



Wetherby Bulldogs ARLFC

Mid Season Newsletter 2011

Welcome to the mid season edition of the Bulldogs newsletter. You may have noticed that the newsletter hasn't been published as regularly, this is because you can now get updates of news and events hot off the press on the web. Visit www.wetherbybulldogs.co.uk - see the end of this newsletter for where to sign up

Hopefully the worst of the winter weather is now behind us and we can crack on with the rest of the competitive season (Under 12's upwards).

For the little ones (under 8 to under 11), the second half of the season starts on the weekend of the 12/13 March 2011, fixtures will be updated onto the website as soon as we receive them. So, if you're not registered to use the website, do it now!

We've picked up quite a lot of new players over the winter and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of you parents and your children.

Rugby League is a family inclusive team sport, which means you don't just get to drop them off on training nights and stand on the touchline on match days. We like to get the whole family involved - the parents make for a team atmosphere as much as the players themselves

Raffle Money

Our funds are quickly dwindling and there's a marked decrease in the amount of pitchside raffle money lodged each week. The money raised at the raffle on match days pays for the matchday food and for the referee.

Referees for the competitive ages cost from £10 to £25 per game, depending on the age group playing and at Wetherby, matchday food costs £7 per game. It's almost impossible to raise £32 at an Under 17's match as inevitably the boys are old enough to make their own way to the match, so there are very few parents standing on the touchline. So, we raffle at every game from under 8's upwards (even though the little ones don't have an "official" referee) and the money raised rolls forwards to help the older age groups pay their way. So when you see the crummy wine bottle being touted round the pitch, please don't refuse a £1 as it's helping the club with their teams running costs.

First Aid

Any qualified First Aiders out there? Please let Vicky have a copy of your certificate so we know who to ask if there is an accident. Anyone want to gain qualification, again, see Vicky and she can arrange attendance at courses.

AGM

Monday 14th MARCH @ 7pm

All welcome!

Cancellations

We have to let the League know by Tuesday at the latest if we cannot play our fixture the following Saturday, so if you could let your coaches know by the previous Saturday if you're available for the following weekend it would be very much appreciated. This is essential for the teams with limited numbers of players. The club gets fined for missing fixtures and it's rude if we turn up at a club with 4 players because a parent couldn't be bothered to get out of bed!!!!

You'll have noticed that unless it's frosty, torrential rain or 5 inches of snow it's very rare that training is cancelled. The same applies on matchdays. Wherever possible you will be contacted the day before with a cancellation and on rare occasions, on the morning of the match - if you haven't heard anything, chances are it's still on!

Match Days

Pitch Set Up – Each squad is responsible for setting their pitch up on match days and taking it down after the games. Please offer to help, if you don't know where everything is kept, just ask!

Changing Rooms- Parents are asked not to accompany their children into the changing rooms. If your child is capable of getting changed for PE at school, he's capable of putting on a kit. Boot laces can be fastened outside ☺

We are also responsible for sweeping the changing rooms after the games. Do your bit please!

TEAM NEWS

UNDER 8'S

From a standing start back in September, the squad has gone from strength to strength!

With 13 players now fully registered we're looking forward to seeing the youngest members of the club going from strength to strength for the second half of the season.

This squad has a wide range of ages from just 6, coming up 9. Next season roughly half the squad will move up to Under 9's with Simon, so we're looking for a coach to step in for the Under 8's that will be left behind. If you think that could be you, give Vicky a shout now!

Training: Thursday 6-7pm
Coach: Simon Scurr 07795 058686

UNDER 10'S

A massive squad of players, not only in numbers!! There are also a few under 9's tucked into here too!

Mick along with the "Scarlet Pimpernel" Andrew, are doing a fantastic job of keeping this mob under control and they're playing some very attractive rugby league.

Training: Thursday 6-7pm
Coach: Mick Byrnes 07792 525431

UNDER 11'S

Finally the numbers and players are starting to settle down, they now have 11 players signed on and 2 more currently waiting to sign on which is excellent news (we may even start to have subs).

We are looking forward to the second half of the season due to the squad starting to settle down, therefore we can really get the team to gel on the pitch and play some cracking rugby.

Training: Thursday 6-7pm
Coach: Dani Green 07500 048166

UNDER 12'S

From a shaky start back in September this is another squad finding it's feet.

The switch to competitive league is a tough one, but these boys have settled down admirably. Currently being assisted by former Leeds, Wakefield & Huddersfield player, Jamie Field the lads are finding out what the game is all about.

Up to 16 players when all the cards are back from the RFL we look forward to more news from them soon.

Training: Tues & Thurs 6-7pm
Coach: Mick Dobson 07530 929671

UNDER 13'S

Coming from the high of a Cup Final last season followed by promotion to division 1 these lads found the start of the season tough. With several new players on board, drawing the top level of division 1 for their first 3 fixtures was a shock. Heads went down, and confidence dropped, so a reposition to division 2 was required.

The weather has disrupted the team knitting together but back on a winning streak they're coming together well under the new coaching team Darren & Martin.

Always a pleasure to watch, these developing young men are a credit to the club.

Training: Tues & Thurs 6-7(ish)
Coaches: Darren Fall 07772 767523
Martin Shires 07584 376233

UNDER 16'S

Going from strength to strength and completing most of last season with only 10 players, Stuarts boys have taken well to the Youth League. It's tough travelling around Yorkshire as well as getting to know each other, so well done to them for keeping the squad together under duress!

See website for details of training sessions.
Coach: Stuart Hall 07956 489855

UNDER 17'S

Having had 7 players signed to professional clubs at the start of the season, it's been a tough run for our oldest Junior squad.

They've had a ring round of some old players that had drifted off, and some new blood in from some other clubs, it's fingers crossed for the rest of the season, and a re-group looking forward to the Under 18's.

See website for details of training sessions
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