

Chairman's Greetings

We are fast approaching the end of the season and soon Sunday mornings will be yours once again.

Two very important dates for your diaries are **Sunday 8th** and **Saturday 14th May**. Our end of season Awards Ceremony will take place on the 8th and we hope to see all players and parents at the ground for 9am. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

The Awards Ceremony is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the achievements of the players during the season but it is also an opportunity for players and parents to thank the coaches and managers who week in week out dedicate their free time to developing our children.

On Saturday May 14th Ben Harvey's First XV will take on Guernsey in the 2011 Siam Cup. I hope that we will see many of you there to support our team. A special area has been reserved for smaller children so do come along and bring a friend.

Yours in rugby
Kevin Lemasney



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Junior Siam Success

Wow! What can we say? All those who attended our full day Junior Siam on 2nd April enjoyed fantastic displays of junior rugby.

Thanks to our event sponsor, Ronez, a much larger contingent of children from both Jersey and Guernsey were able to take part, with 250 players and supporters from Guernsey joining us on the day.

Huge congratulations to all who took part and many thanks to the hundreds of supporters who turned up on the day to cheer the Jersey and Guernsey teams on. Also, thanks to the media for excellent coverage. Do visit the Academy website to see the full results and news.

The team from Kandid Prints did us proud capturing so much of the day's activities, including matches and presentations. Check out their site to see the final pictures and to purchase any keepsakes.

www.kandidprints.com/Gallery/Gallery.html

Such an event wouldn't be possible without the significant efforts and generosity of many people.

We can't list everyone here but we must single out Committee Member Tim Mitchell for leading the troops as festival co-ordinator and to Adrian Colston-Weeks for the kit, catering and lunch arrangements.

Thanks too to the following for their raffle generosity:

- **Kukri** – IRB Sevens tickets & hosting
- **CI travel Service** for hotel accommodation for the above
- **Flybe** for the flights
- **Baltine Photo Video Supplies** for a digital camera
- **Matt Hampson** for the two signed photos
- **Rocco's Wines** for the wine hamper
- **Ashburton** for the two tickets to England v Wales at Twickenham and also the place on the Tigers summer course
- **Massimo / Beau Monde** for a clothing voucher
- **Nautilus** for printing the tickets
- **Idea Works** for ticket design

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IMPORTANT....

End of Season Awards Sunday 8th May

This Sunday sees the end of our fantastic 2010/2011 season with the JRFCA Awards ceremony.

Starting with refreshments being served from 9am, all are invited to congregate on pitch one at 9.15am for welcome and introductions followed by presentation of the Player of the Year Awards and Most Improved Player Awards.

Over the course of the ceremony we will also present the David Hunt Memorial trophy, the House Competition Award and the Chairman's Award.

This event gives us the perfect opportunity to recognise all those Academy players who were selected to play for Hampshire County this year.

The Ceremony will close with a huge heartfelt thanks and recognition for those retiring Coaches and Managers who have contributed massively during their time with the Club.

After the awards, squads will be free to continue some fun training or to hold their own end of season events. Please do contact your team manager directly or have a look at the website to get more information about your age group.

Finally, our thanks once again go to our award sponsors as follows:

Player of the Year (1st, 2nd & 3rd)
Sponsored by Dominion

Most Improved Player
Sponsored by Kukri

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning and thank you in advance for all your support and commitment to our Club over the past nine months.

EPDP Summer Camp

As covered in the last newsletter, this August, Ben Harvey and Henno Venter will lead an Elite Player Development pre-season camp at the Jersey Rugby Football Club. This will prepare youngsters as much as possible for the next season, so that they can reach their potential as budding rugby stars of the future.

Aimed at budding rugby stars in the U13-U16 age brackets, the camp consists of four days of intensive training in advance of the new season. There are 100 places available for the camp. Running from 15-18 August, each day will run from 9.30am to 3pm and costs a total of £100.

For more information, please contact Henno Venter by emailing vidorugby6@yahoo.co.uk or download an application form from the Academy website.

Mont à l'Abbé Sensory Support

This season, the Academy selected Mont a l'Abbe school as its Charity of Choice for the year. All proceeds from the Junior Siam raffle were allocated to the School and we were delighted to present a cheque for £5,000 on the day to some of the staff and pupils who joined us. We know this is being used to purchase some sensory equipment for use by both the Junior and Senior school pupils and we will bring you an update on this next season.

We thank all of you who have supported this, from those who bought tickets to the many businesses that provided excellent prizes for our Siam raffle.

Our relationship with the School doesn't stop here though and we are planning ways to work closely together so that Mont a l'Abbe pupils can experience, first-hand, the spirit of rugby. More on this next season.



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Season Dates

The Academy Committee has now confirmed the end of season and start of next season dates as follows:

Sunday 8th May

Academy end of season prize-giving for all age groups and fun training

Saturday 10th September

Registration for new members at the Club

Sunday 11th September

Training begins for all Academy age groups for the 2011/2012 season.

Easter Camps Secure Record Numbers

This year's Easter Rugby Coaching Clinics in association with Jersey Rugby Development and FirstRand Wealth Management were a great success with many boys and girls aged 7 to 11 improving their rugby skills under the guidance of Jersey RFC professional players and Academy coaches.

Following on from February half term camps that attracted over 170 youngsters over three days, the Easter camps proved an even greater attraction with 196 youngsters attending over the three days at Grainville, Jersey RFC and Les Quennevais. Fun games, tournaments and practice sessions were enjoyed under the watchful eye of the coaching staff.

