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FLOODLIT 7s IS DEFINITELY ON!

Welcome to Parknews It's definitely **ON!** There's an all-star line up for the Deloitte **London Floodlit Sevens** next Thursday evening, despite the four week delay to the end of lockdown. In addition to two Rosslyn Park teams, we have local rivals **Blackheath, Ealing Trailfinders** and **Esher**. We have the globe-trotting Sevens specialists of the **Ramblin Jesters, Assassins 7s** and **Samurai** showing their skills, along with **SA Wild Dogs** and **Jamaica Rugby**. The teams are drawn in two pools of five. Pool A comprises ourselves, Ealing Trailfinders, Assassins 7s, Esher and Ramblin Jesters. Pool B features ourselves (Rosslyn Park Rangers) SA Wild Dogs, Samurai, Blackheath and Jamaica Rugby. [Buy Tickets for the London Floodlit 7s online here](#) Because Covid restrictions have yet to be fully lifted, please ensure you comply with all the rules to keep everyone safe. We may have to tweak some arrangements, but be assured that bars and catering will be fully available.

Gates will open at 16:00 (along with bars and food outlets) and the first match kicks off at 17:00. Each team will play two others in their group, with final placings decided by playing record. (No need to bring a calculator – placings will be announced over the PA system). There will be play-offs for the minor placings before the winners and runners-up in each group will contest the semi finals, then at 10:00PM the two third-placed clubs play-off for the bowl, leading up to the Final at 10:20 PM. Add in – hopefully – a balmy summer evening in the open air and you surely have a great night out. Advance tickets are available on-line for only £10 to see the best evening of 7s that London has to offer.

In addition to being a very entertaining summer's evening, the Floodlit Sevens has a a major source of revenue for the club – and in the present situation your club really does need the revenue! We would appeal to all of our members and supporters to really get behind the tournament – promote it among your friends and contacts as well as coming along yourselves. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in sponsorship then please do speak to Dom Shabbo.

17:00	Rosslyn Park v Ealing Trailfinders
17:20	Esher v Ramblin Jesters
17:40	Blackheath v SA Wild Dogs
18:00	Park Rangers v Jamaica Rugby
18:20	Ealing Trailfinders v Assassins 7s
18:40	Rosslyn Park v Ramblin Jesters
19:00	SA Wild Dogs v Samurai
19:20	Blackheath v Jamaica Rugby
19:40	Assassins 7s v Esher
20:00	Samurai v Park Rangers
20:40	Play off between clubs placed fifth
21:00	Play off between clubs placed fourth
20:20	Semi-final 1
20:40	Semi-final 2
22:00	Bowl Final (clubs placed third in Pools)
22:20	FINAL

Get ready for some great Sevens action next Thursday - advance tickets are on sale now for only £10 for the best summer's evening of Rugby 7s that London has to offer



Future events

This Summer of Sport

Throughout the Summer the ground will open up regularly as a beer garden for the big sporting events such as the Lions' Tour and the Euros see the club's website and social media platforms

Friday 18 June

England v Scotland

Tonight (Friday 18 December) we are showing the England v Scotland soccer Euros match live in the Clubhouse on the new 64" 4K big screen TV. Tables of six on a first-come-first-served basis. The bar will open at 18:00 and is due to close at 23:00. Bring your mates along.

Thursday 24 June

DELOITTE LONDON FLOODLIT 7s

At the Rock

Gates open at 16:00

First match 17:00 - Final at 22:20

Pre-season matches

In addition to the League matches, the club is at an advanced stage of putting together its programme of Pre-season matches. There are a few final details to be agreed, so it would be premature to announce opponents yet, but there will be matches for the senior squad on 14, 21 and 27/28 August, so please note those dates in your diary.

Saturday 04 September

Plymouth Albion v 1st XV

National 1

Away KO 3:00PM

Saturday 11 September

1st XV v Leeds Tykes

National 1

Home KO 3:00PM

All of that for a tenner!!!

There's a lot more to come

There's a lot more going on at the Rock this Summer of Sport. Currently we're showing every England match in the soccer Euros on a brand new 4K 64" TV in the clubhouse. No need to book – just turn up and there are tables of six on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. So do come along and enjoy a beer or two with your mates.



