



Old Anniesland Rugby Newsletter - September 2011

Rugby is well underway on all fronts. It's early days yet but there have been some good results all round, a couple of disappointing ones and even the odd lucky escape. Whether it's our 7 year-olds at mini rugby on Sunday or Hawks 1st XV on Saturday afternoon, the players are always boosted by positive encouragement from the touchline. There is so much rugby coming up that even the most ardent fans can't see it all, but come along to a game and lend your support if you can.

GHK RFC
www.ghkrfc.com

The first competitive match of the season for GHK was a cup game away at Newton Stewart on 27 August in the RBS West Regional Shield. A comfortable 48-7 win sets up a home tie against Irvine on 29 October.

The first league match on 3 September was also away (at Troon). Defeat looked likely for most of the game but when one of Marr's key players was sin-binned, GHK took full advantage and came away with a valuable 20-17 win

GHK games coming up at home (or nearby) are:

- Fri, 9 Sep Allan Glens 7:30pm ko
Including barbeque and other entertainment before and after the game
- Sat, 17 Sep Glasgow Accies (Away)
The big derby match!
- Sat, 24 Sep Waysiders Drumpellier

GHK MINI RUGBY SECTION
www.ghkrfc.com/cms/junior_rugby

Mini Rugby has had three Sundays of registration and training which finished with a well-attended family barbeque. Please make sure all registration forms and subscription cheques are handed in to your team coaches if you haven't already done so because they must have your contact details and medical information.

Fixtures coming up over the next few weeks are:

- Fri, 9 Sep P6 game before GHK v Allan Glens
- Sun, 11 Sep Glasgow Accies Home
- Sun, 18 Sep West Tournament Burnbrae
- Sun, 25 Sep Holiday
- Sun, 2 Oct Ayr Tournament Millbrae

Arrangements for fixtures will be notified by email directly to each squad by the team coaches. Please also make sure you check for news of any changes or cancellations that might be posted on the website.

All responsible parents will of course make sure that youngsters are dressed warmly with plenty of extra layers, especially for tournaments when players may spend time waiting to play.

GLASGOW HAWKS
www.glasgowhawks.com

Hawks had a bonus point win against Stirling County on the opening day of the Premier One league. With the other newly promoted side as their next fixture, Hawks might have been expected to win comfortably over at Edinburgh Accies. The hosts had different ideas though and Hawks were fortunate to come away with a 22-all draw. It often goes unfairly against you so you have to take all the points you can get and move on. Unbeaten after the opening two games and 7 points on the board is not a bad start.

Games coming up are:

- Sat, 10 Sep Gala ko 3:00pm
- Sat, 17 Sep Melrose Away
- Sat, 24 Sep Currie ko 3:00pm
- Sat, 1 Oct Ayr Away

Join our **Hawks Supporters Club** for free to receive fixture updates, team news and invitations to events. Download a registration form from the SUPPORTERS page of Hawks' website. The form also includes a section for **Season Ticket** applications. Concession prices for members of GHK and Accies attending Hawks matches are only available this year for Season Tickets.

Supporters lunches are available for all in the Jimmie Ireland Stand on Hawks home match days. Whether you have 2 courses and coffee for about £7 or just a bowl of soup, it's great value.

To discuss sponsorship opportunities for your business or to book places at match-day hospitality, please speak to Administrator Cammy Kerr in the Hawks office:

Tel: 0141 950 1222
Email: cammykerr@glasgowhawks.com

Charity Lunch

A lunch in aid of the Glasgow Hawks Sports Trust will be held prior to the league match against Dundee HSFP on Saturday 29 October. Tickets are available at £49pp (£450 for a table of 10).

The Trust's Youth & Community Programme takes rugby out into 18 local schools and runs a youth rehabilitation project.

