



CHANGES AT THE TOP ANNOUNCED

Welcome to Parknews. As it is the close season this is a bit of a hotch potch of items, but Chairman Adam Tyrer wants to convey some important information about the the organisation and structure of the Club following Shaun's departure as MD, and a change in the Coaching structure. We also have (further on) details of fixtures for next season, but first the Chairman.

HEADING INTO THE 2017/18 SEASON

Dear members and supporters

As our financial year draws to a close our thoughts are already turning to the 2017/18 season and what it might bring us. Pre-season training has started this week and it is also a good time to update you all on changes we are making to the management structure of the club with Shaun Justice leaving us along with the coaching and playing setup for the upcoming season.



On the management side, recognising his achievements with the School 7s, the Board have asked **Dom Shabbo** to take on the role of General Manager, covering the operations of our club and facilities alongside all commercial activity including tournaments. **Holly Hammill** will continue as our Finance Director and will be responsible for the financial management of the club. Both Dom and Holly will report to me. All rugby matters will be managed at Board level by **Donnie Masters** and the Head Coach will report in to Donnie.

On the coaching side, we unfortunately have to announce the departure of Scott Sneddon. Scott has given numerous years of steadfast service to the club as both player and coach and I'd like to thank him for his enormous contribution to our success. Scott is moving on to a new challenge as a skills coach for the Hong Kong Rugby Union so has exciting times ahead of him for which all at the club wish him every success.

I am though, pleased to say that the Board have appointed **Kieran Power** as head coach and we have a strong coaching team supporting him. **Andy Reay** will be Defence and Strength/Conditioning coach and **Andy Houston** who has run the 7s side the last couple of seasons will take up a role as the new Attack coach.

The playing squad is now almost finalised and alongside the coaching team it should give us a solid foundation to lead the club into the new campaign that kicks off properly on 2 September when we are away to Old Albanians. I hope to see as many of you there to support the boys as possible!

*Adam Tyrer
Chairman*

FIXTURES FOR 2017-18

The National One fixtures for next season have now been confirmed and are shown below. The only slight caveat is that it is possible that the two matches against Esher could be switched to Friday nights (the two clubs will



Kieran Power (red cap) directs pre-match practice last season)

Next Fixtures

Saturday 12 August

1st XV v London Scottish
Practice Match
Home KO 3:00PM

Saturday 19 August

Hartpury v 1st XV
Practice Match
Away KO 3:00PM

Friday 25 August

1st XV v London Irish Wild Geese
Practice Match
Home 7:45PM

Saturday 02 September

Old Albanian v 1st XV
National 1
Away KO 3:00PM

Saturday 09 September

FIRST HOME LEAGUE MATCH

1st XV v Blackheath
National 1
Home KO 3:00PM

be discussing this). We start with a reasonably local trip to Old Albanian on Saturday 2nd September, followed the following Saturday by a super opener to the home season in the form of a Local Derby with Blackheath.

1st XV Fixtures 2017-18

Sep 02	A	Old Albanian
09	H	Blackheath
16	A	Esher
23	H	Bishops Stortford
30	A	Fylde
Oct 07	H	Loughborough
14	A	Cambridge
21	H	Caldy
28	A	Old Elthamians
Nov 04	H	Plymouth Albion
11	A	Darlington Mowden Park
18		
25	A	Amphill
Dec 02	H	Coventry
09	A	Hull Ionians
16	H	Birmingham Moseley
23	A	Blackheath
30		
Jan 06	H	Esher
13	A	Bishops Stortford
20	H	Fylde
27	A	Loughborough
Feb 03	H	Cambridge
10	A	Caldy
17	H	Old Elthamians
24		
Mar 03	A	Plymouth Albion
10	H	Darlington Mowden Park
17		
24	H	Amphill
Apr 07	A	Coventry
14	H	Hull Ionians
21	A	Birmingham Moseley
28	H	Old Albanian

Before that we have some tough pre-season practice matches, with two games against Championship sides. First up, at the Rock, are London Scottish on Saturday 12 August, kicking off at 3:00PM. Scots have strengthened their squad for the coming season, not least with the acquisition of Ed Milne who has decided to test himself at Championship level.

