Devizes RFC is devastated to hear the news that Ali Thomas has sadly passed away.

Ali was one of those larger-than-life characters who had an unbelievably wicked sense of humour and was a good friend to many. He had a heart of gold and was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Ali made appearances on the rugby pitch for the Devizes 2nd & 3rd XV's over the course of several years, most recently just a few years ago. Known for his brute strength and insane bear hugs, he was a solid prop and was a true warrior on the pitch. Off the pitch, Ali was well known not only at the club where he loved to watch the various teams play, but also throughout the town.

The club sends its deepest condolences to Ali's family at this incredibly sad time.

Rest easy our friend 💙