



The WOLDSMAN

DRUFC Newsletter

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New 1st XV Captain

Summer has flown past, and here we are again : the 2017 / 2018 season is here. Pictured left is our new skipper, Rob Mewburn. Rob takes over from Paul Dervey, after Paul decided three years of selection meetings was enough. Rob has been playing at DRUFC for over ten years. He had a year at Southern Districts on the player exchange we run. The Mewburns have a great connection with the club; father "Mark" was a 1st team player back in the day, and Rob & brother George make up 2/3rds of our back row. Rob is the 1st Mewburn to captain the club.

Rob said "I am over the moon to be asked to captain Driffield 1st XV. It has been an aim since I first made the 1st team. Following Paul will be a hard job, as he did such a great job, but I am sure I can bring my own input and values and aim to push on in the league. We have a great set of lads, and most are on the younger side, which means the future is looking great. Coops and Bash have been fantastic, giving me advice when needed. Pre-season has gone very well ; we have had exceptional numbers down since we started, and the three games have all gone very well. We are in great shape for the 1st game against Bradford".

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League News

Going out:

Pocklington won promotion. Wheatley Hills, Guisborough and Durham City all took the drop.

Coming In:

Cleckheaton join us from the league above, and will be looking to bounce straight back.

Bridlington won Y1, Northern won D & N1, and West Leeds won the play-off.

All four teams will be strong additions to the league, a league which I thought was very strong last year.

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 David Stephenson for more information.

Team Captains 2017 / 2018

1st XV – Rob Mewburn

'A' XV – Dan Ramsden

Centenarians XV – Rob Norman

Development XV – Garrie Lazenby & Edward Megginson



Player News:

Good and bad news:

Alex Piercy is back fully fit and looking keen as ever.

We have signed a prop from Scarborough, Alessandro Zavatti. Welcome to Alessandro, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Jake Douglas is expected to return for a second year with us. Jake has been getting rave reviews while playing for Southern Districts 1st Grade. Hopefully his brother might follow too ...

James Watts and Alex Cullen both return this season.

Will Bringham has knee ligament damage, and looks unlikely to take much part this season. Good luck in your rehab Will; hopefully see you on the field soon rather than later.

September Fixtures: (all 3pm ko)

Sat 2nd Vs Bradford & Bingley (h)

Sat 9th Vs Bridlington (a)

Sat 16th Vs West Leeds (h)

Sat 23rd Vs Cleckheaton (h)

Sat 30th Vs Alnwick (a)

LADIES DAY 2017

This season's ladies day takes place on Sat 16th September. Prosecco on arrival, 4 course meal, and free entry to watch Driffield V West Leeds.

For details please contact Alison in the office.

The Presidential Handover : George Hamilton (left) passes the DRUFC President's jacket to Mark Goodson (right)



A Note from our 2016/17 President –

Mark Goodson (vol 1)

It is a great honour and pleasure as your new president for the 2017/18 season to pen a few words for the first DRUFC newsletter of the new season.

For those of you who don't know me, a brief potted history ! I joined the club circa 1983 when I moved to Driffield from Manchester. Prior to that I was in London, where I played Colts rugby at Rosslyn Park for a season and then Finchley RUFC for two more when I moved north of the Thames.

I was born in Filey and schooled at Bridlington (one of the Filey train boys!) and played my first senior game for Bridlington RUFC at the tender age of 15 (I don't think it would be allowed now!). I played inside centre to Bruce Raper (who was at the end of his career and who sadly we lost very recently) against a Hornsea team that featured the notorious Don Copley at stand-off. As Bruce and Don went at it hammer and tongs, no quarter given, I received very little ball from Bruce. In fact most of the afternoon I had more and certainly better passes from Don !!

Over the five seasons I played for Driffield I was mostly in the second team, where I met Tony Rowbottom - this year's Senior VP. Then, as my pace lessened and weight increased (there is some correlation there !) I moved to become a regular in Kitch's thirds ! By this time my rugby education had ended and my drinking one had begun ! It seemed that no matter where our away matches were located we always ended up at the Bootham Tavern in York ! (that was both before and after the match !)

After retirement in my early 30s due to injury, I was determined to stay in contact with the club (it's amazing how many players don't) and started helping out with sponsors' lunches in the old clubhouse. After the construction of the new club in 2002, I made it onto the committee as treasurer, a post I held for 10 exciting and challenging years as the club progressed to the very professionally run outfit we see today.

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