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Old Coventrians RFC Junior Section

Presentation Nights Season 2009/10

Friday 7th May 2010

Friday 14th May 2010



COMMUNITY RUGBY
SEAL OF APPROVAL

Under 17s



- ✓ It has been easy to write about success on the pitch and for the first time playing rugby has meant playing in a competitive league. This Season the Under 17s League consisted of 11 teams from across Warwickshire and Old Coventrians were this Season's Champions remaining unbeaten throughout, drawing one and winning the other nine.
- ✓ The majority of this team have been together since Under 7s, however attracting new players along the way. The bond of this team is strong and has been a major factor in winning the League as their spirit and desire to play for, and help, each other enabled them to win a couple of games they probably should have lost.
- ✓ As a result of this being their first competitive season, they were fortunate enough to be selected by Coventry and Warwickshire radio to follow the team throughout the campaign. This brought publicity to OCs and some outside interest in what the Club is contributing to local sport. Keep up the team spirit lads and for next season too!

Under 17s Warwickshire League Champions 2009/10



Under 16s



- ✓ The two highlights of the season were an unbeaten run of 11 competitive matches between October and March, and the team's tour and participation in the Bognor RFC Festival during the Easter holidays.
- ✓ Skipped by Dan Gover, the team have played 16 matches, winning 13 of them and scoring 405 points and conceding 185. Notable successes have included Nottingham, Oadby Wyggs, Newbold, Leicester South and Lutterworth.
- ✓ 15 different players have scored tries in matches with the leading try scorers being Sam Raspin (20), Dan Gover (9) and Oliver Breeden (5). Alex Telfer has added 38 points with conversions and 4 other players have contributed points with the boot.
- ✓ The season ended with a tour, when the team made many rugby friends and gave Hemel Hempstead, the festival winners, their hardest match of the year. The team's performance on and off the pitch and on tour was a credit to the Club. Their final engagement of the year saw the team come second in the Kenilworth 10s Festival.
- ✓ A big thanks to all parents, coaches, sponsors, supporters and helpers for contributing to a memorable season and an especially big thank you to the players who have taken a huge step forward as a team. Bring on the Under 17 League!

Under 16s Rugby tour to Bognor April 2010



Under 14s



- ✓ This Season has been one of great challenges and achievements for the players. It was very encouraging to have a consistent squad of 20 carried over from the previous Season, even when the Team was hit by injuries of some key players, they always managed a full strong Team.
- ✓ They have continued to progress and develop their skills resulting in an outstanding Season. Although facing challenging and testing games, some of which were lost, but the Team always pulled together and never lost their drive, enthusiasm and commitment to the game.
- ✓ A couple of games needed to seal a victory away from a draw and a few games were lost at the start of 2010 due to the snow and ice, but the Team played their last few games which were enjoyed by all.
- ✓ This year's Tour to Shrewsbury was a great success and was enjoyed by all and parents too.
- ✓ This Season, 9 players were picked to play for Coventry Schools and 4 to play for Warwickshire. This was a great achievement and showed to all the skill that we have at Old Coventrians. OCs are proud of you all!



Under 14s



Under 13s



- ✓ The Team have attributed themselves well in their first full season of Junior rugby. They are developing into an excellent 15 aside team, which is competing strongly and starting to play open and exciting rugby.
- ✓ The successful integration of several new players throughout the season has strengthened the squad from a playing perspective and also added diversity as they now have players from 7 Secondary and Independent Schools from across Coventry, Warwickshire and Leicestershire.
- ✓ The team have played a total of 26 matches which includes Tournaments and Festival games winning 12, drawing 3, and losing 11. They have scored a total of 416 points and conceded 402.
- ✓ They are a well travelled team this year playing games in Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire! Also competing against teams from Holland and Wales!
- ✓ Many thanks must go to all Volunteers and Parents for their continued support throughout the year. This is greatly appreciated by both Players and Coaches.



Under 13s

Under 12s



- ✓ This season started with four new additions to the team which proved very valuable to the side with a strong start against Earlsdon. They then went on to win their first Festival of the season at Broadstreet in October.
- ✓ By Christmas, the team remained unbeaten. Unfortunately, the weather restricted the games, however this didn't dampen their spirit - it just made them more determined by training indoors! This was to prove very beneficial so that when they played the game against Kenilworth, they played good phase rugby and scrummaged well. The players did not only believe in themselves they believed in each other's ability and strengths - this is what makes them special!
- ✓ Preparations started for the International Tournament in Wales. Working hard they raised £3,000 for the tour which was fantastic. After a tough day on the Saturday, and losing a game, on the Sunday they decided they were not going to leave without a trophy and the boys were like the 'Phoenix rising from the ashes'! They rucked and scrumaged and played their hearts out but cruelly got knocked out by default but the Challenge Cup was still to play for!
- ✓ The boys did Coventry proud as they also beat Ireland 15-5 in the final which sums up the spirit of the team this season. They never gave in - "A man's greatest conquest is not when he has fallen but when he gets up"!
- ✓ Next season they move up to Junior rugby and will be ready to make OCs proud once more.