For most Rugby fans, of course, the main event of the Summer will be the 2021 British & Irish Lions tour to South Africa! We are now only a short while away from this major event, and the Rock will be rising to the occasion with our first Summer Social Day Party. It's an all-day event on 26 June. Everything opens up at 1:00 PM, with the British Lions v Japan on the Big Screen (3.00PM) followed by the Gallagher Premiership Final (5.30PM). We'll have our giant outdoor screen, full sound system, pop-up bars, food, resident DJ and much more!! The event will close at 11:00PM

There are limited numbers of tables still available for all the remaining events, so do secure yours now. Six people per table from just £10 per person. The dates are:

26 June 2021 B&I Lions v Japan (3:00PM) & Gallagher Premiership Final (5:30PM)

24 July 2021 1st Test B&I Lions v South Africa (5:00PM)

31 July 2021 2nd Test B&I Lions v South Africa (5:00PM)

7 August 2021 3rd Test B&I Lions v South Africa (5:00PM)

You can book for all or any of these events here: <https://summerofsportlondon.com/>

Adapted Laws for 7s

The floodlit 7s will have to be played under the adapted laws that apply to community rugby, though in fact they don't really affect Sevens too much in practice. But here's a quick guide to avoid misunderstanding.

Maul. The maul is now effectively illegal. A player coming into contact with the player carrying the ball must bring that player to the ground (failing to do so will result in a penalty to the side with the ball). The ball carrier must then play the ball immediately or he / she concedes a penalty. Referees will be looking for tacklers to complete the tackle by bringing the carrier to ground: holding him up or keeping him upright is punished with a penalty. If the referee sees a maul forming through no fault of the defending side, he / she will call "use it" and if that does not happen play restarts with a free kick to the side with the ball.

Lineout. The team winning the ball must either pass immediately or release to a team-mate as soon as landing. If this doesn't happen then there is no penalty – the lineout will be re-set.

Scrum. Scrummages are replaced with a free-kick. The referee is the sole arbiter of the tempo of the game, but the principle that should be applied is that the restart, where the free-kick replaces a scrum, should not be a quick one. However, this caveat was intended for 40-minutes-each-way matches where the setting of the

scrum gave players time to gather breath and regroup: expect referees in Sevens to apply a degree of common sense. If an offence that would previously have been punished by a scrum occurs after the end of play or half-time then that is the end of play; no time is added for the free-kick to be taken.

Penalty / free-kick. The non-offending side can no longer opt to scrummage. For any penalty arising at the lineout the non-offending team can opt for another lineout instead. A penalty or free-kick must visibly leave the kicker's hand or the mark. If a player taps the ball he or she must then pass or kick the ball before playing it again, ie no 'tap and run'. The one exception to this is when the kick replaces what would have been a 5-metre scrum, in which case the taker may tap and run.

Mini & Youth training Camps

We are extremely excited to announce we will be running our AA Elite Sports Coaching rugby camps at Rosslyn Park this summer. AA Elite Sports Coaching is run by two ex-professional rugby players who have played in the Premiership and European Champions Cup.

Alex Davies who is currently playing in the Rosslyn Park 1st XV was, prior to this, a full-time professional player with Bath, London Welsh, Barbarians and Otago (NZ). Alex is currently the Head of Wasps U18's Academy.

Alan Awcock who is the current head of rugby at Magdalen College, Oxford. Previously he played professional rugby for London Welsh, Newport Dragons as well as representing England Students.

We are proud to offer the best coaching available acquiring the services of some of the Worlds best Premiership and International stars such as: Sam Underhill, George North, Dave Attwood, Joe Cokanasiga, Ruaridh McConnochie to name just a few!!!

To learn more about us, our coaches, our coaching philosophy and to book onto the Summer Camps please head to: www.aelitesports.com

There is a 10% discount available if you book within two weeks of the original announcement: Use EARLYBIRD10 at the checkout

I look forward to seeing you all in August. Any questions please just email Alex Davies on: alex@aeliterugby.com

Senior Squad

The senior squad are training hard in the build up to the new season. It is probable that the club will make an announcement about new players and the shape of the squad next month. However, it is fair to say that those involved sound really bullish about the squad that has been assembled, especially with the budgetary constraints the pandemic has forced upon us. Of course, a glut of injuries to key players can derail even the best prepared

campaign, but there is a palpable confidence that given a fair wind we shall be competitive with the best in National 1. This is going to be a very competitive season at both ends of the table.

At the top end it seems certain that the Premiership will be expanded by one club at the end of this season, so the Championship will need to have an additional club promoted from National 1 at the end of the season (and there are rumours that the same thing might happen the following season, expanding the Premiership to 14 clubs). It's also rumoured that the Championship itself may be expanded. So with extra promotion places a distinct probability more clubs will believe they have a realistic chance of promotion.

