

Durham County Schools Update

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WE HAVE LOTS OF SCHOOLS RUGBY TO **CELEBRATE**

Durham County RFU Schools Union have had a very busy year of schools rugby and as a result, have lots to celebrate with you. Check it out!

Durham County Sevens

Due to poor weather conditions, many of our sevens had to be cancelled but, the U12 and U13 Boys did manage to go ahead.

U12, we did not get a winner but 12 schools took part in an afternoon of sevens rugby at Ryton RFC.

U13 Results

Teams played in a waterfall competition to strand teams down into finals with hosts Barnard Castle School, claiming the trophy.

POOL ONE:

- 1- Barnard Castle
- 2- Egglecliffe
- 3- St John's
- 4 Conyers 1

POOL TWO:

- 1- Durham School
- 2-Ian Ramsey
- 3- Durham Johnston
- 4- Conyers 2

In the final games, pool one faced its equal opponent from pool two.

In the Cup tie between Barnard Castle and Durham, the hosts pulled ahead physically to reign victorious, seven tries to nil.

In other results, Egglecliffe beat Ian Ramsey 7-2 for third place, St John's took fourth with a 3 – 1 victory over Durham Johnston and Conyers placed fifth.

Durham County Schools Union saw a double in the number of entries for this year's sevens competitions, compared to 2017.

Cleveland District festivals

Egglecliffe School Teacher, Kevin Rudd, successfully ran four different age groups of festivals on the Billingham AGP.

Calculating to



games played!

Durham County Schools Cup and Plate results

Following the completion of the waterfall competitions, check out the silverware owners.

AGE	CUP W	PLATE W
YR12/13B	QE	St John's
YR10/11B	High Tunstall	Emmanuel
YR9B	St Thomas Moore	St Aidan's
YR8B	Hummersknott	St John's
YR7B	Durham Johnston	High Tunstall
U13G	St Wilfrid's	Teesdale
U15G	St Thomas Moore	Staindrop

THANK YOU TO Barnard Castle School for coordinating the sevens, ERSFU Rep Martin Pepper, the clubs and schools that hosted our fixtures, the Referee Society, Teachers, RFU professional staff and the volunteers that made it all possible.



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SCHOOLS COUNTY CUP ENGAGEMENT POSTER

Check out how successful this year's return of the Cup and Plate competitions have been....



YOUNG MATCH OFFICIAL TRIAL FOR SCHOOLS HAILED A SUCCESS

Durham County RFU Schools Union marked another day in history, as eight young match officials refereed the U12 Boys County schools Seven's tournament at Ryton RFC.

[Read more here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DURHAM SCHOOLS THAT COMPETED IN THE NORTH EAST & CUMBRIA U15Gs FINALS

Following on from their success in the Durham County School Cup and Plate competitions, High Tunstall, St Thomas Moore and Harton Academy were invited to the finals at Tynedale RUFC. They played in a waterfall competition against Queen Elizabeth, Workington Academy and Netherhall Academy.



Pictured: St Thomas Moore with U15 Schools County Cup



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WELL DONE TO ALL OF THE PLAYERS NAMED IN THE U15B COUNTY SQUADS

The U15 boys reigned unbeaten for their 2017/18 campaign, beating Northumberland and Cumbria. Check out the players that represented from your school, [here!](#)



Pictured: Durham Bishops after victory over Northumberland Jacobites

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLAYERS THAT HAVE EARNED ENGLAND CAPS THIS YEAR

- CALLUM PASCOE - ENGLAND U18S
- CAMERON KELEMETI - ENGLAND U18S
- EDDIE ANDERSON - ENGLAND U18 COUNTIES

OLD MUTUAL WEALTH - WHOS YOUR CHAMPION?

Nominations are now being taken for the Old Mutual Wealth Kids First Champions.



The scheme helps identify and celebrate the success of those pledged clubs and schools delivering an exceptional Old Mutual Wealth Kids First approach to their players, through creating a great rugby environment to retaining and keeping players in the game.

If recognised, the club or school could win a special visit from former England international and British & Irish Lion, Ugo Monye. He will be travelling the country, presenting unique training sessions as a reward for those clubs and schools that are leading the way with Old Mutual Wealth Kids First.

**For further information and to nominate your
Champion please visit:**

<http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/kids-first-rugby/champions/>





THIS TERMS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New proposed DCRFU SU committee appointment method

Durham County Schools Union are proposing an alternative way to appoint its members of committee.

The proposal, suggests that school teachers or staff that wish to be on the committee will self nominate to dcrfu@therfu.com by May 18th!.

What are the roles?

Chairperson - currently, Richard Wilkinson, who has also received a nomination and for 2018/19.

Secretary - currently John Pearson with a nomination for Steve Smith for 2018/2019.

ERSFU Rep - Martin Pepper elected for 2018/2019.

Nine other committee members that can self nominate for the following roles;

- Age grade committee
- Women and Girls
- Boys 7s Coordinator
- Girls 7s Coordinator
- Venue manager for 7s
- Development and management of YMO for each area
- Cleveland Schools Competition manager
- Tyneside Schools Competition manager

As well, there are other opportunities to fulfill and cooptions are also possible.

News and message from Chairperson, Richard Wilkinson

DCSRFU would like to put on record, it's appreciation of the work done for the Schools' Union in Durham by Bill Dale, who passed away on January, 3 2018.

