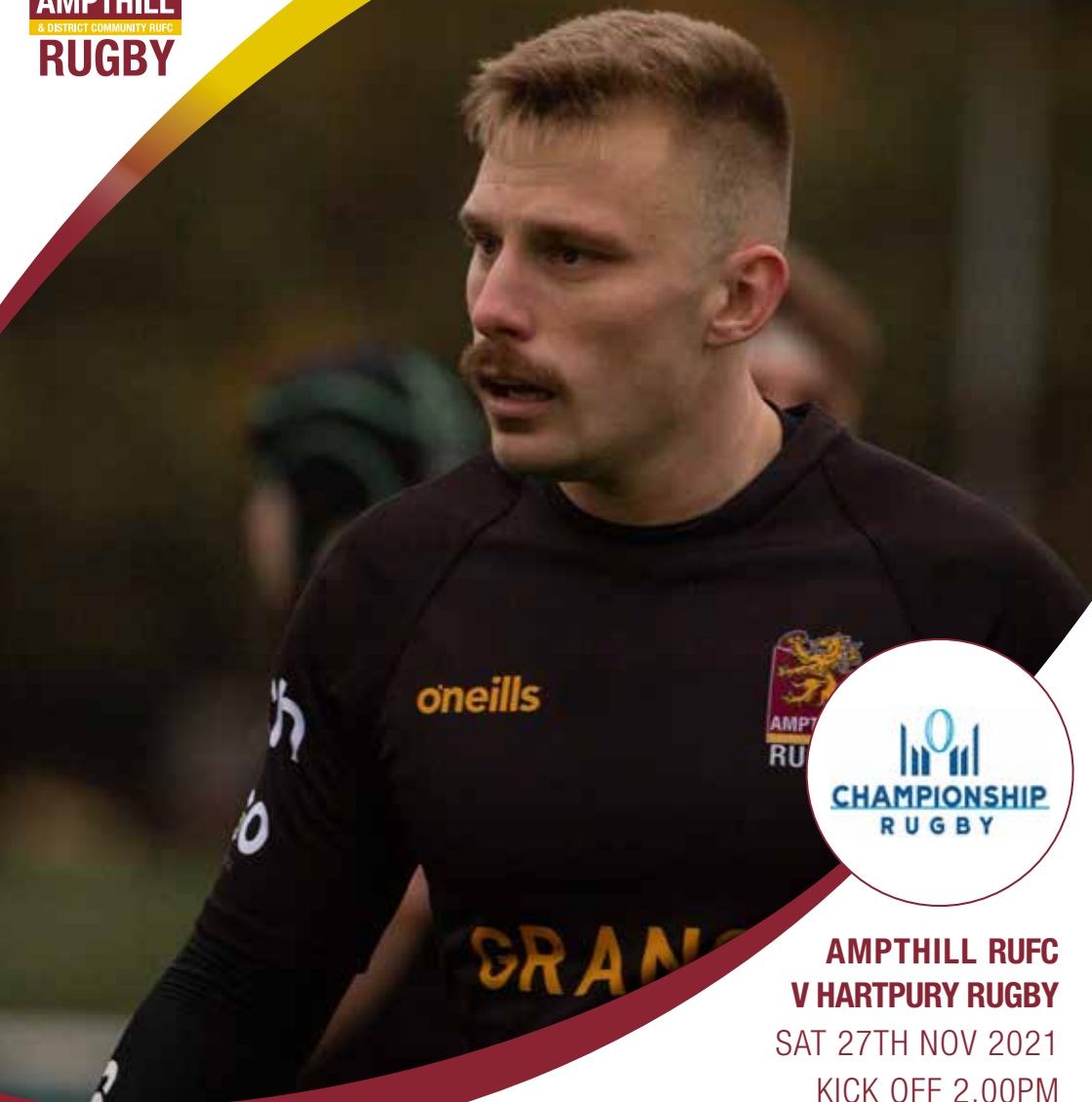




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## WELCOME

### Chairman's welcome to Hartpury Rugby



I offer a warm welcome to the Directors, players and staff of Hartpury RUFC, our friends from Gloucestershire.