Jersey Rugby Development Officer, David McCormack said: "I was really pleased with the effort and enthusiasm shown by all the youngsters over the last few days. Their willingness to learn and the quality of coaching on show created a great atmosphere for all the players to develop their skills and improve. Everyone really enjoyed the camps and, at junior level, rugby on Jersey is in safe hands going by what I have seen."

There are further camps in June half term week and all details can be found at www.jerseyrugbydevelopment.com closer to the time.

Boardies...

Thanks once again to Dominion for their incredible generosity.

They have given a fantastic pair of club board shorts to every Academy member - what better way to celebrate the end of a fantastic season and to start summer in style?

If you haven't got yours yet, ask your team manager.

Professional Rugby Coaching & Development

Book your place for 22-26 August 2011 now!

The Annual Ashburton Leicester Tigers Rugby courses.

Bringing a taste of the world famous Leicester Tigers to the budding stars of Jersey.

- Contact course open to U9s - U16s
- TAG course for U7s and U8s
- Bookings can be made online by visiting www.leicestertigers.com/community/courses

Editors Note

This newsletter is compiled by Sam Watts, our Committee Member with responsibility for Academy Communications.

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Academy Updates Online

Website

For all the latest news, key diary dates, match reports and pictures, visit us at: www.jrfc.je/academy



Twitter @JRFCFA

Simply go to www.twitter.com or use any one of the twitter apps available for your phone, and sign up to follow us.

If you have any pictures from travels with your squads do send them in too. We will use what we can and upload the rest to the Academy gallery.

County Roundup 2010/2011

Our players have had a fantastic run at County level this year...

U15 Girls: Lauren Lowe travelled five times to train and play in matches and also attended divisional trials but was unsuccessful. Lauren has been selected to play for Jersey ladies in the Touch World Cup to be held in Scotland this summer.

U15: Zack Boakye-Yiadom, Matthew Kaye, Jacob Carter, Matt Michel travelled 22 times to train and play in matches.

U16: Harry Cochrane and George Banks travelled 35 times to train and play in matches.

U17: Charles Hubert, Luke Huelin, James Voss and Chris Levesley travelled 12 times to train and play in matches.

U18: Richard Sinel, Aaron Young and Tim Corson travelled 14 times to train and play in matches.

In total all players completed 103 trips - less than anticipated due to cancelled fixtures and disrupted travel and played in 21 games. We are very grateful for financial support from: the Sports Advisory Council – through Dave McCormack; John King of the Strasser Jersey Foundation; David Jenner of Lutea Trust; the Academy committee and from a very generous anonymous donor.

Selection criteria is now established for next season and preliminary sifting is taking place with Ben Harvey, Dave McCormack and lead coaches compiling a shortlist of suitable players. The Academy will put forward players from U15 –U18 (2011/12 season) for trials in the UK and our age group representatives are already liaising with UK counterparts regarding dates and venues.

Thanks to age group reps for their assistance throughout the season:

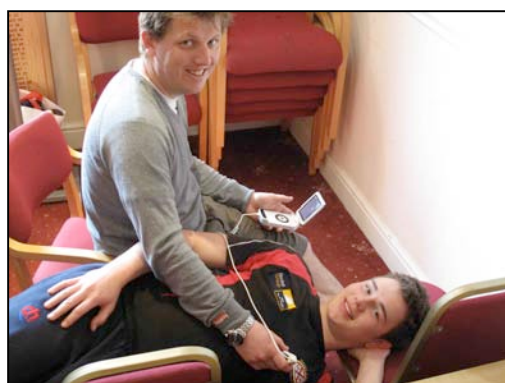
U15 Girls: Claire Lowe (also looking after U15s for 2011/12)
U15: Gail Liron
U16: Marcus Cochrane
U17: Colin Huelin (stepping down this season)
U18: Allyson Sinel

JRFCA Support Heart Screening

The Club doctor, Dr Rob Hurry, is supporting an initiative and contributing to research, by providing heart screening for all U16 and Colts players (aged 16-18 years). The screening is voluntary and free and the benefits to all are clear. The first screening took place on 17th April at the Club and many of our players were screened in 10 minute sessions.

More information can be found on the www.c-r-y.org.uk website. CRY's Vision 2011 is: to work with cardiologists and family doctors to promote and protect the cardiac health of our young by establishing good practice and screening facilities devoted to significantly reduce the frequency of young sudden cardiac death throughout the UK.

We as a Club are pleased to support this initiative.



Lord Jersey Cup 2011

This is the pinnacle of the Secondary School's Rugby calendar and took place at the end of March.

Dave McCormack worked closely with Lord Jersey and the JRFC to organise a fantastic event with all the schools from the Island and a representative team from Guernsey coming together to compete for the cup and a prize fund of £11,000. This was kindly donated by Lord Jersey. and would eventually be distributed between all the competing schools.

The day was a great success and special thanks must go to the Referee's Society for providing excellent officials for the day.

The eventual winners, Les Quennevais, beat a talented De La Salle team by a 'Golden drop goal' in extra time.

World Cup winner and British Lion Will Greenwood was flown across for the day and really enjoyed the quality of the rugby on show, before presenting the trophies. The former England Centre was also the VIP guest for a dinner reception that evening that managed to raise £3000 for the JRFC Academy.