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ENSURING ALL ELEMENTS OF THE GAME ARE CATERED FOR

After two seasons of relegation dodging, and all the allied frustrations that go with looking anxiously at the wrong end of the league table each weekend, Esher approach the coming season with cautious optimism.

The appointment of Mike Schmid as the new Director of Rugby is a positive statement by the club that we understand how important it is to remain competitive in this league, because having made such giant strides over the past decade both on and off the field, it's crucial that we don't allow ourselves to slip back into the chasing pack. Mike has played international rugby for Canada, been Director of Rugby at Rotherham in the Premiership and is a highly qualified coach. He, and all of us, see a great deal of unrealised potential at the club. The key element not to lose sight of here is how much all of us as club members enjoy the reflected glory of our club playing at the highest level it's ever attained. Such enjoyment comes at a price, not just in monetary terms, but in terms of the commitment from individuals to maintain a large logistical operation. This season, with clubs like Halifax and Redruth in the league, our travel arrangements and costs will escalate still further, and more importantly, the intensity of competition will increase yet again.

On the playing side, we are always aware that it's a difficult balance to strike between focussing on the first XV set-up and losing sight of other elements of the club which are fundamental to the ethos of 'rugby for all'. The poor performances of the 2nd XV in recent seasons have been a constant disappointment and to that end, we are really delighted to have appointed John Graves as coach with responsibilities for the side. We also hope to run, on a regular basis, a coherent 3rd XV that will form a bridge with the vibrant social rugby that remains in the capable hands of the Friars, Bs and Expendables, who will have Jim Bird as their new leader this season. That too is an important development with Jim having played for the 2nd XV last season, and having his own links with both ends of the club.

As another season creeps up upon us, all clubs will be issuing mission statements of intent, most of which are unrealistic or, in some cases, just not very intelligent. All we will say is that we are optimistic about being in much better shape to challenge at the right end of National League Two this season, but will be doing everything we can to ensure that all elements of the game are catered for, from the under 7s to the over 50s (and there are still one or two of them playing – perhaps unwisely.) At the risk of sounding each season like a needle that has stuck, we do need your support and help because by just being at the club on match days, you really can make a difference.

John Inverdale

The 4th ESHER RFC SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CUP WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2005 STARTING AT 2PM

Entries to date include

**WELLINGTON COLLEGE WHITGIFT SCHOOL JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
ST EDWARD'S OXFORD ST BENEDICTS DULWICH COLLEGE RGS HIGH WYCOMBE**

81ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Wednesday, 26th January, 2005

Those present:-

Malcolm Alexander
 Derek Allen
 Paul Allen
 Nick Ashby
 Phil Ashfield
 Nigel Badham
 Sian Baker
 Tim Bale
 Jools Barringer
 David Battershell
 Mike Beales
 David Bear
 Phil Beebe
 Geoff Bell
 Roger Beswick
 George Bishop
 Ron Booker
 Ian Brackenbury
 Mick Brackenbury
 Paddy Brady
 Jon Brailey
 Robin Brailey
 Julian Brigstocke
 Colin Brown
 Neil Brownlie
 Mel Bryant
 Nigel Bryant
 Dave Burton
 John Cannon
 Brett Cantello
 David Carey
 Vincent Champion
 Ron Charles
 Gill Cheesebrough
 Doug Clare
 John Clouston
 Peter Collett
 Nigel Connell
 John Cook
 Tony Cooke
 Paul Cooper
 Simon Cooper
 Charlie Cornwall
 Neil Cullan
 Adrian Dadds
 Jerry Dance
 Julian Davies
 Roger Davies

Jack Davison
 Kieron Dawson
 Reg De Jager
 Graham Deane
 Mike Doherty
 John Doughty
 Bill Downey
 David Drury
 Laurie Drury
 Mark Dudzinski
 David Eagles
 Bill Edgerley
 Mark Evans
 Neil Evans
 David Ezekiel
 Tim Fisher
 Matthew Flat
 Brian Ford
 Roger Ford
 Tim Foster
 Gareth Fox
 David French
 Steve Gelly
 Julie Grant
 Robin Gray
 Wally Grey
 Ian Gribble
 Graham Griffin
 Roger Habgood
 Geoffrey Hall
 John Hamblin
 Tony Hardacre
 Sara Harjulin
 Gavin Hart
 Charles Harvey
 Colin Herridge
 Rodney Hewitt
 Jonathan Hickling
 Brian Holland
 John Inverdale
 Matthew Jacobs
 Colin Jarman
 Nick Jenkins
 Ed Jennings
 Jeremy Jewitt
 Chris Johnson
 Keith Jones
 Mark Jones
 Sam Jones
 Ben Kay (Guest)

Chris Kingsbury
 Mike Kingsbury
 Patrick Kirby
 Rex Knott
 Steve Knox
 Basil Lambert
 Brian Lee
 Les Lefevre
 Tom Lloyd
 Tom Lloyd
 Robert Lomas
 Stuart Mackinnon
 Terry Marchbank
 Simon Martin
 Nick May
 Carole McAthey
 Hugh McHardy
 Mike Mein
 Alex Mellish
 Jon Moxon
 Ian Mundie
 Bill Murie
 Iain Murray
 Andy Nicol (Guest)
 Terry O'Brien
 Phil Owen
 Dave Page
 David Pappin
 Tony Parker
 David Parkinson
 Simon Paterson
 Bob Patton
 Sharon Pedliham
 Ken Perry
 Nick Pickles
 Ken Pitcher
 Sam Quick
 Dick Ralph
 Gordon Raybould
 Henry Redknap
 Mark Redknap
 Chris Reeve
 John Richardson
 Jamie Robinson
 Steve Robinson
 Peter Rudge
 Charles Runcie
 Rob Sanders
 Roger Segal
 Mark Seldon

Tom Sentongo
 Paul Sheridan
 Allan Shore
 Spencer Spencer-Skeen
 Steve Stark
 Paul Stevens
 John Stevenson
 Ian Stewart
 Graham Stowell
 Sarah Straight
 Bob Stratton
 David Swaine
 John Sykes
 Kim Taylor
 Graham Thompson
 Harvey Thorneycroft
 Tony Till
 Kit Townley
 Sarah Trew
 Andre Titheridge
 John Tyzack
 Bill Webb
 Jonathon Webb
 Colin Wenborn
 John Weston
 Nigel Whinnett
 Simon Whittle
 David Wildash
 Chris Wilkins
 Rhys Williams
 Nick Wilson
 Charles Windsor
 Philip Woodhouse
 Ben Wright
 Dave Wright
 David Young
 Nick Zimmern

The 82nd
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER
 will be held in
THE DOWNEY
SUITE
 on **Wednesday**
18th January
2006

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND OPTIMISM

The summer gives me some time to reflect on the previous season's ups and downs. First things first though, is that we did not go down! A very close call and the results of the penultimate weekend were cause for celebrations all round at Molesey Road. We needed and have succeeded in implementing changes in our rugby structure which no doubt will be reported in detail by our Chairman of Rugby. A real 'down' last season was our match at Launceston in December. I can assure you that the weather was as bad as it can get down there – horizontal rain. Your President was simply not dressed for the occasion, no umbrella and highly debateable footwear – suede loafers! I managed to borrow a ladies pink umbrella for my normal stomp around the pitch but only managed to completely drown my shoes, socks and, of course, feet in thick mud. We were soundly beaten and to finish off the afternoon the Launceston President insisted that I stand on a chair after the game and down-in-one an extremely large tumbler of whisky. Frankly I would have been better off putting my sodden feet in the whisky.

