

RUCKING GOOD NEWS



The AKRFC Monthly Newsletter - December 2010:

Introduction.

Welcome to the latest issue of RGN for season 2010/11. Contributions to RGN in the way of articles, photos, gossip or rumour are always welcome and should be forwarded to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com

AK Development Matters

These were comprehensively covered in the recent Special Edition of RGN, available on the AK Website.

What has been happening at AK in November:

Men's Senior Rugby

Unfortunately all fixtures were lost to the weather on the last Saturday of the month.

AK 1st team had previously had two drawn games against Broughton Park and then Burnage (on a somewhat controversial artificial pitch – see AK club website for comment on that!) This leaves AK in second place in the league, 5 points behind Burnage, but with a game in hand and now 9 points clear of Vale of Lune and Broughton Park in joint third place.

AK 2nd team were in Raging Bull Cup action at the start of the month beating Blackburn. Then it was back to league action with a win at Waterloo, followed by a narrow defeat to second placed Stockport. The recent improvement in results has seen the team move away from the bottom of the table, and coach Brian Collier is very optimistic that the team will do well, when the new league fixtures are in place for the second half of the season.

AK 3rd team won their Raging Bull Cup fixture against Furness 2nds, and followed this up with a win over Whitchurch and a walk over against Knutsford, which keeps them in second place in their league.



Action from the 2nds & 3rds Raging Bull Cup ties

Women's Rugby

Due to the postponement of two fixtures due to the weather, the girls have had only one game in October, losing to top of the table Leos 57 - 5. The score though was far from a true reflection of the game, with the prime difference between the teams being the Leos centre, who scored several tries and was 'as quick as the proverbial off a shovel'. This has been the story of the season for the girls with most opposition having a couple of players who could easily play at a higher level, and who make a noticeable difference on the day. The Leos game saw the return in opposition colours of Batty, who was AK player of the year last season. She can be seen on the photo below, at the back of the Leos scrum.

Congratulations are in order to Pam 'Twinnny' Read, Lauren 'Bendy' Worthington, Amy Jane 'Spud' Dutton and Kate 'Chilean Miner' Morley on their selection for the Cheshire County Women's Squad.



Action from the Women's game against Leos with the ref having to take evasive action!

Junior / Mini Rugby

AK Senior Colts unfortunately lost all 3 league games in October, which drops them down to 6th in their league. The Junior Colts won one and lost one and they remain in third place in their league.

The AK U16s won their one game of the month and the U14s won both their games. Four (and possibly 5) of the AK U14s have been selected to join the Cheshire East Development Squad. Congratulations to Aidan McGoff, Freddie Atkins, Jack Conteh and Lucas Dowling-Kennedy. Mat Anderson has been invited back also for a further assessment as he was injured for the original assessments. This adds to the lads from this age group who were selected for the Lancashire Development Squad - Will Price, Eddie Brady and Sam Yarrow. Good luck to all these lads and well done to them and their coaches.

The U15s remain undefeated, following two more wins in the month, which Doz Leach continues to remind RGN about for some reason!!!

The AK Minis have had some good results. The U12s winning both their Cheshire Cup games against Ellesmere Port and Sandbach. The U7s, 9 & 10's all won against Macclesfield and U9s also won against Lymm.

Results for all teams and some match reports can be seen on the AK Website. It should also be noted that match reports, photos and new items can easily be uploaded onto the new website once you are registered on there. Quite a few of the Junior and Mini Teams are already doing this, but if you need further advice or help on this please speak to Berty on 07971 870591 or email him at mweedon@graingerplc.co.uk

AK Team of the Month

Very close run thing again this month, with AK 2nd Team (on improved results and a very tough league), AK U9s (remain unbeaten), U12's (good cup results) and U15s (remain unbeaten) all in contention. Based on having played the most games and remaining unbeaten, the award goes to the AK U15s, despite Doz Leach being the coach! Drinks are on Doz kids. In fact RGN considers the whole club should join in with you on this one Doz, as we all know what you are like when you have something to celebrate!!!

