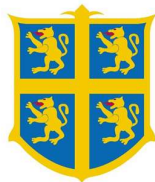


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**Message from the Secretary – John Pearson**



**Well what can one say - an extremely busy term with some highs and some lows.**

The highs have related to the Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd Young Match Officials where we have ended the year with 208 new officials which exceeded our Sport England target by 80. Of especial commendation was the fact that we almost attained our aspirational target of 44 girls. 39 YMOs have undertaken officiating duties to date and 8 are now members of the Durham Referees Society. All first round games barring two have been refereed by Young Match Officials

*To continue with the highs* - games were undertaken in the Tees valley district under the leadership of Kev Rudd with 56 games being undertaken and 260 pupils involved. In the north the South of the Tyne district saw Bill Burdon-Taylor inaugurate the competitions at U.12 level with 6 teams entered at Ryton RFC. Sadly the U.13 competition had to be postponed.

The lows did not start out that way. A pleasing 31 schools entered the Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd Schools Union Cups. From then on in things have gone on the decline with 23 girls teams out of 32 entries (U.13/U.15) – 76% not attending. Similarly 44 out of 109 boys teams did not attend the first round and one final (U.13 – U.16) of the competitions – 44%. Sadly this has not done much for our reputation as it has left organisers, Advisers and Young Match without match time and more especially as a number of schools did not have the common decency to inform the organisers that they would not be attending. Careful consideration is being given as to how this can be handled in the future.

**ERFSU Representative**

The Schools Union representative to the ERFSU has to be elected annually and the ERFSU informed of the outcome.



The present incumbent is Martin Pepper, the Second Master at Barnard Castle School, who is being nominated by the Schools Union Committee to continue in this role.

Should you wish to stand for this position and teach at an affiliated school/academy/college can you please find a nominator and seconder from two other affiliated schools and let me have the nomination by Friday January 24th.

Returns should be made to [p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk) Should you wish to discuss this role and the implications of undertaking it please contact me at your earliest convenience.

If there is more than one nomination an election will take place in February.

**Teesside District – 10's Competitions**

<u>U12</u> <u>Winners</u>	Egglescliffe Runners up	Ian Ramsey	(6)
<u>U13</u> <u>Winners</u>	Carmel Runners up	Our Lady &St Bede	(6)
<u>U14</u> <u>Winners</u>	Egglescliffe Runners up	Our Lady &St Bede	(4)
<u>U15</u> <u>Winners</u>	Egglescliffe Runners up	Carmel	(4)
<u>U16</u> <u>Winners</u>	Egglescliffe Runners up	Teesside High	(2)

*Number of schools involved are shown in brackets.*

*Overall 56 games were played with 260 pupils. YMO's were also involved in officiating the games.*



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**Dates and venues for 7 a side Competitions 2020**

Entry form will be forthcoming at the beginning of next term, with a deadline date 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Boys**

Age Group	Date	Venue
U18's	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Durham School
U16's	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	BCS
U15's	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Durham School
U14's	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	BCS
U13's	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	St Johns
U12's	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Ryton RFC

**Girls**

Age Group	Date	Venue
U13's	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Durham City RFC
U15's		
U18's		

**FINAL VERSION – Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd County Cup Competition**



**Dates -**

**Y12/13 Cups Wednesday 22nd January**

**Y7 Cup Finals Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Y9 Cup Finals Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**HALF TERM 14<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Y8 Cup Final – Wednesday 4th March**

**Girls Finals U.13, U.15 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**FALCONS FESTIVAL 28<sup>th</sup> March – Y7**

**Y 12/13 Cup finals Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd as Durham County Schools Union Sponsor**



**Breaking News -**

The ERFU have recognised the work which we are doing with the Vic Young

(South Shields) Ltd Young Match Officials programme as a 'Model of Good Practice.'

A quote from our sponsor:

*Young added: "At the risk of sounding corny, the people of the North East have been very generous with their support for the business in the last 45 years, and this is our way of putting something back!"*



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England Rugby Schools Updates and Links



England Rugby

Schools Union and GMS

- That a tour approval is required for visiting teams as well as when going on tour to another Union, this is a World Rugby and RFU Regulation:

<http://www.englandrugby-schools.com/the-erfsu/committees/governance/tours/>

The FFR are now requiring a minimum of 6 weeks to sanction a visiting tour

- Regulation 15.11.3, that matches must be brought to an end if the points difference is more than 50 points, and that it is better to modify the game to allow play continue to the final whistle:

<http://www.englandrugby-schools.com/resources/challenge-the-game/>

Also:

- England Rugby has produced some resources <http://www.englandrugby-schools.com/rugby-world-cup-resources/>

**Please see below other interesting information links:**

[Headgear prevention\[8513\] - Copy.pdf](#)

[Concussion in PE Sport-2.pdf](#)

<https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login>

**A letter from Durham County Schools Union:**

*Dear schools,*

You may be aware already that England Rugby uses an online system called GMS (Game Management System) for its course bookings. This system is a giant database used by our game to help with areas such as registering players, processing DBS checks and online match cards. Each club has their own section which they can control and input data about their club, the RFU uses this to help with process such as Club Accreditation and International ticket allocation.

We are writing to you to make you aware of GMS and to ask you to sign up enabling you to create your school page, going forward GMS is how the RFU and ERSU will communicate with you, newsletters and information about international tickets will all be sent out via the contact details on GMS.

To create your schools account please email [schools@rfu.com](mailto:schools@rfu.com) with the school name you want on the system as well as the email address and name of the person who will be accessing it for the school.

If you have trouble setting up your account after you have emailed [schools@rfu.com](mailto:schools@rfu.com) please contact [lauralines@rfu.com](mailto:lauralines@rfu.com) and she will organise for a member of RFU local staff to pop by the school and help out.

*Thank you for your time,*

*Durham Schools Union*



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