



The WOLDSMAN

DRUFC Newsletter

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Rugby Update with Club captain, Paul Dervey

Only 3 games left for the 1st xv, Morley (h), Alnwick (a) & Morpeth (h). 3 teams in the top half of the table, (Morley 2nd, Alnwick 3rd & Morpeth 6th), and 3 teams we have not beaten in league so far. The only team to do the double over us this far is Phoenix, hopefully it will stay like that come 5pm 23 April. 4th place in the league is a possibility, with 8 points between us and 4th place Dinnington that's our aim. I have enjoyed this season, I think we have played well, mostly; however, we have had a couple of off days too. The draw at Beverley, one of the latter.

The team has certainly improved throughout the year, we have brought some very talented young lads into the squad, who have all settled in well, and performed above expected. Looking to next season, the league appears to be getting stronger again, at the bottom we will lose, Bev, Westoe & 1 of either Wheatley or Northern, at the top, Doncaster Phoenix continue their march to National leagues, whilst Morley will most likely play away at Kirby Lonsdale in the East / West Play off. Joining the league will be Bradford & Bingley from Yorkshire 1, Durham City have an 8 point over Middlesborough In D & N1, that will mean Malton & Middlesborough will play off at the moment at Middlesborough. Coming down will be 1 of Cleckheaton or Huddersfield YMCA. It is still a bit early to start calling it yet, but I think we could be making a trip across the pennines again, we will see.

The 2nd team have a good season, led by Simon Culpin, They are currently 2nd in the league, needing to win 1 out their last 2 games to get promotion.

3rds are also 2nd in the league, and will be in a playoff next Sat V Marist, most likely at Driffield. The development squad have been battling on, playing Bridlington every other week by all accounts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, players, staff and supporters for their commitment and graft throughout this season.

Paul 'Dobby' Dervey

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Club Dinner

24th March was our annual club dinner. As usual it was a great evening, well attended, especially by the players. Most behaved themselves, one or two had had too much before desert arrived, no names mentioned. The speeches had obviously been practised heavily by all involved as they were very well received.

The winners on the night were:

Most Improved	Matthew Sharp
Young Player	Will Bringham
Colt	Felix Nellon
1 st XV	Will Bringham
2 nd XV	Harry Sheader
3 rd XV	Dan Gowthorpe
4 th XV	Alex Rowbottom

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The Foreign Connection!

Back in 1998 / 1999 Season, welcomed our first player from the Southern Hemisphere. Well Kind Of, Giles Kitching (he was brought up in South Africa, but is A driffield boy really) came across to catch up with family, work & mostly play rugby. This started the ball rolling, and it is still rolling today.

The next season (99/00 & 00/01) Michael 'Tyke' Odell, Leon Venter & Dave Laurens all followed Giles from South Africa. All 3 great players.

The 01/02 season saw a change, we looked for overseas players, to come and join us and enjoy the East Yorkshire life. And we nailed it. Eventually we managed to persuade 2 mates from Southern Districts, Australia to join the Team. Stephen Peters & Mike Black.

From this season on, we have welcomed 1 or 2 (sometimes more) Southern District players to Driffield, most have stayed for 2 seasons, some enjoyed, a couple had 2 different stints and one married an English lady and has never left.

It has not just been a one way system, we have sent players down under. Most have made a big impact, unfortunately only a few where on the pitch.

Here is a quick list of the players that have joined us:

99/2000 & 00/01	Odell, Venter, Laurens
01/02	Peters, Black
02/03	Peters, Black, Plumridge (zim)
03/04	Cole, Huber, Simon
04/05	Cole, Huber, Simon, Notley
05/06	Thomson, Serge, Luke, Wood
06/07	Gray, Cowter, Thomson
07/08 & 08/09	Jacobs, Massina
09/10	Mcgregor, Thomson
10/11	Mcgregor, Byrne
11/12	Douglas, Riley, Tatum -burgh
12/13	Massina, Mcgregor, Douglas
13/14	Mcgregor, Black
14/15	Staples, Holman
15/16	Staples, Harris

What's on @kellythorpe April / May

Rugby

Sat 09/04 1st xv v Morley (h)

Sat 16/04 3rd xv Playoff v Marist (h)

Sat 23/04 1st xv v Morpeth (h)

Mini Junior Festival

Sunday 17th April

Any volunteers are welcomed with open arms. 950 – 1000 future rugby stars from across Yorkshire will be with us for the day. If you would like to help out contact Dom Thompson.

The same weekend we welcome Rochdale mini/juniors for the weekend, as they stay with us whilst on tour.

A Charity match is been organised for May bank holiday, watch out for news

Rory Underwood Dinner

Friday 25th March, saw us welcome Leicester, England & Lions winger Rory Underwood to Kellythorpe for the annual fund raising sportsman's dinner. It was very well attended, with 170 paying guests (a big ask for the catering staff) Rory spoke very well and the comedian (A scrap man from Skegness) was very entertaining. The auction raised £1500, which meant we made £4000 profit on the night, a great job and a big thanks to Andrew Kitching and his team for organising.

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 stakeholder, we welcome everyone.

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