

ENGLAND U18

October 2011 Newsletter



The victorious England U18 squad on their recent tour to Australia

ENGLAND U18 RECORD 3 FROM 3 DOWNUNDER

John Fletcher and his 26-man squad flew home after their three-match tour of Australia, having recorded three victories against their southern hemisphere compatriots. And whilst the scorelines were impressive (England defeated Australia Academy U19 19-8 before overcoming Australia A Schools 27-0 and Australia Schools 46-19), it is the performances that have most satisfied Fletcher who believes that a number will be challenging for honours come the next RWC in four years' time.

"It was a typical Under 18 performance," he said of Sunday's 46-19 win over Australia Schools. "The ball moves through lots of phases, there is lots of ambition and that causes lots of problems for oppositions.

"Our 14 regional academies are doing a fantastic job," he says, also paying tribute to the work of the schools and colleges. "It's a joined up approach, we are all working together to identify the better players and make sure they become as good as they can be."

GOLD AT YOUTH COMMONWEALTH GAMES 7s ISLE OF MAN



England U18s James Lightfoot-Brown & Scott Spurling

England Rugby Sevens produced a dominant display of attacking rugby at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Isle of Man, winning all six matches and beating southern hemisphere rivals South Africa 41-20 in the final to claim gold. So impressive was their display in the final, coach Ben Ryan said that the team performed "as well as I've seen any England side play".

The Rugby Sevens gold cemented England's place at the top of the medal table ahead of Australia, as England's young athletes won 19 gold medals on the final day to finish with 37 overall.

Day 1 Trinidad & Tabago 0 England 53 Sri Lanka 0 England 64 South Africa 7 England 5

ENGLAND U16 SUMMER PERFORMANCE CAMPS 2011

Coached by England U18 coaches John Fletcher, Peter Walton and Ian Peel, the Elite Rugby department held their annual summer performance camps at Wellington and Harrow School.

U16s		
Adams, Ollie	London Irish	Surrey
Beckett, Charlie	Leicester Tigers	Lancashire
Borrowdale, Guy	Leeds Carnegie	Yorkshire
Boyce, Lewis	Leeds Carnegie	Yorkshire
Catlin, James	Bath Rugby	Dorset & Wilts
Connar, Jacob	Northampton Saints	East Midlands
Edgson, George	London Wasps	Middlesex
Feek, Josh	Worcester Warriors	North Midlands
Fish, James	Leicester Tigers	NLD
Guildford, Jacob	Bath Rugby	Dorset & Wilts
Ibuanokpe, Josh	Harlequins	Surrey
Lyons, Oli	Northampton Saints	East Midlands
Parker, Ciaran	Sale Sharks	Lancashire
Povos, Oliver	Leicester Tigers	Leicestershire
Preston Routledge, Dan	Leeds Carnegie	Yorkshire
Rix, Kian	Leicester Tigers	Eastern Counties
Thacker, James	Saracens	Hertfordshire
Turner, Henry	Exeter Chiefs	Devon
Walker, Jack	Leeds Carnegie	Yorkshire
Wilkins, Karl	Northampton Saints	Eastern Counties
Young, Callum	Worcester Warriors	North Midlands
Beckett, Austin	Northampton Saints	Eastern Counties
Catlin, Ross	London Irish	Hampshire
Clark, Max	Bath Rugby	Dorset & Wilts
Harvey, Joel	London Wasps	Middlesex
Heron, Brett	London Irish	Berkshire
Hughes, Jonathan	Worcester Warriors	North Midlands
Jack, Shaquille	London Wasps	Bucks
Jennings, Rory	Bath Rugby	Dorset & Wilts
Lightfoot Brown, Harry	London Irish	Middlesex
Maplesden, Jack	Leeds Carnegie	Yorkshire
Molloy, Josh	Exeter Chiefs	Cornwall
O'Hara, Harry	London Wasps	Middlesex
Royson Bayley, Joe	London Wasps	Middlesex
Sankoh, Gift	Leicester Tigers	Eastern Counties
Townsend, Stuart	Exeter Chiefs	Devon
Wacocecoke, George	Northampton Saints	Eastern Counties

The U16 players were selected following the 4 divisional development days that took place in April 2011 and the Academy 12 aside festival that was held over the May Bank Holiday at Harrow School and Broadstreet. The players were coached by John Fletcher, Peter Walton and Ian Peel with ball carrying, catch pass and the breakdown being the themes for the 4 day camp. They also completed an action plan at the end of the camp to take back to their schools and academies. 6 of the players have been selected for the U17 England Academies squad following the camp. All players will take part in the county programme and try to gain selection into the 4 divisional squads for the U16 Divisional Festival that will take place in the February half term

