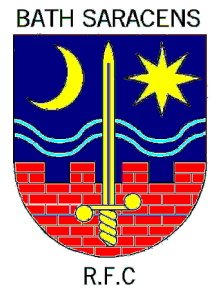


# Bath Saracens RFC

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## Cricklade - 19th September 2015

From our correspondent Rob Lawrence:

Dear Vice President,

It seems only a short while since our last communication, but there's quite a bit of news to pass on to you.

After a difficult start to the season, some success on the recruitment front has led to a big improvement in available player numbers over the last few weeks.

Fixture free weekends to accommodate major World cup matches mean that we have only played five league fixtures to date, but we have three important matches coming up between 14<sup>th</sup> November and the end of the month. It would be great to see you there.

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Bath Saracens travelled to Cricklade looking for their first league win of the season. However they arrived with just the bare fifteen, due to a number of injuries and unavailabilities.

Sarries started the stronger of the two sides, and with their forwards edging the early exchanges up front they didn't take long to open the scoring, lock Nick Wingett driving over from a set play deep in the Cricklade half. The visitors continued to apply the pressure and increased their lead when captain and fly half Ed Bell 'wrong footed' the Cricklade defence and crossed for Sarries 2nd try. He then added the conversion.



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Cricklade then upped their game and enjoyed more possession in the closing stages of the first half, but Sarries defence was excellent and the hosts were unable to open their account. Just before the break further pressure from the visiting forwards saw prop Andy Todd cross for their third try and a well-deserved 17-0 lead.

The score board wasn't troubled for the third quarter, but with no replacements to counter Cricklade's 'fresh legs' the hosts began to gain the upper hand. Sarries conceded their first try and this was quickly followed by a second. A knee injury to Wingett then reduced them to 14 players and shortly after the hosts scored their third try. The successful conversion saw them edge in front 19-17 with around 10 minutes remaining.

By now Sarries depleted numbers were 'out on their feet' and another injury, this time to centre Max Hemmings, saw them reduced to 13. With that went any chance of a fight back. Cricklade ran in two further tries shortly before full time to secure a bonus point and move them top of the table.

### **Social Activities:**

A number of club members met up on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> October to join the Bath bizarre comedy walk and indulge in some light refreshments.

Some of the local VPs have also been meeting up in the Royal Oak and/or the Ram in Widcombe to watch some of the fine (sadly not from England) displays of Rugby during the recent World Cup.

### **Club Day:**

We intend to host a club day, to which you are all cordially invited, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December when we host Pewsey Vale, with a 14:30 kick-off.

There will be half-time mulled wine and mince pies and following the match we will retire to the Hadley Arms for refreshments and the Annual Christmas Raffle.

We have enclosed some raffle tickets to allow you to support this major money raising activity for the club.

**We Hope to see as many of you as possible on the 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### **For the Diary:**

We intend to organise a coach trip to our away fixture at Morganians on 27<sup>th</sup> February and the club



dinner is provisionally booked at Bath Cricket Club  
for 14<sup>th</sup> May.