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Port Sunlight RFC Newsletter February 2022



February, the month of love. And what's not to love when the 6 Nations' Rugby is in full flow. There's certainly been no love lost on the pitch between the international sides making for some cracking opening games. Similarly our 1XV have also been putting teams to the sword with some very impressive performances and results. Yes, we have faced defeat both in the league and Cup this past month. However, it is often said that more can be learned from defeat than it can from success. The team have learned and got back on track to winning ways in spectacular style. The league title is far from over but we have taken some notable steps towards that goal. Enjoy the read and remember 'There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved' (George Sand); clearly she never played rugby.



Wirral Grammar School - Forging Links

In past 5 weeks Wirral Grammar Boys School rugby has been played at PSRFC due to unavailability of their own pitches. The School approached the Club Chairman and having got Committee agreement the school forged ahead. The games were played Saturday mornings and, as some of the Club members can testify, in some very damp and challenging conditions. The school held their 1XV, 2XV, U12 and 7s games during the period. Wirral GS and Simon Ashcroft have written to the Club expressing their thanks. It was a fantastic opportunity for all involved to forge links and promote the game; something we are now looking to formalise.



Sad News - Passing of Jason 'Jim' Wills

Jason 'Jim' Wills passed away peacefully 9 February 2022. Our deepest condolences and heart felt thoughts go out to his family as we say farewell to another member of the Port Sunlight RFC family. RIP Jim. Funeral is Tuesday 1 March 10am Landican Crematorium.



Jim Wills (front row second in from left)

Recent Fixture Results

DATE	1XV	2XV
15/1/22	PSRFC (73) v Mossley Hill (12)	No Game
22/1/22	PSRFC (22) v Newton Le Willows (24)	No Game
29/1/22	PSRFC (28) v Oldershaw (12)	Oldershaw (38) v PSRFC (31)
5/2/22	PSRFC (0) v Moore (52) – Bowl Game	No Game
12/2/22	PSRFC(56) v Old Parkonians (5)	No Game

Forthcoming Fixtures

DATE	1XV	2XV
19/2/22	PSRFC (A) v Wallasey	PSRFC (H) v Wallasey
26/2/22	No 1XV Game	PSRFC v Mossley Hill (Double Header)
5/3/22	PSRFC (H) v Prenton	No 2XV Game
12/3/22	PSRFC (H) v St Edward O.B.	PSRFC (H) v Prenton

If available please contact Dave Tarr/Alex Bedson (1XV Captains) James Smith (2XV Captain) and update the 'Saturday Availability' WhatsApp group.

Remember that the bar is open every home game day with great, wholesome, food also available. Everyone welcome eat, drink, support and be very merry.



Mini & Junior Rugby

Mini's and Junior Rugby takes place Sunday's 1030-1230. Ages 5-11 girls and boys welcome to come down and get involved. For further details contact a member of the Club committee or message Karl Taylor or Liam Girvan.

6 Nations 2022 - The Story So Far

FIXTURES 2022

ROUND 1

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY

IRELAND	V	WALES
SCOTLAND	V	ENGLAND

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY

FRANCE	V	ITALY
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ROUND 2

SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY

WALES	V	SCOTLAND
FRANCE	V	IRELAND

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

ITALY	V	ENGLAND
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ROUND 3

SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY

SCOTLAND	V	FRANCE
ENGLAND	V	WALES

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY

IRELAND	V	ITALY
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ROUND 4

FRIDAY 11 MARCH

WALES	V	FRANCE
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SATURDAY 12 MARCH

ITALY	V	SCOTLAND
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ENGLAND	V	IRELAND
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ROUND 5

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

WALES	V	ITALY
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IRELAND	V	SCOTLAND
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FRANCE	V	ENGLAND
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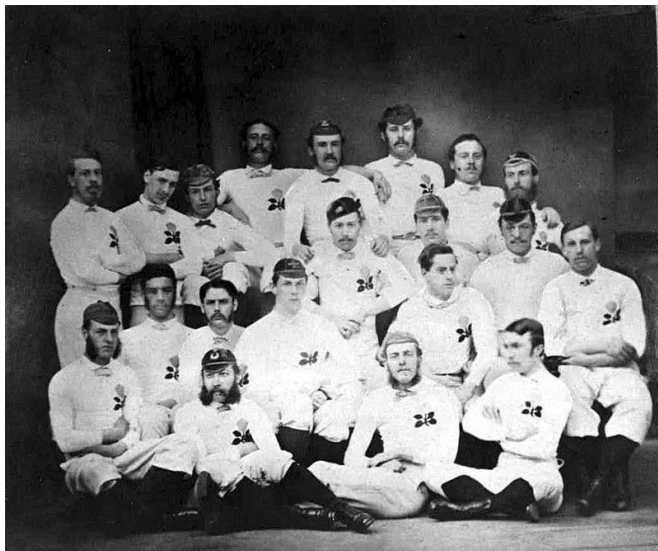
*KICK-OFF TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE

Well what a start to the competition. Weekend One: England pipped at the post by Scotland on day one, Wales demolished by Ireland. And, despite a fantastic start by Italy, France composed themselves to take a comfortable victory. Weekend Two: This weekend saw both England and Wales right the wrongs of the previous games to take the victories. There was a thriller in Paris with France taking the spoils from Ireland. France are leading the table but in this competition nothing is guaranteed until the very last whistle.

Don't worry if you haven't got a ticket all Saturday matches will be shown at the Club. Sunday matches to be shown subject to arrangement. Every welcome.



Seamus and Joe Hayes, England v Scotland at Murrayfield. Despite the result a fantastic weekend was had.



England Team prior to playing first international against Scotland in Edinburgh 1871. Scotland won that day too: 2 tries to 1.

6 Nations Rugby - Fantasy League



The 6 Nations Grand Slam, or even the Championship, is a big deal. Yet the bigger fish to land is the 'PSRFC Guinness 6 Nations Fantasy League Championship'. A game requiring rugby knowledge, strategic thinking and in most cases, particularly mine, sheer luck. There is no official prize other than, one could argue the greatest prize of all, bragging rights. So who will topple the reigning 'Champion 2021' Dave 'Jugsy' Tarr from his throne? It's early days and all to play for so watch this space!



Player Insurance

It is essential that all players regardless of age or ability have suitable playing insurance. It is particularly important for those who are self-employed. In addition coaches and support volunteers should consider suitable insurance. For more information please see link [RFU Insurance](#), speak to Jake Gaskell or any member of the Club Committee.

Wirral Sports Forum

The Wirral Sports Forum aims to foster sports development in the Borough. It brings together sports clubs and local authority sports development staff to encourage wider participation, to help develop more robust clubs and reward excellence. PSRFC have recently joined the Forum. The next meeting is 2 March at Anselmians Rugby Club 7:30-9pm.

Social Calendar



Club Dinner and Awards Night - 20 May 2022

The biggest night in our social calendar, the Club Dinner, will be held Friday 20 May 22 in Village Hotel, Bromborough. Tickets £35 will be available from Sean 'Pudding' Wharton or Dave 'Jugsy' Tarr. Further details will be published in the coming months.



Rugby Factoid of the Month

By 1892, it was proposed that rugby players should be compensated for missing work to play. The proposed amount was six shillings (30 pence), and this proposal was turned down by the RFU. Professionalism was allowed finally in 1898, but players still had to work regular jobs. Though players collected small amounts of money, open and unrestricted payments were not permitted yet. In 1995 formal restrictions on payments to players were removed, making the game openly professional at the highest level for the first time.



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