

# Druids' game called off due to serious injury

## Rugby Union

MONMOUTH RFC Druids took to the field on Saturday to take on local rivals Caldicot seconds in a rearranged league fixture.

The pitch was very wet and heavy under foot but in spite of this Monmouth started very brightly, they were happy to start sweeping attacking moves from deep in their own half with a number of fantastic individual breaks being made by backs and

forwards alike.

Unfortunately discipline was poor and indiscretions were punished by the Caldicot kicker who converted all three of his opportunities at goal to give the home side a 9-0 lead at half time.

The game had to be abandoned before the second half could get underway, a tackle on Monmouth centre Shaun Brosnan at the end of the first half would result in an injury which



Full back Rhys looks to counter  
Photos courtesy of Gareth Roberts

required further medical attention.

Everyone at Monmouth RFC would like to thank Caldicot RFC for their support and expertise on the day and wish Shaun a speedy recovery.

Monmouth RFC's

First XI were due to play Blackwood Stars but the match was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. The firsts are next in action to league strugglers and neighbours Chepstow RFC on Saturday 17th February.



## Sport in brief

### Good afternoon's tennis for club

#### Tennis

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of their 'A' and 'C' teams, it was the turn of Goodrich Ladies 'B'ashers to visit Woolhope on Sunday 28th January, to take on their 'B' team in Division 5 West of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Winter League.

Cath Hutchinson and Kim Martin got off to a flying start taking the first set 6-1, however they were pegged back in the second set but still managed to secure a two set victory, 7-5 in the second. There were no such problems for Jill Brown and Kirsten Ainsworth, who ran out winners 6-1 / 6-4 in their first rubber.

In the second round Cath Hutchinson and Kim Martin secured another straight sets win, 6-2, 6-1, and Jill Brown and Kirsten Ainsworth soon followed suit with a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

It was a good afternoon's tennis for the Bashers with both pairs only conceding nine games each. Well done ladies, this puts them top of the division, with their next match away to Whitecross on Saturday 24th February.

For more information about Goodrich Tennis Club, contact secretary@goodrichtennis.co.uk or visit the website www.goodrichtennis.co.uk



### Kingfishers' game off

#### Football

MONMOUTH Town FC's Welsh League Division One match at home to Caerau Ely on Saturday (27th January) was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Kingfishers' next game in the league is at home to Undy Athletic this weekend (3rd February).

## Cyclist picked for Commonwealth Games

### Cycling

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The penultimate race of the evening saw Oliva nar-



rowly holding off the challenge of Joe Truman in the home straight in a thrilling final, in which Alex Jolliffe took bronze.

The cyclist also made headlines earlier this month when his specialist cycling shoes were stolen from his partner's car outside the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. Fortunately, following a public appeal, the shoes were found discarded in an alleyway and returned to him.

Oliva said: "This is my third Commonwealth Games and obviously it's really exciting to be named in the team travelling to Australia.

"It has been a big focus for both the cycling team and me, and what has made this time around extra special is the great support I've received from Cardiff University - in particular, the

high performance programme and the medical school. Training has been going really well and I look forward to mixing it up in a few months.

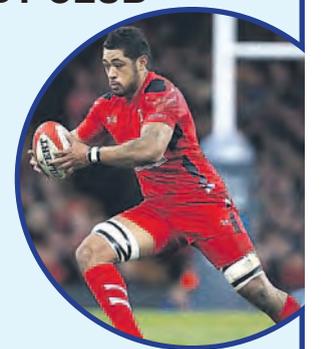
"Since enrolling at Cardiff University I've been fortunate enough to become British champion and perform consistently on the world stage, winning a number of World Cup medals. The Commonwealth Games presents a huge opportunity to top this season off. It's always extra special to pull on the Welsh jersey, a proud moment for any Welshman."

The Gold Coast games will be Oliva's third Commonwealth Games appearance, after competing for Wales in 2010 and 2014.

The Commonwealth Games take place at the Gold Coast from 4th to 15th April.

THE BEACON AND MONMOUTH RUGBY CLUB HAVE TEAMED UP TO OFFER

A PAIR OF TICKETS FOR WALES V ITALY SUNDAY 11TH MARCH



Kick Off 3pm at the Principality Stadium, Cardiff

Wales will take on Italy at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff on Sunday 11th March during the penultimate weekend of the 2018 Six Nations Championship. This will be the 26th meeting between Wales and Italy since 1994.

For the next 4 weeks we will be running 'Rugby Win' tokens in the Beacon. Collect the four tokens and send, with your name, address & contact details to Beacon Competitions, 56 Monnow Street, Monmouth NP25 3XJ.

Closing Date 28th February 2018.

Name: .....

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