



Cardiff Blues Supporters' Club

#StayStrongForOws

Programme notes: Cardiff Blues v Munster, Saturday 2nd November 2019

If only games started at 20 minutes in

In all four PRO14 games this season the Blues have been behind at halftime, in three of the four games early defensive frailties have been too much to overcome later in the game. Despite picking up maximum points against the Kings in the first game, the last three games have only returned a solitary losing bonus at Glasgow. While Ulster away was always going to be tough given their good start to the season, the home Edinburgh game and an away game against a much-weakened Glasgow team should have returned more match points than we managed to accumulate.

Munster have started with 3 comfortable wins over the Dragons, Kings and Ospreys but a heavy defeat to the Cheetahs in South Africa. It will be vital to be win this home tie before the inform Cheetahs arrive next week for the last home PRO14 game before the European competitions start. In conference B, the Blues are already 9 points off second placed Munster and 8 points off the playoff place held by Edinburgh after just 4 games.

Cardiff Blues Supporters Club membership

CBSC membership for the current season is on sale from the CBSC website or in person from committee members in the Jack Matthews bar under the Arms Park South stand before or after home games. Membership costs £10 for adults with 2 free junior (under 18) places with each adult membership. Your membership pack includes a specially designed 2019/20 season CBSC membership pin and a CBSC membership card

All members get priority access to CBSC events throughout the season and junior members also have a chance to be CBSC flag bearers at a home match during the season. Membership discounted travel prices for official CBSC away trips in the PRO14 and for the upcoming European Champions cup fixtures.

Junior flag bearers

CBSC will arrange a game for junior flag bearers soon, if you would like your child to be considered please register an interest with the CBSC via e-mail or talk to me in the Jack Matthews bar pre or post game. Priority will be given to CBSC Junior members.

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Once again Cardiff Blues Supporters Club will be focusing our fundraising efforts on the Owen Williams charity fund through the Cardiff Blues Benevolent Trust. Throughout the season we will be running fundraising events and as a start £1 from every membership fee will be donated to the Trust.

Our committee this season is confirmed as David Elsmere, Carol Esposti, Simon Harrington, Nicola Jenkins, Andy Lee, James Lewis, Kate Parkinson, Mike Reynolds and Richard Taylor.

CBSC trips

CBSC are planning the following trips (Scarlets away will be played as part of Judgement Day Saturday 18th April. Cardiff Blues will be issuing ticket information nearer the game);

PRO14:

Ospreys: Saturday 2st December, KO 7:35pm

Dragons Friday 29th May, date & KO to be confirmed

European Challenge Cup:

Leicester Tigers Sun 12 Jan KO 3:15pm

CBSC will not be running trips to Calvisano or Pau but groups of supporters are travelling independently to these games.

Round 1; Calvisano Saturday 16th November KO 2:30pm (local time), fans are flying direct from Gatwick to Verona on Friday 15th November then by train to Brescia. Hotels are available around the main Brescia train station, Calvisano has no hotel facilities itself. On gameday we will travel from Brescia to Calvisano by train, around 30 minutes travel time. The ground will not be sold out so tickets can be bought on entry, Calvisano is a small village and the ground is only a 10 to 15-minute walk from the train station (last train back to Brescia is around 8:30pm!) We will announce a Brescia away HQ as soon as decided. Most fans are returning to Cardiff Sunday 17th. Away HQ's for both Brescia and Calvisano will be announced nearer the time.

Round 4: Pau Friday 13th December KO 8pm (local time), fans are flying Thursday 12th December from Bristol to Toulouse and staying overnight in Toulouse then travelling to Pau by coach Friday morning. Some fans are booked into the Hotel Ibis Pau Centre, but many other hotels are available. The Galway Irish bar on the Boulevard des Pyrenees was our away HQ last time but we will confirm nearer the time. The main taxi rank is located here and as the ground is quite a way out of the centre of Pau we shared taxis to get to the game last time. The club do run buses for the return journey for the centre of Pau or the University campus. When we have details of the tickets that are available, we will let fans know. Most people are returning Sunday 15th December on the late-night flight from Toulouse to Bristol. On the Saturday night Biarritz are playing Grenoble at home in the French D2 league should you be looking for any more live rugby to watch.

If we progress to the Challenge cup knockout stage, then we will look to arrange any European away trips if feasible.

If you want to book or register an interest in any of these trips, then you can do so on the CBSC website or in person with a committee member in the refurbished Jack Matthews bar before or after home games.

CBSC Player of the Year 2019/20 event

Following the voting after the CBSC Annual General Meeting at Summerfest the winners of the awards for the 2018/19 season were;

Player of the Year: Owen Lane

Newcomer of the Year: Jason Harries & Harri Millard

Juniors player of the Year: Olly Robinson & Owen Lane

The players will be awarded their trophies at a CBSC event to arranged hopefully by Christmas.

Come on the Blues!

Simon Harrington

Juniors Ambassador

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