

SITTINGBOURNE RUFC JUNIORS REMAINING FIXTURES 2009/2010

Date	Mini & Midi		Under 13		Under 16	
14/3/10	<u>Kent Festival</u> U7: Tunbridge Wells U8: Beckenham U9: Sidcup U10: Blackheath U11: Medway U12: Tonbridge Judds	A	Training	H	Kent Prelims (Ashford)	A
21/3/10	<u>Kent Festival Finals</u> Tonbridge Judds	A	Kent Finals	A	Kent Finals	A
28/3/10	U10,11, Colfes Festival Other age groups home training	A	Tunbridge Wells	A	Tunbridge Wells	H
4/4/10	Easter		Easter		Anchorians Festival	A
11/4/10	Training	H	Training		Welsh Tour	A
18/4/10	<u>East Kent Tournaments</u> U7: Dover U8: Dover U9: Whitstable U10: Thanet U11: Sheppey U12: Sheppey	A	Kent 7's	A	Sidcup	H
25/4/10	Proficiency Awards	H	Training	H	Kent 7's	A
2/5/10			Deal and Betts	A		



S.R.U.F.C. Youth Newsletter

Welcome to the second Newsletter of the 2009-2010 season with news of developments both on and off the pitch.

Nobody needs reminding that the weather has been the winner over the last few months with an unprecedented number of matches cancelled because of rain or ice. We appreciate this is very disruptive and frustrating for both players and parents, but, if it is of any comfort, it is even more frustrating for the coaches. However, safety of the players is our main concern and also it is in all our interests to ensure the pitches do not suffer long-term damage.

The Minis and Midis played matches against Gravesend and New Ash Green, Folkestone and Canterbury, and Sheppey and Thanet with good results across the board.

The U13's were unlucky to lose their East Kent Cup Semi-final against Dover, but since then are unbeaten against Dartfordians, Sheppey, Thanet, Canterbury, Deal and Betts and Ashford with particularly impressive wins against Canterbury (40-12), Sheppey (67-7) and Ashford (58-7).

The U16's went one further but narrowly lost the East Kent Cup Final to Canterbury (0-5). They also had good wins against Dover (32-0), Vigo (34-3), Sheppey (22-3) and Ashford (39-5).

Presentation Evenings

Dates for your diaries:

- Mini/Midi Presentation on Saturday 22nd May 2010 at Wyvern Centre;
- Junior Presentation on Friday 30th April 2010 at the Club.

Both events will have a Disco afterwards. Look out for details later from your coaches.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Even at this stage of the season we always welcome new players, particularly in the lower age groups.



Seal of Approval

Since the end of last season, Andy Butler and members of the Youth Committee have been working hard on our submission to the Clubmark scheme for our Seal of Approval accreditation. This means that we meet the highest standards for coaching, welfare and all aspects of club administration. We had a visit from the RFU Regional Development Officer, Andy Pratt, one Sunday before Christmas and we recently submitted all the required paperwork. Andy said this was one of the best folders he had received and we hope to receive accreditation soon. This will make Sittingbourne Juniors one of the elite clubs in Kent.

Details of the Seal of Approval, including the 5-Year Development Plan are available on the website.

Refereeing Course

We are organising an Entry Level Refereeing Course at the Club on Sundays 13th and 20th June 2010. Details are on the website and anyone interested in taking part should contact their coach or a member of the Committee.

Volunteers

The Club is run entirely by volunteers, and if you would like to help us in any way, please let our Volunteer Coordinator, Sean Talbot, or your coach know. There are many ways you can help, not only on the pitch, but for example by helping with meals after matches, collecting subs, keeping attendance lists, managing registration details and looking after other paperwork required by the Seal of Approval accreditation.

We are particularly looking for a **Social Secretary** to organise social events during the year.

This need not be a major commitment. In the past we have organised a Christmas party for the players and at least one fund-raising event during the year such as a quiz, karaoke or race night. There would be plenty of support from other members of the Committee and coaches, but we need someone to take a lead on these. "Job shares" by two or more volunteers very welcome!

Shop

The shop is open most Sundays after matches/training for sale of shorts with the Club crest, Club socks, gumshields, gloves and showerproofs as well as secondhand shirts. We will soon also have available hoodies, fleeces, polo shirts and kit bags with club insignia. These are all sold at cost plus 10%, with all profits going towards providing match kits.

Registration

You are reminded that all players must be members of our parent club, Gore Court Cricket Club (GCCC) and pay subscriptions to SRUFC on a weekly or annual basis. If you are not up-to-date with these payments, details and forms are available on the website or from your coach.

If anyone does have genuine difficulties paying for registration or subscription, please speak to your coach or a member of the Committee. As part of our commitment to equity in the Club we will do all we can to avoid players not being able to play for financial reasons.

Clubhouse

You will have noticed renovations to both men and women's toilets and showers in the Clubhouse. This is part of an ongoing programme of maintenance organised by GCCC paid for out of your subscriptions. Profits from the bar also make a significant contribution to funding these renovations and maintenance, so please stay for a drink after training and matches.

The Clubhouse is also available for hire for parties and other events at reasonable rates with reductions for members. Check with the bar staff or a Committee member

New Dates

Our Year 7 and 8 Tournament is now rescheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 25th March 2010.

U16's Welsh Tour 9-12th April 2010.

On Saturday 24th April 2010 we are taking over 200 players and parents to Wasps for a two-hour coaching session for players up to U13's followed by seats for the Wasps v Bath match at Twickenham.

As above, Presentation Evening for the Minis and Midis is 22nd May 2010 and for the Juniors is 30th April 2010.

We will be holding our Tag Rugby Festival for Junior Schools on Thursday 27th May 2010 with a fall-back date of 10th June 2010 in case of bad weather..

Website

Visit www.srufc.com and click on the Juniors/Minis tab for information on all the above items including contact details, registration forms, fixtures, general club documentation and latest news.