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Bill Beaumont Men's County Championship.

**Hampshire v
Surrey**

Havant
Rugby Football Club

Saturday 23rd May 2026

DIVISION 3 Pool 4
2025-26 Season



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Welcome to Hampshire.

Gary Self, President, Hampshire RFU

Welcome to Havant Rugby Football Club for today's Bill Beaumont County Championship fixture between Hampshire and Surrey.

Following last week's excellent performance and victory against Sussex at Horsham, there is a real sense of pride and excitement surrounding Hampshire rugby. The commitment and quality shown by the players was a fantastic reflection of the strength of our game across the county, and it was particularly pleasing to see players from a wide range of Hampshire clubs earning the opportunity to represent their county.

Representative rugby remains an incredibly important part of the game. It provides recognition for players who have consistently performed and dedicated themselves to their clubs throughout the season, while also strengthening the connections that exist across Hampshire rugby. Seeing players pull on the county shirt is something that should be celebrated by every club involved in their development.

Today brings another tough challenge against a strong Surrey side, but fixtures like these are what county rugby is all about, testing ourselves against quality opposition and continuing to raise standards both on and off the field.

Our TREDs values; Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship, continue to sit at the heart of everything we do, and I know both teams will represent those values proudly this afternoon.

I would also like to thank Owtons Family Butchers for their continued support of representative rugby in Hampshire. Their long-standing backing of our county programmes is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in helping our players and teams thrive.

Finally, my thanks go to Havant RFC for hosting today's match, along with all the volunteers, coaches, referee and their assistants, medical teams, and supporters who make representative rugby possible across Hampshire.

I wish both Hampshire and Surrey the very best and hope everyone enjoys another excellent afternoon of county rugby.

Yours in rugby,

Gary Self
President, Hampshire RFU



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Good afternoon all.

Matt Davis, Representative Rugby Lead, Hampshire RFU

Welcome everyone to Havant RFC for today's Senior Men's fixture against Surrey.

Last weekend's performance and result against Sussex was a brilliant way to begin the campaign and a real credit to the players and volunteers involved. Beyond the result itself, what stood out most was the pride shown in representing Hampshire and the way players from clubs across the county came together and performed as one team.

One of the biggest strengths of representative rugby is the opportunity it gives players to earn recognition for the hard work they put in week after week at their clubs. County honours should always mean something special, and it has been fantastic to see new players come into the environment and embrace that opportunity.

A major focus for us continues to be strengthening connections across Hampshire rugby. Representative rugby works best when clubs, coaches, volunteers, and county programmes are all working together, and the support we have received this season has been outstanding.

Today presents another exciting challenge against Surrey, and these are exactly the kinds of games we want our players to experience. Competitive rugby against strong opposition is how groups develop, improve, and continue pushing standards higher.



Thank you to Havant RFC for hosting us today and thank you to everyone behind the scenes who continues to support representative rugby across the county.

We hope you enjoy the afternoon and get behind the players as they represent Hampshire with pride.

Matt Davis
Representative Rugby Lead
Hampshire RFU

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**Tom
FIELDSEND**

Captain

AGE: 29
POS: 9 & 10
CLUB: **Winchester**



**Liam
AVIS**

AGE: 26
POS: **Prop**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



**Michael
BAKARE**

AGE: 26
POS: **Flanker**
CLUB: **Havant**



**Tom
BLEWITT**

AGE: 32
POS: 15, 12, 10
CLUB: **Petersfield**



**Sam
BROWN**

AGE: 33
POS: **Hooker**
CLUB: **Petersfield**



**Bradley
CAPARO**

AGE: 21
POS: 9, 10, 15
CLUB: **Petersfield**



**Zak
CHIVERTON**

AGE: 30
POS: **Hooker**
CLUB: **Sandown &
Shanklin**



**C J
FEIRN**

AGE: 24
POS: **Back row**
CLUB: **Andover**



**Ant
FOOKS**

AGE: 35
POS: **Front/Back row**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



