



Bath Saracens Newsletter:

November 2010.

What a start. The first league game against Marlborough 2nds was won 52-15. There were hat tricks for Sami Egglestone and Dan Nichols. The next game against Combe Down 2nds was awarded to us as they only had 4 players. The new points system, with 4 points for a win and a bonus point for 4 tries, meant we were already on 10 points. Next up was Melksham 2nds, Saracens set the tone straight away almost scoring off the first play of the game. We dominated the game running out 43-0 winners. The tries were shared about, with lock Chris Revell getting two and five other try scorers including Alex "Batman" West.

Due to a free weekend, we arranged a friendly against Midsomer Norton 3rds. It gave us a chance to blood some new players and we recorded an easy win including two tries for the team manager Simon Porter and full back Sam Green.

Next up we took on Bradford 2nds in our first away game. Saracens scored two first half tries against a well drilled Bradford team and showed excellent defence in the second half to ensure a 12-5 win. Oli Pocknell and Chris Revell scored the tries and Sami Egglestone kicked a conversion. The next team we faced was Chippenham 3rds, who fielded a very strong side, but again were put to the sword by Saracens backs, Dan Nichols and Sami Egglestone crossing twice. Fly half Joe Salmon kicked 5 conversions in a 35-25 win.

Our hardest game was last week, against Trowbridge 3rds. It was not a league weekend and unsurprisingly they turned up with a much better side than belied their position at the base of the league. At half time Saracens lead 3-0 via a Sami Egglestone penalty. Saracens defence was brilliant as Trowbridge 1st/2nd/3rd team (they did at least bring the 3rd team water bottles), applied pressure. Dan Nichols scored a vital try halfway through the second half to give us an 8-0 lead. Trowbridge scored a penalty with the last kick of the game as we triumphed 8-3. The Saracens back row of Jason Smith, Ali Dawson and Lawrence Jones were everywhere drawing praise from a crowd of 30 plus.

This weekend saw another thrilling display from Saracens against Corsham, 5 tries (including a hat trick from the team manager), two broken noses (Lawrence Jones and team manager) and a 33 – 15 bonus point win. Dan Nichols scored a try for his 10th successive game!!

So at present we are unbeaten, although we face a tough November and December before a well earned Christmas break. Match reports can be followed on the website or are published every Thursday in the Bath Chronicle.

Over the page we will look at other club news, crown the player of the month and have a chat with an antique!!!!!!

Player of the Month:

October:

This has been a close run event. Dan Nichols put in some excellent performances, scoring 8 tries to the present, as well as excellent defensive performance either at 12 or 15. Chris Revell has been the stand out forward, playing either lock or back row, he has fielded virtually every kick off, been physical in the loose and scored 5 tries including the winning try versus Bradford.

However, the player of the month for October is Sami Egglestone. Sami joined the club late last year and has played virtually game since. He tops the try scoring charts this season with 9 to date. Opposition teams have been left trailing by his blistering pace and angles of running. The running joke in the back line, when asked what move is being done, is "give it to Sami!!!". He is no soft touch in defence either, making vital tackles in close game and has kicked goals when required. Well done Sami on the excellent start to the season.

International Honours:

As many of you may or may not be aware Will Martin, our inspirational No.8 has been missing over the last couple of weeks. Will has not been injured or watching the internationals or anything like that!

Will was recently called up to represent Greece in their recent international series. To date he has played twice, further reports to follow.

News and Upcoming Events:

Christmas Draw - Your tickets are included in your letter. Please can these be sold and returned ASAP to John Bradley or Jim Biss on the attached addresses. The Christmas Draw takes place after the match on the 18th December at around 5pm, after the Swindon College game. We would welcome your support at the match before if possible. Please could you let a committee member know if you are able to attend so that we can arrange some food for you.

Christmas Away Day – On the 11th December we have an away match vs Swindon 2nds. We are going to the game by coach and anyone who wishes to come is welcome. If you would like to reserve a place please could you email me at simon.porter@babcock.co.uk. The trip will of course arrive back a little later as we stop off for some Christmas spirit and cheer on the way back.

Upcoming Fixtures – included in your envelope is a fixture card, please use it to find out where we are playing each week. If there are ever any changes or cancellations they will be published on the website www.bathsaracens.co.uk.

A Big Thank-You! – Many people will not be aware that we have had to provide our own food this season due to the lady who previously supplied it being ill. Whilst we have been able to provide an excellent replacement it has fallen on Jim and Mrs Biss to order, collect and dish out the food. Having done it on one week when they were

not here, I have recognised that it takes a lot of planning and time. SO a big thank you to the Biss family.

Try count so far – Sami Egglestone 9, Dan Nichols 8, Chris Revell 5, Sam Green 3, Simon Porter 5, Ali Dawson 2, Alex West 1, Oli Pocknell 1, Dave Harding 1 and Will Martin 1.

Finally please could everybody send their email addresses to me on simon.porter@babcock.co.uk so that I can keep you updated on future events and potentially save paper.

Player Profile:



Name: Robbie Lawrence.

Position: Hooker (although he tells me he has played every position, bar prop).

Time playing for Saracens: First played in October 1984 (This was before many of our players were born).

Most likely to be heard saying: Lineout calls.

Best player played with: Paul Kavanagh (Not Tim Ayres).

How other may describe me: Robbie Rugby or Iggy Pop.

Hopes for the future: That this season is successful and my body continues to defy the odds and stays in one piece.