

DATCHWORTH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



GREEN ARMY

THE MINI & YOUTH WEEKLY RUGBY UPDATE

WEEK 10 - 2022/23 SEASON

SUNDAY 6th Nov 2022

Chairman's welcome & overview:

A wet weekend! The highlight from Saturday was another win from the Third XV and then on Sunday we were treated to a strong Mini Section fixture with Barnet, a good win from our U14s against Letchworth and an impressive away win from our U16s against Cheshunt. Thanks also to the U11 Parents who did a great job of managing car parking on a very busy morning. Lastly, after a wet weekend we should also record our thanks to Ian and Noel for providing such great playing surfaces despite the very wet weather and challenges of the last few months.

The stories of this weekend's rugby are shared below:

Mini Section News

AGE GROUP MANAGERS **STILL** NEEDED:

YOUR CLUB



Some of you will be aware that a couple of our age-groups need a manager to support the Coaches with the management side of our age-groups. Currently we are looking for a manager to step forward for the U6s and U8s. If you are interested in taking on the manager role please drop me a WhatsApp or email.... Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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U6 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

An excellent turn out for the Under 6s this week, despite the drizzle. We're starting to see a real improvement in the team's understanding of formations and spent a lot of time remembering to maintain a flat line when defending and a 'V' shape when attacking.

After a few quick warm up games, the team split in half and practiced 3 Vs 2s, with the team getting better at maintaining an attack, even when faced with defenders.

Finally, we played our own game and learned all about staying on a teammates shoulder when supporting... something we will be working on a lot over the coming weeks.

All players worked incredibly hard this week but in particular, Jonny who very much deserved the Player of the Week trophy for some excellent teamwork and scoring a blinder of a try!

Well done Under 6s...keep up the hard work!



U7 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

Despite a very soggy Sunday, pitches were cleared and playable for the u7's.

We started with some passing drills as we begin to introduce the idea of working in channels, running straight and forwards at pace.

Then splitting into 3 teams to take on Barnet, the kids performed well, particularly given the conditions and despite some strong individuals in the Barnet side, probably edged victory in more games than not.

It was great to see the beginnings of some teamwork as the morning progressed, with players responding to each other as a result of increasing communication, awesome!

A fine example of this was Preston who run the defensive line for team 3, earning player of the day in the process.



U8 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

A November day, that remembered meteorologically what a normal November day usually is like, gave the under 8s tricky playing conditions. But this also gave an opportunity for the mighty U8s to prove their handling skills, defensive tagging, and solid teamwork. With Barnet not able to bring as many players as ourselves we settled for a 6v6 tag game with rolling subs.

Luckily the players didn't go to town on Saturday night but saved some of the fireworks for Sunday morning. A hugely impressive team display saw Datchworth take the honours and the glory of the day.

Some hugely promising performances from the whole squad and with new players Thomas, Jamie and Gemma adding strength in depth the U8s are gaining momentum.

Quite a few contenders for star of the week this week, but that accolade goes to Josh R. His receptiveness to coaching, during the match, vastly improved the team's attacking strategy. His defensive efforts are always solid and with ability to find space himself or utilise others who have the space, helped us score try after try. Well done to every player this week though for showing great character, determination, and resilience.



U9 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

No Update this week...

U10 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

The wet and rainy weather didn't seem to deter any of the U10's this weekend with a strong performance against a well-prepared Barnet.



Great input from all of the players with Aiden in particular, showing real commitment to the tackle this week. A few niggles from players with the referee, which we need to learn to control. At the end of the day he is in charge and back chat to the ref could see us penalised in games, which none of us want to see.

Christopher Chan this week excelled with his game, taking tackles and looking to pass more freely as opposed to his solo runs which often leave him isolated. His outstanding performance made the whole game more inclusive for the entire team and dully earnt him a well-deserved player of the week award.

The confident quick passing made some great opportunities against well drilled Barnet team. A great performance by the whole team which deserves credit.



