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Gravesend v Old Colfeians - KO 15:00

Old Gravesendian Ladies v Gravesend Ladies - KO 15:00

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REGIONAL 2 SOUTH EAST // 25 April 2026

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THE FINAL HOME GAME OF THE 25/26 SEASON

MARK BRUCE

Whatever the outcome today we can safely say it should be our last home game of the season. Given the next round opposition would be either Winchester or Wimborne both of whom ended up on a higher points tally than ourselves they would have the pleasure of hosting the Bank Holiday fixture that nobody wants!! Whatever the outcome of the RFU Special General Meeting looking at how the RFU run the game re-introducing the play-offs has created a fair degree of drama and interest going in to the final weeks of the season. My only issue is 4 games feels at least 2 games too much. That said would rather be in the mix at this end of the table than playing jeopardy in a one match shoot out at the other end.

Turning to today's match then we welcome our good friends from Old Colfeians. You would have got long odds at Christmas on these two teams contesting the honours for Regional 2 South East. Keeping with tradition these games are usually tight affairs with us winning at home and Colfes winning up at theirs. Let's hope we keep with that this weekend!! Seriously though good luck to both teams.

On the season ending home fixture what a season we have had. Turning a brush with relegation into a Top 3 finish is some turnaround. Some credit must go to Sam Howard and the coaching staff who have created a well drilled side who like playing expansive rugby and the smiles on their faces show they are really enjoying it. This squad spirit is no more epitomised in the 2s performances as well and the way players move seamlessly between the sides shows a great togetherness. The 2s finished a creditable 5th place after their final win against Dartford Valley. With eight academy lads in the mix the future is indeed bright and in Sam we have safe hands. The 1s and 2s have their end of season dinner tonight so enjoy and let's worry what we are doing next week then.

Elsewhere the 3s and 4s rounded off their season with Gs oldest player Neil Martin hanging up his boots at the sprightly age of 67. Neil started playing when most have already retired and in true Moles spirit continued turning out for anyone that would have him!! Well done Neil.

Our Ladies team also have their final match of a great season on Sunday. The coach has been ordered, accommodation booked, passport and vaccinations at the ready as they make the long trip through the fence to our neighbours Old Gravesendians!! It has been good this season seeing the ladies, 2s and social sides lock horns with our nearest and dearest foes and looks like more of the same next year.

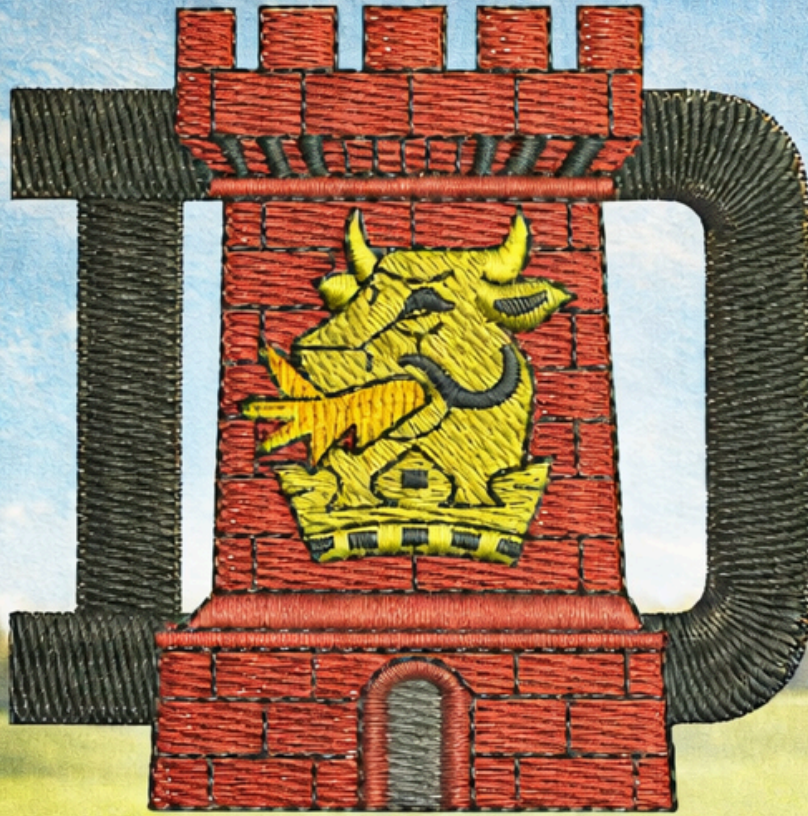
Next year promises to be even better with some fresh faces, an upgraded bar, a green pitch (yes the irrigation really does work) and much more.

Enjoy the summer break but don't be a stranger come down and enjoy the fine weather. Not forgetting the Family Fun Day on 16th May.

Even rumour has is Kent Women's team are playing down here on 17th May so come on down and support. As you can see plenty going on but will for now sign-off on our final match programme of the season. Big thank you for Bryony for doing this and on all the social media updates.