A fine new Under 13 team has now formed by the joining together of last season's P7 squads from GHK and Glasgow Accies. These young boys are fierce rivals on Saturday morning when playing for High School, Kelvinside, Jordanhill or Accies but team-mates on Sunday when they play for Hawks. *[As it should be! Some people mistake our intense school rivalries for hatred and dislike, but it's really just that your best friends are the ones you especially don't want to lose to. -Ed.]*

On 4 September, our Under 15s beat Dalziel 60-15 at home in the West Regional Cup. The same day our Under 16s beat Uddingston 50-0 away in the Under 16 Division 1 league.

We have some strong junior teams at Old Anniesland, but these skills and talents don't appear overnight. Most of the boys have come up through mini rugby at various clubs so a wide group of dedicated volunteers have been coaching them since they were perhaps 7 years old.

Junior fixtures coming up over the next few weeks are:

Sun, 11 Sep

U13 v Dundee OA ko 12:30pm
U14 v Dundee OA ko 12:30pm
U 15 v Clydebank OA ko 2:00pm

Sun, 18 Sep

U13 v East Kilbride OA ko 1:00pm
U14 v East Kilbride OA ko 1:00pm
U16 v West of Scotland OA ko 2:00pm

Sun, 25 Sep

U16 v Ayr OA ko 2:00pm

Sun, 2 Oct

U13 v Greenock OA ko 1:00pm
U14 v Greenock OA ko 1:00pm
U15 v Greenock OA ko 2:00pm
U16 v Kilmarnock Away ko 2:00pm

GLASGOW WARRIORS
www.glasgowwarriors.org

This will be a difficult period for Warriors with 8 of their top players away on Scotland duty. However it does give the rest of the squad a great chance to show what they can do and a number of the best club players will get drafted in for an experience of life as a pro rugby player.

In their pre-season schedule, Warriors followed up a home win against Newcastle Falcons with a comprehensive defeat down at Sale Sharks.

The RaboDirect Pro12 league (previously the Magners League) then started with an away defeat at Ulster which BBC Alba showed live on TV. The next games are also against strong Irish opposition but there are no easy games.

Home games coming up at Firhill are:

Fri, 9 Sep Munster 7:30pm ko
Fri, 23 Sep Benetton Treviso 7:30pm ko
Fri, 7 Oct Dragons 7:30pm ko

The Rugby World Cup in New Zealand finally gets under way on Friday 9 September when the All Blacks take on Tonga. As we are 11 hours behind New Zealand, their afternoon games will normally kick off around 2:00am our time and their evening games will start here about 8:00am if you want to watch them live. *[No-one will mind if you are a bit late for work. -Ed.]*

Scotland are drawn in the same group as Romania, Georgia, Argentina and England, so there should be no problem for Andy Robinson getting the boys psyched up for one of the games at least.

Scotland's pool games are:

Sat, 10 Sep	Scotland v Romania	2:00am ko
Wed, 14 Sep	Scotland v Georgia	8:30am ko
Sat 25 Sep	Scotland v Argentina	8:30am ko
Sun, 2 Oct	Scotland v England	8:30am ko

The official world cup website is at **www.rugbyworldcup.com**. Make sure you click on the text above the table of Upcoming fixtures to change times to local time here. *[So it does. Now that was clever. Much easier than trying to work it out for yourself. -Ed.]*

There are plans for a World Cup breakfast event in the Pavilion at Old Anniesland for the Final on Saturday 23 October. Look out for details of that and other social events on the GHK and Hawks websites.

After the World Cup is over, Scotland have two home matches in the 6-Nations:

Sat 4 Feb	England	Murrayfield	ko 5:00pm
Sun, 26 Feb	France	Murrayfield	ko 3:00pm

Use our unique club portal to the SRU eTicketing service via the LINKS page of our Hawks website to buy all your Scotland tickets and we will receive the SRU commission. Remember to return to the Hawks website and use our link each time you buy Scotland tickets.



If you have any good photos that we could include in the next issue, forward them to admin@glasgowhawks.com

Members of GHK RFC and associated clubs (including GHK Mini Rugby Section) can book the function suite upstairs in the Pavilion free of charge, so why not consider holding a birthday party at the club.

Speak to the Club Manager Jim Dempsey (0141 959 1154) or ask one of the bar staff for details.