

# Dorset & Wilts. RFU



## NEWSLETTER

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### Dorset & Wilts. 43 -v- 22 Surrey

DOUBLE National County Championship Shield WINNERS



**DORSET & WILTS.** created more history at Twickenham on Sunday, 29 May, 2011, by beating Surrey 43 vs. 22 and retaining the RFU County Championship Shield that they had first won last year. Having beaten Berkshire 33 vs. 22 and then Oxfordshire 54 vs. 12 in the pool matches, **DORSET & WILTS.** had triumphed over Essex by 61 vs. 37 in the semi-final, so they were making their second senior XV appearance at the home of English rugby in consecutive years.

**DORSET & WILTS** started tentatively in a scrappy opening. Using their powerful pack, Surrey shoved scrum-half Steve Munford over from a catch-and-drive. **DORSET & WILTS.** steadily gained a foothold however and their ever-adventurous approach was rewarded when, having stretched Surrey with some expansive phases of play, they struck through Wilford's burst. Then the Twin Counties forged ahead when Westall smashed through from

close range before adding a neat conversion. Accurate with their kicking throughout, fly-halves Matt Noble and Adam Westall traded penalties before Surrey reduced the arrears to a single point at the interval.

Surrey launched a series of attacks after the break and their pressure told when Fraser Cliverd was sin-binned, with Noble slotting the resulting penalty to leave Twin Counties 19-17 adrift. However, **DORSET & WILTS** roared to the silverware, scoring 26 points in the last 27 minutes.

Warner weaved through three defenders to put the reigning champions back in the driving seat. Noble hit back with his fifth penalty but **DORSET & WILTS** were not to be denied. With some 18 minutes remaining, they ended Surrey's hopes with a try from Baldwin, who scored after another excellent break from Bournemouth scrum-half Sam Hardcastle, who

was a bright influence all afternoon. Chislett then capitalised on a mistake to cruise over unopposed before Tom Baldwin completed the scoring.

Twin Counties' head coach Simon Culley said: "I think the experience of winning here last year was the difference between the two sides. We were under the cosh for spells and had to dig deep to keep Surrey out when they had a series of scrums on our line. They actually crossed the line, but we managed to prevent the ball from being grounded, didn't panic and cleared our lines. Then we went down to the other end and scored, their heads dropped and we took control and ran in more scores".

"These are a great bunch of lads and now we build to see if we can do it all again next season".

*Idris Martin*

## Other teams

Once again our Twin County u20s topped their regional group. In the opening match of this season's campaign, against Berkshire at Chippenham, they were able to capitalize on several handling errors by the opposition and so run out as winners. The next match was away to Oxfordshire and was their sternest test. The game was keenly contested, with D&W coming out as winners by just 2 points, 21 vs 23. The last of the regional matches was away, to Buckinghamshire. Again the u20s showed how well they have gelled as a team for the future, winning 0 vs 36.

The draw for the quarter-finals meant the team had to play the eventual national champions Gloucestershire away at Lydney. For most of the first half the team held their own against the opposition; but they fell away in the second half, losing to the eventual winners of the national u20s final.



It has been another excellent season for the younger **DORSET & WILTS.** sides too.

The Under 15s won the South West 10s title for the second year running, winning all their pool matches and beating Devon 19-0 in the semi-final and Surrey 14-12 in the final.

The U16s won all of their matches and had ten players go forward to the South West; while the U18s won two of their matches.

Our girls' teams suffered from the adverse weather, which resulted in the cancellations of their matches in December. However the U18s had a notable 78-5 win over Somerset earlier in the season. Furthermore, news is coming in that several more clubs have now created Girls' and Women's rugby sections; and we believe some **DORSET & WILTS.** women might soon be in the England setup.

## Policy

The **DORSET & WILTS.** selection policy has been so successful that it will now be applied generally until further notice. The policy has been distributed widely to players, their clubs, teachers, schools and coaches, as well as to administrators. The selection policy is on the **DORSET & WILTS.** web site.

It is the responsibility of prospective members of any team, their coaches and others to read and make sure they understand the policy and how it operates. If anyone has a specific query in relation to the intended meaning or operation of the policy, they may contact: -

- Chairman of Coaching - Chris Burton on 07739 583536 or
- Chairman of Selectors - Gordon Harding on 07854 994765

### Selection Philosophy

**DORSET & WILTS** teams are selected using the following overriding objectives:

- to achieve a good team performance in representative matches; and/or
- to identify and prepare players for the transition into elite programs, including (but not restricted to) the School of Rugby and/or the RFU Academy system.

Prospective team members must meet the criteria for eligibility published by the RFU from time to time, summarised as follows: -

- A player is qualified to represent Dorset & Wilts RFU by residing, or being born, or attending a school or being registered to play rugby for a club in Dorset or in Wiltshire.

### Selection at discretion of the selectors

The final squads and team positions and any reserves are decided at the discretion of the selectors.

All players, coaches, teachers and others should ensure they understand the way the process of discretionary selection works. There are specific matters that the selectors may consider in exercising their discretion. Those matters are, as always, not to be regarded as selection criteria as such. They are matters that the selectors **may** take into consideration, together with other factors or matters not listed that are **in the opinion of the selectors** relevant to the selection of the team.

The appeal process is also set out in the Selection Policy.

