



Southampton Spitfires Rugby League Club 2011 Press & Online Coverage.

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Conference Comments



Four players from SOUTHAMPTON SPITFIRES have successfully completed a four-day coaching qualification course held in London. The quartet had their fees paid for thanks to Sport Relief funding from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation while the club ensured that they had overnight stays in the capital.

Head coach Glenn Tyreman expressed his delight at the players' achievement. "Having four new coaches is great news for the club and really opens the door for us to provide coaching to a wider section of the community. We have some winter training sessions which are open to new players, so the new coaching team will start work immediately."

These are exciting times for the development of Rugby League in England's second city. In no small part that is due to the efforts of a group of 15 and 16 year olds who all play for BIRMINGHAM BULLDOGS and have been volunteering in the community delivering rugby lessons to school children.

The boys recently completed a Leaders Award and are now assisting schools with their Rugby League programmes. Russell Parker, Birmingham Community Rugby League Coach said: "I have been really impressed by the enthusiasm they are showing as Sports Leaders and the local schools are benefiting from their hard work. Many are enjoying it so much that they now have ambitions to become fully qualified coaches and referees."

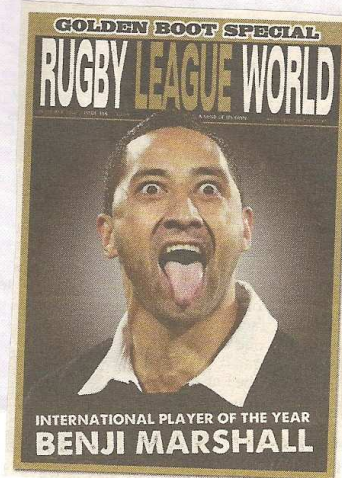
Bulldogs also supplied a representative player when Ryan Millar made a dream debut for England Community Lions against Wales at Caerphilly and posted two tries in a 26-all draw. Following his fine performance, Millar, though still only 16, has attracted the attention of Harlequins. Likewise, Kaan Altundar, aged 11, received the 'outstanding contribution' award for the Birmingham stage of the Carnegie Champion Schools competition.

George Strachan, a key player on the pitch for NOTTINGHAM OUTLAWS, is now occupying a vital role off the field as he introduces Rugby League to youngsters in the region.

The new Community Coach for the Nottinghamshire area, his position is funded by the RFL, Nottinghamshire County Council and the Outlaws in association with Nottingham Trent University who host the post.

"Due to this funding I am able to offer free coaching and support to any groups, schools or individuals who wish to develop Rugby League further," he said.

"Nottingham Outlaws has developed massively over the last 11 years and this has been down to a growing number of dedicated and talented volunteers - the limiting factor for much of this work has been time. This new role means someone working full time to develop the game, for players, volunteers and coaches in Nottingham. We now have a better overall vision of where we are and how we can develop further."





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RFL Sanction Southampton's Proposal to Challenge Scotland Exiles

Southampton Set To Tackle Scotland Exiles

The RFL have today given Southampton Spitfires permission to play the Scotland Exiles side at a venue in London on Sunday the 6th of February.

This game will be the Spitfires' second winter friendly game following their trip to St Albans Centurions back in early December when Southampton gave a great account of themselves going down 52-28 to their higher league opponents.

The Exiles squad is made up of eligible players based outside of Scotland and is a feeder club linking into the Scotland Bravehearts amateur international side and is three levels down from the full Scotland international side.

The Spitfires are also hoping to confirm a third and final off-season game for late March. In the build up to the Exiles clash Southampton will be holding two Sunday afternoon training sessions on January 23rd and 30th. The sessions will focus on improving development areas identified during the St. Albans game and introducing the game to new players.

Sessions are open to current players and any new players who want to come down and experience Rugby League. Coach Tyreman will be naming an 18 man squad for the clash with the Exiles following the two training sessions.

More news on the Exiles game and the January training sessions will be published in the coming week.

* Provided courtesy of the Southampton Spitfires RLFC website

League Tables

Alitalia European Cup 2010

Scotland Rugby League, Alitalia European Cup 2010			
1	Wales	3	6
2	France	3	4
3	Scotland	3	2
4	Ireland	3	0

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AMATEUR NEWS

THERE is a new derby on the Rugby League horizon.

A reshuffle of the Co-operative Rugby League Conference has seen Portsmouth Navy Seahawks drop down from the RLC Southern Premier to join Southampton Spitfires in the South East division, creating the newest big city derby.

