



Today's Match Day Sponsor

Bath Rugby

2010/11

Official Matchday Programme

vs Newcastle Falcons » 29th January 2011, 2.15pm » LV= Cup » £3



TODAY'S TEAMS

Today's Referee: Rob Debney
Assistant Referees: Ashley Rowden and Kevin Stewart

Bath Rugby

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| FULLBACK | Jack Cuthbert | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WING | Jacques Boussuge | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CENTRE | Olly Barkley | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CENTRE | Ben Williams | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WING | Tom Biggs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FLY HALF | Sam Vesty | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SCRUM HALF | Mark McMillan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PROP | David Flatman | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HOOVER | Ross Batty | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PROP | Aaron Jarvis | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LOCK | Ignacio Fernandez Lobbe | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LOCK | John van der Giessen | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FLANKER | Andy Beattie (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FLANKER | Josh Owens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NO.8 | Ben Skirving | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Pieter Dixon | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | David Barnes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Kane Palma-Newport | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Danny Grewcock | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Luke Watson | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Michael Claassens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Paul Roberts | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| REPLACEMENT | Nick Scott | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Biarritz Olympique
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| Alex Tait | FULLBACK _15 |
| Michael Tait | WING _14 |
| Luke Eves | CENTRE _13 |
| James Fitzpatrick | CENTRE _12 |
| Charlie Amesbury | WING _11 |
| Joel Hodgson | FLY HALF _10 |
| Chris Pilgrim | SCRUM HALF _09 |
| Jon Golding | PROP _01 |
| Matt Thompson | HOOVER _02 |
| James Hall | PROP _03 |
| James Hudson (C) | LOCK _04 |
| Glen Townson | LOCK _05 |
| Filipo Levi | FLANKER _06 |
| Ed Williamson | FLANKER _07 |
| Brent Wilson | NO.8 _08 |
| Joe Graham | REPLACEMENT _16 |
| Micky Ward | REPLACEMENT _17 |
| Grant Shiells | REPLACEMENT _18 |
| Tim Swinson | REPLACEMENT _19 |
| Will Welch | REPLACEMENT _20 |
| Micky Young | REPLACEMENT _21 |
| Tane Tu'ipulotu | REPLACEMENT _22 |
| Luke Fielden | REPLACEMENT _23 |

Team information

Full Name:

Newcastle Falcons

Founded:

1877

Location:

Newcastle upon Tyne

Ground:

Kingston Park

Capacity:

25,200

Head Coach:

Alan Tait

Club Captain:

James Hudson

Club Top Scorer:

Johnny Wilkinson (1489)

Club Badge:



Did you know?



Falcons won the 1997-1998

The Opposition

Newcastle Falcons

Ambitious Aviva Premiership outfit, Newcastle Falcons will be hoping to progress to the semi-finals of the LV= Cup with victory over Bath today.

Despite languishing in the lower reaches of the table, there is a real sense of optimism in Newcastle. The signings of giant Kiwi lock forward, Andrew van Der Heijden and Scottish international, Euan Murray

the Kingston Park hierarchy, has enthused fans on Tyneside. Falcons supporters are even drooling at the prospect of further additions, as the club enters an exciting phase in its history.

Newcastle will be keen to kick-start their campaign and improve on their indifferent form guide, which has seen the Falcons taste victory in

The Last Four LV= Cup Results

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|----------|------|---------------|---------|------|
| 14/11/10 | Lose | Harlequins | 28-20 | Away |
| 06/11/10 | Win | Ospreys | 18 - 17 | Home |
| 07/02/10 | Lose | London Wasps | 3 - 9 | Home |
| 31/01/10 | Lose | Cardiff Blues | 45 - 24 | Away |

competitions. That said, the wins came against two of the league's more established clubs in the shape of Gloucester and high flying London Wasps.

In form Gloucester travelled to the north-east in November

top of the Aviva Premiership. But the Cherry and Whites were stopped in their tracks by a defiant Falcons side buoyed by the return of captain, James Hudson. Hudson spurred his troops to victory in torrential conditions as goal kicking

Alan Tait

The Scotland international and dual code British Lion joined the Falcons as assistant coach in the summer of 2008, having worked previously as defence coach with the Scotland national team.

A Premiership-winner as a player with Newcastle back in 1998, Tait became the first ever Scottish rugby union international to go to rugby league and come back to the international XV man game.

Playing for the formidable Widnes outfit and then Leeds in league, Tait's return to union saw him earn selection for the British and Irish Lions in 1997 for their tour to South Africa, where he started in both Test match victories over the Springboks, scoring a memorable try in the process.

His time coaching with the Scotland national team included the 2008 Calcutta Cup triumph over England and two Rugby World Cups.



notched over four successive penalties for a narrow 12-6 triumph.

At the start of the season, Wasps succumbed to a superb second half fight back from the Falcons to lose 29-17 at