson * CTCRM
Centre	13	MNE Setareki Raumakita * 42 Cdo
Centre	12	AB Jesse Lowe * PSG
Left wing	11	POAET Ben Chambers (Vice Captain) * HMS Sultan
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Prop	3	LA(AH) Ben Watson * 1700NAS RNAS Culdrose
Lock	4	MNE Josh Williams * HMS Temeraire
Lock	5	Cpl Edd Pascoe * HMS Raleigh
Flanker	6	Cpl Ratu Vakalutukali * CTCRM
Flanker	7	MNE Ben Mallett * 42 Cdo K COY
No.8	8	Capt Jarrard Hayler RM (Captain) * HMS Temeraire

REPLACEMENTS

16	MNE Rhys Williams * 45 Cdo
17	LS Tam Lindsay * Northwood HQ FLEET N2
18	LETME Dom Cleverley * HMS Sultan
19	LPT AJ Hussell * HMS Raleigh
20	LAET Chris Mills * 845 NAS
21	AET Jay Toogood * CHF HQ MFSU-RNAS Yeovilton
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Score	Tries	Conversions	Penalties	Drop Goals

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEN



RAF Benson (Vice Captain) * Cpl Toby Evans	15	Full back
RAF Benson * ASI Kieron Prescott	14	Right wing
RAF Shawbury * Cpl Mark Williams	13	Centre
RAF Cranwell * Cpl Will Lamont	12	Centre
RAF Benson * Cpl Ryan Crowley	11	Left wing
RAF Brize Norton * Cpl Jordan Oatley	10	Fly half
RAF Benson * ASI (T) Harry Davies	9	Scrum half
RAF Odiham * Flt Lt Dave Manning	1	Prop
RAF Leeming * ASI (T) James Roberts	2	Hooker
RAF Marham * Cpl Jonathan Taylor	3	Prop
RAF Northolt *+ Cpl Josh McNally	4	Lock
RAF Halton * Cpl Alex Hayton	5	Lock
RAF Brize Norton (Captain) * Fg Off Alex Stanley	6	Flanker
1 Squadron * LCPL Connor Morris	7	Flanker
RAF Benson * Cpl Zach Taylor	8	No.8

REPLACEMENTS

RAF Halton Cpl Sam Breeze	16
Northwood * Cpl Matt Harris	17
RAF Brize Norton * Cpl Harry Challenor	18
RAF Brize Norton * ASI George Cook	19
RAF Odiham * ASI Josh Peacock	20
RAF Brize Norton * ASI Kier Macdougall	21
RAF Cranwell * Flt Lt Sam Moorby	22
RAF Cosford * Cpl Ryan Pugh	23

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Referee: **Capt Iain Kiy**

Assistant Referee 1: **Lt Col Ian Farrell (RR)** Assistant Referee 2: **Capt Martin Bentley**

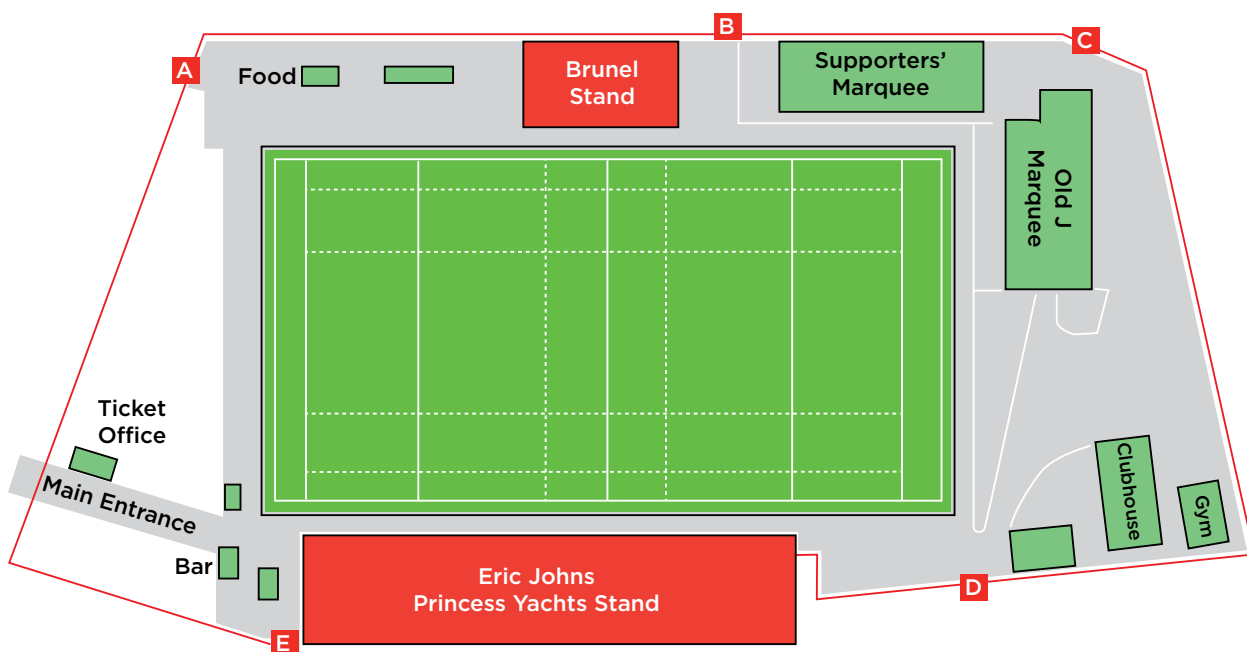
4th Official / Reserve Referee: **Brig Gary McDade** 5th Official: **WO2 Chris McGhee**

Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Tries	Score

STADIUM INFORMATION

TODAY'S RUNNING ORDER

1200hrs	Stadium gates open
1258hrs	National anthem
1300hrs	ROYAL NAVY v ROYAL AIR FORCE Senior Men Kick Off
1445hrs (approx.)	Trophy presentation
1558hrs	National anthem
1600hrs	ROYAL NAVY v ROYAL AIR FORCE Senior Women Kick Off
1745hrs (approx.)	Trophy presentation



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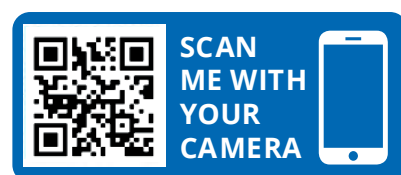
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