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AN EVENTFUL YEAR!



A LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, CUP FINALS, NEW TEAMS AND AWARDS GALORE

It's been almost 12 months since the last PAPPA reunion and a lot has happened at the club in that time. With the Tribute Devon 1 Championship being clinched on that day with a win over local rivals Plymstock, Argaum secured back-to-back promotions and a place in the Cornwall & Devon League for the first time. History was made a month later with both the Chiefs & Wanderers appearing in the Lockie and Ellis Cup Finals for the second successive year. Whilst missing out on a trophy this time to strong Ivybridge sides, the Chiefs did get their hands on some silverware by securing the Devon Junior Plate. National recognition was to follow

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in the close season with a nomination for the RFU 'Club of The Year' at the national awards ceremony at Twickenham. There's a recap of what has happened this season so far in our season review.

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PAPPA2 REUNION

Last year's reunion was a bit hectic with The Chiefs, Wanderers and Drifters all turning out against Plymstock making for a very packed clubhouse. There was a good attendance across the eras but special mention for those who came down from northern climes, Colin Hickson (1990s) and former captain Dave Johnson (1980s). On a day that the Championship was secured, the port was flowing and emotions running high I was therefore grateful to Howell Phillips who kept a cool head and had the presence of mind to take some photographs.





WANDERERS 1984-85?



We think this is the Wanderers from the mid-80s, probably around 1984-85. The lineup is: Howell Phillips, Dave Sharp, Phil Walke, Paul Harmer, Andy Holloway, Paddy Gillespie, Tommy Cooper, Andy Clarke, Frank Matthews, Pete Green; Andy Daw, Derek Pitcher, Chris Goodman, Pete Gamblen, Pete Duff and Ian ?. Does anyone know who Ian is with the ball?

CHIEFS 1998-99



Serious faces before a league match in 1998-99: Rear: S.Lemon, S.Chappell, A.Davey, D.Hill, N.Pinder, C.Stewart, P.Gardner, C.Sillitoe, R.Belli, K.Webb; Front: D.Morgan, M.Hunt, A.Dunne, S.Tomlinson (capt), M.Walker, P.Morgan, T.Cooper, M.Louise.

2015-16 SEASON REVIEW

As usual let's just recap on the tail end of last season. After securing the Devon 1 Championship in March attention was turned to the Lockie Cup semi-final against Devonport Services at the Rectory. Having read about the many occasions that Services have proved to be the bogey side in cup competitions it was therefore a great pleasure to witness a thrilling 25-21 victory for the Chiefs. There was one last league game to be played, a comfortable win at Topsham which meant that Argaum finished with a league record of P16 W14 D0 L2 F522 A160 Pts66. There was an 11-point gap to runners up Plymstock, who



themselves would come up through the play-off system. So to the Lockie Cup final again at The Rectory and a really competitive match against Ivybridge II which they eventually won by 22-20. It was scant consolation that one of the Ivybridge tries was scored by former junior Joe Walker. Earlier in the evening The Wanderers had one hand on the Ellis Trophy before succumbing to a last minute try from Ivybridge's 3rd XV.



So to the current season. Just like 2014-15, the Chiefs entered into a new league but with many more games to play and certainly greater distances to travel. It is testament to the players and coaches how well the club has settled into the

Division playing what are mainly town teams. A win on the road at Honiton was followed by an emphatic dismantling of Hayle (47-3) at Bickleigh Down and then a single point defeat at Falmouth with the last kick of the game. The squad's

strength was shown when competing well against Western Counties side Tiverton in the Devon Cup in a fixture sandwiched between 2 decent league wins against Tavistock and Newquay. The reality of the league hit home with a mini slump which saw 5 defeats on the bounce but encouragingly the team was competitive in these games. December saw a return to form with 3 victories including a surprise victory at local rivals Plymstock. The good form continued into the new year as the Chiefs completed the double over Tavistock and Newquay.