Under 12s



Under 11s



- ✓ The season began with an influx of 12 new players giving them a squad of 32! The new guys (and gal!) came with great enthusiasm and quickly picked up the technical side of the game. Playing as red and yellow teams prior to Christmas allowed everyone game time and for the coaches to see who had the skills, abilities and attitude that they were looking for the second half of the season. They are pleased to report that everyone stepped up and as such the good results since Christmas reflect the skills and team spirit within the squad.
- ✓ They have had a good festival season, coming second at Kenilworth and Old Leams, and have broadened their fixture base by playing Ilkley, Preston Grasshoppers and Marlow! They also took a party of 40 players and parents for a great day out to see Harlequins at the Stoop in April.
- ✓ Thanks must go to all the Coaches - Steve Davies, Matt Baker, Nigel Rix, John West and Richard Lapworth - for the time and effort they put in to support the team and to all the players and parents for supporting the coaching team in what the team is trying to achieve in “delivering a rugby experience for everyone”. Looking forward to seeing you all back as Under 12s next season!



Under 11s



Under 10s



- ✓ In a season severely disrupted by the weather, the team can look back on some notable successes. Highlights to be particularly proud of include Barker Butts, beating KHVIII for the first time, as well as wins over Nuneaton, Sutton Coldfield, Shipston and Rugby Lions, all teams they have previously lost to.
- ✓ This season brought new elements to the game, with contested scrums and lineouts, to which they adapted very well. They have continued to strive to play an open running style of rugby which best suits the lads' abilities.
- ✓ The squad has improved during the season and the gap that used to exist between the experienced/newer players has significantly narrowed, making the squad far more interchangeable. When the lads 'click' they have proved they are a match for any of the teams they have played.
- ✓ Their development can be seen in the playing record which has improved from last year. Overall results: tries for 103, against 75. It has been an extremely satisfying season with lots to look forward to next year with the introduction of second rows, a full back and kicking!
- ✓ Thanks go to the lads for their continued enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Special thanks to all the parents for their support and commitment too.

Under 10s



Under 9s



- ✓ This season has been one of growth and stability, where the team has adapted well with the transition from Tag to Contact Rugby, and learning the art of tackling, rucking, mauling, scrums and lineouts. The squad involved 24 registered players with some new players also joining this year to what made a very competitive squad built around teamwork, comradeship and team values. Tries for 174, against 40.
- ✓ Overall, it has been another extremely successful season, winning all three tournaments entered at Broadstreet, Old Leams and Kenilworth respectively.
- ✓ At the time of writing this, we are about to go on our first Rugby tour away at Burnham-on-Sea, which has been superbly organised by our newly installed tour committee.
- ✓ The coaches have been particularly proud of all the players this season, and would like build on the success of this team in the seasons to come.
- ✓ We would like to thank the continued support of the club, volunteers and parents which is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Under 9s



Under 8s



- ✓ The continued effort from all the team, together with support from parents and grandparents, has helped us win all three tournaments: Broadstreet, Old Leams and Kenilworth. This was a good measure of the Season, with numerous wins against worthy opponents and the squad did us proud throughout with 90% of our regular players helping to score the tries. Some prolific try tallies were totted up and we think negotiations on the £1.00 per try from parents may be in re-negotiation before next season starts!
- ✓ Some new players and two sets of twins have helped to put two teams out on a number of occasions. These evenly skilled teams were able to feed off each other in training, deliver the goods in matches and develop into a squad which is more than ready to move onto full Contact Rugby next Season. Their support of each other as a true team has enabled some outstanding displays of passing, (which our current England team could learn from!).
- ✓ A special mention has to be made for Patrick Maxwell, who once again represented the Club with outstanding performances and was rewarded by being selected to attend a day at Twickenham with Lawrence Dallaglio. This boy has a side step that O'Driscoll would be proud of!

Under 8s



Under 7s and below



- ✓ It was a slow start in terms of recruitment but, by mid Season we had 20 registered players with another 10 or so, mainly Under 5s, `trying it out` on Wednesday evenings. An unusual feature was that there was only one player remaining from the previous season and so the squad was almost starting from scratch!
- ✓ The first game was in October (vs Sutton Coldfield) with some trepidation. However OCs came through well with only the odd score separating the teams. The squad put in a good performance for their first ever Festival at Broadstreet, playing five matches, winning two and drawing one against some very good opposition.
- ✓ It was gratifying to see the players` skills, teamwork and enthusiasm develop as the Season progressed, a tribute to the commitment of the 5 newly trained coaches - Sinead, Craig, Paul, Neil and Mark together with the brilliant support of all the parents. In the two end of Season Festivals – the team finished third at Old Leams and runners up (without losing a game) at Kenilworth.
- ✓ All in all, and despite the weather they had a successful and thoroughly enjoyable season!

Under 7s





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And finally

Many thanks to all players, parents, coaches, officials and all other volunteers for a very successful season throughout 2009/10 and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new 2010/11 Season.

Enjoy the evening!!!

OCs Junior Section

