



SKOOL REPORT!

The official newsletter of London Skolars Rugby League



Jason Robinson picture with Pcubed Challenge participants

PCUBED CHALLENGE

January's Capital Challenge not only featured London's two professional teams playing. Prior to the Skolars and Broncos taking the field on the prestigious turf at the HAC, six primary schools from across North London contested the Pcubed Challenge on a cold, crisp morning. The schools included Keble Prep, Hazelwood, Lordship Lane, Rhodes Avenue, Seven Sisters and Grange Park.

Before the teams were all changed and ready to brave the cold, they were treated to a museum tour of the Bank of England which served as an interesting warm-up before the main business of the Pcubed Challenge kicked off.

Despite the freezing temperatures, the tournament was played in great spirit, with some exceptional tag rugby doing the impressive venue justice. As the initial games progressed, some great performances from Rhodes Avenue and Lordship Lane ensured they secured their place in the final, both going unbeaten through the group stages.

It was left to Hazelwood and Seven Sisters to contest 5th and 6th place, and arguably the game of the tournament between Keble and Grange Park settled the contest for 3rd and 4th. Unbeaten schools Lordship Lane and Rhodes Avenue played out a great final in front of a healthy crowd that had started to gather for the main game. Rhodes Avenue successfully defending their title from last year, running out winners by 3 tries to 1.

All schools then formed a noisy guard of honour as the Skolars and Broncos entered the field, and the finalists were presented with their medals by rugby legend Jason Robinson at halftime. A big thank you must go to Pcubed including Emma and her colleagues for helping at the challenge as well as the Barnet and Southgate College students that refereed the games. Finally a thank you to all the schools, including students, teachers and volunteers for taking part.

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CARNEGIE CHAMPION SCHOOLS ROUND UP

The Carnegie Champion Schools programme is ongoing with the local rounds completed and the London quarter finals currently taking place. With the competition's standard increasing year on year, there were some great contests at all age-groups and Skolars Community Rugby League Coach Matt Cuss was delighted with the talent that was unearthed across the region.

Aylward Academy showed how they have benefitted from regular Rugby League involvement at the school by coming out on top throughout the majority of the age-groups. The full list of winners of this year's North London Competitions were:

- Year 7 - Aylward Academy
- Year 8 - Aylward Academy
- Year 9 - Aylward Academy
- Year 10 - Christ's College Finchley
- Year 11 - Aylward Academy

The festivals were high quality affairs with the above teams going through to the London quarter finals. The Skolars were able to run their eye over the brand new talent unearthed at the schools. It bodes well for the Skolars upcoming London Junior League season with several players, having been identified and earmarked for bigger things throughout the competition already attending Skolars training sessions.



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Expect Skolars Cheer to feature at the Skolars v Hemel derby!

SKOLARS HOST "STAG WEEKEND"

Sunday 10th March will see the Skolars host Hemel Stags in a Northern Rail Cup Tie. Less than 30 miles separates the two clubs and both Skolars and Stags and, with the clubs having been colleagues in the community game for several years, are keen to attract a large London Rugby League gate to witness this first meeting of the two clubs in a professional league. As well as the game, the Skolars are providing extra incentive to come down and enjoy the occasion by hosting junior games as pre-match curtain raisers, a mini real ale festival, mascot races, half-time competitions as well as live music post match.

Skolars General Manager Howard Kramer had this to say on the match, "We want to really celebrate the meeting of our two clubs and get a large crowd in for the game. We'll be hosting junior games between the two clubs in the morning and we have a great entertainment programme planned, including a mascot race between Super Skolar and Sammy The Stag, a mini beer festival and post match live entertainment in the Olympic Suite. We welcome Hemel Stags into Championship 1 as this can only strengthen the professional game in the south."

The match promises to be a memorable, historic occasion and if fans purchase their tickets before the 22nd February they'll get them for half price - that's only £6 for an adult ticket and £3 for a concession ticket. Tickets can be purchased now from the Skolars online ticket office at www.skolarsrl.com.

GET TO A SKOLARS GAME!

Below are the upcoming Skolars home fixtures. All fixtures take place at White Hart Lane Community Sports Centre, Wood Green, N22 5QW. We'll see you there!

For the games below, Skolars are offering recipients of this newsletter the opportunity to bring up to four friends to either game for only £6 each. For redeem this ticket offer or for further information contact Howard Kramer on 020 8888 8488 or howard-kramer@skolarsrl.com.

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| SUNDAY 10th MARCH | HEMEL STAGS | 3.00pm |
| SUNDAY 17th MARCH | GLOUCESTERSHIRE | 3.00pm |
| FRIDAY 29th MARCH | HEMEL STAGS | 3.00pm |
| SUNDAY 5th MAY | SOUTH WALES | 3.00pm |