Recent weeks have proved a little frustrating. Competitive matches against high flying Bude and St Ives were followed by a disappointing home draw against Falmouth and a 'win' at Bodmin which will have to be replayed due to early abandonment of the match. Hayle showed how much they have improved by inflicting a narrow defeat (13-10) on the Chiefs last Saturday. Nevertheless, for a club that was sat on bottom of Devon 2 only a few seasons ago, the Cornwall & Devon table makes pretty decent reading at the moment.

	Tribute Cornwall/Devon							Pts	Bonus pts	Adjust
	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD			
Bude	21	18	1	2	776	223	553	93	19	0
* St Ives (SW)	20	17	0	3	692	225	467	78	15	-5
Withycombe	18	15	0	3	612	165	447	73	13	0
Plymstock Albion Oaks	20	13	2	5	549	251	298	66	10	0
Falmouth	20	12	2	6	457	371	86	58	6	0
Pirates Amateurs	16	11	0	5	398	260	138	53	8	0
Plymouth Arguam	20	10	1	9	410	274	136	53	11	0
Paignton	17	10	1	6	309	284	25	47	4	0
Bodmin	20	7	0	13	242	464	-222	33	5	0
Hayle	21	6	1	14	256	549	-293	31	5	0
Honiton	20	4	0	16	287	475	-188	22	6	0
Tavistock	19	4	0	15	240	619	-379	22	6	0
Exeter Saracens	20	3	0	17	317	805	-488	18	6	0
* Newquay Hornets	18	1	0	17	135	715	-580	2	3	-5

* Denotes points deducted in the right hand column

With 6 league fixtures left the Chiefs are in a comfortable position and there is the possibility of up to 5 Combination clubs in the league next season, which will certainly ease the travel burden. Nevertheless, head coach Dave Sansom will be urging his players to finish the season as strongly as possible.

The Wanderers have had a difficult time of it lately with many fixtures succumbing to the weather and not being re-arranged. It's a problem facing a number of clubs at the moment and maybe something that will be addressed in a future restructuring of the leagues/merit tables. The Wanderers do still have

interest in the local cup competitions although there is a desperate game of catch up being played with those cup ties.

Paul Brown's men have put in a number of decent performances this season with perhaps the standout being a disciplined 29-5 win at Tavistock in October. Whilst the old boys of the Drifters have only had a couple of outings this season at the other end of the age scale the club is thriving.



The Tiger Cubs reformed in January providing rugby on Sunday mornings for Under 7s and 8s. This is a joint venture with Marjons and comes under the stewardship of PAPPA Wayne Liddle.



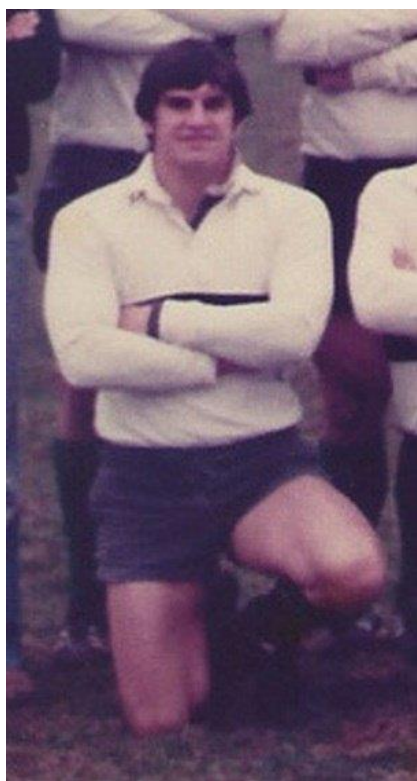
After a great deal of hard work Adrian Howe has put together an Under 13 side which is starting to flourish whilst the colts, under Mark Albiston are also playing some decent rugby which has including a couple of victories over local rivals Devonport Services.

Plenty has been happening off the field in a season which once more

saw Argaum up for some awards in the Evening Herald Sports Personality of the Year. This time it was chairman Nick Hancock and hon secretary Stuart Quarterman, along with the club. The pair proved how effective administrators they were by being the driving forces behind the club achieving the RFU accredited status and the Clubmark Award. This opens doors for the club in terms of funding and there are ambitious plans afoot to take the club forward.

