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London Skolars under 18s - nominated for team of the year

OUTSTANDING SEASON RECOGNISED

The London Skolars Junior section has been recognised by the London Rugby League for their outstanding 2012 Liontrust London Youth and Junior League season landing 6 nominations for their annual awards. The club also has two junior and youth section award winners for their outstanding performances in the recent Hard Rock Café London Origin Series.

The Skolars will be looking to defend their Club of the Year crown that they won in 2011, however, come up against two outstanding clubs in Croydon Hurricanes and Elmbridge Eagles. There are also several player and team awards to be announced at the Emirates Stadium on the 6th November.

The full list of Skolars nominations/Origin winners is as follows:

- Youth & Junior League Team of the Year - London Skolars U12s & London Skolars U18s
- U12 Player of the Year - Isaac Adams (London Skolars)
- U13 Player of the Year - Alex Pentecost (London Skolars)
- U18 Player of the Year - Jack Clover (London Skolars)
- Hard Rock Cafe London Origin Players of the Series Winners - U18: Ben Cary (London Skolars), U12: Joshua Clarke (London Skolars)
- Youth and Junior Club of the Year - London Skolars

Community Manager Paul Thorman hailed the nominations, "Although it's nice to win awards, this is more an indicator of exactly where the club is. We made huge strides in 2011 which was recognised by being named as Club of the Year. To not only consolidate but to progress in 2012 by having even stronger membership, including a brand new age group, but to win trophies as well is more than anyone expected and is testament to the outstanding coaches, parents, players and volunteers we have. Regardless of whether we win anything, the club is in great shape for 2013 and beyond".

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CHAMPION SCHOOLS KICK OFF

The start of the academic year has seen the Skolars Community Team preparing the region's secondary schools for the North London Carnegie Champion Schools Finals.

The Champion Schools competitions take place at each age group in secondary school, with the North London winner going on to represent the area in the regional quarter finals. It also gives the Skolars an opportunity to run the rule over the region's talent in preparation of the 2013 Liontrust London Youth and Junior League.

The year 7 competition has already taken place with Aylward Academy of Enfield taking the title and progressing to the regional quarter finals where they will take on the winner of Hemel/St Albans & Buckinghamshire.



Year 7 winners: Aylward Academy

CAPITAL CHALLENGE

The Skolars first team are currently in their off season, however, preparations are underway for the Championship 1 2013 season.

The annual Capital Challenge match against our neighbours, London Broncos, takes place on Friday 11th January, 2pm kick off. Alongside the day runs a luncheon with a famous speaker from the Rugby world to be announced shortly.

For information on the event including the game and luncheon, contact General Manager Howard Kramer on 020 8888 8488 or email howard-kramer@skolarsrl.com.



Some of the Walk the 38 team

SKOLARS WALK THE 38

Arriva London and Maggie's have come together to encourage people to 'Walk the 38' in 2012, in celebration of the route's centenary and in order to raise money for Maggie's - Arriva London's partner sponsor for 2012. Maggie's Centres provide emotional and practical support to people living with cancer. Community Manager Paul Thorman gives a step by step account of the day:

"Whilst rain was forecast for the walk, we set off to the start point at Clapton Pond. It was a tropical 16°C and with the weather in Britain being so reliable in October, we were set to stay dry throughout the day. As soon as we took our umbrellas out and pointed our (iPhone) compass south down Lower Clapton Road, we were off.

The usual athlete's supplies of sandwiches, cake and Haribo were tucked away for when energy stores had depleted and replenishment was required. Needless to say, 5 minutes in and everyone had a mouthful of jelly babies. Arriva had generously spaced checkpoints every 200 yards or so (also known as bus stops) so that the group wouldn't get lost, whilst we also relied on the maps provided by Maggie's to get us through the 7½m route.

The route was always going to be a scenic one as we were to be greeted by some famous London landmarks later on in the walk. However, it was a cultural trip as well as we saw two Banksy pieces; one on Essex Road and one on Rosebery Avenue and another culturally relevant sight in the brand new "Routemaster" bus which runs on the 38 route.

About halfway through the walk we began to pass the traditional Monopoly properties of the Angel Islington and Pentonville Road with the route becoming more congested as we got towards central London. As we made our way through Piccadilly Circus and onto Piccadilly, we realised that we'd picked the same day to walk as the anti-austerity marches by various trade unions. Now, as we caught the tail end of the marches it meant Piccadilly was car free and we could walk right down the middle of the road making it a lot easier than dodging pedestrians!

The finish line was in sight and as we turned left after Hyde Park Corner down Grosvenor Place and the Queen's back garden. We arrived at Victoria Coach Station after about 2½ hours and straight into The Shakespeare for a well-earned pint.

The walk was a lot of fun and it's a great way of raising valuable funds for a wonderful charity. There is no better way of seeing the sights of one of the world's great cities whilst doing your bit and everyone at London Skolars is proud to be associated with Maggie's."