Mark





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PLAY OFF ROUND 1 - GRAVESEND 38 - HORSHAM 17

MATCH REPORT



Gravesend progressed in the Regional 2 South East play-offs courtesy of another excellent performance on Saturday. After humbling the same opponents last week Horsham proved to be a much tougher opposition this time out.

Any nerves the home side may have had were quickly expelled when in the first minute scrum-half Matt Brady darted down the blind side to set up Andrew Cooke to score under the posts.

Horsham responded 5 minutes later but Gravesend did not have to wait long until Josh Barnes scored a penalty. Andrew Cooke then doubled his account for the day to give Gravesend a 17-5 lead. Horsham responded again before top try score Ben Hope added to this seasons tally. As before Horsham came back into the game reducing the deficit to 24-17 at half time.

Clearly buoyed by the score before half-time Horsham came out to put pressure on the Gravesend line. This was not helped when Les Falefatu was on the receiving end of a yellow card early in the second half. Despite this some big tackles and strong running by Man of the Match Matt Bruce and the other 13 men on the pitch prevented Horsham taking advantage of their extra man to keep the score down.

Indeed when Horsham themselves were reduce to 14 Gravesend made an immediate impact with big Les Falefatu scoring from close range and when Zac Filmer ran in under the posts the game was effectively over at 38-17.

Gravesend contained a Horsham side with a big defensive display and when presented with the opportunity took advantage with some fine backs play to see them progress.

With a surprise in the other play off Gravesend now entertain Old Colfeians who overturned a 23 point league deficit in the regular season to win their match 39-33 after scoring in the final play.

With one win each this season this promises to be a tight affair with the match taking place at Rectory Field on Saturday 25th April at 3pm.

Match report - Mark Bruce
Photos - @JP72Photography

GRFC 1XV

- 1 Harry Brooker
- 2 Lewis White
- 3 Chris Shorter
- 4 Josh Mackenzie
- 5 Les Falefatu
- 6 Matt Bruce
- 7 Chris Brady
- 8 Samraj Chahal
- 9 Matt Brady
- 10 George Bruce
- 11 Josh Barnes
- 12 Ethan Sims
- 13 Ben Hope
- 14 Andrew Cooke
- 15 Ben Stelfox

FINISHERS:

Nathan Alderson
Brad Money
Ned Warren

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Director Of Rugby - James Percy
Head Coach - Sam Howard
Assistant Coach - Dave Dorton
Assistant Coach - Chris Venter
1st Xv Manager - Phil Spain
Head Physio - Rolandas Mizgeris

OCRFC 1XV

- 1 Tom Rameaux
- 2 Freddie Holland-Oliver
- 3 Bamidele Agorioge
- 4 Andy O'Malley
- 5 Leo Cunningham
- 6 Ethan Collins
- 7 Abdoul Bantango
- 8 Charlie Baker
- 9 Jed Wylie
- 10 Ryan Napper
- 11 Victor Spaczil
- 12 Louis Baker
- 13 Shay Storey
- 14 Miles Jones
- 15 Ollie Burkett

FINISHERS:

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Bill Ramdhan
Chris Harris

Referee: Mr Jospeh Garman
Assistant Referee 1: Mr Steve Matthews
Assistant Referee 2: Mr Josh Neville
Referee Adviser: Mr William Hobba

1XV FIXTURES

6 Sept - Horsham - 1500 - A
13 Sept - Old Colfeians - 1500 - H
20 Sept - Canterbury II - 1500 - A
1 Oct - Sidcup - 1500 - H
11 Oct - Brighton - 1400 - A
18 Oct - Sutton & Epsom - 1500 - H
25 Oct - Bromley - 1400 - A
8 Nov - Beckenham - 1500 - H
22 Nov - Dartfordians - 1400 - A
29 Nov - Battersea Ironsides - 1500 - H
6 Dec - Old Reigatians - 1400 - A
13 Dec - Old Colfeians - 1400 - A
20 Dec - Canterbury II - 1500 - H
10 Jan - Sidcup - 1500 - A
17 Jan - Brighton - 1500 - H
31 Jan - Sutton & Epsom - 1400 - A
14 Feb - Bromley - 1500 - H
28 Feb - Beckenham - 1400 - A
7 Mar - Dartfordians - 1500 - H
21 Mar - Battersea Ironsides - 1400 - A
28 Mar - Old Reigatians - 1500 - H
11 Apr - Horsham - 1500 - H

2XV FIXTURES

6 Sept - Old Dunstonians - H - 1500
13 Sept - Sittingbourne - A - 1400
4 Oct - Old Williamsons - H - 1400
11 Oct - New Ash Green - A - 1400
18 Oct - Old Gravesendians - H - 1500
8 Nov - Brockleians - A - 1400
22 Nov - Whistable - H - 1500
29 Nov - Tunbridge Wells II - H - 1400
6 Dec - Canterbury III - H - 1400
13 Dec - Hastings & Bexhill - H - 1500
20 Dec - Dartford Valley - A - 1400
10 Jan - Sittingbourne - H - 1500
17 Jan - Old Williamsons - A - 1400
24 Jan - New Ash Green - H - 1500
14 Feb - Old Gravesendians - A - 1400
28 Feb - Brockleians - H - 1500
7 Mar - Whistable - A - 1400
21 Mar - Tunbridge Wells II - A - 1400
28 Mar - Canterbury III - A - 1400
11 Apr - Hastings & Bexhill - A - 1400
18 Apr - Dartford Valley - H - 1500
25 Apr - Old Dunstonians - A - 1500