As someone who has been involved with the club for 25 years I would like to thank all the players, coaches and committee for their hard work in establishing the club in its current healthy position.

FAREWELL ROVER



It was with great sadness just before Christmas that we learned that Peter Gamblen had passed away aged 60. A centre three quarter, with a great hand-off, Peter was a long time Vice President and a huge contributor to the club on and off the field. He assisted in the bar with both Bill Annandale and Terry & Joan Hills, and won clubman of the year on 3 separate occasions in the 1970s and 80s. He also took over as first team skipper in the 1978-79 season when Howell Phillips was injured.

For those who perhaps did not know Peter he was quiet mannered gentleman who worked tirelessly for the club, either at the clubhouse helping Bill behind the Bar for Social Events and Game Days or as groundsman. As

Vice President of Argaum he was a regular contributor in the way of donations until he left his work at the Land Registry.

There were many glowing tributes on the PAPPA Facebook page and I have included a few here. Tim Rapier writes *'I am sure you will all remember Pete's boots. They were immaculate, cleaned by his Dad. You could have combed your hair in the reflection they were that bright. Also his hand off saw many a centre on his arse. Finally, 'Rover' was one of the first people I knew that booked in for B&B the night before when we played in such places as Torquay and Newquay!'*

Jim Studds adds *'I played with Pete for Argaum from 1979 to 1982 when he joined Albion. I remember him as a genuine, quite kind person that would never let anybody down, a great centre that always gave 100%. I still have the scar on my head that needed stitches after Pete tackled me in a training session. What a tackle!'*

Mike Worth continues *'When Pete was in the centre you knew nobody was coming past him. His passing was immaculate and his kicking often made up for the inadequacies of the fly half inside him! Remembered with great affection.'*

Dave Fuge adds some detail about Peter's Plymouth Albion career; *'Just for the record he joined Albion season 1975/76 making his first appearance for the United on 13/9/75 away to Falmouth, his second game also for the United was on 4/10/75 against St Columba. This match also contained another former Argaum player at fullback, Peter Marshall. Peter played several games for the Extras before making his 1st XV debut against Abertillery, away on 27/3/76, Albion being defeated 13/nil, and yes I also played in this fixture. Peter played all his games for Albion on the wing'.*

Many PAPPAs were in attendance at Peter's funeral at Efford Crematorium and subsequently at his local, The Prince Maurice. My old team-mate Micky Organ, told me that it was Peter who persuaded him to join Argaum after meeting him in the pub, as it was also his local. A number of stories were swapped there and it was nice to be able to catch up with his family, and connect them with those who



had played with him and knew him well.

There was a magnificent floral display and at the request of his family I took this and laid it at the Argaum pitch side.

I have also taken possession of Pete's Argaum kit bag which

contained a number of items of interest, including team photographs and copies of the 'Argaum Argus' which I will be making available online in due course. I believe that it was Peter's contributions to the Argus, and his match reports in particular, that earned him the nickname Rover; this being the pseudonym for a well-known local rugby reporter in the Evening Herald.

PHOTO GALLERY 2015-16



MESSAGE FROM PHIL SPRAGUE

(Via Facebook) Hi anyone out there? I joined the club back in 1971 as a very 'stringy' 13-year-old. I played for the colts and all 4 senior teams before I left Plymouth in Dec 78 to join the RAF. I was actually nominated as Joint second team capt when I was only 19 and was very proud of that honour. After serving nearly 27 years in the RAF I settled near Cambridge but after 5 years emigrated to the US of A in 2010. I stopped playing rugby at 36 due to so much pain but carried on with 'footie' till I was nearly 47!! Geoff Baskerville and Howell Phillips used to run things back in those days, are they still around? Don't get back to Plymouth too often now but if I do I'll pop in to say hello and 'ave a few beers. Glad to see you're still there. All the best for next season and I hope you manage to give Civil Service a good hiding if they're still around!! I've joined the club via the website, good luck in all your endeavours!! Spraggy (Phil Sprague)

MESSAGE FROM BILL HUMBLE

Again via Facebook: I fondly remember the grand times we had in the 50's & early 60's playing for the 2nd. eleven & Wanderers, also the wed. games. Happy days. I did visit the clubhouse in 1975 whilst on a visit home from Australia. Good luck to you all, Kind regards Bill Humble.

