



Bath Saracens Newsletter:

March 2012

When the Going Gets Tough

Welcome to the Spring 2012 issue of our vice president's newsletter. We're now over half way through what has proved to be a very competitive Dorset & Wilts Division 1 (North) League. Wins have been few and far between, but Saracens have shown glimpses of last season's form with a comfortable win in the longstanding fixture with Morganians. Sarries scored 10 tries in total, flanker Chris Revell with a personal four-try haul and Ted Harding adding 7 conversions in tricky kicking conditions.

With playing numbers notoriously short for the first game back from the Christmas break, the team was relieved to be bolstered by the return of two Vice Presidents for the game against Avonvale. Coach Les Garton and Tudor Croft dusted off their boots and donned the blue and crimson kit for a run out against the local rivals.



Back Row: Pete Astley, Jim Biss, Russell Kay, Manual Nuno, Sam Blackburn, Chris Revell, Tom Wildsmith, Pete Baldwin, Steve Hiscox, Paul Mills, Les Garton (Coach). **Front Row:** John Catchpole, Jason Smith, Robbie Lawrence, Simon Porter, Lewis Jones, Alex White, Dan Hines, Andy Winchcombe, Evan Garton (future player?)

As you can see from the team photo above, the club has received a new set of home shirts, kindly provided by our main sponsor Geometry PR.

The Annual Christmas Raffle, drawn in the Hadley Arms, was a great success. Over £600 was raised on the day and the top £100 prize went to Angie Burgess. The full list of winners is on the Bath Saracens website, thank you to all those who bought tickets and supported one of our biggest fundraisers!

New Arrivals

All our congratulations are passed to Club Captain Tony, on the birth of his daughter Erin.

The BSSC

The Bath Saracens Supporters Club has gone from strength to strength this year, providing enthusiastic support and post match sustenance through all weathers. Have a browse through photos from the latest matches on their facebook page (there's a link to it on the Bath Saracens' website).



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Identity Parade

VP and webmaster Hugh Sawyer would like to thank all the VPs who have helped in identifying players from our club's history in the photo section of the Bath Saracens' website. He is now moving onto the President's vs Chairman's team photo from 1983-4, so check it out. Thanks also to VP Alan Southward for reviving old memories of the Jersey Toor of 1977/78. There are a few missing photos in the 1960s and 70s, so why don't you raid your collections and see if you can come up with anything!

Social

If want to attend any or all of the social events below, please let Rob Garton know! (gartonrobert@hotmail.com)

19th February – The Pitch and Putt Session at Victoria Park was a resounding success - with VP John Bradley comfortably beating off the competition to retain the green jacket for a second year.

11th March - Steve "Wingco" Hiscox will be running his 25th Bath Half Marathon this year; VP Paul Blankey will also be joining him. They would like to invite all to join them after the ordeal in the Royal Oak, Widcombe for a hog roast.

17th March – it's our annual trip to down to Morganians. After the match we'll be meandering home via a few public houses for rehydration, recantation and revelries. Join us!

30th March – Our Team Manager Simon "Rimmer" Porter is to be married we wish him and his future wife, Jess every congratulations.

20th-22nd April - Weymouth is the lucky town to welcome the **Sarries Toor!** Please let Rob Garton know if you are interested in coming. He is also collecting suggestions for the Toor Theme.

11th May – Annual Dinner, the Annual Dinner will once again be held at the Recreation Ground in Bath.

Please continue to visit the club website at www.bathsaracens.co.uk for any info during the close season and details of socials and dates for pre-season training.

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