

01.03.2006 – Celtic Crusaders First Home game on Welsh soil

Celtic Crusaders, Wales' only professional Rugby League team play their first ever home match against London Skolars, in the Northern Rail Cup this Sunday at the Brewery Field Bridgend (kick-off 3pm).

The Crusaders launch this inaugural home campaign with a full day of outstanding entertainment. Recent chart topper Steve Perry, formerly of the band United Nations, whose cover version of the classic Hall & Oates hit 'Out of Touch' charted for nine weeks starts the show. Female backing comes from Sally Jaxx (pictured right), who recently supported Pop Idol's Darius and sang to 69,000 fans at Old Trafford alongside diva Lesley Garrett and Madness, performs her solo hit single, 'Nine to Five'.

The outstanding bill is further complimented by operatic tenor Martin Toal (pictured left), a first class singer with a uniquely versatile voice, whose talents are very much in demand in both Europe and the UK. Martin shortly releases his eagerly awaited debut album 'Aria Celtica', a unique collection of Irish and Italian songs including 'Nessun Dorma' the football classic which he recently performed to 67,000 fans and a TV audience of millions at the England V Austria World Cup football qualifier.

Dancing will be provided by Sky Television fantastic cheerleaders, the 'Sky Allstarzz team' (pictured below) and the Crusaders will be piped on to play their first ever game on Welsh soil by the world famous 'City of Newcastle Pipe Band'.

06.03.2006 - Name your song.....

We need to get some songs to play during the match, 'As long as we beat the English, 'Every Day when I wake upI thank the Lord I'm Welsh,' each player will be assigned a song, and that song will be played every time they score points. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing info@celtic-crusaders.com

09.03.2006 - The Russians arrive in Bridgend

Wales Rugby League President Mike Nicholas went to meet and greet the Russians at Heathrow airport this morning. Nicholas said "It was nice to meet a Russian team on their way to play a Welsh Team, it just proves how quickly Rugby League is expanding."

The Russian Team steam towards the Brewery tomorrow where they will be met by His Worship The Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend, Councillor Miss Beverley Quennell and her Consort, her mother Mrs Marjorie Quennell. Mike Nicholas and Mark Rowley will represent Wales Rugby League. Love Spoons will be presented to the Russian players and a framed Crusaders shirt will be given to the Captain from Head Coach John Dixon.

As for the match itself, Celtic Crusaders RLC v Locomotiv Moscow, kick off 3pm is an all pay game. Season Ticket Holders and Gold Memberships only cover National League Two and the first rounds of the Northern Rail Cup. Come along, spread the word, bring a friend and support the Crusaders.....who knows who we could draw next!

14.03.2006 - Crusaders set to heat up the fans

On the rugby league field, Celtic Crusaders have been on fire so far this season, scoring 304 points in their first five games. Now they intend to heat up their loyal supporters.

On Sunday, the Crusaders are at home to Hemel Stags in the Northern Rail Cup (kick-off 3pm) in what is expected to be a fiery encounter with the visitors looking for their first win of the season.

Off the field, things are expected to get even hotter as all fans will be able to get free curry and chips before 2.30pm.

All that fans need to do is give their match ticket into the snack bar at the Brewery Field to obtain their free meal. Season ticket holders and Gold Members should show their membership card or give in their membership number.

21.03.2006 - Kids for a Quid and cheaper to Rochdale

Celtic Crusaders have reduced the children's prices for this Sunday's final Northern Rail Cup group match at home to St Albans Centurions. Providing they are accompanied by an adult, all children can obtain entry for only £1 (maximum two children per adult for this offer).

This will be the Crusaders' final match before they face Rochdale Hornets in the fourth round of the Powergen Challenge Cup on Saturday 1st April and BBC1's Wales on Saturday programme have announced that they will show highlights of the match later that afternoon.

However, the only way to see the game in full is to be there at Rochdale and the Crusaders have given fans two different travel options at cheaper prices than originally advertised...

Option 1 - Overnight stay - £120 each

- * Leave on the Friday (12 noon) on a journey to St Helens. Watch the mighty Saints take on Doncaster in the Powergen Challenge Cup.

- * Travel to overnight accommodation for bed and breakfast.

- * Shop in Cheshire Oaks on the Saturday Morning.

- * Crusade to Rochdale to support the boys. Lunch is included at Rochdale's ground while watching the first half of Hull FC v Bradford Bulls on BBC1.

- * Return to the Brewery Field on Saturday night.

Option 2 - Up and Back - £45 for adults, £35 for children

- * Depart Brewery Field at 9am Saturday morning

- * Support the Crusaders v Rochdale. Lunch is included at Rochdale's ground while watching the first half of Hull FC v Bradford Bulls on BBC1.

- * Return to the Brewery Field on Saturday night.

Gold Members receive a 10% discount on all fares. Either pop into the club shop today to book, email us at enquiries@celtic-crusaders.com or call us on 01656 658535.

Crusaders' chief executive Chris O'Callaghan said: "We are calling all Crusaders to join together for this match. If we all shout from the stand for our Crusaders, we will have a chance to draw a Super League club at home.

"This game needs its supporters with them from the start and the players are counting on you."

22.03.2006 - Hook on a Crusade

Celtic Crusaders today announced the signing of Llanelli RU stand-off Michael Hook. Hook, aged 24, is scheduled to make his debut for the Crusaders in Sunday's Northern Rail Cup game against St Albans Centurions.

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The 24-year-old has played union for Neath, Aberavon and Bristol and started the season in the Welsh Premiership with Llanelli.

Meanwhile, the Crusaders will spend a day training at St Helens' Knowsley Road ground ahead of their opening National League Two match at Workington on April 9.

22.03.2006 - Crusaders go to St Helens

St. Helens' chief executive, Sean McGuire has today invited Chris O'Callaghan and the Crusaders first team to Knowsley Road for a training session on Saturday 8th April, the day before the Crusaders' opening LHF Healthplan National League Two match away at Workington Town. The Crusaders will have a run on the hallowed turf of Knowsley Road the day after Saints home game against Harlequins on the Friday night. Crusaders' chief executive O'Callaghan said: "The aim for the Crusaders is to be in the holy land of Super League by 2009 but as Rugby League stadiums go it doesn't get much holier than the historic Saints ground, Knowsley Road."