## Cups

### Dorset & Wilts. Cups

1XV Cup winners : Bournemouth  
 2XV Cup winners : Bournemouth  
 3XV Cup winners : Wimborne  
 1XV Shield final : North Dorset vs. Wootton Bassett  
 2XV Shield winners : Salisbury  
 1XV Plate winners : Blandford

### and League honours

National 3 SW	Bournemouth [2 <sup>nd</sup> ]	DW1N	Melksham [1 <sup>st</sup> ] Chippenham 2XV [2 <sup>nd</sup> ]
SW1(W)	Chippenham [1 <sup>st</sup> ]	DW1S	Blandford [1 <sup>st</sup> ] Weymouth [2 <sup>nd</sup> ]
SW1(E)	Swanage & Wareham [8 <sup>th</sup> ] Oakmeadians [13 <sup>th</sup> ] Wimborne [14 <sup>th</sup> ]	DW3N	Swindon 3XV [1 <sup>st</sup> ] Westbury 2XV [2 <sup>nd</sup> ]
SCN	Swindon [1 <sup>st</sup> ] Wootton Bassett [3 <sup>rd</sup> ]	DW3S	Wincanton [1 <sup>st</sup> ] Weymouth 2XV [2 <sup>nd</sup> ]
SCS	Salisbury [1 <sup>st</sup> ] N Dorset [3 <sup>rd</sup> ]		

## Clubs

The **DORSET & WILTS.** Club Development Committee has an Action Plan that is created from projects put forward by member clubs to develop their facilities and their grounds in a sustainable way.

During the past two-year cycle **DORSET & WILTS.** has been able to channel funding of £482,250.00 from the RFU and the Rugby Football Foundation into various projects around the twin counties.

<b>Bridport</b>	£50,000 towards changing room improvements	<b>Swanage &amp; Wareham</b> and	£81,000 towards changing room improvements £4,500 towards a tractor
<b>Marlborough</b>	£5,000 towards lights	<b>Swindon</b>	£5,250 to improve car-parking
<b>Oakmeadians</b>	£136,000 for changing room improvements	<b>Wimborne</b>	£156,000 for changing room improvements
<b>Sherborne</b>	£44,500 towards lights		

Contact Alan Ottaway for help with your project

# THIS IS RUGBY.

Teamwork Respect Enjoyment Discipline Sportsmanship

## Core Values

### Teamwork –

Teamwork is essential to our sport. We play selflessly: working for the team, not for ourselves alone, both on and off the field. We speak out if our team or sport is threatened by inappropriate words or actions. We take pride in our team, we rely on one another and we understand that each player has a part to play. We welcome all new team members and include all because working as a team enriches our lives.

### Respect –

Respect forms the basis of our sport. We hold in high esteem our sport, its values and traditions and earn the respect of others by the way we behave. We respect our match officials and accept their decisions. We respect opposition players and supporters. We value our coaches and those who run our clubs and treat our clubhouses with respect.

### Enjoyment –

Enjoyment is the reason we play and support rugby union. We all encourage players to enjoy training and playing. We use our sport to adopt a healthy lifestyle and build life skills. We safeguard our young players and help them have fun. We enjoy being part of a team and of the rugby family because it enhances confidence and self-esteem.

### Discipline –

Strong discipline under-pins our sport. We ensure that our sport is one of controlled physical endeavour and that we are honest and fair. We obey the Laws of the Game, which ensure an exciting and inclusive global game. We all support our disciplinary system, which both protects our sport and upholds its values. We observe the sport's laws and its regulations and we report serious breaches

### Sportsmanship –

The foundation rugby union is built upon. We uphold the rugby tradition of camaraderie with team mates and opposition. We observe fair play both on and off the pitch, are generous in victory and dignified in defeat. We play to win but not at all costs.



## NEW REGULATIONS

Everyone will be aware of the iRB and RFU Disciplinary Regulations, which apply to those players who are sent off and to others who bring the game into disrepute. Few may know that the Dorset & Wilts. RFU recently adopted its own code of regulations to deal with those occasions when the iRB or RFU Regulations do not apply. The Constitution of Dorset & Wilts. RFU Limited provides that a Club shall be liable to suspension or to termination of its membership or privileges if:-

- it shall not have paid its annual subscription by 1st November each year;
- it shall cease to satisfy the criteria and conditions for membership; or
- it does not conform to any reasonable directive as to its standards of play, administration or general behaviour.

### The Small Print

Under the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Constitution, a Member shall also be liable to termination or suspension of membership or to some other appropriate punishment for any infringement of those Rules, any Rules or Regulations of the Rugby Football Union ("RFU"), the Laws of the Game or the iRB Regulations, or any conduct prejudicial to the interests of Dorset & Wilts. or the Game; and Dorset & Wilts. has the power to discipline any Club whose nominee is a Member or any player, official, member or employee of a Club for any offence. The procedure for this exercise of this power has been adopted by resolution passed by Dorset & Wilts. RFU Limited and details are available upon request from the County Secretary.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the phrase "appropriate punishment" will include (but not be limited to) the following:

- for an individual - a reprimand, a financial penalty or suspension from playing, from administration or from both;
- and for a Club - in addition to the penalties above, financial or other compensation, deduction of league points, relegation or exclusion or disqualification from any competition.

Clubs should also remember to check that the club hosting a rugby festival holds the RFU **Seal of Approval** accreditation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*World Cup theme*  
**ONE NEW TEAM**

Sunday, 12 June, 2011

Wednesday, 13 July, 2011

**Dorset & Wilts. Clubs' Conference**

**the Annual General Meeting**

a series of talks and interactive seminars designed to help you improve your own club

to receive reports and to vote for next season's officers and representatives

*hosted by Dauntsey's School*

*at Salisbury Rugby Club*

You are welcome to submit material for our periodical newsletters to any of us: -

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The Dorset & Wilts. RFU Website is at  
<http://clubs.rfu.com/CLUBS/portals/dw>