He was a great supporter of the work of the union and served as a selector and member of the committee for many years.

Bill was a lifelong member and player for Hartlepool Rovers fulfilling many roles within the club, having joined from West Grammar School, where he had represented England Schools for Rugby Union. He went on to have a distinguished playing career, representing British Universities, Durham County and the North of England. He was on the bench at a final England trial.

Bill was also a teacher at Blackhall and a Head of Year at Hurworth, during which time he inspired many pupils and brought on the careers of many rugby players. A true rugby stalwart, he will be missed by the whole of the rugby family.

Our sincere condolences go to Bill's wife Jan, daughter Helen, son Michael and grandson James, along with the rest of his family.

Our next meeting

The next Schools Union meeting will be the AGM at Durham City RFC on Monday June, 11 from 4.30pm.





LINKS AND ARTICLES FOR YOU

[15 Reasons why children should play rugby union](#)

[Creating positive sporting experiences for kids](#)

[Concussion HEADCASE](#)

Durham County Women and Girls promotional video

Show the DCRFU promotional video to your female pupils, and let them see why rugby is such a fantastic sport to be a part of.



[VIDEO LINK](#)

NEXT YEARS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNTY CUP/PLATE/SHIELD

This year's competition is being divided into three geographical areas, based on your council districts to accommodate the alternative half

term date. We will send out full details with venues soon, please save the dates, for now!

FIRST ROUND	DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
U13/U15/U18G	10/10/2018	3PM
YR12/13B	17/10/2018	3PM
YR10/11B	17/10/2018	3PM
YR9B (SOUTH)	24/10/2018	3PM
YR9B (NORTH AND MID)	31/10/2018	3PM
YR8B	07/11/2018	3PM
YR7B	28/11/2018	3PM

FINALS	DATE	ARRIVAL TIME
U13/U15/U18G	05/12/2018	3PM
YR12/13B	12/12/2018	3PM
YR10/11B	12/12/2018	3PM
YR9B	23/01/2019	3PM
YR8B	30/01/2019	3PM
YR7B	06/02/2019	3PM



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COUNTY SEVENS

Save the date!

AGE	DATE	VENUE
U18B	27/02/2019	DURHAM SCHOOL
U16B	06/03/2019	BCS
U15B	12/03/2019	BCS
U14B	14/03/2019	DURHAM SCHOOL
U13B	19/03/2019	SOUTH VENUE TBC
U12B	21/03/2019	RYTON RFC
U13/U15G	27/03/2019	TBC

THIS TERMS DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



**Teacher development day
at Newcastle Falcons**



This is a FREE day aimed at teachers, to develop and expand your rugby knowledge and experience.

The course will take place on Thursday June, 7,
8.30am - 3.30pm.

[Places are limited, so book yours NOW!](#)

THIS TERMS NEED TO KNOW

AGE GRADE REGULATIONS

Make sure you are up to date with Regulation 15 and following the correct summer activity, rules of play and more!



**England
Rugby**

FESTIVAL APPROVAL

DO NOT FORGET that you need to gain festival from Durham County SU Secretary, and touring permission from the ERFUSU.

It is important that all planned festivals are submitted to the County: dcrfu@therfu.com

If you plan to tour Contact Mark Lowe at ERFUSU: cmcl@clara.co.uk

WE NOW HAVE A PLAYER PATHWAY OFFICER FOR THE NORTH

Following some changes in the RFU structure, the Women and Girls Rugby Development Officers have been removed and the female game now falls within the same structure of the men's game. As a result of this, Pete Taylor is now the player pathway officer for the North. His job entails;



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Working with pathway stakeholders to oversee the implementation and quality assurance of the Developing Player Programme (DPP), CB Representative Rugby (male and female) and Aspirational teams. In addition he will collaborate with and support CBs, Regional Player Pathway Groups, England Rugby Academies, and Rugby Development colleagues to deliver high quality opportunities for players, coaches, referees, medics and administrators involved in the talent pathways.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR DURHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS UNION



The hard work and dedication of Durham County RFU School Union committee, teachers and schools have not gone unnoticed.

We have received national recognition for our newsletters, our work with the RFU professional staff, and the work that we have started to undertake with regards to Young Match Officials.

EXCITING YOUNG MATCH OFFICIALS PROGRAMME COMING SOON

Durham County Schools Union have teamed up with the RFU professional staff to bring you a new Young Match Officials programme.



This will look to qualify students at a school in the north, mid and south of Durham. It has the potential to qualify up to 60 students per year!

At first, the project looks to qualify at Kids First, Level One refereeing (Up to U13) and then onto Level 2 (15 aside game).

We are hoping to have the project sponsored by Vic Young, Mitsubishi Motors to compliment the Schools Union funding.

The project will allow students to gain qualifications, supply them with referee kit and allow them to log their hours on the Young Rugby Ambassadors programme to accumulate giveaways for volunteer hours.

If you are interested in signing up any students. Get in touch: dcrfu@therfu.com

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ERSFU AFFILIATED

As the school year is approaching its end, make sure you are affiliated to Durham Schools Union through the ERSFU.

All of our great work, programmes and schools playing offers are only available to our members.

So, do not be the one to miss out.

GET IN TOUCH FOR YOUR SIGN UP FORM NOW.

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[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



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