



Newsletter

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SPREADING THE WORD

The RFU launched an initiative for clubs to take advantage of the World Cup publicity to spread word of the game of rugby wherever possible.

Essington President Dave Brawn did his bit on Essington's behalf when he coached the girls at Oulton Rainbows (all aged between 5 & 7).

The girls all really enjoyed the evening and lots of the parents were delighted that the group had taken part in this non-stereotypical event.



ESSINGTON 1ST TEAM



Midlands 5 West (North)

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Diff | B Pts | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|
| Bromyard | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 173 | 3 | 170 | 3 | 20 |
| Essington | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 124 | 18 | 106 | 3 | 16 |
| Aldridge | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 29 | 35 | 1 | 13 |
| Warley | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 51 | 41 | 10 | 1 | 10 |
| Stourport | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 86 | 109 | -23 | 1 | 9 |
| 5 Ways O.E. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 48 | 41 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Bham Barbar | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 43 | 134 | -91 | 1 | 5 |
| Whittington | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 76 | -52 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheat Aston | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 162 | -162 | 0 | 0 |

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At this weeks Committee Meeting the subject of time keeping on a Saturday was discussed.

In general time keeping is very bad and disrupting pre-match preparation.

This Saturday the 1st team have a crucial league match at home to Five Ways Old Eds so please make every effort to arrive on time this week and every other week.

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WHAT THE PAPER SAID

Mids 5 West North

ALDRIDGE RFC 18
ESSINGTON 17

ALDRIDGE continued their fine start to the league season, maintaining their 100 per cent record with victory in a nail-biter against Essington.

They got off to the worst of starts – knocking on from the kick-off and from the ensuing scrum. Essington No8 Neil Burt picked up and ran into the corner untouched.

A good touchline conversion from Alistair Cowmeadow made it 7-0 with just a minute gone but Aldridge responded quickly when a Mark Large penalty reduced the deficit.

However, a slick move along Essington's backs got winger Andy Barker over and Cowmeadow converted to give the visitors a 14-3 lead at half time.

A good five-minute spell at the start of the second half brought Aldridge right back into the game as a second penalty from Large was followed by a fine individual effort from fullback Alex Yates with a try almost the length of the pitch.

Large converted and although a Cowmeadow penalty increased the visitors' lead to 17-13, Aldridge lock Eddie O'Neil crashed over from short range to give the hosts victory.

CLUB MASCOT???



FIRST AID KIT

Lots of First Aid Kit has been disappearing from the kit box meaning that important items are missing when needed. If you need first aid items please tell Angie Smith, that way she can ensure correct kit is always available.

SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday 5th November @7.30pm

Tickets £2 Adults £1 Children



SPONSORSHIP

The Committee were delighted to hear that Kev Nicklin, Gary Wesson, Stu & Phil Russell had all agreed to sponsor the club this season.

We have previously said how important sponsorship is to the club so a massive thanks to all of these.

Thanks

1962 FIRST TEAM

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Thursday, February 18, 2010



Rubery Owen oval ball exponents

THIS photograph harks back to the days when local companies catered for a multitude of sporting and recreational interests.

In this case, the company in question was Rubery Owen at Darlaston, and the sport in question was rugby.

Our thanks go to Sue Haycock of Cannock for sending this photograph in for publication. Like the other picture she sent to us a couple of weeks ago (Bilston Town Athletes), it includes her late partner **Philip Rainsbury**, who sadly passed away recently.

Writes Sue: "This picture is of the Rubery Owen 1st XV rugby club. Philip is the handsome man on the right of the back row, next to the man in a suit. It was taken, I believe, during the 1962/63 season. Philip was a founder member of the club, and became a Director of the fondly-remembered Darlaston firm.

"Fred, an old school friend who went to Stonefield School, Bilston, with Phil for a short time, was able to come to his funeral. He told me that the Rainsbury



Darlaston rugby players, including Philip Rainsbury.

brothers, of which there were four, were well known for their fitness and sporting prowess. Although they all moved away from their Black Country roots, they are still remembered and talked about today.

County

"Phil's brother Vic, who himself excelled at swimming and cross country running, recalls that Philip was an excellent rugby player, and that he played at county

level in the 7's, as well as playing for the Rubery Owen team.

Record

"As well as rugby, Philip enjoyed cross country and long distance running, boxing, swimming and fishing. He was very competitive, and during his National Service training in M.I.A, Philip held the British Army half mile record, a record which will forever stand, as the half mile race was replaced by the 800m the following year!"

Several of the Vice Presidents remember playing with Phil Rainsbury, the man mentioned in the story.

Another Rubery Owen legend from the early days is Mervyn James, second from the right in the front row. Mervyn was the first winner of the Ken Harris trophy (Player of the Year) and his name is

listed on the winners board in the clubhouse by the old photos.

Mervyn was a tough, hard tackling wing forward. His specialty was to punch the opponent next to him at the first line out. If he wasn't punched backed he carried on for the whole game. It was a different game in those days !!