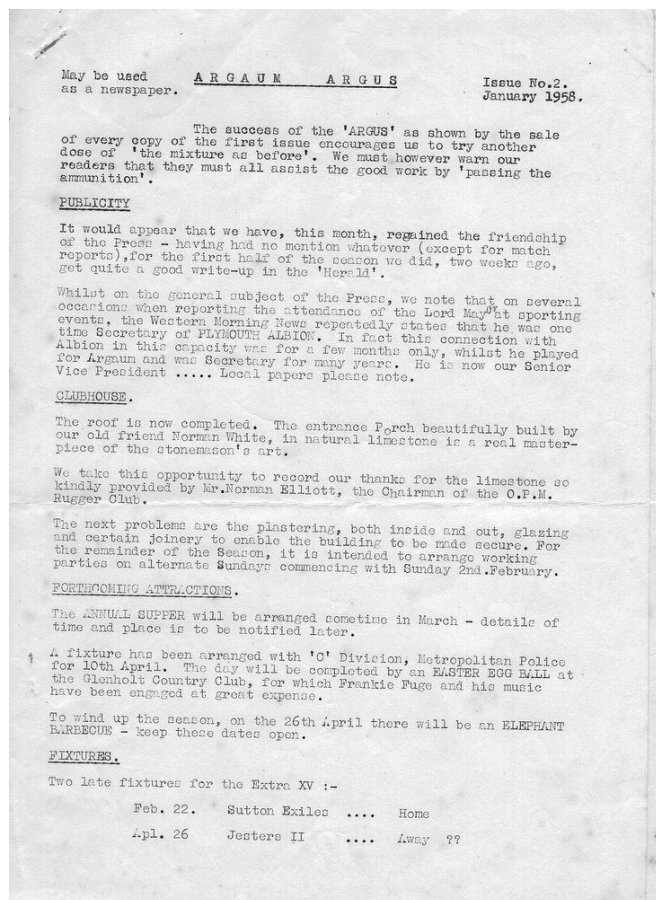
MESSAGE FROM BARRY REES

(Via Email) Thanks for your mail, unfortunately we will not be able to come to Plymouth on Saturday, however it is pleasing to see the Club getting better results again. Please remember me to the 1960/70 players. Could you tell Barney that I hope to see the match against Exeter Sarries at Exeter in April. Once again for the mail. Take care, Barry Rees.

MESSAGE FROM BILL RYAN

(Via Email) It is unlikely I shall be there (PAPPA3), being involved myself here at Saltash or away at Torquay. Nonetheless well done on an impressive first season in Devon/ Cornwall league. I have followed your progress all the way. There is every chance now that we shall be adversaries next season unless we can turn the tables on Torquay on Saturday. Well done, once again. Bill