U11 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

As the Datchworth U11 juggernaut kept on trucking, the team achieved on Sunday morning what unfortunately eluded England later in the day – home victory against a determined and physical opposition. Come rain or shine the U11s continue to improve week after week, concentrating on their own game, building the team spirit and calmly ignoring any outside distractions.

Barnet left the storms of North London behind and arrived at Datchworth with 18 players for 2 full strength teams, but were matched in numbers by the home side, so a closely fought encounter was anticipated. Fortunately, the rain held off for the duration of the matches, but it was incredibly wet and slippery throughout.

The first round of games were both fast paced with Datchworth proving resilient in defence and trying to be more adventurous in attack. We are encouraging the players

to try and pass a bit quicker when they are caught in contact and some progress from Thursday training was visible with our players actively looking to try and off-load to a team mate. Team spirit is also evident in our tackling, with players hunting their opponents like prey and forcing mistakes.

Both first round matches were comfortable victories for Datchworth and a change of referees for the second matches didn't help Barnet, with their players running out of enthusiasm as Datchworth pulled ahead on the scoreboard once again. On match days such as these it's it would be useful to award 2 separate player of the week trophies, but actually that would be doubly difficult to separate the players when they all give such effort and commitment.

There were notable contributions from Tom passing to supporting runners and Zach stealing the ball from opponents multiple times. And if Eddie Jones wants to play power runners he could do worse than come and see Tommy and Henry leading by example.

However the coaches did conclude a tight decision for player of the week and awarded the trophy (match ball?) to Samuel for his all round contribution the overall team result in terms of tackling, rucking and running the length of the pitch when the opportunity opened up in front of him.



U12 Update: Home Vs Barnet Elizabethans

Another great morning of rugby at Datch this Sunday, where not only did we avoid defeat (but we don't count scores) but also avoided the majority of what felt like the Atlantic ocean falling out of the sky as we got out of our beds. Barnet were gracious enough to bring 13 players to test themselves against the mighty Datch U12s. With a very busy weekend of rugby next weekend where we go to Hertford on the Saturday night and Letchworth on the Sunday morning, we split the teams into those teams to give them practice playing as a team in a proper match. We started with the 'Letchworth team' for two quarters of 15 mins and then looked to finish with two further quarters of the 'Hertford team' to try and provide a good level of challenge and a fair number of minutes in preparation for next week's fixtures (see Important Note). Here's a summary of the two matches:

Letchworth Datch Team vs Barnet:

After a short sharp warm up, we took to the field for the first game. It was a bit of a slow start, but we eventually found our feet through strong runs by Oli and Tommy in the midfield. We started to put Barnet under pressure but struggled to find the final pass to finish the moves off. At the break, we talked about improving our decision making and also being more physical at the breakdown. After the break we really got



going. Our defence was strong which forced Barnet to kick the ball. Finlay J loved every moment of that and took great pleasure in running the ball back with purpose (so much so that he dived into the dead ball area when attempting to score after a great counter attack). This meant that we started to take control of the match and put us on the front foot. Charlie started to get good, quick ball out to the backs where Oli really took control in the midfield with more great runs. Tommy and also Kai carried on where they left off in the first half. There was also very good supporting runs from Oscar and James S, although sometimes not receiving the final pass. We ran in some good tries at the end. Plenty to work on though, especially decision making with the ball in hand and around the breakdown. All in all a great great morning's rugby.

Hertford Datch Team vs Barnet:

As the first games commenced, the team playing in the second game worked on our set up from free kicks and penalties. We practiced running a pod of three and how we supported each other in contact. Really pleased to see Fin L taking responsibility for the pod at the restart, and great to see this rewarded with a try in the corner at the end of the first half. It showed the importance of structure and knowing our roles.

Need to mention Oscar; during the second half he saw a great opportunity to come on



the outside shoulder of Bo who had sucked in the defence. The pass didn't come off but the reading of the game and energy to make the run should be applauded.

