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ON THE PITCH

Oh, what another great weekend of rugby it was two weeks ago.

Our last 1st XV home game on Saturday 8th April, was preceded by the President's Lunch, another superb meal, which was followed by some good games of rugby for both The Dolphins and the 1st XV

John Collins Cup

The Dolphins were playing in the penultimate round of the John Collins Cup. They beat Portsmouth 105 – 0 with the referee stopping the game early. The other match being played that day, , was Eastleigh 2nds against Tottonians 2nds, which was won by Tottonians. This leaves The Dolphins top of the table with a maximum 20 points from their 5 wins and Tottonians in second place with 17 points from their 4 wins. All nicely placed for a final round playoff this coming weekend, but more of that later. Well done to Pete and the team!

Table can be seen through this link: <http://www.englandrugby.com/fixtures-and-results/competitions/hampshire-merit-tables/2016-2017/group/21390#/table>

London 1 South

The other event was the small matter of Havant against Chobham in what was must-win match if we were to keep our promotion hopes alive. The match has been reported elsewhere, much more eloquently than it would be here, but the important fact is that Havant did what they had to do and won with the extra try bonus point to collect the 5 points needed to keep ahead of rivals for the promotion play-off, Tunbridge Wells. This was Joel Knight's 150th game for the club.

As expected, TW convincingly defeated Dover 85 – 0 to give them a 5 point win as well. The table now stands with Sidcup promoted on 116 points, Havant in second place on 98 points and TW third on 95 points.

The surprise result on that Saturday was the home win for Tottonians against Sidcup 22-16. The only defeat they have suffered all season and proves that they can be beaten. A quote from Ali Ramus on Facebook suggested that they did it by 'breaking' a few of their props and ended up with uncontested scrums!

The Academy

Sunday, 9th April saw the Academy at home to Andover Colts.

The Academy finished the season by winning both their playoffs. First one at home against Tadley Colts winning 17-12 and the second one at home against Andover Colts winning 43-17.



The squad are now looking forward to their end of season presentation on 5th May.

LAST WEEKEND

Easter weekend, usually a 'free' weekend for rugby at the club and sees many of our M&Js also away on tour. However, last weekend provided us with two opportunities to watch some rugby. On Saturday, it was the final of the Hampshire Cup and, on Sunday, we had the opportunity to watch the Hampshire U20s in action again at the club.

The Hampshire Cup

Through league fixture congestion, and some interesting cup match fixtures, the Hampshire Cup remained uncontested last season so Havant retained it for the year.

This season the cup saw Gosport and Fareham drawn against Portsmouth in the Preliminary round, however Portsmouth withdrew so G&F went through to the semi-final against Havant and the mighty Hav' repeated the 2014-2015 season cup final result with a victory over them at Gosport Park. This time a convincing 52 – 13 to get through to the final against Winchester who had beaten Andover 42-10 at Winchester in the other semi-final. Havant fielded a side slightly depleted by injury and non-availability but still a good, strong side for the final on Saturday. It was a game of 3 tough quarters for Havant. The first two quarters were a trifle challenging with Winchester leading 28 – 5 towards the end of the first half. The third quarter of the game saw Havant step up their game to eventually go ahead 31 – 37 only for Winchester to score a late try in the fourth quarter of the match to make it 36 – 37. Unfortunately for them, the Winchester kicker, who had kicked well all day, failed to convert and Havant came through by the narrowest of margins to retain the cup. A very entertaining game of rugby. Unfortunately, a couple of injuries, notably to Steve Cruddas (face) and Joel Knight (foot) will rule them both out of the game against Sidcup on Saturday. It looks like Joel will be unable to play for several weeks so unlikely to be seen on the pitch again this season.

The Hampshire U20s – Jason Leonard County Championship

On Sunday, we had another visit from the Hampshire U20s, when they played Yorkshire U20s in the Jason Leonard U20 County Championship. Unfortunately, this game was not quite up to the 41 -24 win that we saw a few weeks earlier when they played the Surrey U20s. The Hampshire team lost 13 – 43 to a team that were quite clinical and well-structured in their attack, and were deserved winners, albeit that the Yorkshire supporters (and coaching staff) spent a significant part of the game berating the referee and touch judges and moaning about playing 16 people!

