

FOCUS ON... CLUB RUGBY



PIC Dave Martin

Team of the Month Camelot Colts


MINNOWS AMONG big fish, that's Camelot Colts, the youth team of Hemel Hempstead RUFC now mixing it with the likes of Saracens, Wasps and Old Albanians. "We're easily the smallest team in the league," says coach Dave Martin, "but with a bit of luck we might be able to win this."

Camelot's 100% winning start as Christmas loomed comprised mainly friendlies, with the majority of the Herts-Middlesex Junior Division One fixtures taking place this year. Mainstays of a side captained by second-row Harry Mackenzie include James Norman, Caolan Doherty, Freddie Fletcher, Edward Long and Thomas Martin.

The latter trio, fly-half, centre and openside respectively, are sons of the coaches Tom Fletcher, Les Long and Dave Martin, who've been coaching the age group for 13 years. "We've been doing it since they were five," says Martin. "This is our last year of rugby before the boys go off to university or apprenticeships or jobs. It's been a nice journey and it's going to be quite emotional when it ends."

Maintaining player numbers can be a struggle at this age level and Camelot often find themselves a few short on the bench. But Martin says: "We have pizza nights after training, let the fellas have a few shandies now and again, do some social evenings. We've got a chicken wings night, a curry night, a night watching videos of them playing rugby."

"You just try to get them bonded because it's about playing rugby with your mates. The club is proud of the boys because it's 20 years since the colts were last in Division One."

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