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Buckney, George	Gryphon School	Bath Rugby
Ellis, Tom	Millfield	Bath Rugby
Ewels, Charlie	Bryanston	Bath Rugby
Norton, Tim	King Edward's Bath	Bath Rugby
Oldaker, Jake	Wellington College	Bath Rugby
Joyce, Joe	Filton College	Bristol Rugby
Uren, Steve	Filton College	Bristol Rugby
Conlon, Joel	Ivybridge College	Exeter Chiefs
Ledger, Harry	Whitgift School	Harlequins
Spelman, Jonny	Tonbridge	Harlequins
Armstrong, Jake	Woodhouse Grove	Leeds Carnegie
Rudkin, Harry	Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth 1 st	Leicester Tigers
Thraves, James	Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth 1 st	Leicester Tigers
Charlton Little, Jamie	Harrow School	London Irish
Hughes, David	Twyford C& E High School	London Wasps
Jones, Gus	Eton College	London Wasps
Lundberg, Alex	Hampton	London Wasps
Wilson, Scott	Sedbergh School	Newcastle Falcons
Hobbs, Danny	Moulton College	Northampton Saints
Kenny, Jonny	Kings Macclesfield	Sale Sharks
Neild, Cameron	Manchester Grammar	Sale Sharks
Itoje, Maro	St George's School	Saracens
James, Sam	Bishops Stortford	Saracens
Buggea, Josh	Hartpury College	Worcester Warriors
Cosgrove, Jack	Hartpury College	Worcester Warriors
Young, Daniel	Bromsgrove School	Worcester Warriors
Buck, David	Sherborne School	Bath Rugby
Braley, Callum	Hartpury College	Bristol Rugby
Carpenter, Nick	Clevedon College	Bristol Rugby
Cicognini, Oliver	Ermysteads Grammar School	Leeds Carnegie
Catchpole, George	Norwich School	Leicester Tigers
Dunn, Pasqual	Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth 1 st	Leicester Tigers
Pohe, Javiah	Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth 1 st	Leicester Tigers
Watson, Tony	St Georges College	London Irish
Kibirige, Zach	Yarm School	Newcastle Falcons
Collins, Tom	Moulton College	Northampton Saints
Olver, Sam	Oundle School	Northampton Saints
Packman, Howard	Northampton School for Boys	Northampton Saints
Stephenson, Tom	Moulton College	Northampton Saints
Crosley, Niall	Hartpury College	Sale Sharks
Chapman, Tom	Colfe's School	Saracens
Kingsman, Charlie	Kings Canterbury	Saracens
Tompkins, Nick	Oaklands College	Saracens
Claxton, Oliver	Adams Grammar School	Worcester Warriors
Dickson, Colin	Ellesmere College	Worcester Warriors
Stelling, Max	Old Swinford Hospital School	Worcester Warriors
Watkins, Josh	Bromsgrove School	Worcester Warriors

A number of the U18 players were unavailable due to School Tours but the below squads reflect all those players selected to attend the camps. The U18 camp lasted 4 days and included 5 rugby sessions finishing with an internal game on the last day. The players completed a batch of FAST fitness tests and were given their results at the end of the camp. There was also a session delivered by the Elite Rugby Educational Officer Keith Gee on the importance of fulfilling their academic potential along side their rugby potential. Maggie Alphonsi of the England women's team took one of the forwards contact sessions and Jamie George former Haileybury and now Saracens Hooker came and helped at a throwing-in session. Both groups also received information on injury prevention and management from our medical team.

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The England U18 management team would like to introduce their new Team Doctor after the departure of Dr Andrew Franklyn-Miller. We now welcome Dr Rob Young from the England U16s. Rob spent last season working with the England U16 Teams, so will be familiar with a number of the players coming into the programme. Rob will work closely with our physio Kate Davis who has been the England U18 physio for the last four seasons.

Regional Academy U16 XV a-side Festival

August Bank Holiday 2011

The 8 Academies from the South West and London and the 6 Academies that make up the North and Midlands took part in an U16 XV a-side festival at Bristol Grammar School and Leicester Tigers training Ground (Oadby) over the Bank Holiday weekend in August. All academies played 3 games of 30 minutes with the games allowing rolling substitutions and no kicking at goal. The games were watched by the divisional and national coaches and the selectors giving them an opportunity to look at players prior to the county U16 programme.

FRONT 5, No 8 & SCRUM HALF CLINICS

This seasons Front 5 clinics, run by Peter Walton and Ian Peel kicked off with great success in September with the under 16's. The aim of the clinics is to help give the players a solid technical base around the set-piece leading them into this season's County games and beyond. With over 100 players attending the sessions based in the North, Midlands, London/SE and the South West, we have seen and coached a large number of quality players, and that quality continues to improve year on year which is testament to the great work already been done in the regional academies and at the clubs and schools across the country. This year we have looked to progress the programme by adding to what is already being delivered to the front 5 with Scrum positions, Lineout jumping and lifting, and throwing techniques with the hookers. We are now inviting No8's to work on the skills required at the base of a scrum and the delivery with the scrum halves, who are also working at the same time with Nick Walshe, England U20 backs coach on their specific skill set.

These clinics will be mirrored in March and April with the under 15 boys, helping them to start and concentrate on their set piece involvements and how they can start to work on individual techniques and skills leading them into the U15 Academy festival on the first May Bank Holiday weekend in 2012.