At the other end of the table, the reduction of National 1 by two clubs at the end of this season may also cause some alarm. With three clubs to be relegated anyway, the chances of dropping are the same. But the changes below National 1, with three regional leagues rather than two and only the champions of each promoted, mean it will be probably more difficult for a relegated club to bounce back. Here is a reminder of the 1st XV fixtures.

First XV fixtures 2021-22

National One

Sep 04	A	Plymouth Albion
11	H	Leeds Tykes
18	A	Taunton
25	A	Darlington Mowden Park
Oct 02	H	Bishops Stortford
09	A	Rams
16	H	Sale
23	A	Old Elthamians
30	H	Cinderford
Nov 13	A	Birmingham Moseley
20	H	Blackheath
27	A	Caldy
Dec 04	H	Chinnor
11	A	Cambridge
18	H	Tonbridge Juddians
Jan 08	A	Leeds Tykes
15	H	Taunton
22	H	Darlington Mowden Park
29	A	Bishops Stortford
Feb 12	H	Rams
19	A	Sale
26	H	Old Elthamians
Mar 05	A	Cinderford
12	H	Birmingham Moseley
26	A	Blackheath
Apr 02	H	Caldy
09	A	Chinnor
16	H	Cambridge
23	A	Tonbridge Juddians
30	H	Plymouth Albion

Sponsorship Opportunities

With clubs financially reeling from the Covid crisis, sponsorship has never been more important to clubs - and Rosslyn Park is certainly no exception to that rule. A very wide range of sponsorship advertising, marketing and promotional opportunities are available throughout the season with prices suitable for all budgets. These provide a very powerful and cost effective opportunity to promote your business.

MATCH DAY SPONSORSHIP

Get in on the Action! As the official Match Sponsor of a Rosslyn Park First XV game, you will host your guests in our newly refurbished Clubhouse. Before the game you will sample our excellent hospitality with a VIP lunch courtesy of our in-house caterers. Afterwards you and your guests will have the chance to meet Rosslyn Park players and present the Man of the Match award, the photo of this presentation will feature in the following Match Day Programme.

Meet the Players

Your company will be featured on the cover of the programme, and you will have a full page advert inside. You will also receive PA

announcements throughout the game.

Finally, you have the opportunity to distribute promotional flyers in the Clubhouse and around the ground to advertise your business to all of our spectators and members on the day.

Full Package Includes:

- Front Cover Programme Branding as the Official Match Day Sponsor
- PA Announcements throughout the afternoon
- VIP Lunch for 10 for guests prior to the game
- Man of the Match Presentation after the game.
- Photo of the Man of Match Presentation to appear in following Match Day Programme
- Opportunity to distribute Promotional Flyers on the day
- 2 Car Parking Spaces
- Post Match Visit for you and your guests from two Rosslyn Park players or coaches of your choice.

Digital sponsorship

- Email marketing & campaigns to club database throughout the year. Database of over 3,000 members and players
- Feature on RPF website & full company description
- Social media support across all channels throughout the season. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook & YouTube
- Branded pitch board located around the venue 6m x 2m board designed and produced by club for the full year
- Table of 8 guests including 3-course meal for one home game of the season. Home game of choice, including 3-course meal & car parking spaces
- Hire of the club/venue free of charge. This can include both pitch and clubhouse for one full day

Kit sponsorship

- Company branding on Men's 1st XV playing kit
- National exposure throughout the year

Player Sponsorship

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

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

Digital Marketing

The Rosslyn Park website, database, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram all represent a large and fast growing audience with targeted engagements.

These platforms allow opportunities for companies to build bespoke and extremely cost effective packages and are a great ways to interact with our supporters and social media followers instantly. Our social media not only provides the latest Rosslyn Park tries and score lines but also highlight your companies involvement at the club.

Please contact Dom Shabbo, via email

dom.shabbo@rosslynpark.co.uk or phone: 0208 876 1879 to discuss how sponsorship at Rosslyn Park may fit with your own promotional plans.

Keep up to date

Keep in touch with everything happening at Rosslyn Park by regularly visiting the Club's website at

www.rosslynpark.co.uk

The club is also active in several social media channels:

Twitter: <http://bit.ly/2PqDIQy>

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2NG7bxV>

Instagram: <http://bit.ly/34d652t>

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2PQSpqC>

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