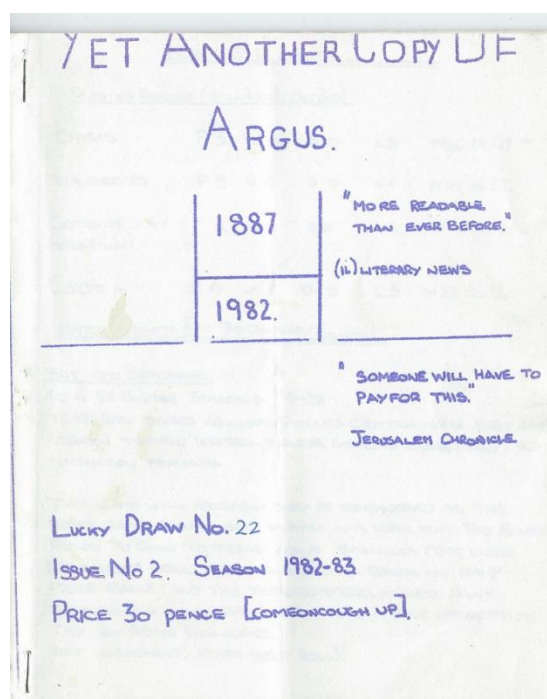
THE ARGUUM ARGUS



Communication within the club has always been important, whether to publicise events, welcome new members or recognize achievements on and off the field. In the pre-internet days this generally took the form of newsletters and Argaum had their own internal newspaper, albeit on a very occasional basis, The Argus.

First produced in 1958 the Argus then was written by Tom Hitchins and included details about the new clubhouse, which was well under construction. These early editions are generally only a couple of carefully-typed pages of 'foolscap' (pre-A4). News about former players was also included as well as information regarding forthcoming social events such as a 'Smoker' and an 'Elephant Barbecue'!

Thanks to Pete Gamblen's archive I have now come across the re-appearance of the Argus (or Argos) in the early 1980s. These are quite hefty productions featuring typed and handwritten information (and drawings) and now come at the princely sum of 30p. At a time when our coverage in the press wasn't very extensive these are invaluable as they contain very well written match reports, including scorers and also items such as a Captain's Page. They also contain some 'rag mag' style jokes and observations which I probably won't be able to repeat here. The socials advertised now include quiz nights and stag nights!



This only seems to have lasted a few seasons before a newspaper returned in the mid-1990s, this time entitled the Extra, but still only 30p. Produced by Chairman Paul Pring this picked up where the Argus left off with a mixture of pen-portraits, match reports and details of forthcoming events. Specials were also produced for the End of Season tours, which helpfully included details of the various items you need to have on you (and there were a lot!) to avoid being fined.

The Argaum Tigers junior section also had its own newsletter in the mid-2000s with the aim of promoting not only its own activities but also those within the wider club.



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Bring Along A Player And Get A FREE Tigers Baseball Cap!

The Tigers baseball cap, available in black or green, is the latest addition to the club merchandise range (see Paul Elms for details). You can get one of these caps free by introducing a new player to the club, provided they register before Christmas.

Recent Matches



Pictured left is the Under 11/10 team who were victorious (30-10) in their first match of the season recently against their Saltrash counterparts. Guy Webber grabbed 4 of the 6 tries. Last week a combined Under 13/12 side went down by 40-5 against Saltrash Under 13s. In a spirited performance against a bigger side Iwan Evans scored the Tigers try.

Parents Meeting

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 10th November at the clubhouse for 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for the club, gain feedback and ideas from parents in order that we can move forward. Please let me know if you can/can't make it.

Six Nations Tickets



There are still plenty of tickets available for: England v Italy Saturday 12/03/2005 16:00pm. Ticket prices are £56, £53 and £48. Please contact Toby Liberson by email, toby@argaum.org.uk or telephone 211690. Note tickets are only open to those who have paid this year's registration fees.

Courses

Course REFEREES COURSE (R.F.U. Foundation Course)

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th November

At Exeter Saracens R.F.C. Start 6.30pm Cost approx. £30 (to be paid by club)

This course will be run by Steve Harland over two evenings and is aimed at all levels of refereeing from Mini/Midi right through to 15 a side adults.

Please contact Dave Turner on 01392 677425 (or see me) if you would like to attend.

New Online Message Board

You can now get up to date information about the club and exchange ideas on our new message board. See web address at the top of the page for details.

Thankyou for your continued support and have an enjoyable Halloween!

Richard Belli



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THE ARGAUM EXTRA



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I have brought some copies of the Argus up today for your perusal but haven't yet got around to reading them all. Over the coming months I will attempt to scan in some of the best bits, match reports in particular.

