



# ST JOHN'S

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LEATHERHEAD

## RUGBY CLUB RESULTS – SPRING 2008

### **A/B v St Bede's, Hailsham 1<sup>st</sup> XV Wednesday 16 January 2008 [H]**

Lost 0 - 12

In the first game of the season the Rugby Club side played some encouraging rugby and dominated large passages of play against St Bede's, Hailsham. The opposition had some experienced players in their 1<sup>st</sup> XV side – but St John's battled well and were unlucky to have 2 tries disallowed. All 27 players in the squad got time on the pitch during the encounter, which was the most important factor – considering the poor weather in the build up and the lack of preparation time.

### **A & B v Epsom College Saturday 19 January 2008 [A]**

B Won 11 - 0

An excellent performance against some strong opposition. A relatively young side, with a number of players playing out of position, held firm and ensured a famous victory. Josh Brown's kicking proved influential and Charlie Young had an outstanding game in the pack.

A Lost 3 - 24

Despite the score, this was actually an outstanding achievement by the St John's boys. Up against an Epsom College side with a good number of their 1<sup>st</sup> XV who went through last term almost unbeaten, the St John's team was made up of predominantly U16 players and had only a handful of players with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team experience. The fact that at half time the St John's side was winning the game 3-0 spoke volumes for their spirit and potential. A lack of concentration at the beginning of the second half gave Epsom the advantage, but considering the make up of the two teams – this was an excellent performance by the St John's 'young guns' and augurs well for the years ahead.

### **A/B v Worth Saturday 26 January [A]**

Lost 7-8

St John's were slow to get going and conceded an early try. However, after half time we began to play more controlled rugby and put more pressure on the Worth defence. With just under 10 minutes to play St John's scored a very well worked try. A solid lineout drive saw the forwards rumble to within 5 metres of the Worth line, before the backs fixed their men to put Wilson over in the right hand corner to score (converted by G. Leathem). Unfortunately, despite some good pressure St John's could not manage that winning score.

However, yet again – a team made up of a majority of U5 players and a handful of L6 almost turned over an opposition predominantly of Sixth Form players. An encouraging step.

### **A/B v Epsom Saturday 23 February**

We played Epsom at two 10-a-side games to try to get as many boys involved as possible.

A's lost 10-29.

Valiant effort, again against an older, more experienced Epsom side (10-all at half time though!). First half saw some solid defence and some great handling and off loading.

B's won 15-10.

Played really well, defending brilliantly & scoring some excellent tries. Good team effort.

## **ATHLETICS – SPRING 2008**

- Tom Parry competed at the U17 Welsh Indoor Athletics Championships (Sat 12/1/08) held at UWIC Indoor Arena, Cardiff. He came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 60m Hurdles (8.89 secs). This means he is 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in Wales at the 60m Hurdles (indoor). He has also qualified for the English Championships to be held on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at Birmingham Indoor Arena.
- Following his second place at the Welsh Indoor Champs Tom Parry finished fifth in the South of England Championship in a new Personal Best of 8.80 seconds (60m Hurdles)
- Tom Parry finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the England Indoor Championships 60m Hurdles on Saturday 23 February, just missing a place in the final, but smashing his personal best by two tenths of a second in the toughest semi final

- Tom Parry finished a fine 2nd in the Surrey Schools Indoor Championships 60m Hurdles to finish his indoor season in style.

## SEVENS RESULTS – SPRING 2008

### Surrey U16 Tournament Wednesday 27 February 2008

#### POOL GAMES

Reigate G.S.	Lost	7 - 34
Dulwich College	<b>Won</b>	<b>19 - 12</b>
St Benedict's	<b>Won</b>	<b>17 - 12</b>
Hinchley Wood	<b>Won</b>	<b>24 - 7</b>
Harrodian School	<b>Won</b>	<b>38 - 12</b>

#### Q.F. (Main Competition)

Whitgift	Lost	12 - 24
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Good performance – losing to the eventual winners.

### Sussex U18 Tournament Sunday 2 March 2008

#### POOL GAMES

Cranleigh	Lost	10 - 17
Gresham's	<b>Won</b>	<b>12 - 10</b>
Worth	<b>Won</b>	<b>43 - 0</b>

#### Q.F. (Main Competition)

Epsom College	Lost	21-26 (sudden death!)
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This was a good learning curve for the players. A poor first half against Cranleigh cost us the game, but after that the squad gradually began to play some impressive Sevens. The resounding win against Worth highlighted the improvement. However, the match of the day was against the tournament's hot favourites – Epsom. Despite going a try down, the St John's played some great rugby and led 21-7 with a few

minutes left (a strong team performance that included fine tries from Freddy Woods and Alex Frew), but unfortunately a missed tackle and then a cruel bounce of the ball allowed Epsom to score twice, the last being with the final play of the match. Their kicker kept his nerve to kick the conversion, meaning the scores were level and therefore sudden death..! Unfortunately, despite some brave defence, Epsom got the first score and progressed to the semi final. They went on to win the tournament! However, this was an excellent display from the St John's players and demonstrated the ability they have.

### **U18 Surrey Sevens Tournament Wednesday 05 March 2008**

#### **POOL GAMES:**

v Chislehurst & Sidcup	<b>Won</b>	<b>40 – 0</b>
v Richard Hale	<b>Won</b>	<b>40 – 5</b>
v Colston's	Lost	0 – 21

#### **PLATE COMPETITION:**

Quarter Final v Dulwich College	<b>Won</b>	<b>52 – 0</b>
Semi Final v CLFS	<b>Won</b>	<b>38 – 0</b>
Final v Reed's	<b>Won</b>	<b>46 – 0</b>

#### **St John's – Plate Competition winners**

This was an outstanding performance (scoring 216 points, with 26 against!). Only 4 tries were conceded during the tournament and to go through the knock out stages without conceding a point was an impressive achievement.

Despite the score St John's could (should!) have beaten Colston's in the pool game. Colston's went on to win the Main Competition!