Today Ampthill return to Dillingham Park following last weeks win at Richmond FC, by 38 points to 36. Richmond away was our first game since the last-minute loss to Doncaster Knights in the Grange Jaguar-Land Rover Bowl some three weeks ago now, but the least said about that the better! Our performance against Richmond was much better but still left room for development. Definitely a big improvement in heart and effort to actually grind out the win.

We are now in seventh place (same points as Bedford 18) in the Championship table with one game in hand over today's visitors. Hartpury are just one place behind us in eight spot with 16 Points. Frankly, very little separates the clubs in our league this year, just 10 points between 3rd and 10th.

Last week Hartpury were beaten by Doncaster Knights in a close encounter 20 points to 15. The Hartpury coaching staff reported that they were pleased with the fight of their team, but they will no doubt be disappointed that they could not score a try in the second half. They notched up one solitary penalty kick.

This week my thanks go to the Under 12 parents and coaches who are today acting as volunteer helpers. They are trying to raise money for their age group by selling raffle tickets. Dig deep everyone to support our youngsters!

I welcome everyone to the 'Gold Members' lunch be it a sponsor, member or guest of the club and I hope that everyone enjoys the first of many lunches in our new marquee. The food, as always, is prepared by our very own caterers lead by Tracy Hollywell and I have no doubt that it will be as tasty as ever.

Let us hope that the A's put on a show for us this week. Let's hear a real roar from the 'Mob' today to give the boys a boost.

**Come on you A's**

**Alex Radley - Chairman,  
Ampthill and District RUFC**

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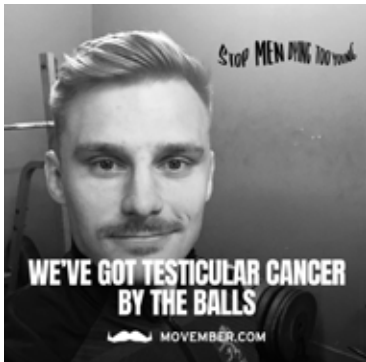
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**Richmond 36 v 38 1st XV**

On a frigid afternoon, the visitors were immediately down to a disadvantage after the first play, as Ben Cambriani was given a yellow card after a high tackle on his opposing centre.

The hosts soon made the most of their man advantage, and after kicking into the corner from a penalty, Richmond saw a gap on the blindside and used the overlap to great effect, hooker James Hadfield running in for the five-pointer.

Amphill didn't take long to respond with a penalty, and with the forwards causing problems near Richmond's line, scrum-half Kevin Barrett found his winger Joe Goodchild all alone out wide, and he was able to win a one on one with his opposite number.

As quickly as the scoreboard could update, the hosts responded with a five-pointer of their own. Mark Bright powering over with the help of his pack. Edward Landray scored the first conversion of the match to give Richmond a 12-8 lead after half an hour.

With the momentum on their side, Richmond turned into France for a few moments. Passing the ball about with ease, swerving through tackles, eloquently offloading the ball to each other, and centre Ronald McLean finished off the play for a wonderful team try.

To rub more salt into the wound, the home side managed to achieve their bonus point on the stroke of halftime, Jimmy Litchfield finishing off another collective effort. The successful conversion made it 24-11 to Richmond at the break.

The hosts started the second half with only 14 men as Sam Collingridge was sin-binned on the stroke of halftime, and Amphill took immediate advantage. No 8 Cai Devine making the break and Josh Skelcey scoring a couple of phases later.

As soon as Richmond were back to 15, Amphill were too busy taking the lead, and with half an hour to go were 24-25 up courtesy of some powerful play by their pack and Skelcey scoring his second.

Continuing with the fashion of this match, Richmond scored their fifth try straight away and



regained the lead with some impressive forward play of their own.