Our League remains more and more competitive, with rugby standards increasing season by season. The worry for the whole game is the financial strain that all clubs in the National League are increasingly under just to keep themselves in the same division. Our goal is to provide income from the commercial operations to fund the professional playing side and while we remain some way from our targets, there is no doubt that progress is being made! The RFU must be more concerned over the failure of clubs such as Wakefield who failed to compete in National 2 and who now are disbanded in their original form, no doubt with large debts. We have seen over the years other clubs like West Hartlepool who have played at the top level but having lost their sponsor literally dropped like stones into the lower leagues. The one clear picture is that obtaining sponsorship from one source is all very well until the finance dries up, the result of which can be calamitous. I am pleased to report that, although finances are always tight, we can continue to operate the club on a stable financial basis that can only provide us with the right base to move forward.

The largest areas of concern are the lack of use of the pitches through the gated area owing to the flints and stones breaking through the surfaces. Repair costs appear to be in the region of £80,000 to £100,000 per pitch. It is fairly essential that we find the funds to make at least one of these pitches

playable in the near future. The work has to be carried out predominantly to allow full usage for our mini section on Sundays. This flourishing part of the club regularly has very large numbers of youngsters plying their trade on Sunday mornings and we simply do not have the facilities, pitch wise, to accommodate the number of age groups that wish to be part of the club. At this time, one additional pitch will suffice but the extreme popularity of mini rugby in this country, particularly since the World Cup victory, means that this area of our club will continue to expand, especially given the excellence of our management system at this level. At the senior end of the club, we could also use another pitch as four home games is not that uncommon. In order to pay for this large capital expense, the committee have decided to re-open the Hersham Land Scheme, subject to AGM approval, to raise enough funds to repair at least one of these pitches. I would like to point out that the intent is to make available more land currently owned by the club, which means that members who have already invested in Hersham will not have their share value diluted. The club would remain in control of the voting rights of Hersham Land, which would be unchanged.

On the subject of Hersham Land, the club held a successful evening in February, when, in conjunction with Linden Homes, we made a presentation to local councillors, residents, the press and Sport England, at which we spelt out our plans for the long term development of the club's facilities. The main message was to provide sporting facilities for the area in addition to rugby. We believe the meeting was received very positively, opening up the way for a formal approach to the council for full planning consent.

All in all plenty going on; first major issue is a new pair of shoes and an umbrella!

Ross Howard, President

THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH
will be held in the Downey Suite
before the first home league match
ESHER v REDRUTH
on Saturday, 10th September
Tickets available from 01932 220295

THE “500” CLUB

PRIZE WINNERS: May 2004 – May 2005

Total prize fund: c£3,500 Number of Prize winners: 36

Month	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
2004			
May	Graham Kite	Pete Vaughan	Tony Gibbons
June	Julian Brigstocke	Ian Stewart	Ian Brackenbury
July	Gill Cheesebrough	Frank Slann	Terry Gosling
August	Ciaran Bird	Paul Cowan	Mark Seldon
September	Basil Lambert	Alan Greenway	Terry O'Brien
October	David French	Roger Davies	Nigel Scott
November	Jim Bird	J. B. Thomas	Roger Segal
December	Graham Deane	Budge Brooks	Sarah Straight
2005			
January	Bob Fearn	Paul Stevens	Mark Cartmel
February	Phil Evans	Mick Brackenbury	Paul Coyle
March	Brett Cantello	Maureen Seldon	Julian Brigstocke
April	Ross Howard	Richard Lambourne	Robert Taylor
May	Bob Stratton	Pam Straight	Ian Stewart

OUR HON. SECRETARY'S MUSINGS ON 2004/05

We set out with a feeling of anticipation, with a new points system for wins, losses and draws and bonuses. We comfortably beat Nuneaton but we were already worried. We conceded 1 bonus point by collapsing in the last 10 minutes. Thankfully we didn't concede another as, at the other end of the season, that would have meant relegation. We lost badly, too often, by playing poorly, but unaccountably beat Newbury, Moseley and Manchester at home, teams who eventually occupied the top six spots, Newbury indeed being promoted.

This was a very fraught season both on, and off, the pitch. The atmosphere of relief when we beat Launceston on April 23rd 2005, was there for all to feel. Just as well, as the next performance in our last game of the season, at Manchester, was very poor.

This was the first season, in my capacity as gateman, that I had experienced a form of 'rugby rage', with complaints after the home games, when we lost. Some even demanded their money back!

However, we now look to a new dawn with Mike Schmid and 'hope and pray' things get better for 2005/06.

Wally Grey

Congratulations.....

...to **Mark Butterworth** who had the rare distinction of being awarded a Surrey Honours Cap for outstanding service to the County as a long-serving player of distinction...

... to **Sharon Pedliham** who is now an approved Sports Active coach and for coaching Surrey County and Elmbridge's Under 14s girls sides.

HIGH QUALITY, COMPETITIVE RUGBY

It certainly has been a busy summer, with me settling in to life down in London and trying to build a competitive National Division Two team at the same time. As I am having little success finding the magical property my wife is after, I am truly hoping that the on-pitch matters will bring us all more enjoyment.

The first task of my new role was to evaluate the needs of the team and try to improve certain areas within the side. There were a substantial number of quality players already here, so we looked for ways to compliment the team with a few new personnel. Chris Yates had expressed interest previous to my arrival, so it was a plus to entice him out of Doncaster to London in a player – coaching role. Others that have joined us this summer are Mike Blackburn, Simon Elkinson, Ladislav Vondrasek, and Jay King (all from Bracknell), Terence Otineru (NZ), James Tubasei (Fiji), Jason Keyter (Rotherham), David McCallum (Australia 7's), Lee Starling (London Welsh) and Doug Harris (USA). We still have a strong relationship with Harlequins, so a few members of their elite academy program will join our squad throughout the season. Alex Rodgers and Luther Morais are the first of those players and they will be with us throughout the pre-season.

Our pre-season preparation has centred around building our squad structure, basic skills, fitness and defence. We have three challenges during this time, with two sides travelling to Cambridge on August 13th and 14th, London Welsh and Canterbury at home on the 20th of August (12:00pm KO) and Worthing at home on August 27th at 2.30pm. We will be looking at a number of players in the three matches in order to provide players an opportunity to stake their claim for first team shirts in our first league match away to Harrogate on September 3rd.

The other important addition to our management team is John Graves. He has joined us from Rosslyn Park to help coach the squad and head up the second team on match days. He has brought a strong coaching sense to our players and will ensure the second team are playing quality rugby week in and week out.

We are very optimistic about the forthcoming season, as we are looking forward to playing high

quality, competitive rugby throughout the season in order to compete at the right end of the table.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people associated with the club, from the staff to the directors and supporters. Everyone has made my transition to Esher RFC highly enjoyable and I am looking forward to a successful year throughout the club.

