



**EASTERN
COUNTIES RUGBY
UNION
NOTEBOOK**

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ECRU wishes all of its Members a Successful and enjoyable New Year – maybe we will get some matches played!

Senior Rugby

Team EC

Dates for your Diary –
May 14th. v Northumberland (at Shelford RFC),
May 21st. v Durham (at Hartlepool)
(Note –The Match v Nth. Midlands has been lost due to RFU Comps. changes)

RFU National Comps.

All Competitions were affected by the bad weather, and the following is ‘most recent’ information:

Intermediate Cup:

Hemel Hempstead v Saffron Walden
12th. February

Senior Vase:

Wisbech v L&Y -12th.February

EC Coaching

To learn of forthcoming Coach Development opportunities, please contact

Sean Chapman, (Norfolk),

sean@chapmanfamily.fsnet.co.uk

John Winders (Suffolk)

john.winders@btinternet.com

or Bob Mann (Cambs),

bobalina2001@hotmail.com or go to

www.rfu.com/TakingPart/Coach/FindA Course/London North.aspx

Representative Rugby

Congratulations to Will Hooley (Cambridge RFC) and Alex Day (Colchester RFC) who played for England U18s in their 29-12 win over Ireland this week.

Kit for Kids

St. Josephs College has offered to be a collection point for redundant playing kit (in reasonable nick, please). This kit will be shipped to Papua New Guinea to help launch

Rugby in Schools and Clubs;
contact is: Bev Hudson, on
bevhudson@btopenworld.com

Girls Rugby

The last ‘taster Day’ was lost due to the poor weather, and another date, for all skill-levels, will be announced soon.

More information will be posted on the Website.

Clubs’ Court & Social

Broadland- Gt. Yarmouth RFC will host a Mini Festival on Sat.23rd. and Sun. 24th. April. The events on Sunday will also include a ‘Baabaa’-style’ match for Parents, so get your excuses in early, Dads.

Details and entry form from Andy Goff, Youth Chair, on: Youth@BroadlandRFC.com

Discipline

A reminder, and a note from the RFU on ‘Pitchside Touchline Protocol is attached for your information. Please read and observe it. Thanks.

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Child Safeguarding

A SPYP Course is planned for Wed. 19th. January at Hadleigh RFC –Start 19.00 – please register with Martin Peacock.

Many welcome newcomers as CSOs need to be supported with training. Are your details on RugbyFirst? If not, please ask your Club webmaster to register you.

We can then provide regular e-briefings and advance notice of Courses.

Thanks.

if your Club, either alone or with your neighbours, wants to hold a SPYP Course, please contact Martin Peacock.

This is essential as preparation for Seal of Approval.

Age-Grade Reminder

17 year-olds are NOT allowed to play in Front Row positions in Senior Teams – backs only; they MUST be mentored and the Club is required to complete an RFU ‘Playing Adult Rugby’ Form. Section 15 of the RFU Regulations covers this issue- breaking these regs. could have dire consequences for your Club.

Serious Injury-Reminder

ECRU Clubs had the misfortune to suffer two cases of serious injury last season; Clubs have a responsibility to report this, to the RFU, and to Roger Pierson, Hon. Secretary, or to Safeguarding Team Manager, Martin Peacock, so that appropriate support can be provided to Player and Club.

Reminder - the RFU have withdrawn the ability of U8s to practise contact rugby in the final two months of the season – this is now for U9s.

CRB information

Although the Government has postponed the ‘Vetting & Barring’ scheme, all Clubs are reminded that those in frequent contact with minors MUST be CRB checked. Will all Clubs please notify Lisa of changes in Coaching and support staff, plus also any new Club Safeguarding Officers, so that Martin can arrange appropriate training.

Clubs need to remain properly briefed about developments, as this affects their Child Safeguarding practise, and thus their ‘Seal of Approval’ process.

RFU Helpline

In response to the current financial climate the RFU have launched a Helpline for Clubs that have concerns about financial matters. Malcolm Duncan is your Advisor

The telephone number is: 01782 – 610315, Monday to Friday (office hours)

Incorporation

All Club Hon. Secretaries recorded in RugbyFirst have been sent a four page leaflet and CD-ROM explaining the need, and process, to incorporate. If your club has not received its hard copy, please contact karenaveleck@rfu.com

RFU Legal Helpline

From 1 July 2009 the RFU Legal Helpline number is 0844 5618177.

To access the service rugby administrators will simply call up and quote the scheme number 81066.

Croner Consulting Ltd has been appointed as providers of the service. They are a leading specialist company, which supports 400,000 businesses in the UK. Their qualified advisors will provide immediate, independent advice on all aspects of rugby operations including: Tax, VAT, PAYE, Payroll, Employment & Personnel, Health & Safety and Commercial Legal.

Clubs will also be informed of the change via the Community Rugby e-zine, Touchline and RFU website.

If you need advice, please contact

Lisa

01449 – 614674

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ECRU Ltd.

Meetings etc.

Tues.11th. EC Exec. Committee

Wed. 19th. CBRDP

Visits/activities

Harry Moore

Frid.21st. Treasurer's Conf. (TW)

Andrew Sarek

Sat 8th Wymondham

Sat 15th West Norfolk

Fri. 21st. Treasurer's

Conference (TW)

Sat 22nd Felixstowe

Sat 29th Fakenham

Roger Pierson

Sat.8th. Wymondham

Sat.15th. Diss

Wed.19th. Norfolk

Fri.21st. Treasurer's Conf.

Sat. 29th. Nth. Walsham

Martin Peacock

Sat.15th. Sudbury

Sat.22nd. Haverhill

Sat.29th. Bury St. Edmunds

Other RFU-related matters of interest to Clubs:

Information regarding Planning Applications on:

<http://www.community-rugby.com/communityrugby/index.cfm/Fuseaction/Home.Downloads/StoryTypeId/104/SectionId/1165/StoryId/13293.cfm>

or a Hard Copy from:

franthornber@rfu.com

or phone 0208 – 831 – 7985

(EC should also be advised – details to Lisa, please)

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ECRU AGM and Dinner –

advance notice:

Next year's event will take place at Sudbury RFC, on Friday 10th. June –the AGM will start at 18.15, and the Dinner at 19.30 – cost for Dinner is £30/head.

To publicise your Club activity in this notebook, please contact:

Roger Pierson:

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