In total, a good hour of rugby that proved our strength in depth across the squad, giving us confidence going into multiple fixtures and reminding us of the old lesson of you can't outrun a pass (get the ball out wide). Good to see James S working his magic in midfield, showing his class in tight spaces and Keiran bringing his direct strength to the game which we have missed over the last couple of weekends. Player of the Week goes to Tommy who continues to grow in confidence and skill where it's not all about running straight all the time, but good footwork that creates the cracks to smash through.



Next week:

Thursday training as usual: 6pm - do wear layers, to keep warm

Saturday Hertford: 6pm - 12 go to battle it out in an evening festival (bring a hat and warm clothes)

Sunday Letchworth (Away): 9:30am (TBC)

IMPORTANT NOTE - amount of rugby an U12 can play.

Due to the intensity of the game at u12s, there are limitations set out by the RFU on how much rugby an U12 player can play. These are:

1. Max 70mins/day (total playing time)
2. No more than 2 matches in 72 hours (total playing time)

Therefore players will not be able to:

1. Play school rugby on Saturday morning and Hertford rugby on Saturday night as the assumption is that together this would be more than 70mins/day. Do check as it's possible that the player is selected for a school and plays very little.

Player will be able to:

2. Play Hertford on Saturday night and at Letchworth on Sunday (no more than 2 games in 72 hours). They will also be able to play school rugby on the Saturday and Letchworth on the Sunday. However, as there is cross over between these two guidance, those playing at Hertford will not be selected to start and we may have limited game time to ensure their safety and health (tired players are more likely to get injured) and everyone gets a fair run out (we don't keep scores).

So if you are playing at Hertford you are welcome to come to Letchworth, but you will not play a full 40mins (a maximum match length). I do hope that's clear.

Any head injuries picked up in a match must be reported to either Sally or one of the coaches as the player may be excluded from playing. This is part of the concussion protocols that the RFU states.

Any questions do let me know and I'll try and answer them. Our number one priority for our players since U6s is their safety.

Boys Youth Rugby News

U13 Update: Home Training

Today's training was all about preparing for next week's league game. We started off by warming up with some of our usual handling drills, getting the boys to concentrate as much on the accuracy of their passing as the catching of the pass. We then moved on to some work on our kick offs where we can chase hard to put lots of pressure on the catcher. It was then a bit of work on simple backs move from scrums.



The next part of the session was spent in a controlled game against the Datchworth and Letchworth under 14 players not involved in their match. This turned out to be a useful training exercise that our boys definitely got a lot out of. It was good for them to really concentrate on our defensive line plus some good work on the attacking play.

A big thank you to the under 14 players for the effort they put in. It was not the nicest conditions, but all the boys really trained with great commitment.

We finished our session today by celebrating another birthday in the team. Well done Arley!

U14 Update: Home Vs Letchworth

A break in the rain welcomed us to Datch this Sunday, despite a somewhat waterlogged journey over. We welcomed our good friends from Letchworth for an U14 friendly, as well as forming a Baba side to play/work with Nick Broughton and our U13 squad. With a squad of 33 now, and 24 available for this fixture, being creative and seeking new ways of getting as much rugby development/match-time for all is one of our new challenges, though a welcome one for sure! The boys set themselves up in the home changing room and a playlist emerged from the speaker in there – time to get fired up! On the pitch for a good 45 min warm up, the squad's handling was looking good, with almost no dropped balls in the passing drill, and the forwards looking hungry for some contact against the bags whilst the backs practised their switch and other calls. With Steve Turley on the whistle we won the toss and elected to kick off playing downhill in the U14 game, whilst guest coach John McGinty took the Baba side with Mark (from Letchworth) to work with Nick's squad.

