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Bournemouth Tag Tournament.

As the early Sunday morning dew was clearing the Nationwide side slowly arrived outside the building ready to drive down to Bournemouth for a good tournament, as the players started to roll in, who were we surprisingly waiting on... Nath and Dan Noga surely Nath isn't about to stitch the team for a second time in 4 days... apparently and sadly this is the case and we have to leave Swindon a player down and having an injured captain for the tournament all of a sudden re-evaluation of our aspirations have been

As we arrived in Bournemouth it was turning into a glorious day, after the usual captains brief of fair play and registration Nationwide warmed up with a classic rugby tradition of a beer before the game, however we kept our focus and eased into their first game against an all Ladies team, in a closely fought game, Nationwide gained the first victory of the group.

In the second game we came up against the eventual winners of the tournament in Old Gits and in another closely fought game we lost by a single try.

In the third and final game of the morning we were up against a young side who gamely played against us, unfortunately for them we were a little stronger and won convincingly.

Into the second half of the tournament after lunch and more liquid training. We started well against Old Gits again and was unlucky with a few 'interesting' refereeing decisions we slide to a defeat, two more games were played and a couple of very close games were lost and we finished 4th overall in the tournament.

A few mentions

Nath and Dan for being all partied out and not managing to turn up for the tournament.
Richard for being the first player to be told to roll off in a game... seriously it's not football Rich
Rick for providing the training equipment.
And finally Paddy for his fetching tight red top which put Darren off his 'game'

It must be said we were the top finishing mixed team and that in it self must be viewed as a success and having spoken with all the players it was a very enjoyable tournament.