

Enniskillen Rugby Football Club



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Dear All

Having had the honour of being elected as Club President for the forthcoming season I am writing to you to both inform you and to seek your support.

Training commenced on 14th July and has continued under the watchful eye of club coach Patrick Garat assisted by our Chairman of rugby, Garry Law. Club Captain is once again Alan Wilkinson, with David Taylor and Adam Breen captaining the seconds and thirds respectively. I am sure that you will join me in giving the entire playing and coaching staff your full and undivided support, on and off the field this season.

Enniskillen Rugby Football Club has a proud history of providing rugby in this area and we hope to continue to do so for many years to come. In recent years we have had some disappointments on the playing field and it is my earnest hope that all our sides can achieve some success this season. Rugby is the most honest of games and success will only be achieved by dedication of all our players to training.

Your management committee has taken the decision to invest substantially in coaching and the retention of a Club Community Rugby Officer and we have already seen the benefit of this decision. Aided by a grant from the Fermanagh Recreational Trust (set up by the late Anthony Cooper) we have a very strong mini section under the guidance of Alistair Keys and also at Youth level under the Chairman-ship of Stuart McCrae and a good number of our current 1st XV have come through these systems.

This season we will also have the assistance of Robbie Murray, who arrived last Saturday, as our overseas player. Robbie is a Kiwi and is the first player to date to have been recommended by David McDonald our former player so we especially look forward to welcoming him on board.

The Ladies section have suffered a bit of an upheaval in recent season's with a youthful squad hit hard by ones leaving the area for college and this has proven very difficult given that they are working with a small squad to begin with. Brenda Brogan has been working hard during the off-season and with new sponsors I hope that this will reap rewards in the Women's All Ireland League.

Off the field there have been a number of changes in personnel. Andy Smallwoods and Walter

McFarland have taken over as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, Garry Law as mentioned is Chairman of the Rugby Committee and Pat Cassidy is Junior Vice-President. Many thanks to all the previous officers who have put a huge amount of time and effort into running and improving the Club.

In such difficult financial times we are grateful to all our sponsors particularly Stephen Gregory of Spendlove Jebb (who remain our main club sponsor) and new sponsors Mervyn Duncan, Brian McGrory, Gerry Dooris, Declan Leonard, Alan Ferguson, Johnny Skuce and Blakes of the Hollow. Thanks to all sponsors who have in any way supported what we are trying to do.

Can I recommend to you the club website and facebook for much valuable information as to what is going on? Clare Brogan as our new Functions and Entertainment chair has devised a full programme of events that you will be informed of in due course, including special "breakfasts" for the Ireland world cup matches.

Finally, the season starts in earnest this Saturday with the first home league game against Bangor and fixtures can be found on the club website <http://www.enniskillenrfc.com/fixturesReports.htm> .

I look forward to seeing many more of you this season both at the lunches, social events and rugby matches at whatever level. Please give our players your full support on every occasion. No one who plays for us is paid and no one intends to make a mistake! Please take pride in your club and if you can offer help in any way let me or any of the other officials know.

May I wish you a happy and healthy season and let our secretary know if you wish to attend our pre-match lunches.

Kind regards

Reggie Ferguson

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