The second yellow of the match for the hosts allowed Amphill to find gaps and some silky link-up play from the backs allowed Josh Skelcey to dive over for his hattrick. The visitors were leading 29-38 with just ten to go.

This crazy half delivered another try, this time from Cam Mitchell who found an overlap for the home side and went over with five minutes to go. The successful conversion narrowed Amphill's lead to two..

A tense few final minutes, included injuries, stoppages, scrum restarts, and a lot of nails bitten to the core. The crowd evoked a sense of unease onto the pitch, and all involved including the

referee were feeling the pressure.

With the clock in red, Amphill got the ball out of the scrum on the third attempt, and kicked into touch, completing a quite brilliant comeback.

Post-match, winning captain Charlie Beckett said "there were some home truths said at halftime, some honest messages... that first 15 of the second half was our best 15 minutes of the season".



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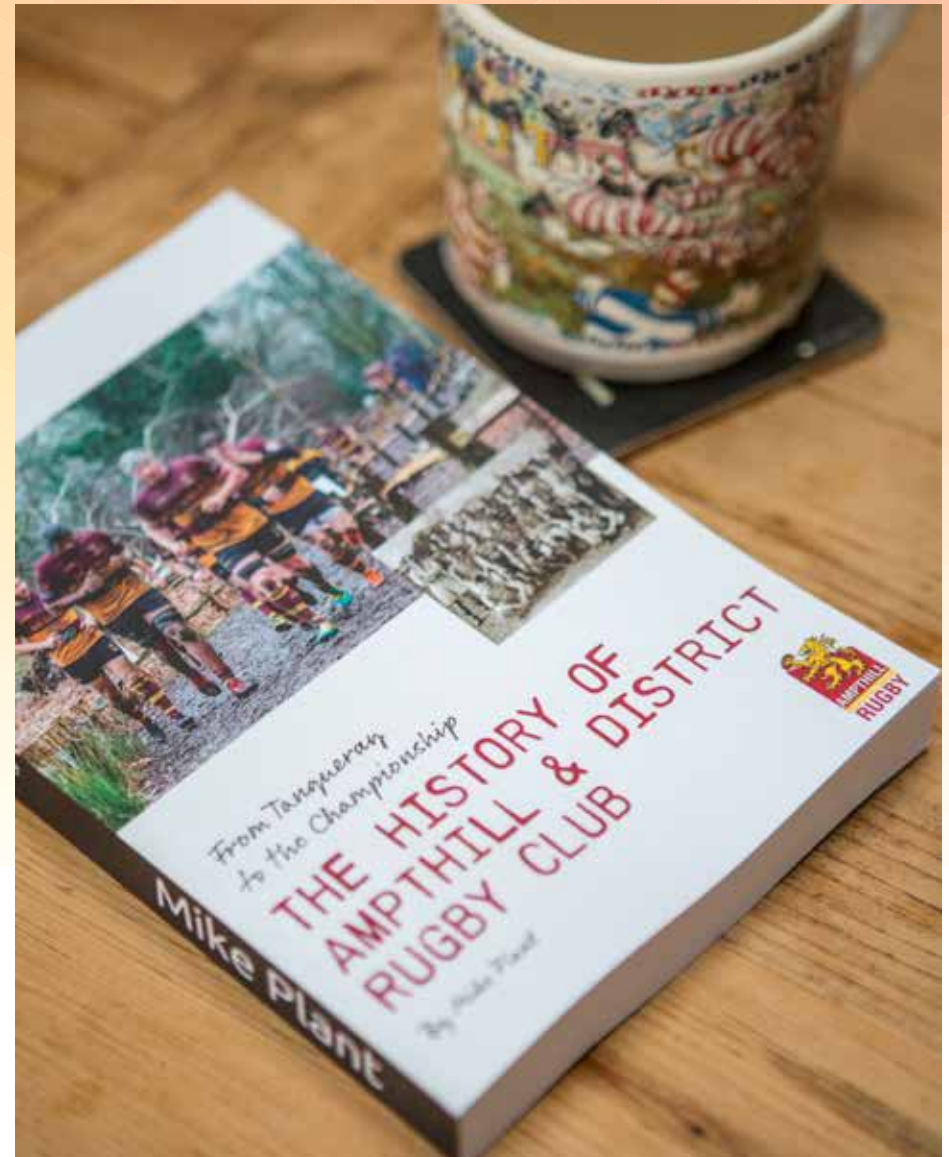
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### James Williams – Fly half/Centre

