

Overton RFC Minis Section Tour 2008

Submarine Corp Under 11s

The weekend of 19th/20th April saw Overton Under 11s up at the clubhouse at 10am to welcome Old Northamptonians touring Under 11s. With a squad of 22 players in the visiting team, Brian Hunter and Eugene Franchi were able to organise two very competitive games with Overton.

Players, parents and supporters of both clubs enjoyed the hospitality of the club house, Julian's beer went down a treat with the visitors and Sue Hunter provided delicious bolognaise for the players and chilli for the adults. Presentations and tour songs rounded off a successful visit for the Old Northamptonians who then went on to Newbury to watch The Saints beat The Blues 40/22.

"Hi Sarah,

Just a quick email to say thank you, to you, Brian and all at Overton RFC.

The one comment I heard all afternoon from the parents was what a great club and what was an even bigger shame was we could not spend more time with you as I'm sure we would have enjoyed plenty of singing and games with the lads, parents and coaches.

We went on to watch the Northampton saints and then had a party in the evening. On the Sunday we played Newbury under 11's.

We all had a wonderful time and one of my lasting memories will be of Overton RFC.

Thank you once again and if you fancy a tour to Northampton taking in a Saints game, we would be more than happy to accommodate you all,

Kind regards,

Eugene"

As we waved the tourers off, the clubhouse became the scene for the court case with Judges Millar, Tomlinson and Inglis presiding on the trial of Kevin Usher accused of neglecting the Under 11s for the past few years and persistently being absent from tours. Needless to say he was found guilty, adorned with pink Prisoner shirt, pink Wellingtons and hat and marched off to board the coach for Herefordshire.

With only the briefest stop for refreshment on route to Herefordshire, a squad of 14 players and associated parents and supporters arrived at the Leisure where an hour was spent messing about with wave machines, slides and diving/jumping off high boards and generally having fun.



It was noted that deserters disappeared off to the pub, namely Hatton Brown (complete with toilet seat round his neck as punishment for his misdemeanours) , Small, Collins, Aris, Bond & Shorten and no doubt this will be remembered in the future.



On to our destination for the night in Hereford, food and an early night! Bright and early on Sunday, all booted and suited and ready to play (well the children were, the majority of adults looked green and distinctly the worse for an early night)!

Our destination, the Luctonians Rugby Club in Kingsland on the borders of Herefordshire and Wales boasted a new clubhouse (inspiration to us all) and plenty of pitch space and our hosts welcomed us to a well-organised tournament. Overton boys played great rugby and were a credit to coach Half Pint Hunter. The opposing teams in their section were Luctonians, Brecon, Stourbridge and Ledbury. In the words of one parent when asked for highlights: “Jamie Atkinson Scrum Half running head first into a member of the opposition in the last match, Toby Smalls try that was disallowed in the last match and his try in the second match that was allowed together with the countless defensive tackles each and every lad made”.





A very tired bunch boarded the coach home with one stop on route where it was noticeable that the deserters drank coffee.

Very well done to Overton Under 11s, who played great rugby and behaved brilliantly, a credit to the club. A very big thank you to Brian and Sue Hunter and Tony Aris and Ian Harrison for all efforts and to our excellent prisoner Kevin who redeemed himself of years of neglect and supported the boys so well joining in with all the action.