In these days of texts, emails, websites and social media you may think we have all the communication sown up but is surprising how many issues there still are. Maybe it's time for a return of The Argaum Argus in some form or other, watch this space!

WELL DONE JOE!



We like to keep up to date with former players, whether from the senior ranks or juniors. Joe Walker, eldest son of 'Whisky' and former Argaum Tiger has distinguished himself by appearing for Devon Under 20s this season. Joe, who has also cemented a place in the Ivybridge team in National South West, also appeared in our annual Boxing Day

fixture against OPMs alongside his father. Unsurprisingly they both dotted down for tries on that day! Joe is pictured in this publicity photo from April 2004 alongside Jez Cramoysan (with ball). We wish Joe and younger brother Adam (who has also represented Devon this season) all the best for the future.

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ARGAUM BARBARIANS (MIDWEEK RUGBY AT BICKLEIGH DOWN) - PART 2

Wednesday afternoon rugby nowadays is mainly the preserve of schools, universities and armed forces but for a brief period back in the 1960s Plymouth Argaum had its own midweek side. We take a look at the story behind The Plymouth Argaum Barbarians, a side drawn together from all sections of society to play this great game of ours. After a tough first season covered in the last issue Part 2 looks at how the side went on to develop.

A MARKED IMPROVEMENT: 1963-64

BARBARIANS SEEM ASSURED OF SUCCESS

THE success of Plymouth Argaum Rugby Club's Wednesday side, the Barbarians—so-named as a tribute to a fine sporting tradition of the pre-war Devon Barbarians—seems assured (writes "The Gunner").

There is little doubt that despite teething troubles the side are providing a valuable outlet for rugby footballers whose boots must by necessity of their work hang idle on Saturdays.

The playing record is better this season. Team selection is now more of a problem of who to leave out rather than who is available to play.

Mr. Ken Pooley should have much of the credit. The team manager's job is difficult in any club and more so with a side of civilians restricted to Wednesday appearances.

STILL SNAGS

There are still snags for Argaum in running the only civilian Wednesday side west of Bristol. Most of the matches are with service sides, and it has been difficult to find fixtures during leave periods.

Mr. Pooley said it was hoped to extend the fixture list to away matches, but this plan will need care, as many of the players are shopworkers who do not finish work until 1 p.m.

More players would be welcomed and it is hoped to reach the point where two sides could be put out on a Wednesday.

The season opened on September 4th at Manadon against RNEC IV and Barbarians improved playing resources meant that the published line-up included two reserves; *C. McGill, J. Lewis, C. Mumford, P. Chapple, T. Potts, A. Paget (capt), C. Peters; J. Curtin, P. Keddel, P. Howell, C. Vittle, R. Earl, P. Carson, R. Yonge, R. Evans; Res: R. Laramie, W. Taylor.* After trailing 8 nil at one point, Argaum staged a great come back playing up the slope and tries from Chapple and Potts both converted by McGill gave them a 10-8 opening day victory. RAF Mount Batten, also in their second season, were the first visitors to Bickleigh Down but they were a much improved outfit and ran away comfortable winners with 17 unanswered points. John Bolland returned at full back and had a good outing but influential centre Clive Mumford played on after receiving slight concussion which left Argaum exposed defensively. Plymouth School of Navigation, another side that the Barbarians had beaten last term, also found the going easier when they visited

Roborough a week later. Gaining the upper hand in the loose, they scored 3 tries, whilst the home side could only manage one through John Bolland, Kirby kicking a penalty and conversion in a 6-16 reverse. Worse was to come result-wise the following week when they were outpaced by HMS Adamant, although it was a much more disciplined performance from Argaum who lacked the speed to finish off the many chances which they created. Peter Carson scored Argaum's only try in 3-24 defeat.