Jimmy is in his second spell with the club, having originally played in our debut Championship season, before a move which eventually saw him playing European rugby for Sale Sharks. He returned to the club for the 2020-21 season and had been largely ever-present since then.

He is an exciting playmaker who is equally at home at 10 or 12, with an eye for a gap and a boot that he uses equally well in kicking for points or position on the field.

Not surprisingly, he is Hartpury's leading points-scorer so far this season, after some accurate kicking from tee, but he is also central to Hartpury's attacking game and was named in the 'Championship Rugby Podcast' Team of the Season for 2020-21.



### Harry Short – Back Row

Harry joined Hartpury as an 18-year old undergraduate student in 2018 and quickly put himself in the frame for first XV selection for the highly successful university team.

He was beginning to establish himself in the 2019-20 BUCS Super Rugby campaign but then, like all student players, was robbed of competitive rugby for a season and a half by Covid.

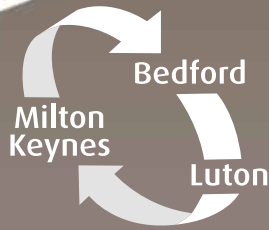
It is a testament to his promise that, despite the lay-off, that the coaches and rugby management saw enough to offer him a contract with the Championship side for the 2021-22. He has repaid that faith handsomely, scoring two tries as replacement against the Cornish Pirates on his debut and a further five tries in the six games since then.

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**Sat 9th Oct**  
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**Sat 30th Oct**  
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#### ROUND 8

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1 EALING TRAILFINDERS	7	6	0	1	275	7	31
2 CORNISH PIRATES	7	6	0	1	75	4	28
3 JERSEY REDS	7	4	1	2	64	7	25
4 DONCASTER KNIGHTS	7	5	0	2	46	2	22
5 RICHMOND	8	3	0	5	-30	7	19
6 AMPHILL	7	3	1	3	-18	4	18
7 BEDFORD BLUES	7	3	0	4	-18	6	18
8 HARTPURY	8	3	0	5	-6	4	16
9 COVENTRY	7	3	0	4	-52	3	15
10 NOTTINGHAM	7	3	0	4	-87	3	15
11 LONDON SCOTTISH	8	0	0	8	-249	2	2

### FIXTURES

#### ROUND 9

	SATURDAY   14:00 GMT	
AMPHILL VS HARTPURY		
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- 13 Tom Hudson
- 12 Ollie Hartley
- 11 Josh Skelcey
- 10 Russell Bennett
- 9 Kevin Barrett
- 1 Jamie Jack
- 2 Billy Harding
- 3 Harry Seward
- 4 Charlie Beckett (C)
- 5 Llewelyn Jones
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- 21 Roan Frostwick
- 22 Josh Sharp
- 23 Ben Cambriani



- 15 Ben Foley
- 14 Sam Smith
- 13 Robbie Smith
- 12 Charlie Foley
- 11 Gabriel Hamer-Webb
- 10 James Williams
- 9 Toby Venner
- 1 Lewis Holsey
- 2 Will Crane (c)
- 3 Jack Stanley
- 4 Cameron Jordan
- 5 Dale Lemon
- 6 Oli Robinson
- 7 Harry Short
- 8 Mitch Eadie
- 16 Luke Stratford
- 17 Conor Maguire
- 18 Shaun Knight
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