Mike Schmid, Director of Rugby

WHY DO WE HAVE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

The decision to appoint a full time Chief Executive Officer was not taken lightly, especially on the financial side. We are all aware that the game of rugby has changed dramatically over the last decade and the Club has to be run on a proper financial and business basis. Whereas we have always relied, and will continue to do so, on the generous voluntary support which members provide, if we are to progress, even survive, we have to maximise all our resources on and off the pitch. This can only be achieved by a hands on day-to-day management of the Club resources. It is absolutely essential that every possible use is made of the facilities both by members and outside bodies. Like all small businesses, cash flow control and constant income is crucial.

Working towards these goals is what I have been doing as CEO over the last 12 months:

- Tightening up on membership subscriptions, both player and non-player.
- Improving bar takings and profit.
- Promoting the Clubhouse as a venue for outside events, including corporate days, weddings, parties and meetings.
- Liaising closely with the Treasurer, Julian Brigstocke, to establish best possible progress has been made, but there is still a great deal to be done.

I would urge all members to help the process by telling others of the facilities that are available and not only support the Club teams but all Club events which are advertised on the Esher web site.

Tim Bale, Chief Executive Officer

SEASON'S REVIEW 2004-2005

Those outside the club made us one of the favourites to be challenging for promotion, while those inside never felt that was likely as soon as we discovered that our saviour of the previous season, Emile Wessels, was not coming back.

The season started promisingly as we had victories over Nuneaton and Newbury, but losses to Stourbridge and Rosslyn Park led to a run of further defeats by Harrogate, Blackheath and – in the Cup – Penzance, with only one win, against Moseley.

We were playing around with the side in order to give us a goal kicker of any sorts and also to fill in the gaps made by what seemed to be a curse. The curse was hitting anyone who dared wear the 11 to 14 jerseys. Matt Leek played one game but missed the remainder of the season with a knee injury. Add him to the list of pre-season signings, Matt Oliver, Nnambi Ezulike and Arran Cowell.

We then lost the next four games in a row, starting with Wharfedale and ending at Waterloo, where we felt we were a shade unlucky. Manchester then came to Surrey and after an 80-point thriller we won 41-39. However, we then went on a run of another four games without a victory and the prospects did not look good.

Neil Hallett, whom we signed from Bracknell, began though to be our saviour and his magnificent goal kicking kept us in with a shout of survival. He was joined by James Ogilvie-Bull, but the 'backs curse' hit him too. Duncan Cormack, the side's skipper, led from the front and made a rallying call and the troops began to respond. Victories at Wharfedale, which is never an easy place to win, followed by a vital win over Blackheath and the picture was looking a shade brighter. We even began to get towards the top of the team form guide as we went on to win 4 out of 7, which in this league was beginning to be an achievement as sides were beating each other regardless of league position.

Coming to the final couple of games, it was getting too close to call. Rosslyn Park had been relegated mathematically and there was a choice of anyone from 5 clubs as to who could join them. With three sides relegated the fight was on. Finally Esher's home victory against Launceston proved to be the pass mark and the win combined with other results made Esher safe for another year. Nuneaton, Bracknell and Rosslyn Park were relegated and Doncaster and Newbury promoted.

The players this last season were tremendous and had to play out of position but they never grumbled and just knuckled down to the job. Graham Barr and Chris Wilkins were ever present

in the side. We saw some fine newcomers introduced to the side in Gavin Hart, Tom Doran, Mike Marsh, Tom Guest, Tom Muggeridge and Nick Defty late on. All the players deserve the thanks of all the Esher supporters and committee as they battled through the league season when the odds were against them and the injuries mounted up.

SEASON'S PREVIEW 2005-2006

Esher's plans to make more of an impact on National Division Two this season continue to gather pace. Following the appointment of former Canadian international and Rotherham Director of Rugby, Mike Schmid, as Esher's Director of Rugby, the club has announced that former Sale Sharks and Doncaster centre Chris Yates is to join the club as player/assistant coach. Added to the playing ranks will be utility back and USA international Jason Keyter.

On the coaching side, John Graves, former Rosslyn Park full-back and assistant coach of the successful Surrey side, will take charge of the 2nd XV in a bid to strengthen the overall playing squad and enable the side to challenge in the Canterbury Shield and also the Surrey Cup.

Said Schmid: 'Bit by bit, the pieces of the jigsaw are falling into place, but there is still a lot of work to do before we're ready for the challenges ahead.'

The First XV squad met at Esher on July 2nd, pre-season training began on July 5th.

Roll on 2005/06!

David Page

OUR THANKS TO DICK BEST

One time Harlequin Captain and then Coach and later England Coach under Manager Geoff Cooke and Assistant Coach to Ian McGechan for the 1993 Lions in New Zealand, Dick Best came in to coach our 1st XV in the crucial second half of last season.

He hauled us back from the brink of relegation and we are truly grateful to him for sacrificing his time and giving the players the benefit of his experience.

National Division Two - Final League Table – 2004/05 Season

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	BP	BT	Pts
Doncaster	26	23	1	2	818	379	439	1	11	106
Newbury	26	20	0	6	635	390	245	4	9	93
Moseley	26	17	0	9	665	505	160	4	9	81
Waterloo	26	14	1	11	650	510	140	7	7	72
Launceston	26	13	2	11	570	609	-39	5	9	70
Manchester	26	12	2	12	694	541	153	4	12	68
Stourbridge	26	10	2	14	576	695	-119	6	9	59
Wharfedale	26	11	1	14	481	528	-47	8	4	58
Blackheath	26	11	1	14	496	560	-64	7	4	57
Harrogate	26	10	1	15	607	764	-157	3	9	54
Esher	26	10	0	16	665	744	-79	4	9	53
Nuneaton	26	10	2	14	447	660	-213	2	6	52
Bracknell	26	8	1	17	503	666	-163	10	7	51
Rosslyn Park	26	6	0	20	415	671	-256	6	5	35

Season 2004/05 saw the introduction into National League Two of a new points scoring system – 4 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 bonus point for scoring 4 or more tries in a game and 1 bonus point for finishing within 7 points of the winning side.

‘Could do better – must work hard at basic skills’

Such a report might sum up the Cardinal’s season but it is only fair to say that 1st team injuries caused us major disruption in the first half of the season and being unable to select a consistent team resulted in our losing many matches which I feel we would otherwise have won.

In the forwards Simon Goldsmith, at hooker, performed consistently well and showed a turn of pace that would embarrass some backs. Joe Morgan, playing his first season of adult rugby, and Tom Smith, both at prop, met the challenge of playing at this level head on and will develop into solid club players. Mike Marsh, at scrum half, was our stand-out player and Duncan Traynor, who played for Surrey in the County Plate Final, always looked likely to score, if only we could have got the ball to him more often.

Early season results took most of the confidence and commitment out of the team and although the side was strengthened by the arrival of players like Gavin Hart, Jason Mellors and Michael Celeya later in the season, the damage had already been done. As the song goes “Things can only get better.”

