

Tullamore RFC Newsletter

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Presidents Greeting



Wellwood

9th September
2007

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to another new season at Tullamore RFC. Senior training is now in full swing under the watchful eye of Club Coach, Kevin Lewis while our underage teams are all preparing for a long and, hopefully, fruitful season. We have a long and distinguished record both on and off the field and I am asking for your support in maintaining and enhancing this position. I especially want to lend my support and encouragement to the many volunteers at all levels in the club, keep up the great work.



Once again a lot of work has been completed during the off season to improve our facilities. Most noticeable is the addition of state of the art match lights on the first Pitch. This brings our playing facilities into line with the top clubs in the country, providing opportunities for evening rugby during the winter. Our two main pitches are also in excellent condition, all thanks to Billy Fryday and his hardworking team. I look forward to a wonderful season and I wish Club Captain, Nigel Ravenhill, and his team the very best of luck—here's to more silverware later in the year.

Your support for all the teams is vital, details of matches will be in the local papers every week and on www.tullamorerugby.com in the match reports section on Monday afternoon every week.

The Leinster League is starting on Sunday the 13th of October so mark it down in your diaries as I hope to meet you all on that day.

Damien Mealiffe

Welcome back to Pat's Bar

The Clubhouse is ready to welcome you to the new season, call in and enjoy the comfortable surroundings. It can be hired for parties/weddings etc – if you are interested contact me at 086 8335194



Rugby under Match Lights comes to Tullamore

Finally after 2 years planning the match lights were erected on the First Pitch last weekend. The First team had a training session under the lights last Wednesday and gave the lights the 'Thumbs Up'. Currently the lights are been run using a generator until the upgraded electricity supply is installed which is planned for the first week of Oct. The fine tuning of the lights will take place once the electricity supply is ready.

The lights open the option for competitive matches under lights, the first of which is next Friday night the 14th Sept at 8pm against Longford in the Midland League.

Leinster League rugby on a Sat night comes with the first Leinster League on Sat 13th October against Navan. The club is currently trying to organise the Seapoint and Skerries matches for Saturday night as well.



The last of the match lights is hoisted into place.

Chairman's Address

The excitement is building, the World Cup has started, the lights have been turned on and a new season is upon us. A season when Tullamore 1st XV can compare themselves to Ireland in that they have never been as well prepared, have a load of expectation on their shoulders and have a very difficult start to the season. The players have set their aims high, to win the Leinster League and the round robin and this clubs stated position as per the last two AGM's is to provide every assistance in ensuring this happens.

It is my opinion that we have never had such an interest in rugby in our community as we are now experiencing. Our membership is growing, the amount of people using our facilities, (thanks mainly to Pat Dunne) is growing, and the TAG Rugby tournament run by Dave Deering and Dave McCann over the summer attracted huge numbers and was a great success. Hopefully floodlit games will also bring more people to our club to enjoy the games and the craic.

However with all this increase in activity comes a greater demand on the people behind the scenes. I am now appealing for volunteers to come forward. There are numerous important jobs being done by people who mightn't even make it to five games a year and not be seen around the place, and there are many more jobs waiting to be done. If you can spare 1 or 2 hours a week, then please come forward to be part of the excitement and a job will be given to you that will only take that level of commitment.

The financial demands being placed on the club are also increasing. We are very lucky to have the Flanagan Group under the brand "Wellwood" come on board as our main sponsor. We also have a number of other companies who have taken up slots in our new sponsorship opportunities, a list of which will be erected shortly. We do still have however a number of slots available for private individuals or companies who want to contribute. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roy Matthews and Paddy Galvin for all the work they have done in updating the books with regards to the pitch side signs, and also of course to the people who've paid for a sign to date.

So in conclusion, it's great to see such a buzz around the place, it's great to be part of it and long may it continue. In order for this to happen we need two things – Volunteers and Money. Best of luck to all the teams and coaches this season, may it be a successful one.

Ciaran Lynch

Youths/Minis

Training is due to commence for all age groups, the following people will take charge of the various teams:

Under 8s	Roy Matthews
Under 10s	Ray Mahon
Under 12s	Jim Mollahan
Minis co-ordinator	Roy Matthews
Under 14s	Denis Magner
Under 16s	Niall Neville
Under 18s	Tom Moloney
Youths co-ordinator	Gerry Egan
Youths Dev. Officer	Johnny Burns

Under 18 training begins Fri. Sept 14th at 7pm.
Midland 10 a side Under 16 in Edenderry and
Under 18 in Mullingar on Sat. 22nd Sept.



Tullamore Rugby Club

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Our new and revitalised web site is ready to launch. We hope that you find it user friendly and helpful. Visit www.tullamorerugby.com for the latest news from the Club including upcoming fixtures and events, match reports and lots of pictures from various events over several years. The new website comes courtesy of Richie Coen, be sure to visit regularly and advise those overseas that this vital link with the Club is available.