The pattern changed on October 16th as the Ba-bas defence restricted Plymouth & District Technical College to a single try and won the game 6-5 through a Bolland

drop goal and Potts try. Seven days later and a fifth home game in a row should have seen another Argaum win but in the end 12 points were shared equally with Royal Naval Hospital. Once again it was a Bolland drop goal and Potts try but there was an honourable mention for big second-row forward J.Pascoe who featured in a spirited effort from an Argaum pack reduced



to 7 after losing Evans to an eye injury. The pack didn't perform as well in the next game however as HMS Eagle swooped for a 6-nil victory at Bickleigh Down in appalling conditions. Read, the Argaum winger, impressed with his tackling. Evidently the bad weather continued, as 2 of the next 3 scheduled matches were cancelled, the one that survived was a 26-3 loss to HMS Orion (Reserve Fleet). Bolland's penalty goal the only Argaum score against a strong Navy side which included Hunter, the Devonport Services captain in their ranks, as well as several others with Services experience. Argaum held their opponents well at the start but their cause wasn't helped when losing full-back Paget in the second half. Incidentally HMS Orion actually comprised two ships; HMS Roberts, a Monitor class Battleship and HMS Woolwich, a Depot ship.

1963 ended in a flourish with two good performances in December, the first an eventful encounter with HMS Tiger. A match of coincidences as Argaum once again lost a player with a cut eye, this time pack leader Bob Earl. The forwards, with Pascoe and Stidwell outstanding, led the defensive effort whilst the Argaum points came, remarkably, from the Bolland drop goal/Potts try combination giving them a 6-3 lead going into the last minute. They were to be denied another win when the Tiger second-row forward crashed over for a last-gasp equalising try. No such problem for the Barbarians the following week as they overcame a spirited Plymouth College of Technology side by 9 points to 6, who in turn became the Wednesday side's first 'double' victims in its short existence. Argaum dominated

Argaum Barbarians

up front in wet conditions, the prolific Bolland kicking a penalty goal with touchdowns coming from Marshall and Goodenough, who was fresh from last season's Colts.

Barbarians				
Date	Opponents	Grd.	Points	
			For	Agt.
1963				
Sept. 11	RNEC IV	A	10	8
18	R.A.F. Mount Batten	H	0	14
Oct. 2	Navigation School	H	6	16
9	H.M.S. Adamant ..	H	3	24
16	P. & D. Tech Coll. ..	H	6	5
23	R.N. Hospital ..	H	6	6
30	HMS Eagle	A	0	6
Nov. 6	Fishleigh	A	cancelled	
13	HMS Orion	H	3	26
20	41 Commando R.M.	A	cancelled	
Dec. 27				
4	H.M.S. Tiger ..	H	6	6
11	P & D Tech Coll.	H	9	6
1964				
Jan. 11				
18				
22	R.A.F. Mount Batten	H	0	9
29	R.N. Hospital ..	A	3	21
Feb. 5	H.M.S. Tiger ..	A	3	11
12	H.M.S. Adamant ..	A	8	9
19	Navigation School	H	9	11
26	RNEC IV	H	30	8
Mar. 4	Fishleigh	H	11	11
11	K.S.L.I.	H	9	11
18	School of Navigation	H	3	14 (14)
25	41 Commando R.M. ..	H	cancelled	
Apr. 1	HMS Orion	A	0	41
8	Fishleigh	H	6	14
15	K S L I	H	16	8
22	RAF MOUNT BATTEN	H		

A much better winter than the previous year but the Barbarians didn't resume until January 15th when they entertained RAF Mount Batten. Once again fitness levels had dropped after the lay-off and a hat-trick from the RAF prop forward Barry Nicholls gave their opponents a comfortable 9-0 victory, although Pascoe and Evens were mentioned in dispatches. Brickfields was the destination next for a return against RN Hospital, but after their draw earlier in the season it was once again failure to take chances that saw Argaum lose out. Bolland and Paget combined well in the backline to put centre P.Blonden over for the Barbarians only try in a 3-8 defeat. Another side that Argaum had drawn with before Christmas, HMS Tiger, also found life easier the second time

around with a 21-3 win. Roger Evens, who was the pick of the pack, score the Argaum try whilst Chris Peters 'hooked usefully'; Goodenough and Flanagan performed well in the backline, in the match played at St Budeaux. HMS Adamant, who had a comprehensive win back in October however, found stiffer opposition in February as the Argaum forwards, led by Evens, showed 'more zest'. A first half try by Thomas was added to by Rip Kirby's converted try after the interval but it wasn't enough to stop Adamant winning 11-8.