AK Player of the Month – NOT!

Was thinking about a certain Sean Rogers for managing to put his shoulder out again – playing of all things football! He said after the last time he did this, he would not play football again, but he's obviously not a man of his word???

Also thought about JP for his contentions about his kit washing. Rumour had it that his new girlfriend was washing his kit and 'other' laundry for him! However JP made a school boy error in bringing her to the Firework display, and leaving her open to questions on the subject from RGN. Despite JP's efforts to exit stage left in some haste with her, she was heard to say '*I don't even do my own washing, let alone his*'. Nice try JP, but RGN always gets to the truth!

However RGN has decided to change the criteria this month by actually making it Player of Month – YES rather than NOT, and awarding it to Andy Daldry, one of the 1st Team coaches. Due to unavailability's Andy stepped in as 1st team fly half for the top of the table game against Burnage. Andy rolled back the years, (but not quite his belly), to put in a storming performance, before being forced off with a broken arm in the 2nd half. Andy has since had to have an operation on the injury, but hopefully will be back to full fitness? (ok well maybe just full drinking) in the near future. Andy would like to say thanks to everyone for all the good wishes he received regarding his recovery.

AK Firework Display

Those that were there will appreciate that this was another superb AK night. The rain just about held off, the firework display was awesome and we had a near record crowd attending, who kept the bar and various stalls very busy. Big thanks to Mike Wildgoose as the main organiser, the guys who helped with setting up on Friday and Saturday, everyone who helped with the gate, stewarding, bar and stalls on the night and those who helped with the clear up on Sunday. The latter included several parents from the Junior section, and the Junior Colts who cleared the main pitch of straw and debris. A great team effort all round, although it has to be said that we could have done with some more players to help with stewarding! Fortunately we did have a good local police presence, which was much appreciated.

Just to show that such events *'don't just happen'*, below are a collage of photos taken before, during and after the event.....



Hire equipment arrives and work begins



Tea break for the magnificent 7



Goosie after his clash with a fencepost



Nearly finished on the 1st day



Sweets & soft drinks



Burgers



Bar staff busyish?



Fireworks weren't bad either



Sunday morning clear up

***More photos from the Firework Display can be seen on the AK Website
AK Firework 'Thank you' presentation.***

For some time now a couple of guys have turned up each year on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Firework Display weekend, grafting away to ensure everything was in place for the event, and then also to help with the clear up afterwards. As a mark of appreciation the AK Committee presented Allan Williams and Nigel Brooker with a collection of AK club merchandise as shown in the photo below.



AK Ex Players Reunion

This was held on Saturday 13 November, with the usual suspects turning out for a few lemonades, and doing 'Wimbledon' impressions trying to watch both the 1st team game and England v Australia on the box. Everyone in fine form but only a few of us made it through to the evening session and the Heroes and Villains fundraising event. Suggestions re who that might have been, should be sent on a postcard to Alcoholics Anonymous at



Wrighty couldn't make it, so young Netty had to stand in as a makeshift hooker between Trev and Dave

What is happening at AK in December

Men's Senior Rugby

Depending on the Weather ! AK 1st team will be looking to maintain their unbeaten record and league position as they start the month away to Leigh, followed by a home game against New Brighton, before finishing off 2010 with a tough away game at Northwich.

AK 2nd team finish off the first part of their league campaign with games against LSH and Macclesfield. In the second half of the season the fixtures are rearranged so the top 6 only play against each other, and likewise for the bottom 6.

AK 3rd team will be looking to keep in contention for promotion with games against Crewe & Nantwich, Marple and Old Bedians.

*The AK committee would remind all players (and social members) that subscriptions for the new season are now well overdue. What ever you might think, AKRFC is not a charity and the costs of running the club continue to rise. It should also be noted that players are not covered by the RFU insurance if you have not paid your membership. Payment can be by cash, cheque, card or standing order, so please no more excuses – **GET IT PAID!***

Women's Rugby

AK's Satnav team have officially only one home in December (there's a novelty) against Carlisle on the 5th (weather permitting), but do have games to rearrange away to Team Northumbria and Lakenham Hewitt.