U14 Friendly:

We didn't get the start we were hoping for! Letchworth received the kick, re-cycled it out wide and their winger powered over the line, but it wasn't converted (0-5). Was this a sign of a long afternoon trying to contain their fast runners? After a quick chat with the squad to remind them to both tackle and organise their defensive line, we were underway again. The squad certainly stepped up and defence became both active and better organised. There's definitely more improvement possible, but we settled into the game, and as we approached half time Koray dotted over and Luke B requested the kicking T. Coach Dave was dispatched to provide this service! Try converted, and the score then stayed at 7-5 to half time. The scrum was proving difficult at first, but our ref stepped in to straighten things up, and the Datch boys won more than they lost in this department. With the conditions damp there was plenty of practice throughout the rest of the match! With the second half approaching we picked up a knock to Alex H – a real stinger on his shin. Olly P came on into the wing with Innes to centres to see us through.

The second half was very competitive. There were some big hits and runners breaking the line, but both defences kept the score line unmoved. Louis made some great cover tackles and runs from deep. When Dom, Innes or Olly got ball in hand they



always looked dangerous. For sure there were a few handling errors for both sides, but with a wet ball and a tight game this is perhaps to be expected. Our forwards backed out of approaching the pass from Fin or Indy at real pace – a work on for Wedns for sure, but powerful and dynamic running from Henry, Koray, Duncan, Tom, Sam, Luke, Billy and Zac was good to see. Pressure from both sides and it looked like whoever snuck the next try would likely win. We were moving the ball wide well, and from one of these phases Olly P found himself powering down the right wing and scored. Not converted this time but decent effort from Luke, and the scoreline went to 12-5. The game wasn't over and the boys battled on to keep their defence together, finishing well deserved winners today!

U13 laws Friendly:

One of the most important parts of rugby is One Team. Individual brilliance is built on the hard work of a team, a squad, a club, and a community. Today was one of those days where Datch players in the U14s joined players from Letchworth to practice their skills and support the development of the Datch U13s in their journey in youth rugby.

After a very quick intro and focus we supported the U13s in their structure but also worked on personal improvements and battles, with the key one being intensity. Switching between attack and defence, the players came to test themselves in this area: constant press, harder contacts, stronger, smarter running, dropping any fancy stuff and keeping things super simple. Over the period of the session both Datch and Letch started to work with the physicality of 13 and 14 year olds to make real gains, forcing the U13s to think and make better decisions - exactly the training needed going into a game. At times it was stop-start to work on specific things, but overall the intensity built. It would be very difficult to call out specific players as I was impressed with everyone putting the effort in. I would, however, like to mention Noah R, who started to think better in the contact area on his aims to not just try and smash through, but think with intensity to make gains - where are the weak points, how can I make an extra yard (also be fair to say not a big fan of uncontested scrums, but then what front row is?)?. The other player would be Taylor D, who moved from passive receiver to active steam roller through controlled intensity of strength in the contact - awesome stuff!

After we finished the boys went to support the 15 to cheer them to victory, knowing that it's not individuals that win, but teams, squads, and communities.

After hitting the showers (well perhaps 4 of the nearly 60 boys from both squads!) everyone tucked into the sausage and pasta surprise (we still aren't sure what the surprise is – but the kitchen staff were a super sight after a cold wet morning on the field). Player of the match was Louis, with work rate and cover from full back a key contribution today. It's fair to say that the team spirit in the changing room was awesome. Always nice to land a win, and this one was a real team effort without doubt. Dick of the day was nothing outrageous, but all the coaches agreed that we loved the way Fin pushed his counterpart in the scrum – easing him away from the tunnel. The ref noticed and fed back – he was back at it at the first scrum in the second half ... a good DotD to secure Fin!



It's been a very successful weekend for Coach Dave in particular, who scored his first ever try on Saturday, after starting to play rugby 6 years ago. Well done Coach Dave! Let's hope the 3rd XV don't have to wait another 6 years for your next one!