Gordon Raybould

HOW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS SPENT

Recent essential expenditure incurred during the last two years includes new floodlights for training (on the back pitch); glass-washing machine for the bar; ‘No Smoking’ signs for the Stand; two new computer tills; Sage package for Club computer; bulbs for 1st XV pitch floodlights; renewal of 5-year licence (solicitors fees); replacement of stolen PA system; Portakabin for 1st XV’s use; work on 1st XV pitch; replacement water storage tank...etc, etc, etc.

1st XV Appearances & Scorers 2004/05

Name	Start	Sub	Sub Off (T)	Sub Off (P)	Sub On (T)	Sub On (P)	Pts	Trys	Convs	Pens	Drop Gls	Red Cards
Aaran Cowell	5	5	-	-	-	4	24	-	3	6	-	-
Andrew Alexander	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Ward	4	1	-	-	-	-	24	-	6	4	-	-
Bill Davison	16	1	-	3	-	1	10	2	-	-	-	-
Cameron Dott	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chlodwick Russouw	3	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Wilkins	27	1	-	1	-	-	35	7	-	-	-	-
Chuma Diyelela	4	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Peters	6	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duncan Cormack	26	-	-	2	-	-	35	7	-	-	-	-
Duncan Traynor	2	1	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-
Ed Jennings	6	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	2	1	-	-
Gavin Hart	8	1	-	3	-	1	10	2	-	-	-	-
Graham Barr	23	5	-	2	-	4	13	2	-	1	-	-
Hugh McHardy	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Davison	20	2	-	2	-	2	10	2	-	-	-	-
James Berrigan	14	4	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Ogilvie-Bull	6	1	-	3	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Jason Mellors	-	3	-	-	-	3	5	1	-	-	-	-
Jeff Smith	20	4	-	13	-	4	25	5	-	-	-	1
Joe Mbo	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John O'Reilly	20	5	-	2	-	4	55	11	-	-	-	-
Mark Bennett	5	10	-	4	-	9	15	3	-	-	-	1
Mark Butterworth	23	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Moore	24	-	-	2	-	-	40	8	-	-	-	-
Matthew Leek	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Marsh	3	4	-	-	-	2	5	1	-	-	-	-
Nash Shumba	7	1	-	3	-	1	10	2	-	-	-	-
Neil Hallett	18	-	-	-	-	-	223	1	37	48	-	-
Nick Defty	4	2	-	1	-	2	10	2	-	-	-	-
Nmandi Ezulike	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paddy Seymour	3	10	-	3	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Mole	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Piers Gregory	24	2	-	4	-	2	40	8	-	-	-	-
Reg De Jager	4	9	-	3	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ross Jennings	16	1	-	4	-	1	15	3	-	-	-	-
Shane Coughlan	11	3	-	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Simon Love	2	1	-	1	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-
Thomas Smith	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toby Clouston	26	1	-	2	-	1	15	3	-	-	-	-
Tom Doran	12	12	-	5	-	11	10	2	-	-	-	-
Tom Guest	5	-	-	3	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Tom Muggridge	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Jackson	12	3	-	4	-	2	15	3	-	-	-	-
Wayne Beynon	6	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Penalty Trys	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	-	-	-
	420	115	1	91	1	91	686	82	48	60	-	2

1st XV and Cardinals Results 2004/05

2004		1 st XV	Home or Away	Results			CARDINALS	Home or Away	Results		
				W	L	Pts			W	L	Pts
Sep	4	NUNEATON	H	W	48	24	Rossllyn Park II	A	L	3	32
	11	STOURBRIDGE	A	L	22	34	London Welsh II	A	L	6	60
	18	ROSSLYN PARK	H	L	10	17	Old Dunstablians II	A	L	20	22
	25	NEWBURY	H	W	16	7	NEWBURY II	H	L	11	18
Oct	2	<i>Weston Super Mare</i>	H	W	21	17	PLYMOUTH ALBION II	A	L	0	48
	9	HARROGATE	A	L	25	35	BLACKHEATH II	H	L	29	41
	16	<i>Penzance Newlyn</i>	A	L	0	64	HENLEY II	H	L	7	61
	23	MOSELEY	H	W	22	16	CAERPHILLY II	A	Postponed		
	30	BLACKHEATH	A	L	13	33	LONDON WELSH II	H	L	10	50
Nov	6					ROSSLYN PARK II	A	D	24	24	
	13	WHARFEDALE	H	L	8	20					
	20	BRACKNELL	A	L	20	29	London Scottish	A	L	8	19
	27	DONCASTER	H	L	26	46	Staines	W	W	55	5
Dec	4	WATERLOO	A	L	20	22	Maidenhead	H	W	65	0
	11	MANCHESTER	H	W	41	39					
	18	LAUNCESTON	A	L	18	38	Exeter Chiefs	A	Cancelled		
	25	<i>Christmas Day</i>									
2005											
Jan	1										
	8	WATERLOO	H	L	11	24					
	15	DONCASTER	A	L	22	47	EXETER CHIEFS	H	Cancelled		
	22	BRACKNELL	H	L	26	33	PLYMOUTH ALBION II	H	L	14	47
	29	WHARFEDALE	A	W	33	32	BLACKHEATH II	A	L	18	20
Feb	5	BLACKHEATH	H	W	26	13					
	12						HENLEY II		Cancelled		
	19	MOSELEY	A	L	30	38	CAERPHILLY II	H	L	28	36
	29	HARROGATE	H	W	42	10	ROSSLYN PARK II	H	L	15	46
Mar	5						LONDON WELSH II	A	L	21	45
	12	NEWBURY	A	L	29	35	NEWBURY II	A	L	39	45
	16						Royal Navy	H	L	21	29
	19	ROSSLYN PARK	A	W	27	11	Weybridge Vandals	H	Postponed		
	26										
Apr	2	STOURBRIDGE	H	W	38	24	Bracknell II	A			
	9	NUNEATON	A	L	25	38	Blackheath		L	7	52
	16						HAYWARDS HEATH II	H	Cancelled		
	23	LAUNCESTON	H	W	52	12					
30	MANCHESTER	A	L	15	65						
1 st XV League games shown in capitals <i>Powergen Cup in Italics</i>							Cardinals League games – Canterbury Shield – show in capitals				

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ESHER'S OLYMPIANS

This contribution appeared in the February/March 2003 issue of The Pill but, as many members did not see this, it seemed worth repeating this as part of the Club's history which required considerable research to produce.

It may come as a surprise to many of our members to learn that Esher can boast of four past players who represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games. All four were able to combine playing Rugby Football at Hersham while participating in their chosen Olympic event, a now surely near impossible situation in these days of specialisation, dedication and professionalism.

Our first representative was a Captain Brian Horrocks (Uppingham and RMC Sandhurst) a regular soldier in the Middlesex Regiment whose family lived in Hersham. He played for the 1st XV for several seasons whenever his military duties permitted, often leading the forwards. He also found time to become British Champion in the Modern Pentathlon and was selected for this event in the 1924 Games in Paris, finishing 19th of the thirty-eight competitors. During World War Two he became Lieut. General Sir Brian Horrocks KCB, KBE, DSO, MC and was one of Field Marshall Montgomery's Corps Commanders in North Africa and North West Europe. Ill health sadly prevented him from attending our 50th Anniversary Dinner in 1973. He died in 1985, aged ninety.