**Sam
GEE**

AGE: 25
POS: **Scrum-half**
CLUB: **Gosport &
Fareham**



**Tommy
HARE**

AGE: 23
POS: **Wing/full-back**
CLUB: **Winchester**



**Oli
HUNT**

AGE: 26
POS: **Lock**
CLUB: **Petersfield**



**Nic
JANSEN**

AGE: 26
POS: **Number 8**
CLUB: **Tottonians**



**Teddy
JOHNSON**

AGE: 25
POS: **Hooker**
CLUB: **Ellingham &
Ringwood**



**Alex
MAWDSLEY**

AGE: 29
POS: **10 & 12**
CLUB: **Winchester**



**Tom
MEYER**

AGE: 23
POS: **Fly-half**
CLUB: **Worthing**



**Lewis
NEW**

AGE: 23
POS: **10 & 12**
CLUB: **Alton**



**Sam
OLIE**

AGE: 26
POS: **Centre**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



**George
RANDALL**

AGE: 26
POS: **2nd/back row**
CLUB: **Ellingham &
Ringwood**



**Struan
ROBERTSON**

AGE: 25
POS: **Prop/Lock**
CLUB: **Worthing**



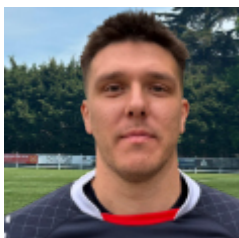
**Billy
ROLFE**

AGE: 35
POS: **Prop**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



**Ollie
SIMPSON**

AGE: 25
POS: **2nd/back row**
CLUB: **Brighton**



**Franko
TOMIC**

AGE: 30
POS: **Lock**
CLUB: **Petersfield &
Croatia**



**Leo
TONGUE**

AGE: 27
POS: **Wing**
CLUB: **Tottonians**



**Ben
TURNER**

AGE: 30
POS: **Front row**
CLUB: **Winchester**



**Dom
VUGLER**

AGE: 18
POS: **Scrum-half**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



**Max
WHEELER**

AGE: 26
POS: **Centre**
CLUB: **Ventnor**



**Karter
WHITTOCK**

AGE: 25
POS: **Back row**
CLUB: **Petersfield**



**Dan
WILLIAMS**

AGE: 29
POS: **2nd/back row**
CLUB: **Tottonians**



**Elliott
WORRALL**

AGE: 34
POS: **Lock**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



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CLUB: **Trojans**



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COACH
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



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CRACKNELL**

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MANAGER**
CLUB: **Portsmouth**



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CLUB: **Havant**



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LE VOI**

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HUSSEY**

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1,000 Hampshire players.

Hampshire have clocked up 1,000 players since World War II

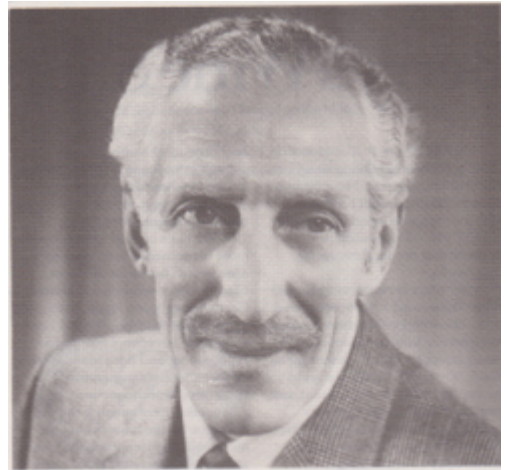
A major milestone passed by last Saturday at Horsham when the 1000th player since World War II took the field for Hampshire in our 409th County Championship match since 1895 (tracing records of who had played for the County prior to WWII remains a work in progress).

The first three of the thousand all played for Hampshire before WWII; all served throughout that war.

Player number 2 was full-back in the first post-war match in October 1946 when we played Kent at Blackheath. At the end of the war, Stewart Howard-Jones from US was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Tank Regiment who was first capped by Hampshire from Aldershot Services in December 1934. By September 1939, he has played for Hampshire nine times, for the Army against the Navy in 1936 and 1937 as well as the Barbarians on the Easter tours of Wales. He was also a travelling reserve for England in 1936. A career soldier, he won the Military Cross in Normandy 1944 and his DSO crossing the Rhine in March 1945. H-J played in the next two games in 1946 and then captained the County twice in 1947 making a total of fourteen Hampshire caps. He later served in the Korean War he died in 2002.