Next up, on Saturday 19 August we travel to Hartpury who played unbeaten throughout last season to stake their place in the Championship. That will be a really difficult match: even though we played well against them in both matches last season, we still couldn't beat them!

Then on Friday evening 25 August we play at home to London Irish Wild Geese, who are likely to bring along some familiar faces. Their forwards are coached by Lee Starling and the backs by Pete Hodgkinson, while Harry Rowland joined last season as a player / coach.

Slingbacks

The Slingbacks have now have their League fixtures for the coming season. The League is regional at Championship level and so geographical re-balancing means there are many new opponents. The season begins on Sunday 10 September with a visit to Crowthorne, who were the opposition for the Slingbacks' last two matches of the previous season, so they will seem like old friends!

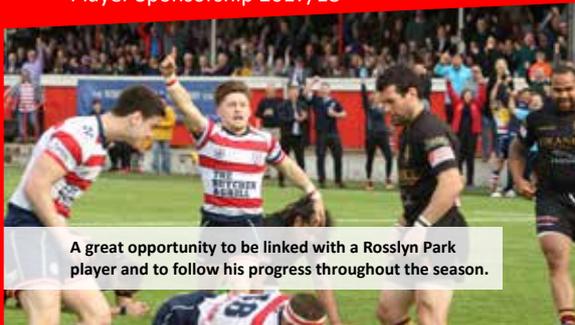
Slingbacks Fixtures 2017 - 2018

Sep 10	A	Crowthorne
24	H	Portsmouth Valkyries
Oct 08	A	Whitney
22	H	Harlequin III

Nov 05	A	Reading
12	H	Windsor
Dec 03	A	London Welsh
10	A	Portsmouth Valkyries
Jan 14	H	Whitney
28	A	Harlequin III
Feb 04	H	Reading
18	A	Windsor
Mar 11	H	London Welsh
18	H	Crowthorne

Player Sponsorship

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A great opportunity to be linked with a Rosslyn Park player and to follow his progress throughout the season.

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- > PA announcement when your player scores a try
- > Company logo/name against player profile in match-day programme
- > 10 tickets for a 1st XV home game of your choice

Cost: £300 + VAT per player

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Details of the very popular individual player sponsorship have just been released (see the flyer on this page). Dom is the one to contact if you'd like to get involved.

The following players are already re-signed and available for sponsorship. This is **not** a definitive list of the squad for next season. It does not include new signings, which will be announced nearer the start of the season when all have been completed. Nor does it include players from last season's squad who, for whatever reason, have yet to re-sign. But it does give an opportunity to get in quick to sponsor those who have already put pen to paper:

- Dan Barnes
- Adam Bellamy
- Richard Boyle
- Rhys Crane
- Will Crow
- Alfie Dudman-Jones
- Hugo Ellis
- Adam Frampton
- Jamie Gray
- Ollie Grove
- Callum Haggett
- Jamie Harries
- Andrew Henderson
- Harry Hudson
- Owen Hughes
- Harry Leonard

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Nick Lovell
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Connor McGrath
Huw Morgan
Maurice Nwakor
Josh Owens
Henry Robinson
Henry Spencer
Paul Spivey
Frank Taggart
Tom Vaughan-Edwards
Ali Wade
Josh Watkins
Russell Weir

The following additional players have also already been signed on an EAP dual-registration / loan basis:

Jacob Atkins
Rory Brand
Jack Cooke
Ollie Hassel-Collins
Matt Williams

Academy Training Camps

ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY CAMPS
MON 21ST AUG TO FRI 25TH AUG 2017

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

ELITE SCHEDULE
START 9.30am
Registration and screening
Athletic development
Rugby skills/games
Lunch 12.15pm
Workshop/video analysis
Rugby skills/games
FINISH 4.00pm