Our next Olympian was a very large lock, Mark Pharaoh (Manchester Grammar School, Manchester University and the RAF) who dominated British Discus throwing in the 1950's. He set ten British records, won four AAA titles and represented Great Britain internationally seventeen times. He competed in the 1954 European Championships (10th in the Discus) and Empire Games (3rd in the Discus). His Olympic career began in the 1952 Games in Helsinki and he was selected again for the Melbourne Games in 1956, where he finished 4th, 13cm behind the 3rd placed American. He became the only Briton in the modern era to ever finish in the top six in this event in the Olympics or European championships. He retired from athletics in 1957 and now lives in La Manga in Spain.

A fellow competitor in the 1952 Olympics was Richard Norris (King's Canterbury and Oxford University), who was a very fast wing-threequarter for Esher whenever he was not required for his hockey skills by Reading or Surbiton Hockey Clubs or Oxford University, where he won a Blue. This led to seventeen caps for England, for whom he scored eighteen goals, and selection for Great

Britain's Olympic Hockey team which took the bronze medal at Helsinki, making Richard the only one of our Olympians to win an Olympic medal. He became a master at the Nautical College, Pangbourne and since his retirement has lived in Reading.

Ken Wilmshurst (Merchiston Castle) was born in Calcutta. He was a fine, all-round athlete who excelled at the Triple Jump, setting seven British records and winning five AAA titles. He also set two British Long Jump records and won both events at the 1954 Empire Games in Vancouver. Illness prevented him competing in the European Games that year, but he was Captain of the British team in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Ken won nineteen international vests. Sadly he died in 1963, aged 61.

(The Editor would like to express his thanks to Ian Buchanan, a Vice President of North Walsham RFC and Past President of the International Society of Olympic Historians, who not only provided most of the details of our Olympians' achievements but also checked the accuracy of the above.)

National League Division Two 2005/06

There will be five changes to our League this season.

Down from National League Division One come Orrell and Henley, to replace Doncaster and Newbury who are promoted.

Relegated from our League were Nuneaton, Bracknell and Rosslyn Park. They are replaced by Barking, from National League Three (South), and Halifax, from the North section, and the winner of the runners-up playoff, Redruth, who beat Macclesfield.

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Mini & Junior Section 2004/05

How Did the Season Go?

So, generally, how did the season go overall, it would seem, pretty good!

It appears the start of the season can be a little unpredictable probably not too surprising as everyone, team managers, coaches and players alike, settle back into the game. However, the commitment and enthusiasm of everyone involved generally won through!

The Under 12's had a difficult season with a tough start at the Chobham festival and some challenging fixtures throughout the season. However, as the season progressed skills were honed and hard work and determination from all meant there were some excellent performances particularly at the Surrey A and B and Floodlit Festivals, where the A's just missed gold!

It was a pretty successful season for the Under 14's, with nine players being selected for Surrey, including two who were also selected to train with the Harlequins' Elite Development Squad, and yet another selected for the Welsh Exiles Elite Squad. This should be a team to be reckoned with in the next season or two!

Running two teams at this age group, the Under 14 Esher Wasps did fantastically well, coming runners-up at the Maidenhead Festival in October and semi-finalists at the Weybridge 7s in March. Esher Hornets had a shaky start to the season but turned around after Christmas. They retained their place in Division One of the league whilst Wasps were promoted to Division Two. Go for it Wasps! Wouldn't it be great to have both squads in Division One for the U16 season!

The U15s did not fare quite so well, being plagued with several key, major injuries and subsequently relegation to Division Three. However, they finished on a high by beating both Dorking B (who have taken their place in Division two) and Chobham, who have been promoted to Division One excellent psychological victories. Also not without their talent, one player has been selected at County level and another for the Harlequins Elite Development Squad

The U14 girls put in a tremendous effort this season, with our girls being selected to play for Surrey, three of whom were also selected for the U14's London South Regional Squad. They also won the Plate in the inaugural Surrey Girls U14 and U17 7's competition. This means Esher is one of the

top three girls teams, having faced competition from teams in Kent, Hampshire and the Midlands, in the South East.



For the U10's it was a season of progression with consistently good attendance and enthusiasm. Despite putting in plenty of effort and determination, the festivals reaped no rewards for the A team. However, the depth and strength of the squad, together with improvement by all, lead to good performances by the B team at the Surrey Festival and narrowly missing first place at Effingham, losing only on tries scored. All of which bodes well for next season!

The U11's had an improving season with an increase in numbers and team spirit with regular attendance at both mid week and Sunday sessions. The benefits were felt as results over the season improved, culminating in an exciting performance by Esher Tigers at the Surrey B festival and a riveting inter-club match between the Tigers and Lions at our own Floodlit Festival. Esher Lions saved their best performance ever for the Floodlit, missing out on the gold position by just one try! All-in-all the coaches are really pleased with the squads overall performance and are already looking forward to building on this next season

Our U16's squad had a good season, starting with a win at Effingham 10's competition and another win at an invitational 7's tournament in Lytchett, Dorset, finishing the season by narrowly missing promotion to Division 1. Seven players made appearances for Surrey, three of which went on to play for London and South East Division and another selected for Scottish Exiles U17's. Two more were selected for the England squad with Tom Sergeant playing for the A team against such opposition as France, Wales and Canada. Sebastian Stegman played for England U16's in three victorious matches and scored against Italy. Maybe some names to look out for in the future?!

Life's a Pitch – our young players aim for more!

Managing our hugely successful Mini and Junior section seems easy compared to trying to capture in less than 500 words just how important the development of young players is to the club. We have over 500 young members ranging from the cute little boys and girls in the U6's to the young ladies and men in the U17 Girls and U17s respectively. Amongst these players are 20 junior players who collected County, Regional and National honours last season, including four U14 girls.



Esher Juniors collect Honours

In their inaugural season, our U14 Girls won the Plate in the Surrey and SE Regional 7's tournament. The girls have been a great asset to the club and have also channelled their energies into being ball girls and fundraising. Here's one of them in action at the Regional 7s.



By the time you read this, our Clubhouse should be proudly bearing our Sport England Seal of Approval Award. It's the Sport England/RFU quality assurance mark and is awarded to Clubs meeting high standards of good practice to deliver safe, high quality coaching to young players. All our coaches are qualified to a minimum standard of RFU Level 1. Our grounds have been risk assessed and our safety policies (first aid, child

protection, etc) all meet the standard. The Award guarantees parents that we deliver the best quality coaching in a safe environment – in short, it's a seal of approval from the RFU!

The downside of our success is that we do not have enough pitches for our youngsters. So we have launched our **Life's a Pitch** campaign to raise the £100k needed to develop two pitches. These pitches will benefit everyone, supporting more Home games which equals more revenue. We are asking every member to donate an extra £20 subscription this year as a direct contribution to the pitch fund. With over 900 members this will raise **around £18,000**. Please support every initiative we have planned during the season. There will be car washing on match days, sponsored events, dinners, the opportunity to buy a square of turf, Jamie's Lunches at Les Petit Nantes (not one to be missed - perhaps that should be spelt with a p!).

We look forward to exciting times in this new era at Esher. We wish Mike Schmid and the boys every success in their League challenge.