His captain that first match was a Commander. Player number 3, Commander RJL ("Wally") Hammond was a Gunnery Officer and a stalwart of US for many years. He was capped by Hampshire in December 1935 and a further eleven times before WW2 as well as every Army-Navy match in 1934 to 1939. In 1946, he captained the RN at Twickenham and the County four times

making a total of sixteen Hampshire caps. He was also a first-class cricketer, playing for Combined Services and captaining the side against the touring South Africans in 1951 - leading the likes of Brian Close, Fred Titmus and Jim Parks to a draw in their three-day clash at Burnaby Road. He passed in January 1991.



But by far our most senior player and rightly our number 1 was Dudley Thomas Kemp, "the father of Hampshire rugby". First capped at 19 as a back-row forward in November 1929, his last was 21 years later. He was at Guildford for the Championship match against Surrey in his capacity as County Secretary and Match Secretary. As an active referee Dudley always had his boots in the car; which was fortunate as the County was one player short! Dudley stepped up at age 40 to win his last and 46th cap as a winger. He had played once for England in 1935 when at Blackheath where he was in his mid-30s - the rest of his career was with Trojans. A Barbarian seven times between 1931 and



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1,000 Hampshire players.

Former President Jed Stone looks back at the 1,000 in the shirt

1938, he played for the County in both Championship winning finals, as captain in 1936. After the War, he was County Secretary from 1946 to 1967, RFU representative from 1958 to 1968 and President of the RFU in 1969/70, County President from 1973 to 1976. He died on 31st December 2002.

As a contrast, Player 20 is our youngest player ever, Robert Newman who was 17 and a quarter in 1946 was educated at Epsom College and played for New Milton and Bournemouth before his only cap as a prop. He emigrated to Australia a week later and went on to play for Australian Students and to become President of the Tasmania Rugby Football Union.

Player 100 was J.D. Hopkinson, a lock from Portsmouth who played five times (his first was in the centre!) between 1951 and 1955.

Player 200 was John Adrian Tremayne Rodd who would later become Lord Rennell. A Naval Officer playing at US; he appeared four times in 1957 and 1959 – on two other occasions being unavailable because he was playing for Scotland for whom he had fourteen caps he also played for and captained the Royal Navy and played twice for the Barbarians.

Player 300 was a centre from Trojans who had four caps 1966 to 1968 – K. Johnson. Player 400 was Adam Jelley from Havant who was capped six times as a lock from 1974 and 1978.

Player 500 was Neil Foster who played on 27 November 1982. A blind side flanker from Eastleigh who played just the one game. It took 20% fewer games but seven more years to reach player 1000 than it did to reach player 500.

Players 600 and 700 were both second-row locks from Havant – Mike Baldwin and Nick Allica. Mike previously with US was capped six times in 1992 and 1993 while Nick had four in 2003.

Player 800 was Channel Islander Michael Le Bourgeois a full back who played twice in 2010 before leaving Jersey in 2013 and going off to the Premiership via Bedford Blues and Wasps - before returning to the Blues in the Championship.

Player 900 had the one cap as a replacement hooker; Rhys Bingham from Gosport and Fareham came in for our last match in 2015.

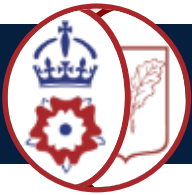
And player 1000? At the end of last season, we were up to player 993. Our milestone player is the seventh of the seven new caps in the starting line-up last Saturday – and observing the usual naming protocol used in the press this was Franko Tomic from Petersfield and, like cap number one, an international player - Franko having played a number of times for the country of his birth, Croatia, making his debut against Sweden in late 2024.



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Hampshire v Surrey history.

Jed Stone looks back at previous meetings between the sides

Hampshire and Surrey have come a long way together over the years - so much so that this will be the 60th meeting between the neighbouring counties since the first in 1900 at Crystal Palace, which Hampshire won 8-0.

It took 20 years before we would play again with the results fairly even before WW2, Hampshire winning 9 and Surrey 10 with an 8-8 draw at Old Deer Park in 1938 the final clash before an eight year exodus.

