



# Hinckley RFC Mini & Juniors

## Club Newsletter

### September '06



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## CLUB NEWS

### “Welcome to the New Season at HRFC”

**A warm welcome back** to all returning players, parents and volunteers; with a special welcome to new players just joining the Minis & Juniors, in our 28<sup>th</sup> season at the club.

Our **Under 16's** have already got their season off to a flying start with a 34-17 win against Syston last weekend, as our other junior teams intensify their training schedules for their first matches.

Our Mini's haven't been slow off the mark either, with many using the club's **Summer School** in August, to brush up on their skills, which impressed the local Hinckley coaches, including special guests Vicky Massarella (Saracens and England) and Ben Toft (Leicester Tigers and Coventry), who presented the kids their certificates.



The Mini's season build up continues with their **FUN DAY** at the club on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, which welcomes all players, in the Under 7 – 12 groups irrespective of experience or ability. This is a great opportunity for new players to check out the Mini's teams and club.

By the Club's **Registration Day** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, all players/parents should have returned their club membership forms (download via [www.hinckleyrfc.net](http://www.hinckleyrfc.net)) with their subscriptions and any new player LRU registration forms, to their Coaches/Team Managers, to ensure players are insured and allow all parents/players to make use of the club's facilities. The club recommends that kids make use of the attending Dentist on Registration Day; who will be available to offer professionally fitted mouth guards, ensuring kids get the best possible dental protection.

The new season sees our young players step up an age group, playing to the new rules for their age group in line with the [RFU Continuum](#), and with all of our high hopes and expectations for the season ahead, it's important to remember the Club's [Codes of Conduct](#) for players, coaches and parents. It won't be long though before the first **Trophy Sunday**, held in the clubhouse, recognises the efforts and commitments of our young players.

## EVENTS UPDATE

- We have a great set of players and parents, so new social events are being organised this year to help parents and teams get together and celebrate their team's progress. These events will be open to all, marking a new inclusive approach between the 'Minis & Juniors' and the 'Senior' club at Hinckley RFC. Parents and Team Managers should get organised and book team tables early, as these are sure to be popular events...

- **Race Night – Sat November 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Back by popular request* - This night will combine the clubs' legendary carvery with a unique race night evening – where you can both own a horse & name your rider, adding to the evening's entertainment. Tickets will be available from end September.



- A **Christmas Raffle** and **Boxing Day** event will add to the seasonal festivities, coming round all too soon...



- The **May Ball** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 will finish our season off in style, so get ready to dress to impress...!





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### EVENTS UPDATE – continued...

- Tours are already in planning for the U10's, U11's and U12's, who are off to the Southport Festival in April'07, whilst our U13's consider Festivals on the South Coast for their tour venue. Contact your Team Manager/Coach to check on your team's proposals and start planning now.
- Additional events are also in planning, and Neil Haagensen (U16's Coach), will be happy to hear any suggestions for further events, or welcome new parents/volunteers to help with organisation – so get involved... it's your club...

### KEY DATES Don't Forget...

- To support the Mini's Fun Day on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, from 10:30am-12:00 midday. A great opportunity to introduce friends and new players to the club.
- To return Club Membership Forms (download via [www.hinckleyrfc.net](http://www.hinckleyrfc.net)) to Team Managers/Coaches by **Sunday 24th September**, along with new player LRU registration forms.

### GET INVOLVED

- Several new parents and volunteers have already taken the opportunity to get involved in the club this season – their efforts and contribution is appreciated, as are the efforts of returning committee members.
- Additionally, this year has seen our club adopt an inclusive approach with the HRFC senior club on both coaching issues and social events – with progress already on the social events for the year...

#### New Committee Members

Ross McMurrin – Membership Secretary  
Cath Ruskin – Joint Child Welfare Officer  
Trevor Wiggins – Mini's Fixtures Officer  
Stuart Elder – Joint Chairman  
Kim Swift – Joint Chairman  
John Tilley – HRFC Coach Coordinator  
Neil Haagensen – Social Events Coordinator

#### New Coaches

Sara Houghton – U7's  
Rich Massarella – U7's  
Richard Babb – U7's  
Andy Miller – U8's  
Mark Champion – U8's  
Mark Sharkey – U8's  
Andy Hubbard – U8's  
Adi Brown – U10's  
Jon Ruskin – U10's  
Paul Clifton – U13's

#### New Team Managers

Nigel Stretton – U9's  
Mike Cook – U13's

- Several teams have made other organisational changes – such as the U13's introducing new team managers, social and fundraising organisers. The U16's have even adopted a 'Commander of Communications' role, previously unheard of in the club, but all of this helps the coaches concentrate on developing the players and teams, and reinforces what great parents make up the club.
- Changing Rooms – A big thank-you to those Minis & Juniors volunteers who turned out to help paint the club's changing rooms and floor during the summer. Whilst they didn't have a TV crew to film it, they completed the job in record time, helping to maintain our facilities.
- Well done to Michael Croasdale & Mike Cook for helping publicise the Club's Fun Day by arranging leaflets to go out to local schools in the Hinckley area, inviting kids to come and try out the game...

### CLUB FACILITIES We have good clubhouse facilities – Don't be strangers! - Use them!

#### TUCK SHOP KIT BOX

Run by the Under 10's team, supplying those well-earned treats.  
Please contact your Team Manager/Coach for kit supply. Alternatively Swifts Sportswear in Hinckley (01455 238398 [www.swiftsuniforms.co.uk](http://www.swiftsuniforms.co.uk)) will be able to supply the Hinckley RFC kit from November'06. Note that some essentials, such as laces, studs, etc. will be available from the Tuck Shop.

### CONTACTS All the club contacts are on-line at [www.hinckleyrfc.net](http://www.hinckleyrfc.net) or please contact one of our Joint Chairmen, Stuart Elder on 07721 407008, or Kim Swift on 07721 037182, for any query.