We have 8 junior sides competing in the Surrey league, and it's been a long time since we have been this dominant in junior rugby in Surrey. I wish all our youngsters every success in their rugby this season.

I say this every year, but every year it is as important. The growth of this section is due to the continued commitment and support of an army of unpaid volunteers who make it work. Too many to name here but you know who you are - THANK YOU for your time, and support - it is very much appreciated, each and every week. 496 words!

Sharon Pedliham, Youth Development and Joint Mini and Junior Chair

LIFE'S A PITCH APPEAL
2nd Lunch at
Le Petit Nantais, Hampton Court
on Friday, 2nd September, 12.30pm

All members and their guests welcome

Tickets cost £30 per head

Tickets available from Jamie Robinson

Tel: 07831 125131

Email: jamiewrobinson@yahoo.co.uk

REMEMBERED WITH THANKS

P T C KING

Pat King died suddenly at home on 16 February, 2003.

Pat joined the Club in the early 60s and played at lock for several seasons in the 1st XV before joining Blackheath. He eventually became their Captain and played for the Barbarians before moving to London Irish. Whilst there he was selected for Munster and earned an Irish Trial. He returned to Esher at the end of his rugby career and was playing again for the 1st XV when injury in a game with Abertillery forced his retirement. He then served us as Fixture Secretary and Chairman of the Playing Committee.

D S PRENTICE

David Prentice died on 31 March, 2003.

David joined the club in the late 50s. Not only was he a keen and popular player who became captain of an 'A' XV but he was also an efficient and reliable member of the Committee between 1969 and 1988. He served as Assistant Treasurer, Secretary Match Management Committee, Referees Secretary, Assistant Fixture Secretary and Fixture Secretary and was elected Vice President in 1975. We offer his wife Sandy and their children our deepest sympathy.

E B R YOUNG

Brian Young died in Barrie, Canada on 24 November, 2004. He had joined Esher in 1937 and was one of our oldest surviving members. He played for the 1st XV as a strong and dependable prop both before and after the War. He captained the Cardinals in 1955/6 and 1956/7. He had met Ena Saunders at the Club and they married before they emigrated to Canada where they were to enjoy forty seven years of happily married life.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ena.

J C ALAN SMITH

Jamie Alan Smith died suddenly on 15 April, 2004.

We remember him as an ever-cheerful, safe and courageous full back or fly-half, playing in the 1st XV or Cardinals with the same enthusiasm and enjoyment he played cricket for Esher CC. The parties he enlivened remain vivid in the memories of those who were present. He eventually

captained and then managed the Abbots. Between 1958 and 1972 he held a number of Committee posts including Assistant Fixture Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Deputy Chairman of the Selection Committee.

We offer our deep sympathy to his family.

J KENNEDY HAWKES

Jim Kennedy Hawkes died peacefully on 7 September, 2004, aged 91.

He joined Esher soon after it was founded in the 1920s and he was proud of the fact that he became the Club's oldest surviving member. In recent years he had remained a regular visitor to watch matches and attend the Non Players' Luncheon and Club Dinner.

We offer his family our deep sympathy.

F SLANN

Frank Slann died suddenly at Twickenham after watching the England v Italy game on Saturday, 12 March, 2005.

Frank, a centre, played for the 1st XV and Cardinals during the 50s and 60s and remained a member until his death. It was always a pleasure to welcome him at Hersham which he visited regularly for matches and functions driving up from his home at Alton.

We offer our deep sympathy to his wife, Pat, and their children Alison and Michael.

Members will also be saddened to learn of the deaths of Pat Brooks on 4, September, 2003. She was the wife of Budge Brooks our second Post-War Captain; Betty Barbour, wife of Gus a stalwart of the House Committee; Clarice Metcalf who died on 14 January, 2005. She was the wife of Past President Malcolm Metcalf; and Sonia Sidebottom, wife of John who was a vital part of the Club's post-match festivities in the 50s and 60s.

STOP PRESS

Tony Tilly, the Club's Honorary Secretary for 26 years died on Wednesday 24 August.

A full obituary will appear in the next issue.

FIFTY YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

At the 2004 Christmas Luncheon Ross Howard, the Club's President announced that any members who could claim fifty years of continuous membership would in future be awarded a striped club tie, suitably distinguishable with a "50" surrounded by a laurel wreath. He then presented a tie to each of the following who had attended the Luncheon (with their year of joining):

Budge Brooks (1937)	Ian Brackenbury (1946)	Jack Paines (1951)	Ian Wilkinson (1945)
Ken Paget Brown (1947)	Steve Knox (1953)	Tony Till (1946)	

David Lillywhite (1951), on a rare visit from Canada a few days later, was awarded his tie by Ian Brackenbury.

Others believed to have completed fifty years, and are paid up members, will receive their ties at the Non-Players' Annual Luncheon on Saturday, 12 November. These will be:

<u>1946</u> Colin Furby Denis Houghton-Brown John Shaw	<u>1947</u> Mick Brackenbury Ron Bellis Jimmy Fulford	<u>1948</u> Derek Ritchie Charles Windsor	<u>1949</u> Mike Davis Mike Caporn David Ezekiel Colin Swan	<u>1950</u> John Bosten Bill Downey George Walker Basil Lambert
<u>1951</u> Barry Davis Steve Brown	<u>1952</u> Ian Cumming Marcus Turnbull Trevor Oram	<u>1953</u> Pat Aherne Barry Aldridge Bruce Caporn Mike Kingsbury John Havard-Davies Eric Burt	<u>1954</u> Brian Waghorn Peter Rudge Joe Perry	<u>1955</u> Chris Kingsbury Colin Jarrett Richard Pile Robin Brailey

Considerable effort has been made to make this list both comprehensive and accurate. Any listed member who wishes to correct his date of joining the Club or any unlisted member who has grounds for being added to the list, please inform the Editor who will ensure the list is amended for the next issue.

THE CAPTAINS' LUNCH

The Past 1st XV Captain's Lunch was held in the Downey Suite on Saturday, 23 April. The idea of the occasion was good, the execution disappointing. Perhaps it was overshadowed by the ritual League-deciding match against Launceston which was to follow it, or the presence of their officials being our guests at the lunch. Whatever the Captains' gathering passed by with little attempt made to mark its significance. Hopefully a lesson was learned for future 'named' lunches.



BACK ROW

Peter Long (1977/78)	Doug Clare (1983/84)	Andy Cooke (1990/91- 1993/94)	Ross Howard (1980/81 & 1981/82)	Marcus Turnbull (1963/64)	Chris Evans (1982/83)	John Clouston (1970/71-1972/73)	Bill Edgerley (1986/87)
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FRONT ROW

Ian Brackenbury (1952/53-1955/56)	Keith Jones (1958/59 & 1959/60)	John Sykes (1966/67)	Paul Stevens (1984/85 & 1985/86)	Bill Downey (1960/61-1962/63 & 1964/65-1965/66)	Budge Brooks (1947/48)
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SURREY RUGBY

Firstly, congratulations to our County XV for winning the County Plate Final at Twickenham on 29 May when they beat Somerset 29-18. Congratulations, too, to our players in the team, Neil Hallett, Duncan Traynor, Simon Love, Jim Berrigan and replacements Mark Butterworth, Aaran Cowell, Dan Taylor and Tom Doran, who all played and to Coach, Hugh McHardy, and Manager, Dave Page.

