

# The Buzz



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## Telford Hornets Junior Newsletter

### MATCH REPORT

Telford U8s' v Lichfield  
13/01/2008  
40:40 Draw & 25:20 Win

Yes Lichfield is nearly 1,000 miles away when compared to our usual victims but we have faced this foe before and knew the trip would be worthwhile.

Not only had we seen last years U8's decimated by them but they had played us in a memorable tie in last years Festival. We knew that Lichfield were a well drilled and well resourced squad.

"How many heads and feet have they got?" was the rallying cry from coach Iain Mason. That was just it, put the work in and even the bigger rugby names are no different to us on the pitch. But they were different. The Hornets were better than them - loads better. Every one of our 11-man visiting squad that faced the 25 strong squad from Lichfield played as part of a tight knit squad. The support and passing and an understanding that comes only of playing as part of a team for several years showed itself and what looked to be tight games, if the score is considered alone, were anything but.

Telford showed excellent skill in scoring attractive and well worked tries together with individual moments of brilliance and determination from Oliver H, Kia M and Harry P. This was breathtaking and heart swelling. Strong forward opening runs from Matthew A and Max A began sweet and slick passing moves from Jamie W, Lewis W, Jack F, Callum W and Joe T that made it a very attractive game to watch and cheer.

Whilst we did manage some tidy tagging we knew that our defence would be our weakness. Lichfield's strength was in their individuals and as they played in a disjointed spurting style our defensive line was tested many times and, as the score lines show, was left wanting. In the end it came down to skill, professionalism and reliance of moves and coaching decisions practiced hard by the core of the squad who brave all weathers to turn up and play for their Town on a day like this. We were the better side on the day.

The real test will be at the Festival. I will make sure Lichfield turn up.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> AID COURSE

There is a first aid course being run at the club on Tuesday 5th Feb starting at 7pm. The course lasts for approx 3 hours and will be subsidised by the club to the tune of 50%, i.e it will only cost you £5. This is a recognised course run by Shropshire County Council.

It has been recommended by the RFU that all teams have a

qualified first aider so please volunteer for your team. If people are interested can you contact Neil Thomas on 07713-784518.

### RESULT

Hornets U15's v Wrexham  
05/01/2008  
WIN - 12:10

### MATCHES CALLED OFF

The matches planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> January away to Stafford for the U14s, U15s, & U16s were called off as the pitches were unplayable.

Training on the evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> was called off due to floodlit areas being a quagmire. Hurry up new lights!!

A pitch inspection is being undertaken on Friday to see whether the Kidderminster home games are on or not. You will be notified by your managers either way.

### RESULT DETAILS & REPORTS AWAITED - PLEASE!

U7's v Lichfield  
U9's v Lichfield  
U10's v Lichfield  
U11/12 v Lichfield



U7s v Lichfield Jack leaves Lichfield in his wake

### TOUR NEWS

Price revised to £83 per player and £96 per adult. Details of who is going/owing to follow.



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### Dates for your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> February 2008  
Junior Committee Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> February 2008  
Revised deadline for  
Junior Tour Deposits

5<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course

13<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Child Welfare course -  
See Judith Phelps for  
Details

27<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
Junior Festival

### Fixtures

**U7's, U8's, U9's, U10's  
& the Joint U11'12's**  
20 Jan Kidderminster (H)  
27 Jan Wolverhampton (A)  
3 Feb Shrewsbury (A)

### U14's & U15's

20 Jan Kidderminster (A)  
27 Jan Wolverhampton (A)  
3 Feb Shrewsbury (H)

### U16's

20 Jan Kidderminster (A)  
27 Jan Training  
3 Feb Shrewsbury (H)

### U17's

No Match detail provided

### All Games

10.15 arrival for 11.00  
KO unless otherwise  
stated £2

**Training - Tues 1800 to  
1900 (U7's + only)  
Sun 1030-1200 (all) £1**

### SHOP

Open Sundays during Home  
Matches.



Half time U8 pep talk

**SENIOR TEAM NEWS:** Weather permitting we are away to Newcastle. KO 2.00. Ground is Lilleshall Rd Clayton Newcastle ST5 3BX. Next home game 26th v Harborne,

Telford Hornets Rugby Football Club

