



Cardiff Blues Supporters' Club

#StayStrongForOws

Programme notes : Cardiff Blues v Zebre, Sunday 4th November 2018

European Challenge Cup champions welcome Zebre to the Arms Park

After September's disappointing defeat to Zebre in Parma the Blues have a chance tonight to bounce back with a revenge win to lift the gloom over the last two poor performances at home to Glasgow and away to the Cheetahs.

The performance in South Africa against the Cheetahs was almost a carbon copy of the home defeat to Glasgow. A poor first 10 minutes seeing the Cardiff Blues two scores down with little or no possession or territory. In both games the Blues generated numerous chances but failed to turn any pressure into points, spilled passes, turnovers at the breakdown and a misfiring lineout causing many Cardiff attacks to fail within sight of the line. Consolation from the game came only in the form of a strong scrum showing and the second half introduction of big Nick Williams and Samu Manoa bringing pressure and aggression to bear. The failure to register any points apart from Manoa's charged down try was very disappointing given the second half dominance by the Blues.

Again the Arms Park faithful will be behind the boys tonight looking for a big performance with control, aggression and heart to get the season back on track before trips to Ulster and Glasgow.

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 2018/19 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 also gives you a vote in the end of season Player of the Year awards. Also included are discounted travel prices for official CBSC away trips in the PRO14 and for the upcoming European Champions cup fixtures.

CBSC Player of the Match award

For games at the Arms Park this season CBSC will be organising the CBSC player of the match in cooperation with Cardiff Blues, a twitter vote with the selected players will run until 10 minutes after the game. For those without access to twitter you can vote in person in the Jack Matthews bar under the South Stand after the game. The winning player will come to the Jack Matthews bar to accept the award and meet the fans after the game.

CBSC Junior flag bearers for Christmas Dragons game

CBSC had agreed to supply flag bearers for the home game against the Dragons on Saturday 22nd December, given rearrangement of this match to Friday 21st December CBSC will be reviewing if this is still a viable fixture for juniors given the date and KO time change. CBSC members will be advised when a decision has been made.

Stay Strong For OWS and #ItsOkayNotToBeOkay

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.

CBSC are also happy to support Tom James and the #ItsOkayNotToBeOkay campaign. TJ and ODDGODS have produced a 'TJ11' mug to raise money for Merthyr and the valleys MIND, CBSC will be selling the mugs in the Jack Matthews bar under the South Stand before and after the game priced £5.99.

CBSC trips

CBSC are planning the following trips;

Sunday 9th December Saracens (Heineken Champions Cup) KO 1pm, coaches will leave The Arms Park at 8am for 1pm KO at Allianz Park and will leave approximately 1 hour after the end of the game for the return trip we should be back in Cardiff between 7pm and 8pm.

Prices are £20 for adult CBSC members and £10 for junior members, £25 for adult non-members and £15 for junior non-members. The Blues will be receiving a ticket allocation for the game and we will advise members when details are available. CBSC are in discussions with Saracens supporters club who are offering to host visiting Blues fans in the Olympic Bar at Allianz Park from 11am.

Scarlets (PRO14) Saturday 29th December KO 5:15pm and Ospreys (PRO14) 4/5/6th January KO (tbc dependent upon Swansea City's FA cup draw) we are planning these trips at this time and will release details when finalised. Usually for these trips we would leave around 2 hours before KO and return to the Arms Park around 2 hours after the end of the game.

For the Heineken Champions cup trip to Glasgow CBSC are not organising an official trip but will share travel and hotel options and organise an away HQ'S for the game. When tickets are available CBSC will advise where in the ground we will be purchasing tickets.

Round 5: Glasgow Sunday 13th January KO 3:15pm, fans have booked Saturday to Monday flights from Bristol to Glasgow. Many hotels are available in the city some fans have already booked into Jury's Inn near the central train station and the Holiday Inn Express on the riverfront. Travel to the ground is around 20 minutes by train on Scotrail from the central station to Scotstounhill station or via bus number x4 from Argyle Street/central station to Westland Drive or N6 from Hope Street/central station to Anniesland Road. When tickets are available we will advise where fans can purchase tickets.

The Glasgow supporters club have offered to arrange a meet up on the Saturday night before the game. If you are travelling and are interested then let CBSC know so we can give them some idea of numbers.

CBSC HQ will be the Horseshoe Pub, 17-19 Drury Street G2 5AE and is open from 9am on Sunday for breakfast, it is 2 minutes walk from the main station and bus stops for travel to the ground.

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.

Come on the Blues!

Simon Harrington

Juniors Ambassador

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