The fixture list is yet to be announced but when the two sides meet this summer it will be the first ever Rugby League contest between these two great rival cities.

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND UP

by Trevor Hunt & Phil Hodgson

A penalty count of 17-5 proved to be too much for the RAF to overcome in a closely contested tie with the ARMY.

The extra defensive work created by repeated sanctions inevitably led to fatigue in the closing quarter against opponents who had been expected to last the pace better in any event.

The RAF, who were 16-14 ahead on the hour mark after a seesaw 60 minutes, found themselves on level terms when Stu Butters landed a penalty for the home side.

The Army went in front with nine minutes left, with a touchdown for Colin Marangon, which Butters converted.

Danny Hunter stretched the lead to an important seven points with a field goal a couple of minutes later, and there was no way back for the RAF when Eppy Naulamatua grabbed his second try as the final whistle beckoned.

Marcus Turaga had crossed for the Army early in each half, while Butters converted Naulamatua's opening effort.

Tom Perrin bagged a brace for the RAF, Chris Gordon popped over, and Martin Wood kicked two goals.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY, despite the dismissal of Sam Scott in the 11th minute for allegedly leading with the elbow - and the sin-binning of Aiden Pritchard midway through the first half - pushed NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY all the way before losing 25-18.

Loughborough made light of their disadvantage in the opening period,

bouncing back from a Kevin Neighbour try and a Chris Parker conversion to lead 8-6 at the interval with touchdowns for Simon Perry and Hamish Locke, neither of which was improved by Tom Carter.

The sides were level at 18-18 with seven minutes remaining, Mark Wilson and Perry crossing for the home side and Nathan Walmsley landing a conversion; Sam Rothery and Connor Sheridan had countered for Northumbria, Parker adding a goal.

But Neighbour broke home hearts with a field goal moments after Perry's score. And a Parker try and goal in the dying seconds sealed a narrow win.

A try four minutes from time by Mike Stout, plus Nick Owen's second conversion of the contest, helped WARRINGTON WIZARDS seal a tense 28-20 victory yesterday over the ROYAL NAVY at Wilderspool, where the Challenge Cup was on display.

The Navy had been only a couple of points adrift throughout the final quarter, the visitors having pulled back a 22-10 deficit with tries by Tom Wilkinson and Kevin Botwood, with Dane Smallbrooke landing his second goal.

Dave Yie, Matt Taylor, Paul Alcock and Graham Healey had notched the Wizards' earlier tries, two of which Warren Ayres improved.

The Navy's first-half touchdowns went to Wilkinson and Ritchie Metcalfe.

** Rugby League bosses will adjudicate on the date and venue of the tie between Kells and Bradford Dudley Hill, which was postponed again on Saturday - on this occasion because of a waterlogged pitch. Meanwhile, the draw for the third round, involving Co-operative Championship teams, will take place on Tuesday 15 February, at a time and venue to be announced.*

Results

Saturday 5 February 2011

ROUND ONE: York Acorn 24 Milford Marliners 35.

ROUND TWO

POOL A: East Leeds 4 Hull Dockers 64; Castleford Lock Lane 18 Stanley Rangers 16; Wigan St Patricks 16 Leigh Miners Rangers 18; Hunslet Warriors 22 Wigan St Judes 16; Kells v Bradford Dudley Hill -pp; Rochdale Mayfield v Siddal -pp; East Hull 31 Myton Warriors 22; Egremont Rangers 22 Wath Brown Hornets 10; Leigh East 16 Thatto Heath Crusaders 18.

POOL B: British Army 27 RAF 16; Leeds Met 44 Edge Hill University 14; Loughborough University 18 Northumbria University 25.

Sunday 6 February 2011

ROUND TWO

POOL B: Warrington Wizards 28 Royal Navy 20 (at Wilderspool).

New dates for postponed ties to be confirmed by the Rugby Football League.



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Mon 7th March 2011

Southern Exiles shoot down spitfires



Scotland Southern Exiles got their season off to a fine start in the sunshine at Saracens with a comfortable win over Southampton on Sunday. This is the first step on the ladder towards international recognition for some players and a chance for all to represent Scotland RL. Seven players made their Southern Exiles debuts, including five who have not been involved with Scotland before: Aberdonian winger Michael Lieberum, former Loughborough University hooker Nat Crichton, London Skolars prop Craig Lawson, 17-year-old second rower Dan Hay from Leicester and Ramsay Lind, who travelled up from the south coast despite being ill and managed 20 minutes.

