

DURFC NEWS

1875 DRAW 18th OCTOBER 2023

1st – 20 £ 100

2nd – 27 £ 50

3rd – 49 £ 25

Steve Colwell President made the 1875 OCTOBER draw at the 1st XV game against Nottingham last week.

NEXT DRAW – THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2023

RESULTS WC 18th OCTOBER 2023

1st XV Nottingham 1st XV WON 33-7 Home

2nd XV Edinburgh 1st XV WON 39-27 Home

3rd XV Leeds Beckett 3rd XV WON 43-19 Home

4th XV Leeds Beckett 2nd XV WON 29-19 Home

5th XV Leeds 2nd XV LOST 8-31 Home

FIXTURES WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2023

1st XV EXETER 1st XV AWAY Sandy Park Kick off 1945

2nd XV LOUGHBOROUGH 1st XV AWAY Kick off 13:00

You can follow the 1st XV live on twitter [@durfc](#) and watch on BUCS TV this week

ALUMNI NEWS THIS WEEK

Josh Beaumont (2010-13) played for Sale Sharks in their Premiership game against Leicester.

Fitz Harding (18-21) captained Bristol Bears in their Premiership game at Northampton.

Ben Stevenson (16-19), Adam Brocklebank (15-18) and Guy Pepper (2nd Year current student) played in Newcastle Falcons match with Gloucester in the Premiership.

DURFC MATCH REPORTS

Durham 3's -43 Leeds Beckett 3's - 19

After a hard-fought victory against Durham 4's and a tough win against Bangor, the 3's were determined to make it three wins in a row as we faced Leeds Beckett. The team exuded confidence and enthusiasm during the warm-up, setting the stage for a potential victory on MC1 for the third consecutive week. Both sides displayed great determination right from the kick-off, making it an evenly contested match. However, after 20 minutes, we witnessed our first scorer, Will Topper, muscle his way over the try line with a pick and go, resulting in a successful conversion and giving us a 7-0 lead.

Durham played expansive and high-paced rugby, causing the Leeds Beckett players to struggle in coping with the pressure exerted by Aidan Jaya and Josh Clarke, who led from the front. Our line-out, led by George Lavender, Tom Peach, and Korede, proved to be the forefront of our success, allowing us to tire out the Beckett players. As a result, we were able to punish them with another four tries just before half-time, demonstrating our dominance in direct running and carrying. The score stood at an impressive 31-0 in our favor.

Unfortunately, early in the second half, impact substitute Joshua Hays suffered a knee injury while we had the Beckett team on the back foot. His absence was deeply felt as he had been playing exceptionally well.

Following the injury, the momentum shifted in favor of Beckett, allowing them to score three tries within a span of 10 minutes, narrowing the gap to 31-19. This turn of events served as a wake-up call for our team, prompting us to regain our focus and return to playing the exciting rugby that we displayed in the first half. Impact substitutes Lawrence Richmond and Josh Chinyemba made a significant impact, dominating carries and making crunching tackles. Beckett, seemingly fatigued and exhausted, struggled to keep up with our pace and energy, leading to a late walk-in try from Ethan Cole.

The final score was an impressive 43-19 in our favor, securing a valuable bonus point win. I would like to commend all 23 players for their outstanding performance in this match. Thanks to their exceptional teamwork and dedication, Durham 3's currently sit at the top of the table in the BUCS Northern Tier 1 Division with 15 points. An Honourable Performance from Aidan Jaya who played outstanding with his carrying, distribution and jacking efforts.

Man of the Match- Louis Inman