More congratulations, this time to our Surrey Under 16 players, Thomas Sargeant (RGS Guildford) and Sebastian Stegman (Heathside School) who were selected for London South East and Stegman for England Under 16s against Italy and Wales. Finally further Esher Under 16s who were selected against Canada – Andrew Devon (RGS Guildford) and replacements Mike MacFarlane (RGS Guildford) and Liam Evans, who all played.

THANK YOU

...to the past-1st XV Captain who donated the money required to mount and reframe the historic 1st XV photographs now hanging in the President's Bar...

...all those who responded to the appeal for club photographs and memorabilia for the new clubhouse; it was most gratifying. The appeal goes on however and any further items will be most welcome.

HOW DO I SUPPORT THE CLUB

A question often asked, so here are some suggestions:

- Maintain your membership;
- Pay your subscriptions when due;
- Join the "500" Club – monthly subscription £1 minimum, £10 maximum;
(Food for thought: if 500 members paid £10 a month the Club's financial position would be transformed)
- Attend, and enjoy, as many Club social events as you can – the Club Dinner, the Non –Players Luncheon, pre-1st XV match luncheons, the Annual Ball;
- Sponsor a match or the match ball;
- Sponsor a player or position;
- Hold a social function in the Downey Suite – a Birthday Party, a Wedding Anniversary, a Business Occasion;
- Come to all home league matches – and bring your wife, partner, friends and children;
- Buy a season ticket;
- Buy tickets in the Club's Christmas Draw;

DID YOU KNOW?

....**Penzance-Newlyn** have become the Cornish Pirates and will be based at Truro...

...**Harlequins** face their first season in National League One "where every game will be as frantic as a Cup game". Meanwhile they've linked with Rugby League's London club.

LAST LOOK AT 2004/05.....



All pictures courtesy of Guy Pedliham

LEAGUE GROUND ADDRESSES AND DIRECTIONS FOR 2005/06 SEASON

BARKING RUFC - Goresbrook, Gale Street, Dagenham, Essex RM9 4TY

Tel: 020 8595 7324

Website: www.barkingrugby.com

M25 anticlockwise towards Dartford Tunnel. At Junction 30 turn off left onto A13 (London bound). Pass the Ford works, continue for 2 miles to 2nd roundabout (beneath a flyover), 4th exit and return back on A13 in opposite direction. The ground is half a mile on the left hand side.

Nearest underground station: Becontree (District Line – Upminster direction)

BLACKHEATH FC – The Rectory Field, Charlton Road, Blackheath, London SE3 8SR

Tel: 0208 293 0853 (office) 0208 293 0858 (clubhouse)

Fax: 0208 293 0854

Website: www.blackheathrugby.co.uk

Email: blackheathrugby@lineone.net

The Entrance to the Rectory Field is approx 800 yards from the start of Charlton Road B210 at its junction with Stratheden Road/Westcombe Hill which is a turning off Shooters Hill Road A2.

Nearest railway station: Blackheath or Westcombe Park.

HALIFAX RUFC – Standeven Memorial Ground, Ovenden Park, Halifax HX2 8AR

Tel: 01422 365926

Website: www.halifaxruffc.co.uk

Email: secretary@halifaxruffc.co.uk

From Halifax town centre take the main A629 road signposted to Keighley. The ground is approx 2.5 miles from town centre on right hand side, behind Moorside Junior School. Entry road is just past the school and before Moorside Garage

HARROGATE RUFC – County Ground, Claro Road, Harrogate HG1 4AG

Tel: 01423 566966 Fax: 01423 509073

Email: hruffc@lineone.net

Claro Road is on the North side of the A59 (York Skipton Road), just off the 'Stray' (an open grassed area adjacent to town centre)

Nearest Railway Station: Harrogate.

HENLEY HAWKS – Dry Leas, Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2JA

Tel: 01491 574499 Fax 01491 412335

Website: www.henleyrugbyclub.org.uk

Email: admin@henleyrugbyclub.org.uk

Centre of Henley follows sign to Marlow, ground on left 100 yards past roundabout.

Nearest Railway Station: Henley.

LAUNCESTON RFC – Polson Bridge, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 9QU

Tel: 01566 773406

M5 to Exeter, then A30 to Launceston. After 45 minutes look for sign on left "Tavistock, Lifforddown, Liffon" – turn left, down to T junction, left again, down hill to River Tamar. Ground on the left.

Nearest Railway Station Exeter (1hour), Plymouth (45 mins).

MANCHESTER RUGBY CLUB – Grove Park, Grove Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7NB

Tel: 0161 485 3733 Fax: 0161 485 1115

Email: rugby@manchester-rugby.co.uk

Website: www.manchester-rugby.co.uk

From South, M56, Manchester Airport to A34, Wilmslow to B5095, Bramhall. Club is about a mile.

Nearest Railway Station: Cheadle Hulme

MOSELEY FC – Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham B13 0PT

Tel: 0121 443 3631 Fax: 0121 443 3631

Website: www.moseleyrugby.co.uk

ORRELL RUFC – Edge Hall Road, Orrell, Wigan, Lancashire WN5 8TL

Tel: 01695 623193 Fax: 01695 632116

Ground is about 2 miles from M6 Jtn 26. Left at traffic lights at the end of the slip road, then turn left at lights at the Stag Inn. After about 400 yards, turn left again at lights and after another 400 yards, left again at lights which you take into Edge Hall Road.

Nearest Railway Station: Orrell.

REDRUTH RFC – The Recreation Ground, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 1SY

Tel: 01209 215520 Fax: 01209 314438

Website: www.redruth-rfc.cornwall.eu.org

A30 West through Cornwall, leave at Redruth exit over roundabout, down through council estate, ¼ mile to crossroads, then left.

Nearest Railway Station: Redruth

STOURBRIDGE RFC – Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY7 6QZ

Tel: 01384 393889

Ground is situated on the A458 (Bridgnorth Road), two miles west of Stourbridge town centre. ½ mile past the Foresters Arms Public House.

Nearest Railway Station: Stourbridge Junction.

WATERLOO FC – The Pavision, St Anthony's Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool L23 8TW

Tel: 0151 924 4552 Fax: 0151 924 0900

Email: WaterlooRugby@btinternet.com

From the end of the M57/58 follow signs for Crosby. Waterloo FC is then sign-posted to the ground.

Nearest Railway Station: Blundellsands & Crosby

WHARFEDALE RUFC – Wharfeside Avenue, Threshfield, Skipton, N Yorkshire BD23 5ND

Tel: 01756 752547 Fax: 01535 634318

Take B6256 from Skipton bypass, signed Grassington after 8 miles turn right after Old Hall Inn in Threshfield, left after 400 metres down 'The Avenue'.

Nearest Railway Station: Skipton (no buses). Group transport arranged through secretary.

