NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

CLIENT

Northampton Rugby Football Club, more commonly known as the Saints, is one of the oldest and most successful professional rugby clubs in the U.K.

Based at the world class Franklin's Gardens facility, Saints has been at the heart of Northampton for more than 130 years

Key Facts:

- Formed in 1880
- Three-time English Premiership Champions
- Stadium Capacity of 15,249
- £16m Turnover in 2017
- Home of current England Captain Dylan Hartley

THE CHALLENGE

As with any business or organisation downtime is bad! However, imagine having 15,000 people descending upon your place of work and your IT being unavailable. For the Northampton Saints Rugby Club this isn't an option, therefore it's vital that IT is robust, secure and in the event of a major disaster, recoverable with minimal disruption to the day to day operations.

The existing back-up and DR Solution involved a very traditional approach, with on-premise backup software creating backups on a large storage appliance housed within the Northampton Saints server room.

Whilst providing daily back-ups the club recognised that this traditional approach was now outdated and didn't offer them the levels of protection that they now needed, from simple things such as hardware failures to more serious cyber-attacks/ransomware.

Mark Darbon, CEO of Northampton Saints comments:

"**We don't have dedicated in house technology resource so we rely on our partners to recommend and deliver best in class solutions**

Having researched the Datto SIRIS solution following Mirus' recommendation I feel confident that we've made the right decision for the future of the club's disaster recovery strategy."

> *IT is core to the day to day running of the club, from email and ticketing through to our match day till systems. The implementation of Datto by Mirus has given us confidence that our systems can not only be recovered but also that it can be done very quickly with minimal disruption to the business should the worst happen!*

Mark Darbon, CEO of Northampton Saints

THE SOLUTION

As the Official IT Services Provider for The Northampton Saints, Mirus conducted a thorough review of the backup and disaster recovery solutions in place based on the requirements that the club had. These requirements included, speed of recovery, automation (the process doesn't involve a person needing to swap a drive or tape), evidence that backups are working and in a recoverable state should DR need to be invoked, and more regular backups than the end of each working day.

Mirus partner with SME backup and disaster recovery specialists Datto, and are one of only a small number of 'Blue Level' partners in the UK. Having examined the requirements from the club it was clear that the Datto SIRIS solution fitted perfectly, meeting or exceeding each aspect of the desired solution.

The Datto SIRIS solution involves the installation of a dedicated purpose-built appliance onto the clients site with the ability to cover into the cloud, offering true Hybrid Cloud Technology. The backups replicate to the Datto appliance and Datto Cloud every 15 minutes, plus Datto only backs up what's changed (a technology called Inverse Chain).

All systems are now protected by the Datto SIRIS solution, offering up to 6TB of onsite data storage and one years data retention in the cloud.

Highlights of the solution provided include:

- Simple, scheduled, automatic backups every 15 minutes
- Fast recovery in the event of a disaster scenario ever occurring – less than 10 minutes
- Recovery to an on-premise dedicated appliance or to the Datto cloud
- Ransomware Detection and Protection
- Screenshot verification of completed backups
- Efficient daily backups through Datto Inverse Chain Technology
- Fully managed Backup and DR Solution provided by Mirus IT

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