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Presidents and Captains Dinner

The club will be holding a Presidents and Captains Dinner in the Clubhouse on Friday 26th October. The dinner will include a pre dinner 'Drinks' reception, 4 course meal, comedian and Guest Speaker. This event will be the Social event of the year and is not to be missed, Tickets will go on sale in the next week at €30 a shot. All members are welcomed and are encouraged to bring a 'friend'. Bring back somebody that has strayed away or introduce somebody new to the 'Craic' in Spollanstown.

Tag Rugby Night of World Cup Final

Tullamore RFC will be holding a Special Tag competition under match lights the night of the World Cup Rugby Final on Saturday 20th October. Full details will issue at the end of September. The competition will be followed by the World Cup Final live in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

at Tullamore Rugby Club



Friday 21st Sept—

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**HEARTBEAT
LIVE!**

Friday 30th November—

JOSH RITTER (with full band) -



Niall Mellon
Township
Trust



Building more
than houses.

**Bill Fryday going
to
South Africa**

All club members are asked to support the 'Black and White' night being run in the Club on Saturday 22nd September. All funds collected will be donated to the Niall Mellon Township Trust. This fundraiser is being run by Billy and Vanda Fryday as part of Billy's programme prior to his departure for South Africa. The cost for Billy travelling to South Africa is €4,000 which is in place so all profits on the night will go directly to the people in the Townships. All support is greatly appreciated.

Golf Success

Congratulations to Seamus (Timber) Egan, who captained the Tullamore Golf Club to a thrilling victory recently in the Barton Cup. As always, Seamus showed his superb leadership qualities as his team brushed aside the challenge of Cill Dara GC. Watch out P Harrington, there's a Timber on your tail.



Rugby World Cup

Best of luck to the team from Tullamore RFC.

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A word from the Coach

The 2007/08 season is up and running and the more ambitious of our players have been working hard as a group since the first week in August. to prepare the club for what promises to be a very competitive Leinster League year. Already more than fifty players have attended the various coaching/training sessions and two games have been played and won by the 1st XV squad. Clondalkin were accounted for by 40-12 after having given the Dublin side a 12 points start in the first fifteen minutes and a squad of 28 travelled to Castlebar (4th in the Connacht league last season) and beat them 27-7 last Saturday.

However, the work started for a large number of players as far back as last May when conditioning work commenced including monitored gym sessions concentrating on core, strength and power work. The benefit of that work will emerge when the big hits of the Leinster League start to take their toll. A total of sixty players played in competitive matches with the 1sts last season and that is not sustainable if we hope to progress to the clubs goal of qualifying for the All Ireland League.

The management teams for the 1st XV has been enhanced by the appointment of Bob Keady as Team Secretary and the new Manager and Forwards Coach for the 2nd XV will be Alan Kerin after his very successful spell with the Under 18's. Special thanks to Arthur Halligan and Jeff Tataurangi for their work last season and no doubt they will continue to contribute to the club in many ways.

On the player front the club are very fortunate to have a captain of the calibre of Nigel Ravenhill and he will lead from the front in his typical committed and forthright manner. It is good to welcome back players of the calibre of Eamon Bracken, Gearoid O' Grady and Colin Finnerty from their spell with Buccaneers and no doubt the experience they have gained will be of huge benefit to the club this season. We have been fortunate also to secure the return of John Peeters after his spell in Wales and new prop Rhys Morgan from New Zealand and hope that both of them enjoy their stay in Tullamore. The vast majority of last year's team are back again and are showing great enthusiasm. The trip last weekend to Castlebar for a squad weekend was a big success and both 1sts and 2nds should benefit significantly from the work they put in over the weekend. It was particularly pleasing to see so many of the recent underage players coming into the squad with such success and we look forward to them having many good years playing senior rugby in Tullamore.

The great work off the pitch by the club administrators has not gone without notice, in particular the work to the pitch, the floodlights (which are of superb quality and will bring a whole new dimension with evening kick offs), the bar and the fundraising. There is a very strong sense of everybody being in this together and we look forward to, hopefully, a very successful season. To all supporters we say that we genuinely appreciate your commitment to the team and look forward to seeing lots of you during the season.

Kevin Lewis

Leinster League Fixtures

13th Oct**	Home	Navan
21st Oct	Away	Garda
4th Nov**	Home	Seapoint
11th Nov	Away	Monkstown
18th Nov**	Home	Skerries
2nd Dec	Away	Wicklow
19th Dec	Away	Ashbourne
13th Jan**	Home	Portlaoise
20th Jan	Away	Cill Dara
24th Feb**	Home	Dundalk
2nd Mar	Away	Boyne

Midland League Fixtures

14th Sept**	Home	Longford
23rd Sept	Home	Edenderry
29th Sept**	Home	Roscrea
7th Oct	Away	Mullingar

** Sat evening under lights

Membership

Minis	-	€25*
14s/16s/18s	-	€25*
Adult Students	-	€25
Adult Players	-	€75
Pavilion	-	€50

***Note: Minis/14s/16s/18s must pay a €25 bus levy.**

Membership can be paid to Tony Monaghan, Subscriptions secretary or to team coaches.

International Tickets—contact Tom Moloney — Pay your membership before 31st Oct 2007 to avoid a levy on international tickets of 20 euro per ticket.

International ticket order form is enclosed, please note, closing date for orders is Nov 2nd.