All the coaches are extremely happy with how the first round of clinics went and are now looking forward to watching the players putting some of their new found skills into practice in their forthcoming matches.

Elitehub is a private visual hub that allows players and coaches to access hundreds of resources from rugby matches across all competitions around the world. Furthermore, allows coaches a players to share video resources and also performance plans to aid in Performance progression. For any queries on Elitehub please contact John Fletcher.

England U18 October Training Camp Squad

John Fletcher and Peter Walton have selected 30 players to attend the first England U18 training camp of the season at Harrow School. After each training camp the squad will be re-selected and the coaches will confirm the 26 man squad to play in the 6 Nations and FIRA competition in early February.

Jake Armstrong - Woodhouse Grove - Leeds Carnegie, Josh Buggea - Hartpury College - Worcester Warriors, Ryan Charles - Hartpury College - Gloucester Rugby, Joel Conlon - Ivybridge College - Exeter Chiefs, Tom Ellis - Millfield School - Bath Rugby, Danny Hobbs - Moulton College - Northampton Saints, David Hughes - Twyford C&E High School - London Wasps, Maro Itoje - Harrow School - Saracens, Sam James - Bishops Stortford - Saracens, Gus Jones - Eton College - London Wasps, Jonny Kenny - Kings Macclesfield - Sale Sharks, Alex Lundberg - Hampton - London Wasps, Harry Rudkin - Wyggeston & QEI Leicester Tigers, Steve Uren - Filton College - Bristol Rugby, Scott Wilson - Sedbergh School - Newcastle Falcons, Callum Braley - Hartpury College - Bristol Rugby, Billy Burns - Hartpury College - Gloucester Rugby, Nick Carpenter - Filton College - Bristol Rugby, George Catchpole - Leicester Grammar School - Leicester Tigers, Tom Chapman - Colfe's School - Saracens, Oliver Cicognini - Ermysteads Grammar School - Leeds Carnegie, Zach Kibirige - Yarm School - Newcastle Falcons, Tony Watson - St Georges College - London Irish, Tom Collins - Moulton College - Northampton Saints, Charlie Kingsman - Kings Canterbury School - Saracens, Sam Olver - Oundle School - Northampton Saints, Javiah Pohe - Wyggeston & QEI - Leicester Tigers, Tom Stephenson - Moulton College - Northampton Saints, Josh Watkins - Bromsgrove School - Worcester Warriors - Oliver Claxton - Adams Grammar School - Worcester Warriors

U17 England Academy October Training Camp Squad

The first U17 England Academy Camp will run this October half-term at Harrow School, overlapping with the England U18 squad by one day so the 2 squads can have an opposed training session. Ian Peel will run the Forwards with Peter Walton and John Fletcher will take charge of the backs. The 3 coaches have selected the following 25 man squad for the camp.

Matt Beatty - Lancaster Grammar - Sale Sharks, Matt Bolwell - Truro College - Exeter Chiefs, Lewis Boyce - MacMillan Academy - Leeds Carnegie, Luke Chapman - Truro College - Exeter Chiefs, James Chisholm - Brighton College - Harlequins, Alfie Barron - Millfield School, Charlie Ewels - Bryanston School - Bath Rugby, Ellis Genge - Hartpury College - Bristol Rugby, Dan Grange - Prince Henry Grammar School - Leeds Carnegie, Charlie Hewitt - Ivybridge Community College - Exeter Chiefs, Paul Hill - Prince Henry Grammar School - Leeds Carnegie, Jordan Onjoaife - Stowe School - Northampton Saints, Will Owen - Wyggeston & QEI - Leicester Tigers, Jack Walker - Leeds Carnegie, Max Clark - Bryanston School, Bath Rugby, Louis Clayton-Malloy - Harrow School - London Wasps, Brett Herron - Wellington College - London Irish, Tom Howe - Shiplake College - London Wasps, Richard Mathieson - St Pauls Barnes - London Wasps, James Mitchell - Lymm School - Sale Sharks, Howard Packman - Moulton College - Northampton Saints, Josh Sharp - Oaklands College - Saracens, Nick Tompkins - Oaklands College - Saracens, Stuart Townsend - Ivybridge Community College - Exeter Chiefs, George Wacokecoke - St Joseph's College - Northampton Saints

England Academy U17 Dates

21st to 24th Oct - Training Camp, Harrow
15th to 18th Dec-Training Camp, TBC
12th to 15th Feb - Training Camp, TBC
23rd to 25th March - Game v Scotland U17
(Match on 25th in Scotland)
Game v France TBC

England U18 Dates

24th to 28th Oct - Training Camp, Harrow - Game v London Academies KO 28th 12.00pm
18th to 21st Dec-Training Camp, TBC - Opposed session with U17 England Academy
14th to 15th Jan - Game v Northampton Saints Academy U19 - 15th KO/Venue TBC
27th to 29th Jan - Game v Leicester Tigers U19 - 29th KO/Venue TBC
15th to 19th Feb - Game v France -19th - KO/Venue TBC
16th to 18th March - Game v Scotland - 18th - KO/Venue TBC
29th March to 8th April - FIRA Competition Madrid