



The WOLDSMAN

DRUFC Newsletter

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So, we are back among the rugby again, with a full complement of senior teams in action and mini juniors from 6 to 17 enjoying the game on a weekend. We are very lucky here at Driffield not only to have fantastic facilities but to have so many volunteers willing to give up so much of their time to ensure that the players get the best out of the opportunities that are available. Of course it doesn't come cheap running an organisation of this size and fund raising is an ever present and important part of our lives. That is why the response to the cash draw was so pleasing if a little slow to gather momentum, well done to Meg and co for a Stirling effort. Money raised from the draw will go a long way to funding Ali McClarrons coaching programme in junior schools in the area, helping to bring rugby to young pupils that would otherwise not be exposed to it. I feel initiatives like this are just the sort of thing a community club like ours should be doing, benefitting not only us, as we hope to encourage more young people to take up the sport, but the wider community.

Many of you will be aware that Karen Clark has stepped down from her role as clubhouse manager to be replaced by Helen Sunderland. Karen stepped into the role 2 years ago at short notice and set about in her typical fashion sorting out the administration and day to day running of the club. Many months of coating figures and costing's followed and the result is a much slimmed down, leaner meaner and profitable club. Karen was first persuaded to get involved by Andrew Kitching and what an inspired appointment that turned out to be. There aren't many administrative roles that Karen hasn't been involved in through the mini juniors right up to the club secretaries job which she held for 5 years. Her thoroughness and efficiency in jobs that few would relish, have, especially enabled our young woodsmen to enjoy their rugby in a fun but safe environment and the club from top to bottom owes her a great debt of gratitude.

Here's a few facts we can all be proud of, we turn out 4 senior sides, compete at every level of junior rugby, we run 3 sets of floodlights manage 11 pitches, balance the books and last year raised more than £10000 for charitable and good causes, and we had a lot of fun doing it, keep up the good work.

Regards
Andrew Chapman
Chairman DRUFC

Captains Notes

May I first thank you all for your continued support, both on and off the pitch this season. It always is great to see how well the club is supported on a Saturday, and really does give us an extra man at times. So far this season we seem to be coping fairly well, we sit mid table, It looks like the league is going to go to Donny Phoenix, with Morley close behind. At the bottom, Westoe & Beverley look most likely to drop, with one of Northern or Wheatly Hills to join them, but it is not over yet, and I will feel a lot more comfortable when we get a few more wins on the board. In between, it is pretty tight. January is a big month, with Dinnington, Northern & West Hartlepool coming to Kellythorpe, and our 1 trip away up to Westoe. It's a month that we need some big performances. Before Christmas we played Pocklington, and it was brilliant to do the double over them. The performance that Saturday was great, we showed some real steel, after leading all game to fall behind in the last 10 minutes, but then still have it in us to come back to take the points. After Christmas we had the Turnbull Trophy, although these games are not as feisty as Bash and Mitch tell me, it is still a very physical game. As usual it was tight, with Brid just sneaking it 7 – 6. We were pretty disappointed, as we had more than enough chances to win it. We bombed at least 2 try's, and missed a couple of kicks that we would hope to make. On the Plus side, once again we had a team full of teenagers. Giving them chances to play in big games like this will serve us well for the rest of the season and those to come.

So thanks again for your support, and please keep it coming.

Paul 'Dobby' Dervey

Coming up @Theclubhouse.

13th Feb, Annual Cabaret, 7.30pm start @the showfield.
Tickets available, from the Bar, J Kitching, D Watson or your team Captain.

11th March, Sportsmans Dinner, with Rory Underwood.
Tickets available through Andrew Kitching

Easter Thursday, Players Dinner, speak to your captain for tickets.



Mini / Juniors

A new season has seen the mini/junior section grow from strength to strength, with the world cup putting the game in the shop window we have seen a large influx of new players wanting to give the game a try.

To help promote the game and the club we have been able to send Ali McCarron into Driffield Secondary School and local primary school every week, this will carry on throughout the season funded by a grant from Humberside C.C, also a donation from a kind club member and proceeds from the car draw.

On the field the under 14's, 15's and 16's have all got through to the 2nd round of the Yorkshire cup which takes place later this month, unfortunately the under 13's lost to a very strong Otley side, a great effort from all the sides, as usual all teams were drawn away! The under 17's remain unbeaten and top of the league.

In the Mini's section a special must go to Rick Lowe who again has taken on the roll as lead coach of the under 7's, a very challenging group to take on, but the introduction he gives them to the game of rugby is second to none and much envy of other clubs.

Finally it is nice to see so many past-players getting involved with coaching, a few new names this season include :- Ben Medhurst, Eddie Rudd, Matthew Girking(although he played for our rivals Brid!)and Fez Ulllyott, add those to the existing names of Hogg, Naylor, Beachell, Marcroft and Iveson .

The future looks very bright for the Driffield Mini/Junior section of the club and look forward to the season ahead.

Dom

At the beginning of this season, Tosh Askew agreed to join our coaching staff, as an adviser to the coaches. Tosh is a great addition to our coaching team, his knowledge of the game is amazing, Tosh is currently coaching Leicester Tigers Academy, after previously looking after England U21's



Newsletter Input

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A Note From Our 2015/16 President

Can I firstly welcome everyone to this new season with the hope that we all continue to enjoy entertaining and successful rugby from all our teams at both Senior and Mini/Junior levels. The success of the Rugby World Cup has shown what we have all known for a long time, that ours is truly the best sport in the world!

For our 1st XV it has been a mixed start to the season in terms of results, but anyone watching them play has witnessed a group of players with a genuine aim to improve the quality of their attack supported by a commitment to a firm defensive line; and when it all comes together they are a joy to watch. Our other teams have not really had enough game time yet to comment in detail, but my feeling is that this year we have a squad of players who will do us proud.

Can I ask you all please to continue to support our club in whatever way you can – be it by regularly turning out for one of our many teams, by supporting all the club functions, by encouraging youngsters to join the Mini/Juniors and especially by giving all the players (and referees !) our match day support.

In such a large club I appreciate that there will be some members who do not know me, so can I please ask everyone to stop me and have a chat whenever we meet.

Steve Gibson

President DRUFC

Memory Lane

How Many Can You Name?



Sponsorship Opportunities

The club are always looking to Welcome new companies and people to help keep the club running.

There are lots of different packages available, all of which can be tailored to suit you.

From having a table for pre match lunch, to becoming a stake holder, we welcome everyone.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Ben Medhurst or Helen Sunderland for more information.