We go again for our next league game next Sunday, with Old Grammarians as opposition. We will need to step up again as they were probably the strongest Pool C opposition we played last season.

U16 Update: Away Vs Cheshunt

Our Under 16's headed off to Cheshunt's artificial pitch for a rainy friendly this week, with a couple of our players out injured and support from a few Royston players.

Things started off fairly evenly with the play moving between the 22's for the first few minutes. We got our first try from a breakthrough their 22 from Joel who just managed to reach for the try line to score, and then a second one five minutes later again with Joel doing a great pick and go off a scrum, leaving it 0-10.



Things settled down a bit after that until half an hour in with Cheshunt almost pulled one back but had a try disallowed from a knock on, but then managed to score after a breakaway from a penalty on the half way line. Thankfully we kept piling the pressure on and got two more tries in before half time, one from forwards work with a break in the 22 from Oliver finished off by Joel crashing over again. The second right at half time was a superb break down the left wing from Rowan from our own 22 all the way to score. Score at half time was 5-24.

Cheshunt struggled in the second half. In the first minute Harry was involved in a kick chase into the Cheshunt goal area where he got tackled off the ball, leading to a

penalty try for us and yellow card. We got another try in at the end of the yellow card period with more good backs moves and Rowan scoring after a couple of phases. We got another try from a scrum in their 22 where Zack ran it in, and finally we had a couple of penalties where Alexander finally crashed over to score. The ref called full time early at 5-50.

Well done to all the boys today for a confident and convincing performance all round against a physically bigger side. Congratulations to Josh for getting man of the match.

U17/ 18 Academy – Training

It was another busy weekend for the boys from the Academy this week. On Saturday, George and debutant Matt Davey played for the 3rd XV in a good win against Royston. Matthew had a good game at full-back, and George managed to get his name on the scoresheet. Well done boys.

On Saturday evening, the U18 coaches who were well enough (get well soon Phil) enjoyed a fine evening with their wives at The Hermitage in Hitchin, thanks to the generosity of the U18 parents who kindly contributed to the gift cards at the end of last season. Thanks again from all the coaches to the parents for your kind generosity.

Sadly, we have to say farewell to Dean, who has been advised not to play rugby again until after his knee has been operated on and a full recovery is hopefully completed. Don't be a stranger to the club Dean, Simon and Wendy, and good luck with the operation when it eventually takes place Dean. We all wish you a successful operation and a speedy recovery and hope to see you playing rugby again in a couple of years time.

We also learnt during the week that Andy Riley is currently laid up in Lister Hospital with pancreatitis, so sadly he will not be around for a couple of weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

As Welwyn had waterlogged pitches on Sunday, our proposed friendly was cancelled at short notice, and a training session hastily arranged at the Village Hall. Although 25 boys had said they were available to play against Welwyn, only 15 managed to come along for training. Without wishing to appear too negative, the coaching team are beginning to get quite concerned at the low numbers coming to training sessions at the moment. If we are to develop any decent patterns of play and set moves, we really need as many players training as possible, so come match day everybody know what is happening. Whinge over.

Those that did attend had a good run out lead by Bob, Jason and Andrew, with the rain thankfully abating for the session. Well done to all those who trained, the effort was good, and communication and moves are improving. Thanks to those boys who played out of their preferred positions to give the team some structure.



Thursday we are training as usual and on Sunday we are hosting Harrow for a friendly. 10:30am meet for an 11:30am ko. Please can as many boys as possible attend training and the friendly, as the following week we host Ruislip in our second league fixture of the season and would like to get our strongest team working together in preparation.

Youth Girls & Women's Rugby News

Girls Youth Update:

U12's - U14's – Recruitment Day!