Mini / Junior Rugby

With the Junior Cheshire Cup games having to be postponed on 28th Nov, these will have to be rearranged, so best check out the AK Website for details of all forthcoming Junior and Mini fixtures.

Other news

Trafford Sport's Awards

AK put forward a couple of nominations for the above.

Firstly under the '*Unsung Hero*' category, Chris Nettleton was put forward for the great work he has done over the years, coaching various teams at AK. Unfortunately he didn't win the award, but came very close and received a glass plaque and certificate in acknowledgement of his commitment to AK and sport in Trafford.

Rob Holloway was nominated and shortlisted for 'Trafford Sports Person' award, based on him playing rugby for Malta this year on several occasions. However he missed out, with the award going to an England netball player. As Rob couldn't attend the presentation evening, club Secretary Rob 'shout up' Neyton stood in for him. Old shout up at 40 and a lot maintains that he was somewhat embarrassed to go on the stage for the presentation, as all the other candidates were female and under 18. Hmmm – do you think we were all born yesterday Rob!

Volunteer Required

The AK Committee desperately needs someone to take on the responsibility for 'Sponsorship' matters within the club. If you are interested in taking on this vital role, please speak to John Wilks, Dominic Leach or Dave Elliott.

Dates for your diary

AK Children's Xmas Party

This is taking place on Sunday 12th December 2 to 5 in the clubhouse. For more details please speak to Lindsay Wordley on 07929 019008

Xmas Eve soiree at AK

The club will be open from 14.00 to 20.00 on Xmas eve for the usual Xmas drink and get together. A good warm up for the festivities to follow. The draw for the xmas raffle will also take place around 18.00 at this event. The main prize is a framed Sale Sharks shirt autographed by the current squad, as shown below.

ALTRINCHAM KERSAL RFC - CLUB DEVELOPMENT				
GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW				
Friday 24th December at AKRFC				
1st Prize : Framed & Signed Sale Sharks Shirt				
2nd Prize : Make Over & Fashion Shoot - Photo UK				
3rd Prize : Christmas Hamper				
4th Prize : Case of Wine				
Promoter : Mike Meaney 18, Marston Drive, Timperley, WA15 7XF Registered Under The Gambling Act 2005 With Trafford Council Reg. No. SL0075				
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Please therefore make every effort to sell your allocation of tickets and return them to AK before the deadline of 18th December. If you haven't received any tickets to sell, or can sell more than your initial allocation, please speak to Mike Wildgoose on 07775 656366 or Dave Elliott on 07858 945531. There will be a prize for the top seller.

AK Sportsman Dinner:

This will take place on Friday 28th January at the Cresta Court Hotel. This promises to be great event, as the guest speaker will be Dean Richards (ex Leicester, Harlequins and England), who should have some very interesting tales to tell methinks! To book a table please speak to Berty on 07971 870591

Caption Competition

Last months photo showed Billy Du – ton, hijacking his mum's invalidity scooter.



Winning caption was from Barry Rogerson *'Its ten for two feet but if I try to count to twenty I'm going to fall off!!*

A couple of beers are due to you Barry, when you are next at the club.

I'm probably going to get in big trouble for this month's caption competition, but just couldn't resist the photo below, taken at the AK Firework Display of Helen and Dobin from the Women's Team helping out on the burger stall.



All responses (that are at least printable, but perhaps in this case a lot of leeway will be given!), will be shown in the following month's RGN, and the winner announced. If this photo doesn't bring in plenty of suggestions nothing will! Caption suggestions (please keep them reasonably clean, there again what the hell?????) should be sent to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com

Future editions of RGN

So trust that you have enjoyed reading this edition of RGN. The next edition will be coming out sometime in the first week of January, much depending on whether the editor has recovered from a certain birthday – bus passes have been mentioned allegedly!!!) Any articles and photos relating to AK matters and members (the funnier the better) are very welcome. Please email them to dave.elliott29@ntlworld.com