LADIES FIXTURES

21 Sept - Old Gravesendians - 1400 - H

5 Oct - Tonbridge Juddian - 1400 - H

19 Oct - Cranbrook - 1400 - PP

9 Nov - Tunbridge Wells - 1400 - H

11 Jan - Maidstone - 1400 - A

18 Jan - Tonbridge Juddian - 1400 - A

25 Jan - Sheppey - 1400 - H RA

8 Feb - Cranbrook - 1400 - H

22 Feb - Tunbridge Wells - 1400 - A

22 Mar - Sheppey - 1400 - A

29 Mar - Maidstone - 1400 - H

26 Apr - Old Gravesendians - 1400 - A

LADIES FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLES

Mens 1XV

Regional 2 South East | London & SE Division

Mens 2XV

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Mens 3XV

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Mens 4XV

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Ladies 1XV

Womens NC2 South East (East)

LEAGUE TABLE

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Chris Brady - Glenys Johnston
Ned Warren - Red Street Garage
Samraj Chahal - Glen & Joanne Thomas
Stan Dadson - Harlex
Zac Filmer - Play Pavillion Pre-School
Sam Filmer - Filmer Farms
Lewis White - Traditional English Guncases
Ed Moore - Opal (Stefan Dodd)
Ethan Sims (Rocky) - Graham Sims
Bradley Money - The Bowler Family
Manny Bakare - Faith Montessori Nursery
Josh MacKenzie - TRUSS
Lez Falefatu - TRUSS
Jack King - AERO

Oliver Bakker - The Bakker Family
Harry Brooker - M&S Resin
Matt Bruce - The Bruce Family
George Bruce - The Bruce Family
Nathan Alderson - Nathan and Joanne Stapley
Harry Gagg - The Dadson Family
Ben Kite - Kate and Beryl Howard
Josh Barnes - Jubalee Beach Park Family
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Josh Harris - The Harris Family
Brian Williams - The Warren Family
Harvey Dean - Water Process Solutions
Harrison Dean - Water Process Solutions
Ben Hope - The Hope Family
Sam Curtis - The Hope Family
Callum Smith - Hoopers & Sons
Matt Brady - Howden Insurance

WOMENS SENIOR SQUAD

Lacy Martin - M&S Resin
Sophie Bowler - The Bowler Family
Becki Curtis - Glenys Johnston
Grace Cranham - RKM Building & Roofing
Fran Holmes - TWS Consultancy
Taylor Williams - GRFC Bar Staff
Bec Giles - ANA Therapies
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6 - G.Haggar



7 - P.Fielding



8 - IMO
J.Moxham



9 - D.Boyd



10 - M.Delay



11 - A.Coombes



12 - The
Cubitt Family



13 - G.Coleman



14 - Available



15 - A.Love



16 - Chic Event



17 - R.Gagg



18 - J.Bowler

Head Coach - Friday Club | Assistant Coach - P.Barber | Assistant Coach - Chic | Physio - IMO B.Greenfield

WOMENS SENIOR SQUAD



1 - T.Datlen



2 - Available



3 - T.Datlen



4 - Available



5 - Bradfords
Backyard BBQ



6 - S.Bone



7 - G.Johnston



8 - Available



9 - Available



10 - Available



11 - Available



12 - Available



13 - Available



14 - Available



15 - Available



16 - Available



17 - Available



18 - Available

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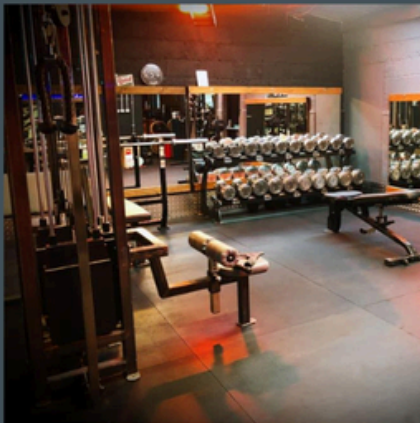


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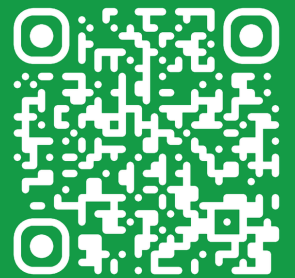


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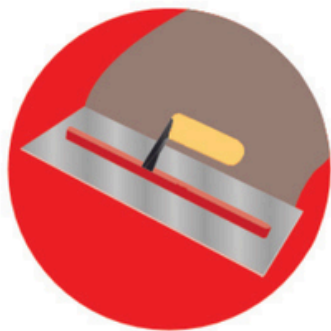
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