ROSSLYN PARK ACADEMY
U8s to U16s
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NUTRITION ADVICE
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VIDEO ANALYSIS
CLASS WORK
FITNESS
£35 PER DAY OR £160 FOR 5 DAYS

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COACHED BY
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(ex London Irish & Sale Sharks)
PLAYERS MUST BE IN SCHOOL/
CLUB'S A TEAM OR 1ST TEAM
£200 FOR 5 DAYS

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We will be holding our regular Academy Training Camps in late August. Ideal for pre-season preparation, we are pleased to announce that Nic Rouse will be running our Elite Camp this summer. Please get your bookings in as soon as possible, details on the flyer above, or just ring Dom Shabbo in the Club Office.

Breakfast with the Lions

Would you like to support The Lions in a real rugby atmosphere? Then come down to The Rock and watch all the Lions tests in the club house. We will be serving breakfast from 8am - 10am @ just £15 for a full breakfast including coffee and a pint of your choice. If you want breakfast then you will need to pre-order and pay through the club office. Contact Boothy, email: boothyda@hotmail.com or call on 020 8876 6044 to place your order.

Readers' Letters

From Phil Stringer, on the Floodlit 7s

May I first of all congratulate all those involved in putting on the Floodlit 7s - another fantastic evening of flowing rugby, good beer, great friends and quite decent grub!

I think that, once again, we were lucky with the weather but what happened to the marquee at the Clubhouse end, not only for shelter but also because it would have afforded you the opportunity to have extra beer taps out there - trying to fight through a five or six deep queue at the bar was no joke . . . and only one bar open anyway . . . ?

Also, and notwithstanding all the effort that went into the organisation, I was a little disappointed at how few spectators there appeared to be. Am I the only one to have commented upon it? One suggestion I heard weeks before the event was that the Minis/Youth be asked to maildrop all the houses in the local area of Barnes/Putney/E.Sheen. I can guarantee that there are people there who've never heard of Rosslyn Park let alone visited and if children under, say, 12 were given free admission as long as they were accompanied by a full paying adult, it could have increased your bar takings quite considerably.

If I may suggest - and he'll hate me for saying this - a conversation with Pat Rea (who is an RPFC member and a marketing guru) could turn up some great ideas and wouldn't cost the club a penny.

Well done though - I still thoroughly enjoyed a great evening out.
Best Regards

Phil Stringer

Away travel

Cheap advance rail tickets are on sale for the match at Hartpury on August 19. Gloucester (from London Paddington) is the place to book to. Legend has it that there is a bus service from there to Hartpury College, but our 'regulars' have never discovered it and rely on getting a cab. If you are travelling alone, you will almost certainly find some friendly faces in the Fountain Inn (53 Westgate Street - opens 11:00) with a view to cab sharing. At the moment we believe KO is 3:00PM, but Hartpury sometimes kick off at 14:30 so don't leave it too late!

For the opening League match at Old Albanian there is no advantage in getting advance tickets over buying a Cheap Day Return on the day. We'll give details of how to get there closer to the match itself.

Peter Smith honoured

That great Club man, **Peter Smith**, has been honoured by the Officers deciding unanimously to appoint him **Life Vice President Emeritus**. The award is for a lifetime's service to the Club by someone who did not have the opportunity to become President, and Peter is only the third person to be accorded the honour. It would take more space than we have here to list all his achievements over the years, but they range from founding the Obolensky Association to bringing the first ever black South African side to the UK (where they contested the London Floodlit Sevens).

Next Parknews

Parknews generally appears on the Club website some time between Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons every week during the season. We are now in close season mode, during which time Parknews will appear whenever there is anything significant to report, so just remember to look out for it on the Club website on a regular basis. Alternatively, if you would like to receive a 'tweet' when each edition is posted on the Internet, you can opt to 'follow' the [@RPNoseyParker](https://twitter.com/RPNoseyParker) Twitterfeed.