



Dear Leah,

The season is in full swing, the temperature has dropped and Christmas is fast approaching. Our chance to update you on what's been going on and what is coming up.

### **Weekly Match Reports**

Every week the match reports for all of our teams are uploaded onto the website. See please take a look and keep up to date.

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### **Youth catapults our 3rd XV to top of the table**

For the Gladiators, the 2016/17 season was a low point, relegation to HMMT 4 at the halfway point in the season and then losing all matches in that league too.

Rob talks about performance, camaraderie and 187 beers!



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### **Upcoming Lunches & Important Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 9th December 2017** - Supporters Lunch. OA 1st XV vs Old Elthamians

**Wednesday 20th December 2017** - Returning Student Festival

**Saturday 23rd December 2017** - Christmas Lunch. OA 1st XV vs Ampt Hill. Meet the Players.

**Saturday 13th January 2018** - VP Lunch. OA 1st XV vs Hull Ionians

**Tuesday 23rd January 2018** - OA Networking Lunch hosted by

[Sherrards Solicitors](#)

**Friday 16th March 2018** - Sportsmans Dinner. Exciting Special Guest to be confirmed, watch this space

If you would like to attend any of the lunches please contact Fiona at OA Sport 01727 864476.

## Twickenham Tickets

This is a good news story as everyone who asked for tickets for the Old Mutual Wealth Autumn Internationals got what they requested. I suspect this is due to a mixture of hard work on the part of our Secretary, who doggedly worked with the RFU's ticket exchange system, plus the RFU smiling benignly on us.

But before the euphoria takes hold, a big word of warning when it comes to the two RBS 6-Nations games at Twickenham early next year. These will be very popular games and we have received many more applications than usual; we are basically between 4 to 5 times oversubscribed over our basic allowance. However hard we work to get the additional tickets required via the ticket exchange system, I suspect we will fall a long way short of the numbers we require so many of you will, unfortunately, be disappointed. Whatever, we will do our best!

Thanks  
Mike Johnson

## A Wonderful Evening of Rugby

Read all about the visit of the President of Rwanda RFU, the great work by our own Darren Ead and of course a great game of rugby against a Combined Services Team from Northwood HQ.



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## Make Friends with an OA Player

A huge thank-you goes to those supporters (acknowledged below) who have already signed up to our initiative under which individuals, syndicates and businesses are able to be associated with a favourite player.

**Our success at OA's is built upon strength in depth** and we hope you agree that every single squad member deserves to be recognised in this way, remembering that all funds so raised benefit the development of rugby as a whole at Woollams.

**There are still plenty of opportunities to 'buddy' a player** for the remainder of the campaign at the cost of £275. We would invite anyone interested in participating to make contact with Robin Farrar without delay, [robin@robinfarrar.co.uk](mailto:robin@robinfarrar.co.uk) or 01727 832621.

A selection of players available at the time of writing include: Ben Cooper, Danny Cutmore, Ollie Morris, Tim Bond, Elliot Obatynibo, Billy Walker, Tadgh McElroy, Sean Reffell.

Please note that we are arranging for all supporters to meet with our coaches and the players for a seasonal drink and catch up after the Ampthill match on Saturday

Thanks  
Robin Farrar and the Sponsorship Team

Thanks for their generous support go to :  
Paul Richardson, Gus Azzopardi , Andy Barnes , Paul Barnes, George Brignall, Steve Burgess, Rory Davis, Robin Farrar, Anthony Ashplant, Graham Westwell, Ian Farnsworth , Peter Jackson, Ron Hall, David Hiom, Sharon Hollingworth, Ian Jennings, Mike Johnson , Peter Lipscomb, Ali Mills, Richard Milnes, Robert Morris, Mike Pattison (International Labmate), Craig Ihlenfeldt, Mercer and Hole, Strutt and Parker, Mail Boxes ETC, Roger Wall, Geraint John.

### **We Need You**

As I am sure we all recognise the club needs volunteers to help in a variety of areas given our scale and determination to offer a leading experience for all members and stakeholders including sponsors.



Some key areas where we'd welcome your support include;

**Gate Support** - National 1 Saturday League Matches to sell programmes and admission for 2 hrs on occasional Saturday home games.

**Communications and Social Media** – capable folk to help publicise OA Events, tweet at matches, provide content for the Web Site and other digital platforms

**Sponsorship and Recruitment** – a general call for ideas and contacts that could help bring new sponsors to the club and new players at all levels

**Event organisation** – We are always looking for running new fun and fundraising events, like a Summer Ball for example – if this is something you enjoy organising or contributing to please get in touch

**Database input and management** - we need to keep our membership data up to date on the RFU database; if this is something you can help with or you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch.

If any of these areas (or others that you feel you could help with) might be of interest please contact Paul (07918633031) or Leah (07870671488) to discuss further.

### **Club Membership**

If you have yet to renew your VP subscription for the season this is now overdue, please make payment as soon as possible. Please see the club website or email me [rhomert@ntlworld.com](mailto:rhomert@ntlworld.com) for payment details.

Thanks  
Richard

### **Ph.at Bags**

These great bags are the brainchild of our sponsors Conor and Mark. Find out more about the bags here on their website [www.phatbags.co.uk](http://www.phatbags.co.uk).

There is a special price for OA Rugby Members of £27.50.

They can be purchased from the OA's shop at Woollams on a Saturday and Sunday, or if paid via Paypal, they can be delivered to you directly.

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Any questions please email, Conor or Mark [info@phatbags.co.uk](mailto:info@phatbags.co.uk)

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