Today we hosted an 'Inner Warrior' recruitment day for the Girls and Womens sections. We spread the word far and wide and also encouraged the girls to bring a friend along to the session. We had three brand new girls join us in the u12's and u14's age groups, along with the return of a previous Datchworth Player. Welcome back Thea, we are all pleased to see you again. We started the sessions with some fun games to allow the girls to get to know each other and warm them up after the torrential downpour just before the start of the session. We practiced our handling skills and then added movement in a continuous passing drill. We worked on the tackle basics for the new girls, each of them demonstrating a good technique. One of the new girls Rosie impressed coach Dave with her powerful technique. We finished the session with a game of touch, overloading the attack each time and encouraging the girls to find space. Everyone worked hard and demonstrated good ball handling skills. Immy and Zara quickly got to grips with the principles of the game, having never played rugby before. Both girls demonstrated some good runs and passing skills. A big welcome to Rosie, Immy and Zara and we hope to welcome you back on Wednesday evening.

Wednesday Warrior:

Went to Daisy for her awesome performance and tackling in the PUAP at Bedford last week. Well done, Daisy! Picture to follow next week.

U16s

A great turnout for the u16s as we welcomed 5 guests, all new to rugby. Every single player got stuck in which was great to see and were well supported by our existing crew. We already know some of the girls will be joining us again on Wednesday so we can confidently describe the day as a success for Datchworth and the game as a whole. After a few fun warm up activities we focused on touch, building up to a hold tackle to introduce some level of contact for the newbies. On Wednesday we'll take this up a notch with a full contact session as we build up to our next league match on 20th Nov. Notable mentions for the two Gracies (nicknames required ASAP). Gracie B joined us a few weeks ago having never played the game but took a huge leap forward



this weekend. You can see her confidence levels have gone up and her game play has gone with it. Gracie D, who joins us from Nobel school put on the most tenacious display of rugby from a new player I've seen for a long time. I have no doubt she will be a force to be reckoned with on the pitch in no time.

Datchworth Women

Not to be outdone, the women also hosted a recruitment day and welcomed 2 new players to the squad (with more to come we hear). Both are new to the game but have already committed to coming back to us on Wednesday for training. Welcome aboard to Yas and Natasha. The women got the worst of the weather, but we pushed on through and had a laugh with it. Yas came away with the bottle of fizz that was on offer to the new players after a tense 1 round battle of rock paper scissors.



It's never too late to join this lot. Don't wait for the next recruitment day, just come along on a Wednesday evening at 8pm.

Breakfast & Match – World Cup Celebrations!

Saturday 12th November Women's World Cup Final

England v's New Zealand.

6:30am KO – Club open from 6:00am

More details to be released soon!

Senior Men's Rugby Updates

Datchworth Men's Senior Rugby:

Another mixed week for the Senior Section the Third XV with support from Black Horse enjoyed a strong win against Royston 36 – 20. The team was a great blend of youth and experience... the front row had a combined age of 164!!! (do the maths)....but we also had a couple of Academy lads in the backline.



The First XV continue to suffer with injuries and availability but the available side played with a lot of heart although lost 27 – 0 away at Hampstead.

News & Events



Youth and Mini trip to Twickenham England Vs Japan 12th November 2022

Datchworth RFC are delighted to have secured 25 adult and 25 Child (U15) Tickets for the Autumn International Japan Vs England.

Tickets are available to paid members and priority will be given to those requesting equal numbers of adult and child tickets, this will hopefully prevent any odd numbers of child tickets being left unallocated.

Cost; all ticket purchases must include the Coach as part of the package to ensure a full coach and to make the coach affordable for all.

1 x Adult (£44) / 1 x Child (£23) / Coach (£13 per seat) / Coach parking (£1.50 each) = £96
(for 1 x adult / 1x child inc coach)

To request an adult and child ticket please contact Nicola Howard
(mrsnicolahoward@outlook.com) on a first come first served basis and on confirmation of your place(s) by Nicola please make payment directly to DRFC (or Cash to Nicola or Andrew)

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Please note – the England V Japan game is on the same afternoon / evening as the Hertford Flood Light Festival (Sat 12th November) that will include a single team from our U10s, U11s and U12s – if you are unable to watch England V Japan due to the Hertford Festival you will be given priority for tickets for the England V Italy 6 Nations Game in 2023.

