



Hello and welcome to Basingstoke RFC's InTouch bulletin, your one-stop-shop for all things BRFC! This bulletin contains updates about the club, the rugby and the people that make Basingstoke RFC the club we know and love. We love hearing from you - if you have any feedback about this bulletin, please do let us know!

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CLUB UPDATES

We're delighted to welcome the newest member of our club committee, with Josh Vosakiwaiwai joining as our new Club Coaching Coordinator!

Josh brings huge experience from his 23 years in the British Army, plus a real passion for rugby and helping others grow. He's a qualified Level 2 coach and Mental Health First Aider, with a Master's degree in Leadership. Josh is also the founder of Kaiviti Rugby UK, a Pacific Islands 7s tournament which was hosted at the club for the first time at the back end of last season.

A larger than life personality with an even bigger smile, Josh's role will be to support and develop our coaches so that every player across the club - men's, women's, youth and Kids First - gets the best possible rugby experience.

Josh and his family will be increasingly present at the club over the coming weeks and months - if you come across them, please make sure to give them all your best Basingstoke welcome!



Saturday was a big day for the club, with three men's sides lining out on the same day for the first time in several years!

Our Griffins travelled down to Southsea this weekend, taking on their newly formed 2nd XV in a friendly. Led by Martin Jones and Martin Dixon, the side overcame a few late drop outs to field a side which was the perfect combination of youth and experience.

Basingstoke came away with a comfortable win, but most importantly, more than 30 lads got a chance to run out on a Saturday, playing the world's greatest game. Well done lads!



Off the back of the Red Roses' World Cup win, our U14 Girls side went to the Stoop to form a guard of honour for Harlequins Women's PWR Cup semi final against Bristol Bears!

It was a great experience for the girls, who got the opportunity first hand to see where their rugby journeys could take them. Above all else, they were brilliant ambassadors for the Club, representing their Basingstoke kit with pride. The future's bright in blue and gold!



Following the Red Roses World Cup win, our Women's section took over Basingstoke Park Run to promote the club!

We had runners showing off our kit while others cheered, marshalled, scanned barcodes and did a fantastic job of spreading the word about women's rugby in Basingstoke.

A massive thank you to Park Run for having us – we loved being part of such an awesome community event!



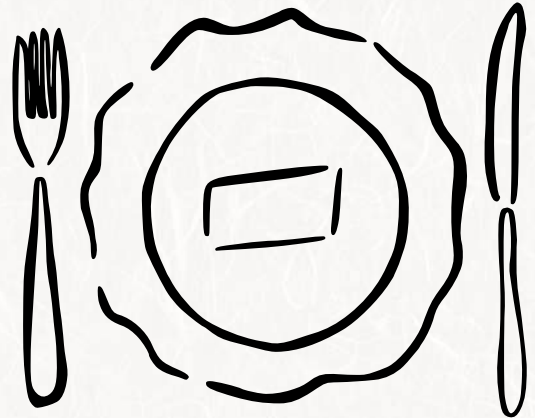
We are deeply saddened to share the passing of John Luck – fondly known to many as Roughy, Luckey or JL.

A tough and uncompromising flanker on the field, a great friend off it, and always the owner of the finest moustache in club history. John's stories, laughter, and love for Basingstoke RFC will never be forgotten.

Our thoughts are with his wife Anne, who gave him unwavering love and support throughout his life. Rest easy, Roughy – a true club man.

We've got spaces at our club lunch this Saturday! For £25 a head, you can get a three course meal and soak up the atmosphere before our 1st XV's home tie against promotion contenders Chichester.

If you are interested, please contact Sinead on admin@basingstokerfc.com to claim your space - the deadline is 10:00 on Tuesday 14 October (tomorrow)!



Basingstoke RFC would like to remind its membership to please park responsibly while visiting the club. The club has received numerous reports of parking along Coniston Road, which not only significantly impacts our local neighbours, but most importantly endangers young children who may not be seen by oncoming motorists.

We understand how busy the parking situation at the club can be, particularly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and empathise with your frustrations, but safety must come first.

If you aren't able to park in the Basingstoke RFC car park, there is additional parking in the Down Grange Car Park or at Stratton Park.



RUGBY ROUND UP

BASINGSTOKE RFC

RESULTS

W/C 29 SEPTEMBER



MEN'S 1ST XV
GOSPORT & FAREHAM (H)
 43-15 (W)



WOMEN'S XV
NO FIXTURE



DRAGONS XV
ALRESFORD (A)
 5-22 (W)

COLTS XV

READING II (A)
 31-44 (W)

U18 GIRLS

NO GAME

U16 BOYS

TROJANS (A)
 33-10 (L)

U16 GIRLS

BRACKNELL (H)
 NO SCORE

U15 BOYS

ELLINGHAM & R (A)
 36-14 (L)

U14 GIRLS

NO GAME

U14 BOYS

TROJANS (A)
 29-22 (L)

U12 GIRLS

NO GAME

U13 BOYS

NO GAME

KIDS FIRST

U10/11 | ALTON FESTIVAL
 NO SCORE



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WHAT'S COMING UP

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FIXTURES

W/C 13 OCTOBER



MEN'S 1ST XV
CHICHESTER (H)
18 OCT | 15:00



WOMEN'S XV
ALTON (H)
19 OCT | 14:00



DRAGONS XV
FARNHAM III (A)
18 OCT | 15:00



GRIFFINS XV
LIGHTWATER (A)
18 OCT | 15:00

COLTS XV

RAMS (H)
19 OCT | 13:30

U16 BOYS

ALTON (A)
19 OCT | TBC

U15 BOYS

HAVANT (A)
19 OCT | TBC

U14 BOYS

ELLINGHAM & R (H)
19 OCT | TBC

U13 BOYS

ROMSEY (H)
19 OCT | 10:30

U18 GIRLS

TRAINING

U16 GIRLS

TRAINING

U14 GIRLS

GDNQ (H)
19 OCT | 11:30

U12 GIRLS

HUNGERFORD (A)
19 OCT | 14:00

KIDS FIRST

U12 | TROJANS (A)
U7-11 | CHINEHAM (H)



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BIG GAME 17 - HARLEQUINS V BRISTOL

As an affiliate club to Harlequins, we get club-exclusive rates at various Quins events, including Big Game 17 at the Allianz Stadium! You can get access to your tickets here, but be aware that this link is only valid until 3 November.

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/harlequins/EDP/Event/Index/2022>



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