

Durham County



RFU Schools Union

Durham County Schools Update

March 2020

Message from the Secretary – John Pearson



Despite the weather and Coronavirus disrupting some of the activities of the Schools Union this term there has been quite a lot of activity.

Two elements of significance:

- *Membership of the Schools Union/ERFSU* - please read and respond to this especially with regard to registering on GMS
- *Membership of the Committee* – three years ago the Committee agreed to my idea of self-nomination. In simple terms if you volunteer and carry out a role you can be elected/co-opted to the Committee. This has worked well - if you wish to be on Committee make your suggestions known to me p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk

There are a significant number of people to thank for their efforts in seeing our rise from a Schools Union under great pressure to one which is recognised as being in the forefront of Schools Unions in the Country. These will receive plaudits in my report to be presented to the AGM.

Finally congratulations to **Martin T Pepper** being elected once again to serve as our representative to the ERFSU.

ERFSU Representative



The Schools Union representative to the ERFSU has to be elected annually and the ERFSU informed of the outcome. Congratulations to Martin Pepper, the Second Master at Barnard Castle School, serving as our representative once again.

District Competitions
South of the Tyne District Cup –

Results U13's

Winner	Emmanuel
Runner Up	Cardinal Hulme

Cleveland District 7's –

Results U15's

Winner	Egglecliffe
Runner Up	Ian Ramsey

Results U16's

Winner	Egglecliffe A
Runner Up	Egglecliffe B

Prestigious success of two of our Durham Schools; Barnard Castle and Durham School

Congratulations to Barnard Castle School on winning the prestigious North of England Schools



7's and taking the Bowling Bowl by beating the mighty Sedbergh by 24 points to 7 in the Semi Final and Kirkham Grammar School by 26

points to 12 in the Final. They then went on to win the Mount St Marys 7's. If the fates had not intervened these wins were a

highly positive precursor to potentially Winning the National 7's. Durham School are also to be congratulated on winning the Boodle and Dunthorpe Salver (2nd place in the Group competition) by beating Lancaster RGS 29 points to 14 in the final at The North of England 7's.



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**DCRFU Schools Union
Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd County 7's**

Results u15's -

Winner	Egglecliffe
Runner Up	Durham School

Results U16's -

Winner	Durham
Runner Up	Egglecliffe

**Durham County Schools Union schools
competitions 2019 – 20**

- [Schools competitions 2019 20 Update](#)



International Representation

The attachment is the best record which we have of those persons from Durham and Durham schools who have represented their respective countries.

Had the game versus Scotland not been cancelled on the 14th March Guy Pepper of Barnard Castle School would almost certainly have been added to this list.

Click here for the full document

- [School internationals DCRFU.pdf](#)

Preparing elite athletes for transition to life after sport

"Preparing elite athletes for transition to life after sport should begin in childhood" —

- <http://theconversation.com/preparing-elite-athletes-for-transition-to-life-after-sport-should-begin-in-childhood-73453>

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The last couple of years has been an extremely busy time with regard to the development of the programme and has been hailed as a roaring success by a large number of people who have come into contact with our young officials at Schools level and now those who are involved with refereeing for Durham Referees Society.



There have been over 250 pupils involved from 28 schools. Virtually every county cup and 7's competition has been refereed by our own YMOs.

Generous financial support has been forthcoming from Vic Young, amongst others, and as we move out of the pilot phase of the programme *we are very happy to announce that the support from Vic Young will continue next season.*

This year sadly, as everyone is aware, we have had to conclude the competition season early. However over the months since September 36 of our young match officials have been involved in County Competitions. In addition there have been a significant number of others involved at District, All Schools tournaments School and Festival levels.

The embryonic programme for next year is already being formulated and schools that would wish to express an interest in being involved should contact John Pearson on p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk at their earliest convenience. One of the main targets for the forthcoming months is to encourage schools that have YMO to contact their local clubs and make them aware of these qualified young people.

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Historical snapshot of the DCRFU Schools Union

It has become abundantly clear that all the records of the Schools Union, including the immaculately kept minute book in 'copperplate writing' from the days of JML Mock, no longer exist. The attachment is an attempt to provide a brief outline of some of the major events and names and should be read in conjunction with the list of schools internationals from, Durham and Durham schools.

- [..\Historical snapshots from Durham County RFU Schools Union.pdf](#)

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

Please see below other interesting information links:

- <https://www.englishrugby.com/news/article/rfu-ends-the-201920-rugby-season-in-england>



...And now for some humour the Secretary in relaxed mode as part of an advert for AGE CONCERN – his friend Laurence Dallaglio is commentating on the TV

Membership of the Schools Union and ERSFU

It has become painfully obvious over the last twelve months that a number of schools have not been paying, for a variety of reasons, their affiliation fees. The issue has been further complicated by the collection point being the ERSFU. The Committee have agreed in an attempt to rationalise who is in membership that the collection will, as in the past, be undertaken by the Schools Union with the portion allocated to the ERSFU being sent on by DCRFU .

A number of Schools have requested invoices or some form of notice to take to their bursar or finance department to facilitate payment. The attached form is an attempt to provide this. Should you still require some form of alternative notice please contact me as soon as possible p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk

It is advisable to return this at your earliest convenience and more especially if you wish to be included in the ballot for tickets for the Autumn Internationals which will include The All Blacks and certainly as early as is feasible.

- [Definitive Affiliation form DCRFU.pdf](#)

Schools Union and GMS

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

The ERSFU will be communicating with schools through GMS and no other system. It is therefore imperative that you register your school on the system AND send the relevant information to DCRFU@RFU.com You will see that this is now part of the membership return.

If you require assistance with regard to this please contact lauralines@rfu.com



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