

Monday 12th November 2007

## OA's U9's Weekly News

### U9's Greens and Yellows break hearts in Hertford on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007

This week we were very grateful for the unexpected chance to put out the Greens and Yellows in an "extra" fixture at Hertford RFC.

Well done and thanks to all coaches, players and parents who turned out to represent the club and our age group. Our squads provided an enthusiastic and entertaining display of rugby! Both squads ended the day unbeaten over 4 games. The players also made us proud with their respectful observance of a minute's silence at 11am in memory of the lives and sacrifices of the nation's service men and women. Well done boys.

The rest of the age group had a training session at home in preparation for us all visiting Hertford again next weekend.

#### The Greens

##### OA's Greens 20 - Hertford 0

What a great start to Green's season with an excellent first contact match. The boys kept the pressure on Hertford from the start, and there was no let up the whole way through the match. Powerful forward play kept Hertford out of the game with great running down the wings by the backs, once the ball was passed out. An early try from **Thomas Murphy**, driving through the opposing forwards set the tone. Great running from **Ryan Owen** and **Angus Wight** opened up the field to allow **Ryan Docherty** to score a second try in the first half. Five squad changes at half time didn't alter the flow of the game and two more tries were run in by **Harry Deeks** and **Angus Wight**.

*Try Scorers:* Thomas Murphy, Ryan Docherty, Harry Deeks, Angus Wight

##### OA's Greens 30 - Hertford 10

Now buoyed up with confidence the squad joined the field ready to take the game to Hertford. **Harry Deeks** charged into the opposition and was strongly backed up by the other forwards. Fast running from **Ryan Owen** and **Angus Wight** earned them both a try a piece. A strong (it included all but one team member!) maul allowed **Thomas Murphy** to be carried over the line to score a third try for the half. Again, major squad changes at half time brought in new energy. Fantastic tackling and running from **Joseph Wackett** generated his first try of the season. **Harry Deeks** and **Ryan Owen** also scored in the second half.

It really was a full squad / team effort, the statistician notes every single player received several tallies for either running, passing or tackling. Rucks are the element of the game we will need to focus on in training but the second half brought promise of things to come with a couple of well set rucks.

*Try Scorers:* Ryan Owen, Angus Wight, Thomas Murphy, Joseph Wackett, Harry Deeks, Ryan Owen

**Player of the Week** - the coaches, Jim and Mick, selected **Harry Deeks**, the author's son, as player of the week. The author is compelled to write that it genuinely was a full squad effort and would like to note particularly good games from Ryan Owen, Angus Wight and Joseph Wackett.

*Report by Nick Deeks*

*Coaches - Jim Finnie and Mick Quinn*

*Players - Harry Deeks – forward, Ryan Doherty - Scrum half, Connor Gillen - Back, Ryan Golds - forward, Thomas Murphy - forward, Ryan Owen - Back, Angus Wight - forward, Andrew Doughty - Scrum half, Oscar*

Finnie - Back, Oliver Marshall - Back, William McKay - Back, Conor Quinn - Back, Maxim Vuolo- forward, Joseph Wackett - Back, Rhys Williams - Back.

## **The Yellows**

Fantastic to see a full team turnout at Hertford, demonstrating great commitment!

We played two matches. Both games saw the Yellows strength - things seem to be coming together now, the boys putting into practice all the drills of previous training sessions. There was much more structure to the games and you could see that the players are now starting to think much more for themselves, which is great to see. The boys worked well together - passing and calling for the ball; recognising and using space - which certainly paid off!! Defence was great too, though we still need to work more on this.

### **Hertford 0 - OA's Yellows 15**

*Try scorers* - Ronan Harris, Rory Jeram, Euan Wattley

### **Hertford 5 - OA's Yellows 30**

*Try scorers* - Ronan Harris (4), John Greener, Jake Mlodecki

**Player of the Week** - whilst all the Yellows had a great morning and we are truly proud of them, a special mention to **Rory Jeram** who consistently worked hard this week.

Additionally, there are two players worthy of special mention:

For attack - **Ronan Harris**, who showed great running, thought, scoring and passing when he needed to!  
For defence - **Thomas Dee** who tried very hard this week and really got into tackling quite fearlessly!

Well done to all of you, you played very well as a team, and the team won!!! Let's keep it up!!

*Report by Dawn Sewell & Simon Mitchell*

*Coaches* - **Dawn Sewell** and **Simon Mitchell**

*Players* - Luke Benfield - Forward, Thomas Dee - Wing, John Greener - Fly half, Paul Greener - Wing, Ronan Harris - Centre, Joseph Hensman - Wing, Rory Jerram - Forward, Connor Mitchell - Forward, Jake Mlodecki - Scrum half, Joshua Montoya-Timperley - Forward, Ethan Piggott - Forward, Jack Rye - Forward, Edward Sewell - Scrum half, Euan Wattley - Wing, Jasper Williamson - Centre