It is fair to say that the War break wasn't kind to Hampshire's fortunes, as they would win just three of the next 11 clashes from 1946 to 1959 before the rose and crown finally cracked the code and won four on the spin - winning at Old Deer Park in 1960 and 1962 and King's Park in Bournemouth in 1961 and 1963.

Surrey put a very firm stop to that though to go on a 14-match winning streak from 1964 to 1978 with Hampshire failing to score more than 13 points in any of those games while their opponents always reached double figures!

There followed a 10 year gap in which time Hampshire surged to four successive victories, winning 45-9 at United Services in 1988, a 14-3 success at Imber Court a year later and then back-to-back successes at Burnaby Road in 1992 and 1997, running out 18-6 and 26-9 to the good.

In 2003, the two sides met in a play-off at Esher to avoid relegation and it was Hampshire who dropped to a 14-34 loss and it was the same medicine two years



later on the same ground as Surrey took a 34-22 victory.

Guildford in 2012 was next and Surrey won again 33-10 and then Hampshire's last home game against their maroon clad opponents came in May 2014 at Rugby Camp in Portsmouth when Hampshire slipped to a disappointing 34-7 defeat.

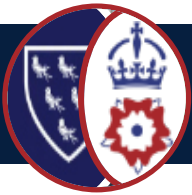
Fast forward 10 years and the last meeting between the sides, up in Division One of the County Championship in a game played at Camberley and delayed due to another match going on! Hampshire would return their only victory at that level in the three years, winning by a record 63-7 margin.

Overall, Hampshire has won 22, Surrey 36 and there has been that one draw. So what will happen in match number 60 between these old foes!



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Sussex 28 Hampshire 34.

Match report from first game at Horsham last weekend

Hampshire kicked off their Bill Beaumont County Championship Division 3 campaign with a hard fought victory over Sussex at Horsham, holding on for a 34-28 success.

But it was far from plain sailing for the visitors, who were forced to defend their own line deep into injury time before a knock-on relieved the pressure as Sussex pressed hard for a winner.

Skipper Tom Fieldsend gave Hampshire an early lead, slotting a penalty from in front of the posts after five minutes before the home side mounted some prolonged periods of possession which allowed Sussex to take the lead with a try.

As the half came to its conclusion, both sides managed to go over for scores as the lead changed hands twice in the space of four minutes.

A Sussex line-out was caught not straight which gifted Hampshire the same and some quick hands to the left and then a beautifully controlled cross field kick saw Petersfield's Tom Blewitt collect and drop down for the try which Fieldsend improved.

However, the half time lead was Sussex's, when from a quickly taken tap penalty, some assured handling saw them cross for the 14-10 advantage at the break.

Hampshire sprung out of the blocks from the second half restart when Karter Whittock pounced on a neat kick ahead and cut inside to score under the posts, again Fieldsend hitting the conversion to put his side back ahead.

The lead switched once more ten minutes later when Sussex drove over for their third converted try but Hampshire hit back immediately when Croatian international Franko Tomic's high-stretch charge down of a Sussex clearance kick fell nicely and the visitors crossed once more - against Fieldsend impeccable from the tee.

The skipper posted another penalty and then, with two minutes left on the clock, he was on hand to complete a brilliant try which left the crowd astonished as to how he achieved the pick up and carry to the line but he did and it put Hampshire 34-21 to the good with time running out.

But the home side weren't done and a cross field kick landed perfectly for the Sussex flanker to score which the full-back converted and there was time for a restart.

The kick-off flew straight out, bringing the play back to half way and a scrum to the hosts. They cleverly worked the ball forward, into the Hampshire 22 and were awarded a penalty to boot. With three points not enough, the play continued and was taken to just a metre out but as the ball came out, the Sussex attacker knocked on and, with that, the full time whistle went to seal the 34-28 triumph.

It was nerve jangling but a pulsating contest which sets Hampshire up for a key clash with Surrey on Saturday at Havant with a place in the semi-finals at stake.



