

School of Rugby Review Group – Academy Managers Report

EPDG PROGRAMME

The programme will begin again for the new season on September 7th and again be based at Reigate GS.

The players have already been working at our 7 week summer camp programme. This has worked well in preparing the players for the season ahead. We have also added a number of the U15's who performed well at the 12 a side tournament at Harrow School in May.

Two EPDG boys were also part of our Middlesex 7's squad at Twickenham:

Sam Stuart
Ollie Richards

Both performed very well in helping the side to runners-up in the plate competition.

The make-up of this year's EPDG has a smaller U18 group with more U17's and U16's.

Player Exit Strategies

We will now not look to make any further adjustments to our numbers until at least Xmas across the SOR and EPDG. Details of any of the U13's and U14's that are released will be passed onto the County Development squads.

AASE Programme

As previously indicated we have not taken in a new cohort in 2009/10 at Richmond College.

We are continuing to work with the current cohort through the next season and many of them have taken advantage of the opportunity to work within the EPDG group at the summer camp.

Richmond's playing programme will still be strong even though they have not entered the AASE league. They will still play other AASE colleges in friendly fixtures.

Representative Selection

England U16

Two Harlequins Academy players were selected for England U16 preseason camp held in August at Leeds:

Matthew Grant
Harry Coates

Harry unfortunately had to withdraw as he suffered a knee injury preseason.

England U18

Two Harlequins Academy players were selected for England U18 preseason camp held in August at Leeds:

Toby Quarandon
George Merrick
Alex Stout
Kyle Sinckler

The conference squad will be announced soon and it is likely to include George and Kyle along with Sam Twomey who played for England U18 last season and is still eligible.

England U20

5 Harlequins players have been selected for this years U20 EPS squad:

Joe Marler
Sam Smith
Sam Stuart
Joe Trayfoot
Rory Clegg

Charlie Matthews and Rob Buchanan both came up in selection discussions and will be monitored pre-xmas to be discussed when the squad is amended in January.

Full-Time Academy

Our Full Time Academy group now numbers 15, listed below:

Darryl Marfo (Richmond)
Will Collier (Rosslyn Park)
Rob Buchanan (Ealing)
Joe Trayfoot (Richmond)
Charlie Matthews (Loughborough Students)
Luke Wallace (Ealing)
Ollie Lindsay-Hague (Rosslyn Park)
Ross Chisholm (Esher)
Sam Smith (Esher)
Chris York (Esher)
Jono Ross (Esher)
Joe Marler (Esher)
George Lowe (Esher)
Dan Frazier (Esher)
Seb Stegmann (Esher)

Charlie as previously indicated will be studying full-time at Loughborough from late September and we will liaise with them on his progress. All are dual registered and playing/training at the loan clubs indicated. This will be their playing programme along with this year's improved 'A' team fixture list unless they are involved in our 1st XV programme.

7 of the boys saw action in 1st XV pre-season friendlies. George Lowe is in the 23 at Twickenham v Wasps this Saturday. 3 were involved in the Middlesex 7's from which Ollie Lindsay-Hague has been invited to join the England 7's training group.

Seb Stegmann continues his rehab from his knee injury and will hope to be back before Xmas.

There is no more news at present on training grounds. It is still likely that we will move to the Surrey University at Guildford and their new development for next season.

Tournaments

U17's

It is hoped that The 'Action against Hunger' tournament will be held this year at The Stoop in late June. It was cancelled last season due to sponsors pulling out due to the credit crunch.

At present I have no knowledge as to whether there will be a regional RFU Academies competition at this age group.

U15's

We will also be taking part in an U15's 12 a side tournament again this year.

Last year's tournament worked well and with a few amendments I'm sure will become a vital part of our Talent ID process.