Keep up-to-date with all the Club's news
& results they're on our website
www.esherrfc.org

National League 2 Fixtures – 2005/2006

03.09.05		Results	
Barking	Orrell		
Halifax	Stourbridge		
Harrogate	Esher		
Henley	Waterloo		
Launceston	Blackheath		
Moseley	Manchester		
Redruth	Wharfedale		
10.09.05			
Blackheath	Halifax		
Esher	Redruth		
Harrogate	Barking		
Manchester	Orrell		
Stourbridge	Moseley		
Waterloo	Launceston		
Wharfedale	Henley		
17.09.05			
Barking	Manchester		
Halifax	Waterloo		
Henley	Esher		
Launceston	Wharfedale		
Moseley	Blackheath		
Orrell	Stourbridge		
Redruth	Harrogate		
24.09.05			
Blackheath	Launceston		
Esher	Orrell		
Harrogate	Henley		
Redruth	Barking		
Stourbridge	Manchester		
Waterloo	Moseley		
Wharfedale	Halifax		
08.10.05			
Barking	Stourbridge		
Halifax	Esher		
Henley	Redruth		
Launceston	Harrogate		
Manchester	Blackheath		
Moseley	Wharfedale		
Orrell	Waterloo		
22.10.05			
Blackheath	Stourbridge		
Esher	Moseley		
Harrogate	Halifax		
Henley	Barking		
Redruth	Launceston		
Waterloo	Manchester		
Wharfedale	Orrell		
29.10.05			
Barking	Blackheath		
Halifax	Redruth		
Launceston	Esher		
Manchester	Wharfedale		
Moseley	Harrogate		
Orrell	Henley		
Stourbridge	Waterloo		
12.11.05			
Esher	Manchester		
Harrogate	Orrell		
Henley	Halifax		
Launceston	Barking		
Redruth	Moseley		
Waterloo	Blackheath		
Wharfedale	Stourbridge		
19.11.05			
Barking	Waterloo		
Blackheath	Wharfedale		
Halifax	Launceston		
Manchester	Harrogate		
Moseley	Henley		
Orrell	Redruth		
Stourbridge	Esher		

26.11.05			
Esher	Blackheath		
Halifax	Barking		
Harrogate	Stourbridge		
Henley	Orrell		
Launceston	Moseley		
Redruth	Manchester		
Wharfedale	Waterloo		
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Launceston	Waterloo		
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Orrell	Manchester		
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Harrogate	Redruth		
Manchester	Barking		
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Waterloo	Halifax		
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Halifax	Wharfedale		
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Launceston	Blackheath		
Manchester	Stourbridge		
Moseley	Waterloo		
Orrell	Esher		
28.01.06			
Blackheath	Manchester		
Esher	Halifax		
Harrogate	Launceston		
Redruth	Henley		
Stourbridge	Barking		
Waterloo	Orrell		
Wharfedale	Moseley		
11.02.06			
Barking	Henley		
Halifax	Harrogate		
Launceston	Redruth		
Manchester	Waterloo		
Moseley	Esher		
Orrell	Wharfedale		
Stourbridge	Blackheath		

18.02.06			
Blackheath	Barking		
Esher	Launceston		
Harrogate	Moseley		
Henley	Orrell		
Redruth	Halifax		
Waterloo	Stourbridge		
Wharfedale	Manchester		
04.03.03			
Barking	Launceston		
Blackheath	Waterloo		
Halifax	Henley		
Manchester	Esher		
Moseley	Redruth		
Orrell	Harrogate		
Stourbridge	Wharfedale		
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Esher	Stourbridge		
Harrogate	Manchester		
Henley	Moseley		
Launceston	Halifax		
Redruth	Orrell		
Waterloo	Barking		
Wharfedale	Blackheath		
25.03.06			
Barking	Halifax		
Blackheath	Esher		
Manchester	Redruth		
Moseley	Launceston		
Orrell	Henley		
Stourbridge	Harrogate		
Waterloo	Wharfedale		
01.04.06			
Esher	Waterloo		
Halifax	Moseley		
Harrogate	Blackheath		
Henley	Manchester		
Launceston	Orrell		
Redruth	Stourbridge		
Wharfedale	Barking		
08.04.06			
Barking	Moseley		
Blackheath	Redruth		
Manchester	Launceston		
Orrell	Halifax		
Stourbridge	Henley		
Waterloo	Harrogate		
Wharfedale	Esher		
22.04.06			
Esher	Barking		
Halifax	Manchester		
Harrogate	Wharfedale		
Henley	Blackheath		
Launceston	Stourbridge		
Moseley	Orrell		
Redruth	Waterloo		
29.04.06			
Blackheath	Launceston		
Esher	Harrogate		
Manchester	Moseley		
Orrell	Barking		
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Waterloo	Henley		
Wharfedale	Redruth		

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1st XV and Cardinals Fixtures 2005/06

2005		1 st XV	Home or Away	CARDINALS	Home or Away	Events
Aug	13	Cambridge	A	Cambridge	A	
	20	London Welsh	H	Canterbury	H	Firework Challenge
	27	Worthing	H			
Sep	3	HARROGATE	A			
	10	REDRUTH	H			President's Lunch
	17	HENLEY	A			
	24	ORRELL	H	CAERPHILLY II	A	Minis & Juniors' Lunch Families' Day–Curtain Raiser
Oct	1	<i>Powergen Cup Rd 2</i>		BLACKHEATH II	H	
	8	HALIFAX	A	CAMBRIDGE II	H	
	15	<i>Powergen Cup Rd 3</i>		EXETER CHIEFS II	H	
	22	MOSELEY	H	LONDON WELSH II	H	
	29	LAUNCESTON	A	Bracknell II	H	
Nov	4					Fireworks Extravaganza
	5	<i>Powergen Cup Rd 4</i>		ROSSLYN PARK II	A	
	12	MANCHESTER	H			Non Players' Re-union Lunch
	19	STOURBRIDGE	A			
	26	BLACKHEATH	H			
Dec	3	WATERLOO	A	NEWBURY II	H	
	10	WHARFEDALE	H	PLYMOUTH ALBION II	H	Christmas Lunch
	17	BARKING	A	Barking II	H	
	24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>				
	31	<i>New Year's Eve</i>				
2006						
Jan	7	REDRUTH	A			
	14	HENLEY	H	CAERPHILLY II	H	Ladies' Lunch Annual Dinner
	18					
	21	ORRELL	A	BLACKHEATH II	A	
	28	HALIFAX	H	CAMBRIDGE II	A	
Feb	4					
	11	MOSELEY	A			
	18	LAUNCESTON	H	Exeter Chiefs II	A	Sponsors' Lunch
	25					
Mar	1			Royal Navy	A	
	4	MANCHESTER	A	LONDON WELSH II	A	
	11	STOURBRIDGE	H	Bracknell II	A	Past Captains' Lunch
	18					
	25	BLACKHEATH	A	ROSSLYN PARK II	H	
Apr	1	WATERLOO	H	NEWBURY II	A	Friends of 1 st XV Lunch
	8	WHARFEDALE	A	PLYMOUTH ALBION II	A	
	15	<i>Easter</i>				
	22	BARKING	H	Barking II	A	Families Day–Curtain Raiser
	29	HARROGATE	H			Expendables' Lunch Beer Festival
1 st XV League games shown in capitals <i>Powergen Cup in Italics</i>				Cardinals League games – Canterbury Shield – show in capitals		

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