THIS WEEKEND

There are three games on this weekend. The first team are away to Sidcup in the final league game of London 1 South, The Dolphins are away to Tottonians 2nds in the deciding game of the John Collins Cup and on Sunday our Academy U17s are at home to Portsmouth in a friendly.

John Collins Cup

Mathematically Tottonians could draw level on points if they beat Havant, both teams would end up with 21 points, having won 4 and lost 1 game. However, Havant have a points difference of 223 and Totts 66 and, given their record to date, Havant should be in a good position to maintain their unbeaten record and win the game and the cup! If you are free, then your support would be appreciated by Pete and the team.

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London 1 South

The first XV game against Sidcup is the much-awaited rematch of the first game of the season when Havant and Sidcup held each other to a 24 point each draw at Hooks Lane. Since that game, Sidcup went on to be unbeaten until two weeks ago, when Tottonians beat them. They are promoted from London 1 South as the outright winners and second placed Havant cannot change that. We need to beat Tunbridge Wells who are in third place on 95 points to our 98 points to qualify for the play-off against the runner-up of London 1 North for the other promotion spot. Tunbridge Wells are playing 9th place Maidstone and, on paper, should secure a home win and probably a try bonus point to put them on a final point tally of 99 or, more likely, 100. The permutations for the Havant result are numerous and could be as easy as another draw if TW cannot get the try bonus point but the only safe way is to ensure we get through to the play-off is to beat Sidcup and get the 4 (or 5!) point win. That would take us on to 102 or 103 points and into the play off.

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If you think the permutations for L1S are interesting, then London 1 North is even more interesting. The play off will be next week, the 29th April and is between the runner-up of London 1 South and London 1 North. As with L1S there is a clear winner in London 1 North, Tring, who are promoted, although, mathematically in their last game, on the 8th, they could have been caught, and overtaken by Brentwood but that match saw Tring win at Brentwood 20 – 17. That leaves Brentwood in second place on 103 points and Chingford in third place on 99 points. The last match for them this weekend is Chingford against Brentwood, which is a real winner-takes-all game. If Chingford beat Brentwood, by more than 7 points, to avoid Brentwood getting the

losing bonus point, then Chingford move into second place by virtue of what will then be a better playing record with 22 Wins and 3 losses against Brentwood's 21 wins and 5 losses. Brentwood need to win or draw, that easy, except that the reverse fixture, earlier in the season, at Brentwood saw Chingford run out winners 15 – 19, giving Brentwood the losing bonus point, which, if the same result was this week, would be sufficient to keep Brentwood in second place.

Whatever happens in Chingford, whoever ends up in second place will have the home advantage for the play off. So, Havant, when they beat Sidcup tomorrow, will be off to Chingford of Brentwood next week.

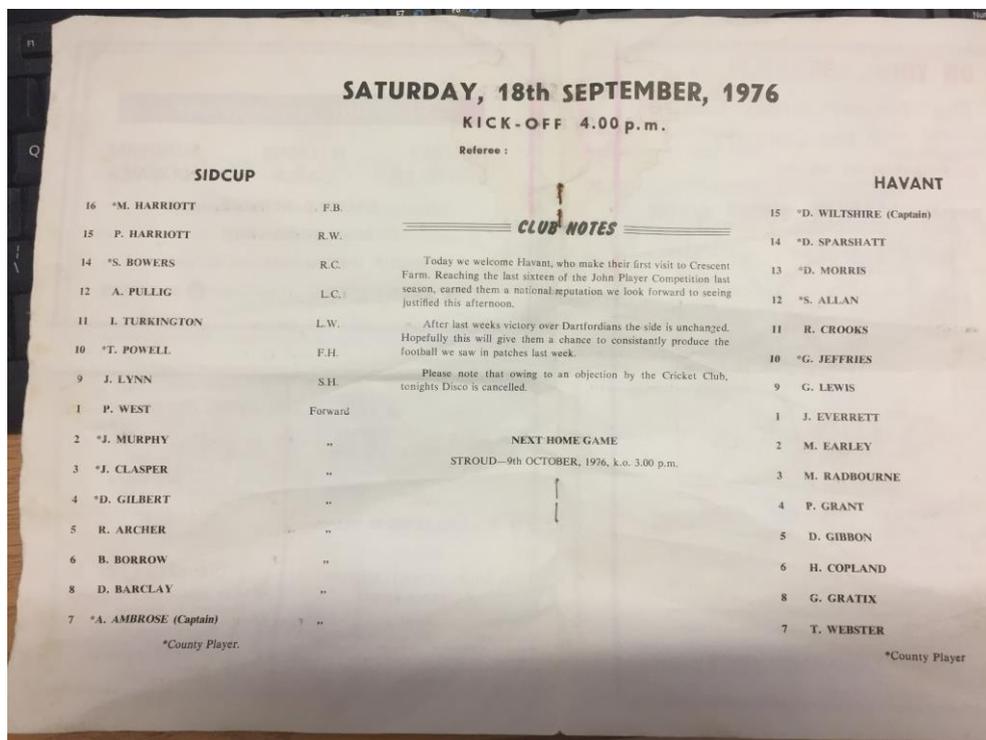
Some historical facts:

Brentwood Colts were the team that beat Havant Academy two years ago in the National Colt Cup Final at the Bedford Blues ground, so we may see some of that team in their first team as we see some of ours in our team today.

Sidcup against Havant first happened on September 18th 1976, the picture below is of the team sheet from the programme that day.

Mick Earley provided this piece of history and assures me that Havant ran out winners on the day and Pete Mayhead, historical font of such knowledge, says that it was 17-15. That would probably do us quite nicely tomorrow!

The Havant team includes some stalwarts of the club that still loiter around the bar at both home and away games and can be found in Bob's Bar most Thursday evenings! I am sure they will all be pleased to share their memories of that game and, of course, how they defeated Sidcup.



Havant Team

The Havant team selected for this important game against Sidcup are:

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 L Marks | 9 J Reynolds | 16 A Morgan |
| 2 E Bellman | 10 W John | 17 H Young |
| 3 T Blackburn | 11 J Rudder | 18 J Hewett |
| 4 R Janes | 12 J Knight | |
| 5 N Bellman | 13 B Brierley | |
| 6 G Butterworth | 14 H Carr | |
| 7 M Whitehead | 15 D Bamford | |
| 8 G Hart (c) | | |

If you can make it to the match then please be there, let's hear that Havant Roar, we supporters know that we are the 16th Player!!

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M & J UPDATE

Last weekend saw a successful U16s tour and the Minis (U6-U12) tour, both had fantastic weather and enjoyable rugby. We can't tell you any more due to the Tour Law of 'what goes on tour stays on tour!' We have more junior tours booked this weekend and next weekend.

U16s are continuing to be integrated into the Academy fold with a friendly game on Sunday with U16s and U17s against Portsmouth on pitch 1. We hope this will encourage as many U16s as possible to stay on with the Academy next season.

U12s have been invited to Petersfield for a friendly fixture as they prepare to move to the world of independent fixtures for juniors and the joy of finding referees!

U9s have a large age group and a waiting list and over the next 2 Sundays are inviting everyone on the waiting list in to attend taster sessions.

The rest of the M&J Teams will continue to train and play rugby in what we hope will be good weather.

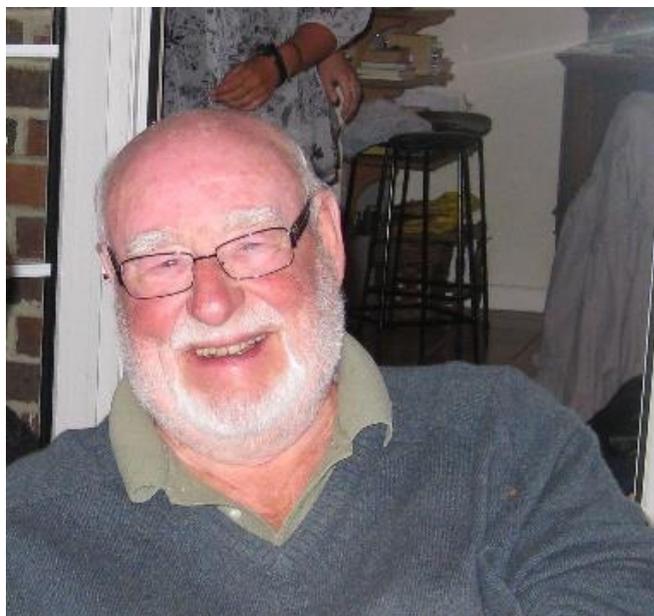
A date for your diary, subject to confirmation, the Havant Senior Squad will be attending the M&Js Sunday morning sessions on the 30th April complete with the Hampshire Cup and possibly a few other cups!