The remainder of February saw 3 decent results starting with a 9-9 draw at home to Plymouth School of Navigation, where the opposition dominated the set pieces. Good work by Yonge and Sandercock in the loose, backed up by Bolland's tactical kicking and full-back John Brown's defensive qualities kept Argaum in the game. Tries came from John Pascoe and Brian Mortimore, the latter of which took up an offer with rugby league side Hull KR at the end of the season whilst Bolland

added his almost customary drop goal. Better was to follow as RNEC IV were dispatched by 30 points to 8, a record victory so far and a second 'double' of the season. As well as a Paget hat-trick, tries were scored by Pascoe, Goodenough and Pring; Rip Kirby really enjoyed himself though with a try, penalty goal and 3 conversions. Another victory looked on the cards in the next match against HMS Fisleigh when Argaum found themselves 11-3 up at the midway point, John Bolland in prolific form with a hat-trick of tries, one of which he converted. However, Fisleigh staged a second-half revival with a couple of tries, one converted, which drew the scores level, 'a just result' according to the report.

At the start of March a new opponent, in the shape of The King's Shropshire Light Infantry who 'just about deserved' their 11-9 win over Argaum, although a conversion was the only difference between the sides. Then, as now, it was a Fijian who starred for the Army side in the form of strong-running centre Fred Tekuleka. Lewis, Goodenough and Paget all played well for the Barbarians, Paget adding a penalty goal to tries scored by Williams and Pascoe. Plymouth School Of Navigation obtained a double in their 14-3 win the following week, 'taking advantage of a strong wind', wing forward Pat Reed's try the only Argaum points.

A couple of cancellations followed and so the next fixture took place on April 1st, although it was Argaum who were looking foolish as they were on the end of a 41-nil hammering. A much improved performance the following week saw another close game with The King's Shropshire Light Infantry who had another Fijian, Kunadomo, operating in tandem with Tekuleka. Argaum may well have won the game if the usually effective John Bolland had brought his kicking boots with him, as despite scoring a try to add to that of Andrew Paget, he missed 3 penalties and a simple conversion, giving the Army side a 14-6 win. The season ended on a high note on 22nd April when Argaum finally got the better of RAF Mount Batten after two previous defeats. Although one short they had enough firepower to secure a 16-8 win, with J. Alexander grabbing a brace of tries, D.Pring and P.Gill one apiece, Bolland and Pring adding conversions.

Argaum's Wednesday side could look back on 1963-64 with some satisfaction as, despite the odd hiccup, they had built on the difficult opening season to finish with a much improved record of **P22 W5 L13 D4 Points For 147 Points Against 285.**

PAPPA PROJECTS

The work continues on our website argaum125.argaum.org.uk scanning in pictures, fixture cards etc. Keep on checking to see what has been updated. If you have any memorabilia from days gone by then please get in touch and I'd be more than happy to include it in the collection. Apologies to those who have given me items and perhaps haven't yet seen it on the website. It is all safe and I am slowly getting through the items in turn.

STAY IN TOUCH

If you have any feedback about PAPPA or ideas for future editions of *NewsPAPPA* then you can email us at **pappa@argaum.org.uk** or write to the following address:

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As you can see we now have a wooden fence running along the bottom of the first team pitch. We would very much like to get this filled with advertising boards in time for next season. If you know of a company who might be interested, then please get in touch. With the decent press coverage, we are getting these days it would be great exposure and the prices are very competitive.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR PAPPA?

With many postponements and rescheduled matches the season will continue into May and there are still a couple of decent away trips to be had. These include Exeter Saracens (2nd April), Paignton (16th April) and Penzance (7th May). Get in touch with Barney for more details, it would be great to have your support!