HAMPSHIRE RFU

Match report by
Richard V. Isaacs

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Action shots from away match v Sussex last weekend

Pics: Kevin Marchant



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Division 3 Pool 4

9 May - Surrey 15 Sussex 40

16 May - Sussex 28 Hampshire 34

23 May - Hampshire v Surrey

Team	P	W	L	F	A	PD	BP	Pts
Sussex	2	1	1	68	49	19	3	7
Hampshire	1	1	0	34	28	6	1	5
Surrey	1	0	1	15	40	-25	0	0

Division 3 Pool 1

9 May - Leicestershire 71 Warwickshire 17

16 May - Notts, Lincs & Derbys 24 Leicestershire 54

23 May - Warwickshire v Notts, Lincs & Derbys

Team	P	W	L	F	A	PD	BP	Pts
Leicestershire	2	2	0	125	41	84	2	10
Notts, Lincs, Derbys	1	0	1	24	54	-30	1	1
Warwickshire	1	0	1	17	71	-54	0	0

Division 3 Pool 2

9 May - Middlesex 55 Eastern Counties 24

16 May - Essex 50 Middlesex 39

23 May - Eastern Counties v Essex

Team	P	W	L	F	A	PD	BP	Pts
Middlesex	2	1	1	94	74	20	1	5
Essex	1	1	0	50	39	11	0	4
Eastern Counties	1	0	1	24	55	-31	0	0

Division 3 Pool 3

9 May - Dorset & Wiltshire 70 Berkshire 7

16 May - Berkshire 14 Oxfordshire 43

23 May - Oxfordshire v Dorset & Wiltshire

Team	P	W	L	F	A	PD	BP	Pts
Dorset & Wilts	1	1	0	70	7	63	1	5
Oxfordshire	1	1	0	43	14	29	1	5
Berkshire	2	0	2	21	113	-92	1	1

Semi-Finals
30 May

Final at Twickenham
7 June



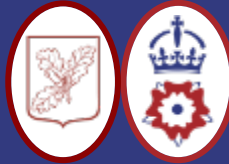


Hampshire RFU this season.

Remaining fixtures for the County teams

GILL BURNS WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIV 1 (Pool 2)

Sunday 24 May



Esher RFC
2pm kick-off

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Sunday 24 May



Havant RFC
2pm kick-off

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Teams.



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Division 3 Pool 4

Saturday 23rd May 2026 • 2:00pm

Hampshire

Petersfield	Tom BLEWITT	15
Winchester	Tommy HARE	14
Portsmouth	Sam OLIE	13
Winchester	Alex MAWDSLEY	12
Tottonians	Leo TONGUE	11
Worthing	Tom MEYER	10
Winchester	Tom FIELDSEND ^C	9

Worthing	Struan ROBERTSON	1
Sandown & S.	Zak CHIVERTON	2
Portsmouth	Liam AVIS	3
Petersfield	Oli HUNT	4
Petersfield	Franko TOMIC	5
Brighton	Ollie SIMPSON	6
Petersfield	Karter WHITTOCK	7
Tottonians	Nic JANSEN	8

Surrey

Team to be confirmed

James BARROW	Chiswick
Toby SIMMONS	Farnham
Tommy READ	Chobham
Ollie BUCKTON	Farnham
Olly SANDERS	O.Walcountians
Patrick SYKES	Farnham
Dan THOMAS	Battersea Irons.

Gregory FRANZEL	Farnham
Jon VINCENT	Farnham
Bradley UGODULUNWA	Wimbledon
^C Sam VOIGHT	Farnham
Harrison HORNER	Farnham
^{VC} Sam GODDARD	Chobham
Zac O'CONNOR	Reeds Weybrge
Joe MENASSA	Reeds Weybrge

Replacements.

Winchester	Ben TURNER	16
Petersfield	Sam BROWN	17
Portsmouth	Will ROLFE	18
Tottonians	Dan WILLIAMS	19
Andover	C J FEIRN	20
Gosport & F.	Sam GEE	21
Petersfield	Bradley CAPARO	22
Havant	Rory PENFOLD	23

Pete McCAIN	Chobham
Marco AZEVEDO	Farnham
Kerran BEAVIS	Reeds Weybrge
Jacob HULL	Teddington
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Jack BUXTON	Farnham
Joshua SMITH	Cranleigh
Juai CHARLES	Beckenham

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Sports Medics Suzi LE VOI, Charlotte HUSSEY

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Sports Medics Anna GIACOPAZZI, Dean TOOBY

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