New coach Wayne Kelly saw his team get off to a flying start with the Exiles leading 24-0 after 19 minutes. George Smibert and a Dene Miller brace were soon followed by one by the post for Keir Bell. Stu Fee kicking the conversions superbly. All three substitutes were then introduced and Southampton hit back with three tries before the break, but Matt Tilly's double down the right and captain Keir Bell on the stroke of half-time put the Scots back in control, Alex Stevens' goal bringing up the 40 points at the interval.

Although Dom Pullen scored a few seconds into the second-half to make it 44-16, Scotland's dominance lessened and the game became a scrappy affair, littered with unnecessary penalties. The Spitfires scored three of the next four tries, Pullen's second on the left bringing up the half century for the Scots.

The Exiles finished strongly with a delightful handling move ended by sprightly veteran Ewen Drummond and Stevens' cheeky chip and collect over the Southampton defensive line a highlight in the final minute.

Scotland Southern Exiles next play London Skolars second team on Sunday 20 March at New River, 1pm KO.

South London Exiles

Dominic Pullen UWIC
 Craig Lawson London Skolars
 Dene Miller OARFC
 Michael Lieberum Hammersmith Hills Hoists
 Ramsay Lind Southampton Spitfires
 Alex Stevens Harlequins
 Stuart Fee Exeter University
 Keir Bell St Albans Centurions
 Nathaniel Crichton Nottingham Outlaws
 George Smibert Sherbourne RFC
 Ewen Drummond South London Storm
 Eric Stewart South London Storm
 Matt Tilly Ipswich Rhinos

Subs:

Daniel Hay Leicester Storm
 David Nolan Ipswich Rhinos
 Luke Tilly Ipswich Rhinos

Tries: Smibert (2), Miller (6 & 15), Bell (19 & 40), M Tilly (33 & 39), Pullen (41 & 62), Nolan (55), Drummond (76), Stevens (79).
 Goals: Fee 5/9, Stevens 1/3.

Coach: Wayne Kelly
 Asst coach: Kenny Bell
 Manager: Gavin Willacy
 Physio: Sheri Regev

League Tables

RLC Premier

Rank	Team	Points	Games
1	Easterhouse Panthers	0	0
2	Ayrshire Storm	0	0
3	Fife Lions	0	0
4	Edinburgh Eagles	0	0
5	Carlisle Tigers	0	0
6	Moray Eels	0	0

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SPITFIRES RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB MAKES AN IMPACT



Southampton Spitfires Rugby League Club is aiming to improve on its excellent reputation for developing quality players, by increasing the number of age groups participating at the club.

Since forming in 2007 the Spitfires have made a big impact on the local sports scene and have recently invested in a new coaching team to help take the club forward. Now Spitfires are asking anyone who is interested in trying the sport to get in touch. The club provides expert coaching to bring players of all abilities and experience up to speed,



even if you're not quite sure of the rules! Spitfires is a welcoming club and would like to hear from all age groups, both male and female, from under 8's through to open age.

At community level Rugby League has spread across the country with clubs based in every major city in the UK. Rugby League is a fast and exciting game packed with tries, skill and flair. Southampton Spitfires play throughout the summer and are based at Station Road Recreation Ground in Netley.

For more information contact Head Coach Glenn Tyreman on: **07737 804769** or visit **www.southampton-spitfires.co.uk** to register your contact details.

HOUND MARKET

Hound Market the annual table top sale for local fund-raisers will take place at The Abbey Hall, Netley Abbey at 2pm, Saturday 16th April 2010. Do come and support these enthusiastic people.

This annual event came into being when the Abbey Hall was first opened as a method of publicising the Parish's new asset and to promote local fund-raisers.

Tables are free of charge to local fund raisers, and all sellers are allowed one table only. There is an admission charge for the public, which provides the cash prize for a free raffle among table holders and takes place during the afternoon of the sale. Will potential table holders note 'No Jumble'. Those wishing to book a table please phone John Taylor, **8045 2297**.

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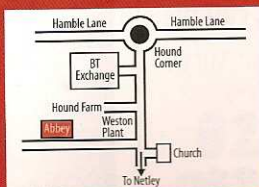
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