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OA's U9's Weekly News

U9's Greens away for their first Contact Rugby Fixtures versus Bedford Blues RFC on Sunday 21st October 2007

This week we put out the Greens to face Bedford Blues RFC away.

Well done and thanks to all players and parents who turned out to represent the club and our age group.

The rest of the age group had a training session to continue their development in the contact game.

Thanks to Gianni Vuolo as the lead coach for looking after the Greens and to Steve Barbour for his assistance.

The Greens

An excellent morning of rugby for the Greens. Nine players made the trip to Bedford (listed below).

We played a single 30 / 40 minute "game" against Bedford's top team (who had already played 2/3 competitive fixtures this season). The ref. wanted to treat it more as a training game, so no score was kept, but the game was no less competitive for it. The referee was very helpful to both sides. Thank you Sir!

All our players did the club proud. Bedford scored more tries, but nearly always from breakaways by one or two very good 'jinky' runners. We easily matched them in rucking & mauling, and were the best team in terms of 'head-on charges' (**Thomas Murphy** outstanding in this respect with regular bullocking runs) and in terms of tackling (**Ryan Golds** outstanding here - he was everywhere and never missed a tackle; **Ryan Golds** was also the scorer of our only try after a powerful run).

It was our boys' first time without a coach on the field, and it was amazing how quickly they improved from play to play as the game progressed, relying on their own decisions and playing as a team. All of them got stuck in and each one made terrific tackles or other important contributions. They enjoyed every minute.

Parents were very supportive and seemed delighted to see such a good game.

Report by Gianni Vuolo

Coaches - Gianni Vuolo and Steve Barbour

Players - Ryan Doherty, Ryan Golds, Thomas Murphy, Luke Barbour, Andrew Doughty, Oliver Marshall, Maxim Vuolo, Joseph Wackett and Rhys Williams.