Please note – the Child tickets are available to players up-to **15 years old** (U16 Age-Grade).

2023 Holt Mini Tour Details:

The annual and ever popular Minis tour to Norfolk is once again scheduled for April 2023! This tour is open for age groups U7-U12, Datch minis will be heading to Hilltop adventure centre for two nights of fun and activities followed by the participation in the Kingswood rugby festival at Holt RFC. Full details have been sent to your age group managers for distribution with this week's newsletter. Places are limited so if you would like to come or have any questions, please get in touch or complete the forms and send back to Nicola (by email mrsnicolahoward@outlook.com or by hand) ASAP!

This will be the last tour Nicola will be arranging so if you think this is an event you could help to arrange in future seasons to come please also get in touch with Nicola to give you an insight into the planning/logistics this season and can hand it over seamlessly for next season!

Mini Section Fixtures Programme – Looking Ahead

Week	Date	Datchworth RFC Mini Section - Provisional 2022/23 – 53 rd Playing Season
11	13 th Nov	Datchworth Vs Letchworth & Hertford (3-way) Teresa Wingard / Paul Threfall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letchworth host U12 & U10 Datchworth host U11 & U9 Hertford host U8 & U7
12	20 th Nov	Training @ Datchworth
13	27 th Nov	Royston V Datchworth (Away Fixture) - Niall Tallis
14	4 th Dec	Datchworth Vs Biggleswade (Home Fixture) Phil Pearson - Confirmed
15	11 th Dec	Letchworth Vs Datchworth (Home Fixture) Teresa Wingard - Confirmed
16	18 th Dec	Santa Clause and Club Festive Morning Datchworth
17	25 th Dec	XMAS & NEW YEAR (No Rugby)



Mid-Week Training Plan

Age Group	Head Coach	Pitch Space	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday		
			7 till 9	6:30 till 7:30	7:30 till 9:00	6 till 7	7 till 8	8 till 9
Senior Sides	Simon Little	Full Pitch	Main First XV Session					8:00 till 9:00
U18 Academy	Phil Nightingale	½ Pitch					7: 00 till 8:00	
U17 Academy	Andrew Howard	½ Pitch					7: 00 till 8:00	
U16	Warren Sullivan	½ Pitch			7:30 till 9:00			
U15								
U14	David Gore	½ Pitch		6:30 till 7:30				
U13 (TBC)	Nick Broughton	1/3 Pitch				6:00 till 7:00		
U12	John McGinty	1/3 Pitch				6:00 till 7:00		
U11	Ben Wesson	1/3 Pitch				6:00 till 7:00		
Girls Squads	Phil Solomon	½ Pitch		6:30 till 7:30				
Women Side	Phil Solomon	½ Pitch			7:30 till 9:00			

2022 / 23 Season Rugby Membership:

Next weekend is week 6 of the Season and the last session, (for the Minis) before games start. Hopefully most have managed to join the Club for the Season ahead before the fixtures really kick-in across all age-groups. If you are yet to join and affiliate with the RFU please, try to do so next week. The Membership team, (as below), will all be able to help with any questions or concerns.

Jackie Lewis – Membership e. lewismj68@hotmail.com

Diane Wyatt – Club Secretary e. ldwyatt@hotmail.com

Will Nash – Membership e. will.nash@datchworthsportsclub.com



Week 11 – November 13th Pitch Allocations & Car Park Plan

Next Weekend

Week 11 (**Saturday 12th November**) – small teams from the U10s / U11s / U12s are playing at Hertford Flood Lit Festival on Saturday evening – Age-Group Managers to provide details.

Week 11 (Sunday 13th November)

Next weekend the **U9s** are on Car Park Duty at the start of the morning and the **U17s/18s** are collecting the cones at the end of the morning.

