



BECKENHAM

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

REGISTERED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL & PROVIDENT SOCIETIES ACT 1965 – REGISTRATION NUMBER 29553R

MINI/JUNIOR SECTION BECKENHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB START OF THE SEASON NEWSLETTER 2006 – 2007

Rugby starts on Sunday 3rd September, which for those who are interested is Father's Day in New Zealand. Registration starts at 09.30, and yes, we do need to re-register all players every year. The current form is enclosed, hopefully more when our records show there are more than one player, as well as the application/renewal form for senior members/players.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The 2005-2006 season again showed the importance of Beckenham Rugby Football Club to the youth rugby calendar. We hosted 4 tournaments, U16s Kent 10 a side, Girls U17s 10 a side, U17s Kent preliminary rounds, and U16s Kent 7s, as well as our first home grown U18s Bromley rugby floodlight 10 a side competition. None of these events would have been possible without the regular band of volunteers, and a big **THANK YOU** to you all and especially to Dave Rayner, who fronts most of these events.

The inclusion of girls in our youth section means we are the only club in the county to field teams in all youth age groups. In their first season of competitive rugby, Beckenham's U14 and U17 squads competed successfully in the London and South East Junior Girls League. As the only representatives from Kent, the girls did the county proud in finishing in 3rd place in both age groups. The experience gained throughout the season has proved timely for the Beckenham Ladies, as there will be 4 new players going up into senior rugby next season. Again none of this would have been possible without the help of our band of helpers and coaches, and in particular Stuart Tormey whose dedication and assistance also needs a special mention.

Last season brought in its normal crop of awards from all age groups, but with 14 teams and with over 340 registered players, they are too numerous to mention. What made the season for me was the penultimate senior game, away at top of the league Portsmouth, when 7 of the 1st XV squad had all played in our youth sides.

200 CLUB

Continues to bring in the money for both the club, for special funding projects, and the monthly winners, 42 of them over the year, who share nearly £6000 between them. There are currently 18 numbers looking for a home. Pick up a form from behind the bar or from Des and Jackie at the club shop.

MINI/ MIDI AWARDS

TEAM	MOST IMPROVED	BEST TACKLER	PLAYER'S PLAYER
Under 7s	Ewan Brown	Jack Isaac	Alex Rakoto-Miklas
Under 8s	Alfie Daire	Harry Sams	Joshua Shonibare
Under 9s	Chris Unwin	Daniel Murray	Daniel O'Dowd
Under 10s	Theo Crouch	Charlie Jones	Jake Caddy
Under 11s	Jack Kingman	William Baldwin	Jamie Shelton
Under 12s	Luke O'Reilly	Ellen O'Connell Tom Beresford-West	Billy Newman



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JUNIOR AWARDS

TEAM	MOST IMPROVED	COACHES PLAYER	PLAYER'S PLAYER
Under 13s	James Asamoah	Adam Dyer	Tim Weber
Under 14s	Jonathan Salsano	Craig Thomson	William Wynter
Under 14s Girls	Claire Nicholls	Ellen O'Connell	Lindsey Davis
Under 15s	Rory Hall	Paul Crockford	Joe Savastano Peter Colling
Under 16s	Adam Jones	Will Sym	Danny Bourke
Under 17/18s	Euan Galloway	George Thompson	Jack Nestor
Under 17s Girls	Nicola Wright	Kamika Banton	Kadeisha Rose

CYRIL ELLIOTT AWARD

Each mini/midi age groups' coaches nominates one player for this special award, and this season it was won by Fred Daly. The following players were nominated, Alex Rakoto-Miklas, Eamon Flannery, George Poole, Anthony O'Rourke, Harry Anderson,

CLUB GIRL OF THE YEAR

A new award presented this season for the first time. This year's winner Katie Williams

COACHES, HELPERS, ASSISTANTS OR SIMPLY 'DROP OFFS'

Apart from Brian Worboys our groundsman and club manager, the first team coach, the bar staff and the ladies in the kitchen, **all** our junior coaches and helpers are non-paid volunteers, as indeed is everyone else involved with Beckenham Rugby Football Club. Last season over 350 boys and girls from 5 to 18 trained and played at our club, and it is very noticeable that the age groups that really hum along, and where everyone, players and parents, gain most from their association with BRFC, are those where the parents are more actively involved. Whether it is, assisting with coaching, contacting players, organising special functions for the players and parents/supporters, helping with tours, whatever, the results are there for all to see. And surprise, surprise helping can also be fun and very rewarding.

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