



BARNES RFC
PLAY IN THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT

MINI & JUNIOR NEWS



MINIS CREATE STORM AT OLD CRANLEIGHANS



U7S & U8S

They may be the youngest group to represent the Green and Gold of Barnes, but what they lack in size and experience, they more than make up for in energy and enthusiasm. Although in their first season of festival rugby, the U7s are already looking at home in the arena and have already been noted as the 'club' to watch by opposing coaches. At Old Cranleighans, there so many tries we ended up losing count, a particular shout out goes to Iris Murdoch who finished a team try described by onlookers as 'the greatest in history'.

Each and every player in our xx U7s thoroughly deserved their beautifully crafted wooden medal (along with the copious amounts of sweets and hot-dogs that kept them going all morning).

With half-a-dozen festivals and a tour under their belts, our U8s are seasoned pros by comparison - and it showed on the slightly boggy playing fields of commuter-belt Surrey. Both Barnes teams ignored the conditions underfoot, immediately taking the festival and their opposition by the scruff-of-the-neck (literally in one unfortunate case, but we'll leave that with the citing officer). The U8s squad have been working hard in training on the fundamentals of straight line running, passing into space and building the 'Great Wall of Barnow' in defence. All of this and more was on show in a brilliant morning of celebration rugby. The most joyful action was off-the-pitch, as friendships formed last season continued to deepen, mainly by attempting to tackle one another into giant muddy puddles.



U9S The U9's are in their first season of contact rugby and the festival at Old Cranleighans was a perfect opportunity to put all their Saturday morning tackle practice to the test. It was a test they passed with flying colours as they met the opposition with tenacity and commitment in defence. Line breaks and good running lines were rewarded with tries, as were more patient attacks in phase play. Receiving tackles, recycling at the breakdown, and repeatedly pushing forward past the gainline to the tryline. The opposition teams gave as good as they got and the sun shone until the final whistle of the last match - a perfect morning of rugby!



U10S

As the U9s mastered the tackle, the U10s were just a few pitches away, getting to grips with rucks and mauls. Like the other age groups, the players had worked hard in training and were rightly rewarded when it came to competitive matchplay. Great support running, strong tackling, and confident communications are familiar to this group, but Sunday saw it all come together alongside really effective rucking and counter-rucking, resulting in some of the strongest performances ever for this brilliant group of players.

U11S

The mighty U11s entered two strong teams into the tournament, and both came out of the blocks fast. They dominated their opponents in the tackle and counter-rucking, which meant that they enjoyed 70-80% possession in some instances. While there is still some work to be done on running straight lines and drawing the defender before passing, the players put on a great display of relentless and rampaging Barnes rugby. It was a pleasure to watch them play with such passion and commitment.

The team will need to continue to work hard in training to prepare for their next match against Sutton & Epsom in two weeks' time. But if they can maintain the same level of intensity and teamwork that they showed this weekend, they will be confident of another strong performance.





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JUNIOR ROUND-UP

U12S GIRLS JOIN WITH OLD RUTS

With two of the U12s celebrating birthdays, you might forgive them for not being fully focussed on their joint training session and match with Old Ruts. However, once on the pitch, celebrations were put to one-side and the girls showed why they are so respected throughout Surrey. A record turnout of over 20 from Barnes took the six girls from Old Ruts through their paces in a series of contact and defensive drills, before coming together in a fierce and competitive match.

U13S WELCOME TEDDINGTON

The under 13s welcomed Teddington for a joint training session last weekend. Both squads mixed up for training drills before 45 minutes of competitive matches between the teams. We had use of the VEO camera for the first time and are very much looking forward to coaching tips from Jack Heald, this coming Sunday. An invaluable preparation for our values festival on the 19th.

COMING UP...

REMEMBRANCE DAY



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M&J PARTY (FOR PARENTS!)

Some of you will have heard on the Barnes grape vine that the Minis & Juniors are hosting a party on Saturday 18th November at the Club House for EVERYONE (or at least all adults!). Apparently, there is a live band & DJ - so bring your dancing shoes. The bar will, of course, be open so don't forget your drinking boots. Dress is GLAMOROUS with a touch of (Barnow) Green & Gold. And Zoe will be weaving her culinary magic. So that is dinner and dancing for the all-in bargain price of £15 (£20 on the door). Tickets can be bought ahead at - <https://BRFC-MinisJuniors-AdultsParty-18Nov2023.eventbrite.com>.