Arrangements: Sunday 13th November 2022:

Mini Section – Different Locations: Datchworth Vs Letchworth & Hertford (3-way)

- Letchworth host U12 & U10
- Datchworth host U11 & U9
- Hertford host U8 & U7

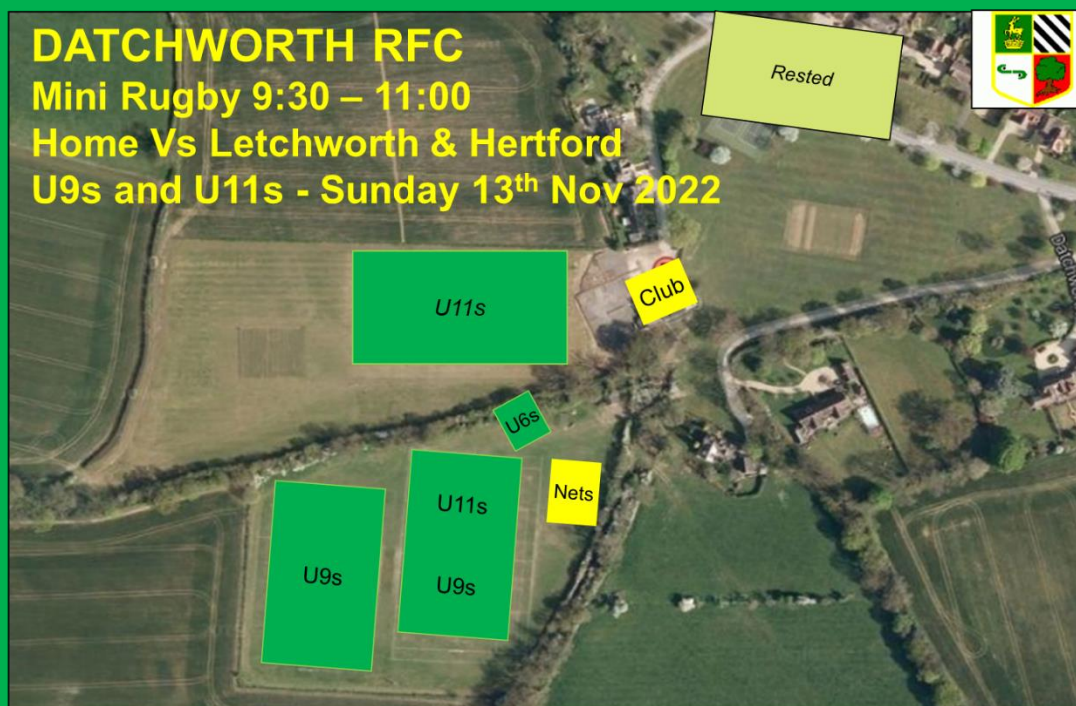
U13s - Away Vs Hemel

U14s - Home Vs OGs 12:30 Kick Off 12:30 Kick Off (CR 5 (Home) and CR 3 Away))

U16s - Training / Support Royston TBC

U17s - U18s / Academy – Home Vs Harrow 12:30 Kick Off (CR 1 (Home) and CR 4 Away))

Girls - TBC / Training





Closing Notes...

Next weekend is a huge weekend for Rugby. On Saturday morning the Women's World Cup Final (England V New Zealand) will be on in the Club House at 6:30am! Later in the morning a coach will be heading to Twickenham for the England V Japan game (departs approx. 10). There is a First XV Home Game on Saturday afternoon and then in the evening the U10s, U11s and U12s have teams competing at the Hertford RFC Festival, the on Sunday the Minis are in split locations for a big 3-way fixture with Letchworth and Hertford, after-which the Youth Sides are in action. What a lot of rugby!!! Fingers crossed for some dry and crisp weather for a great weekend of rugby.

Have a great week

Best wishes,

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