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# Bath Rugby

Official Matchday Programme

2010/11



vs Newcastle Falcons » 7th May 2011, 3.00pm » Aviva Premiership » £3



# TODAY'S TEAMS



Today's Referee: Wayne Barnes  
Assistant Referees: Roger Baileiff and Paul Burton



## Bath Rugby

<b>15_ FULLBACK</b>	Sam Vesty
<b>14_ WING</b>	Nick Abendanon
<b>13_ CENTRE</b>	Matt Carraro
<b>12_ CENTRE</b>	Matt Banahan
<b>11_ WING</b>	Tom Biggs
<b>10_ FLY HALF</b>	Butch James
<b>09_ SCRUM HALF</b>	Michael Claassens (C)
<b>01_ PROP</b>	David Flatman
<b>02_ HOOKER</b>	Lee Mears
<b>03_ PROP</b>	Mark Lilley
<b>04_ LOCK</b>	Ignacio Fernandez Lobbe
<b>05_ LOCK</b>	Danny Grewcock
<b>06_ FLANKER</b>	Ben Skirving
<b>07_ FLANKER</b>	Lewis Moody
<b>08_ NO.8</b>	Simon Taylor
<b>16_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Pieter Dixon
<b>17_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Nathan Catt
<b>18_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Kane Palma-Newport
<b>19_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Luke Watson
<b>20_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Guy Mercer
<b>21_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Mark McMillan
<b>22_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Ben William
<b>23_ REPLACEMENT</b>	Jacques Boussuge

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# ROUND 21 RESULTS

London wasps  
Bath Rugby



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43  
Newcastle Falcons  
Leicester Tigers



## Newcastle Falcons



Alex Tait	FULLBACK
Luke Fielden	WING
Rob Vickerman	CENTRE
Tane Tu'ipulotu	CENTRE
Gcobani Bobo	WING
Jimmy Gopperth	FLY HALF
Micky Young	SCRUM HALF
Jonny Golding	PROP
Matt Thompson	HOOKER
Euan Murray	PROP
James Hudson (C)	LOCK
Andrew van der Heijden	LOCK
Tim Swinson	FLANKER
Will Welch	FLANKER
Ally Hogg	NO.8
Rob Vickers	REPLACEMENT
Grant Shiells	REPLACEMENT
Kieran Brookes	REPLACEMENT
Mark Wilson	REPLACEMENT
Alex Gray	REPLACEMENT
Chris Pilgrim	REPLACEMENT
James Fitzpatrick	REPLACEMENT
Jeremy Manning	REPLACEMENT

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## Team information

**Full Name:**  
Newcastle Falcons

**Founded:**  
1877

**Location:**  
Newcastle upon Tyne

**Ground:**  
Kingston Park

**Capacity:**  
10,200

**Head Coach:**  
Alan Tait

**Club Captain:**  
James Hudson

**Club Top Scorer:**  
Jonny Wilkinson (1489)

**Club Badge:**



**Did you know?**



The four Newcastle based sports teams are Newcastle United FC, nicknamed the Magpies, the Newcastle Eagles basketball team, the Newcastle Wasps ice hockey team and the Newcastle Falcons rugby union team.



## The Opposition

# Newcastle Falcons

**Ambitious Aviva Premiership outfit, Newcastle Falcons will be hoping to secure their status in the elite league and build for next season.**

Despite their relatively poor position in the table, there is a real sense of optimism in the North-East as the club look to reshape itself as a major rugby force.

The signings of giant Kiwi lock forward, Andrew van der Heijden and Scotland international, Euan Murray, coupled with a restructure of the Kingston Park hierarchy, has enthused fans on Tyneside. Not only that, the Falcons have already started preparations for next season with Gloucester half-back Jordi Pasqualin, Kiwi trio Ryan Shortland, Jamie

## The Last Six Premiership Results

30/04/2011	Lose	Bath Rugby	11 - 14	Home
22/04/2011	Lose	Leicester Tigers	13-24	Home
15/04/2011	Lose	Northampton Saints	15-22	Home
09/04/2011	Lose	Leeds Carnegie	29-30	Home
02/04/2011	Lose	Gloucester Rugby	34-9	Away

Helleur and Richard Mayhew, as well as rugby league convert Rikki Sheriffe all signing.

The Northerners are even drooling at the prospect of further additions, as the club enters an exciting phase in its history. However, there is only one current objective that the

Falcons are keen to achieve, and that is survival.

Newcastle will be keen to move on from this season which has been a big learning curve for many of Alan Tait's men. Four wins from an inexperienced unit has meant a nail biting climax to the

## 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 in 2007.

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 Cup



campaign, but victory's a Gloucester and high flying Wasps have been the most positive aspects of the season.

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