



The WOLDSMAN

DRUFC Newsletter

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On The Pitch!

We are now well into the second half of the 2016/17 season, with 4 senior teams turning out on Saturdays, youngsters from 6 years-old up to 17 attending in great numbers on Sundays, ladies have started every Wednesday evening (more below) & O2Touch every Friday. I don't think I can remember a time when so much rugby has been played by so many people.

The 1st team are looking to move out of the danger zone in the league. The loss at Huddersfield was not a great start to this. The next 4 games are massive; Malton (h), Dinnington (h), Guisborough (a) & Bradford (h). 4 games that could decide our season. Welcome to those from Malt, Dinn & Guis, we hope you enjoy your day out, but not too much!

The 2nd team continue their season; at the half-way point of the season their merit league (Yorkshire Premiership) got split in two. We finished the 1st half in 7th position, 1 point behind York in 6th. York now play the top 5 3 times, and we play the bottom 6 3 times, A slight twist is, because Ionians 2^{nds} & Sheffield Tigers 2^{nds} had called off so many fixtures they got expelled from the league. Which leaves us playing Yarnbury 2^{nds}, Doncaster Phoenix 2^{nds} & Cleckheaton 2^{nds} on 3 occasions each, and hoping to pick up fixtures where we can,

The 3rds sit 7th in their Merit League; P14, W6, L8. In a league of mostly 2nd teams this is a good effort. I'm sure Norm & Co will be looking to climb the league during the second half.

The Development XV continue to pick up fixtures, helping to find future 1st team players and at the same time giving some old 1st team players one last run out... I believe the Development XV had a game against Barton in December at Driffield and Barton turned up with 10 or 11 players. We evened the numbers up as best we could and got a game out of it. A great effort, and to me shows what rugby is about when clubs such as Ionians & Tigers can't field 2nd teams, but Barton send 11 just to play the game.

O2 Touch

This summer the club started running the O2 Touch sessions. And they have been very well supported.

The RFU have been pushing to get new members interested in playing; O2 Touch is the solution.

O2 Touch is for any age, sex or ability. It is touch rugby, with rules & refs. It is great fun and a good way to keep fit.

We started this summer; following advertising and help from RFU we now have over 150 people signed up, with attendances over 50 people on most sessions.

O2 Touch is run Every Friday evening 6.30 – 8pm at the training complex.



Supporters Club

RFU Draw

This year Driffield Rugby Club is taking part in the RFU National Draw. It's quite simple; the RFU supply us with as many draw tickets as we can sell - they are £1 each and we keep 90p for each ticket sold, so it's a no-brainer. We are pushing to be in the top 5 clubs in the country for tickets sold, so if you haven't got any, get some, sell them, then get some more etc.

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LADIES RUGBY

Women's rugby is one of the country's fastest-growing sports. Here at Driffield we have been running ladies' sessions since August. These sessions have grown rapidly and we cater for a whole range of ages and abilities. We aim to provide a mixture of activities, ranging from handling and small-sided games up to some more physical, contact drills with the emphasis on fun! Eventually, it would be great to have a successful women's team with regular fixtures and we will be striving towards that in the coming months. However, we will continue to provide a broad spectrum of activities so everyone can take part and enjoy what the game has to offer.

On the 25th of January we have been selected to host a Pitch up and Play event, organised by the RFU, in conjunction with the Red Roses (Women's national team). We are one of 100 clubs nationally to host such an event and it should be a fantastic evening with lots going on! The evening starts at 6:30 at the floodlit pitch and is open to all women and girls over the age of 11.

If you want to come down and give it a try, but can't make the 25th of January, we meet at 7:00pm at the floodlit pitch every Wednesday evenings. Alternatively, if you would like any more information please contact myself on 07399580670 or Laurie Fergusson on 07989427203

Chris Lunn

Some of the new DRUFC Ladies attending Training



SPONSORSHIP & MATCH DAY DINING

We have only 6 home games left; all but one is already fully-booked for the pre-match lunch. We currently have 2 tables available on 28th Jan for the game against Dinnington. If you are interested, please contact Ben Medhurst or Helen Sunderland.

Looking to sponsor us? We are always on the look-out for new sponsors. We have different packages available and can make a package up that suit you or your business. If you are interested and would like some more information please contact Ben Medhurst or Helen Sunderland.

BUS TRIP

Sat 11th Feb – Guisborough

Come on, support the 1st team. Speak to Coops to reserve your place.

New Website – Coming Soon

Over the last few months we have been working on launching a new site. We felt the site had gone a bit stale, and wanted to bring a fresh user-friendly site to our members & guests. The new site will have match reports for most teams, up-to-date fixtures, results & league tables. It will be viewable on both PC and mobile devices, making easy access from anywhere.

Pictures and videos will be easily found, as will information regarding the club contacts and upcoming events.

With this in mind, the more information we can gather the better, so if you have any reports, scores, pictures (old and new) or if you feel you have something that would be useful to put on the site please get in contact.

Email your stories to:

druvc@aol.com or james@amkfuels.co.uk

Coming up @ The clubhouse.

- Sat 28th Jan – 1st XV v Dinnington
- Sat 18th Feb – 1st XV v Bradford & Bingley
- Fri 24th March – Sportsman Dinner (details to follow)
- Sun 9th April – Mini Rugby Festival
- Thur 13th April – Annual Players Dinner

