

Leisure

Rugby

Minis learn how to play tag during Rugby World Cup

NOTTINGHAM Rugby stars Phil Eggleshaw and ex-England International Ayoola Erinle ran a training session for kids at a Beeston-based rugby club to help kick start the new season.

Nottingham Casuals RFC have recently launched their 'Minis Tag' section for youngsters aged between five and nine, and hope

the visit of the Nottingham players during the current Rugby World Cup will attract some new players to the sport.

Minis coach Bryn Lewis believes the visit not only helped the budding young rugby players, but also gave the coaches a chance to pick up a few tips from the professionals.

"Tag Rugby can offer kids something different than some other sports, as players have to work together more. It's also easy to pick up and they have loads of fun!

"We hope the increased awareness of rugby because of the World Cup will bring more players along, then we can really get rugby going in the area."



NOTTINGHAM CASUALS Minis Tag Rugby



Canalside, Meadow Road, Beeston, NG9 1JQ.
Every Sunday 10.00am to 11.30am

The club welcomes any 5-9 year-olds to play Tag Rugby. We aim to teach basic running and passing skills and have loads of fun at the same time.

Tag Rugby is a non-contact fun game played by 10,000s of children up and down the country.

This season we will be starting our first Under 9's team, which includes the start of 'contact' tackling.

Interested? For more information phone:

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Bowls

Attenborough Village Bowls Club

ATTENBOROUGH Village Bowls Club held their finals day on Saturday, September 3.

During a busy afternoon of concentrated play, results were announced as follows:

In the Harold Bone Open Singles, Bob Aplin beat Bob Barrett. In the Mary Hazell Open Handicap, Alan Brooks beat Tony Lorkin and, in the Jackie Carlisle Ladies Singles, Barbara Stratford beat Mary Antcliff.

Tony Lorkin beat Bob Barrett in the Terry Carlisle Men's Singles and Barbara

Stratford beat Alan Oxley in the Percy Barsby Singles.

Teamwork was needed for the Leslie Lowndes Open Pairs Competition, the winners emerging when Brian Simmons and Colin Firbank beat Alan Oxley and Jack Hailwood.

The Bill and Mary Walker Veterans Trophy was presented to Walter Johnson by the founding members, who had travelled from Esher, Surrey, to attend the finals.

Walter and Rex, both in their 90th year beat the

younger club members – all aged 75 and over – to get through to the final, where Walter beat Rex Mellers.

Next season?

Currently there is some doubt that the new green will be available during the 2012 season and the club is actively looking for a new venue to cover the period.

Cricket

Beeston & Toton Sycamore

FOLLOWING promotion of the Beeston and Toton Sycamore 1st XI last season, a more difficult season was experienced in Division F this year.

1st XI Of 16 matches played, there was an even split between victories and defeats – eight of each, leading to a mid-table finish. Five players managed to score over 200 runs – Dennis Burrell leading the way with 420 runs; Tom Fullwood 275; Rob Darby 261; Phil Haywood 261 and Andy Burrell 208.

Dennis Burrell recorded three half centuries (99, 86 and 67); Rob Darby scored two (68 and 54) with Tom Fullwood (67 not out); Andy Burrell (53) and Tony Fawcett (52) scored one a piece. Only two bowlers, Dave Fawcett and Rob Howe, managed to claim 20 victims in the season. Rob Howe recorded two five wicket hauls whilst Kev Middleton (5-36) and Dave Fawcett (5-41) recorded one each.

2nd XI The 2nd XI also experienced a similar trend of results, managing seven victories in 14 matches played also finishing mid table in Division K. Two players managed to score over 200 runs – James Rhodes 306 and Ifty Ahmed 234. James Rhodes also scored the highest individual score in the history of Beeston and Toton Sycamore Cricket Club (140 not out) as well as a half century (67).

Other half centuries were recorded by Dennis Burrell (80 and 60 not out); Ifty Ahmed (56 and 51); Jamie Bowns (68); Ian Day (54) and Phil Fullwood (51 not out). Martin Huffer was the only bowler to claim over 20 wickets (21 wickets, average 19.52); Five-wicket hauls were taken by Ron Terry (5-24) and Steve Poole (5-41).

3rd XI The 3rd XI managed five wins in 12 matches played and finished in penultimate position in Division R. The leading run scorer was Phil Herd (182

runs) with half centuries for Adam Plumbly (61 not out and 56); Phil Herd (58); Gary Bush (52 not out) and Stuart Tideswell (50 not out). The leading wicket taker was Matt Arnold (11 wickets), Five-wicket hauls were taken by Graham Saville (5-18) and Matt Arnold (5-20).

Raleigh Cup The club also entered the Raleigh Cup, a South Notts Cricket League 20/20 competition, where, despite a valiant unbeaten 66 from Jamie Bowns, they lost by seven runs in the semi-final to eventual winners, Hucknall II.

End of season The club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have supported our on-field efforts this season, which includes pitch preparation, umpiring and scoring – and the continued support of The Manor Bar & Restaurant, Cucumara, Belle & Jerome and BrookAir Ltd.



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*Some are born great,
some achieve greatness,
and some hire public
relations officers.*

Daniel J Boorstin