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OFF THE PITCH MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

On a more serious note, this was posted to the website earlier this week:

SAD NEWS - DON WHITEHEAD



We received some sad news on Sunday of Don Whitehead who passed away peacefully on Sunday morning at the ripe old age of 89. Don and his three sons played for Havant and, now, his grandson Matt is a regular part of the successful first team squad.



Don was a great supporter of the club and will be missed by all. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this sad time.

The funeral will be at 1:45pm on Thursday 4th May at the Oaks Crematorium and afterwards at HRFC

Family flowers only with any kind donations to Ovarian cancer, Sandra has set up a Justgiving page for Don as follows :

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sandra-Whitehead4?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170419_68189

Alan Newton
Secretary

GOOD NEWS – CASC STATUS

From the Treasurer – Steve Boydell

I am pleased to inform you that HM Revenue and Customs has now officially registered Havant Rugby Football Club Limited as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and as such we can reclaim Gift Aid relief on donations made to the club. Furthermore, HMRC has backdated our eligibility to 21st June 2016 (when our constitution was amended to be CASC compliant).

I will be writing to current members that I know have made donations as part of their membership payments. In particular, our many Patrons. As a patron, you have already donated at least £150 to the club this season. (The threshold for a patron was a £250 contribution to the club with the first £100 being allocated to annual non-playing membership and season ticket for the season.) Gift Aid recovers an additional 25% of the donation from HMRC, which means that £37.50 can therefore be reclaimed on each of these £150 donations.

However, there are other members and friends of Havant RFC that have made donations in other ways. These donations can also be used to reclaim Gift Aid. So, I may be in contact with other donors to see if that are willing and able to support the Gift Aid claims. If you have made any donations to the club since June of last year, and you do not hear from me, then please let me know what the value was and when and to whom it was made so that I can verify the donation and process the appropriate form. I can be contacted on this email Treasurer@HavantRFC.co.uk.

To reclaim Gift Aid, a “Gift Aid declaration – multiple donation” form needs to be completed and returned to me, preferably scanned and emailed, but alternatively by post to the club address. A copy of the form is shown on the next page, and is available on the Website or from me or Alan Newton (Secretary@HavantRFC.co.uk).

The form is a declaration confirming that you have paid more income tax and/or capital gains tax than 25% of the value of the donation that you have made to the club in the year in which the donation has been made. i.e. for example Patrons, have paid at least £37.50 in tax in the year relative to the £150 donation.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can include the donation value on your tax return and reduce your tax liability.

Once I have your declaration, it will remain valid for future seasons donations.

If anyone is in a position to make a donation above £500 there is a separate “Gift Aid Declaration – single donation” form that needs to be completed which I will send to you as required.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this season and please do email me with any queries that you may have in relation to this form or any aspect of making donations to the club.

Steve Boydell

Treasurer

Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of CASC _____

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

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Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the CASC if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

EVENTS DIARY

Much of this has been covered in the text but here is a summary of the main diary events over the next few weeks, so set the dates for your diary:

Fixtures

Saturday 22nd – Tottonians 2nd v Dolphins – John Collins Cup – KO 15:00 (A)

Saturday 22nd – Sidcup v Havant – L1S – KO 15:00 (A)

Sunday 23rd – Academy U17 v Portsmouth – Friendly – KO 14:00 (H)

Saturday 29th – L1N & L1S Playoff TBC

Saturday 20th MAY – Hampshire v Warwickshire – KO TBC (Havant)

250 Club - Cheese and Wine

Friday 21st April – 19:30

Summer Touch Rugby

The return of this series in May & June, details to follow, organiser will be Dean Dryhurst and Paddy.

Spinnaker Sevens

A new event to Havant RFC, being organised by Tight5Sports Ltd (that is Dylan and Justin's company), on the 8th July.



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