

# Oxfordshire RFU



## OXFORDSHIRE 18 GROUP – 2011/12 Season.

### 1. Report:

- 1.1 Oxfordshire under 18's coaching staff started the selection process for club and school nominated players in August 2011. Over 50 nominated players from School & Clubs were assessed during one evening and two Sunday's; from these assessments a twenty eight player squad was selected to represent Oxfordshire at Under 18 level. We as a County team used Oxford RFC, North Hinksey for assessments and training.
- 1.2 After a very good season in 10/11 we were confident of a sustainable campaign in the SW England Division graded match's with a strong squad.
- 1.3 The impact of the Oxfordshire RFU/Wasps RFC, School of Rugby (SOR) programme must not be underestimated.
- 1.4 A game strategy was made to highlight our stronger players with a defensive game staying on our feet, continuity and playing through our mobile ball carrying forwards and letting our talented back line free.
- 2. Our trial match was against Berkshire RFU, at Newbury RFC, where we played all of the available players mixing and matching players to different positions and game plans. A lot was learnt of the character of the players and how we as coaches would put the game plan together.
- 2.1. Our first South West U18 graded match was against Somerset RFU at Old Bristolians RFC, where the team displayed their power and pace **winning the match 42 - 19**.
- 2.2. The second match was against Dorset & Wiltshire RFU held at Old Bristolians RFC where again Oxfordshire U18 **won the match 29 -19**, playing at times with maturity and wanting to run with the ball.

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- 2.3. There was no third match as South West Division U18 due to financial restrictions decided that two matches would be enough to select the SW squad!
3. Following the successes of recent years, the season 2011/12 has continued to highlight the strength of Oxfordshire RFU 18 Group which includes the U17 development team both within the County and at Divisional and International levels.
- 3.1 There have been some fine individual and team performances and special mention should be made of the achievements of **Alec Hepburn, Gus Jones and David Hughes**, who earned selection for **England Under 20's** and **England U18's**. **Tommy Allan** was selected for **Scotland U20's**. One of old boys **Will Jones** was selected for Wales Students.
- 3.2 Also on the representative stage, we had nine players go through to South West England U18 trials where three made the SW squad to play in the RFU U18 Divisional Festival. **Henry Purdy** (second year selected), **Dylan Teasdale** and **Peter Moore**
- Due to unfortunate injuries picked up - **David Stone, Matt Thomas, Tom Kynge** and **George Blewitt** did not feature in the SW Division U18 Squad.
- 3.3 From the U18 festival held at Broad Street RFC, Coventry - the following player was selected for the **England Club and Schools U18**.
- **Henry Purdy – 2<sup>nd</sup> year selected**
4. The Oxfordshire RFU 18 Group management and coaches are extremely proud of what we have achieved over the last season and immensely proud of **ALL** the 18 Group Squad players achievements
- 4.1 A great season for Oxfordshire RFU 18 Group. We had 13 players achieve the following:

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## Oxfordshire RFU - U18 Players:

SURNAME		Position	Trial's	Squad	Representative
JONES	Gus	7	England Conference	England U18	England U18 (Captain)
HUGHES	David	Lock	England Conference	England U18	<i>injured</i>
PURDY	Henry	Centre	SW Division U18	SW Division U18	England Clubs/Schools U18
TEASDALE	Dylan	Centre	SW Division U18	SW Division U18	
MOORE	Peter	Wing/Centre	SW Division U18	SW Division U18	
KYNGE	Tom	Lock	SW Division U18	<i>injured</i>	
STONE	David	6	SW Division U18	<i>injured</i>	
THOMAS	Matt	Lock	SW Division U18	<i>injured</i>	
MOUL	Barnie	Centre	SW Division U18		
BLEWITT	George	Full Back	SW Division U18	<i>injured</i>	
ASEMBO	Chris	Wing	SW Division U18		
BROWN	Ian	Hooker		Independent Schools Lambs U18	
BRODLEY	Jordon	No8		Independent Schools Lambs U18	

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5. Disappointments were the injuries to **Matt Thomas, Tom Kynge, David Stone** and **George Blewitt** who for some could have featured in the SW Division U18 Squad.
6. Retrieving feed-back from SW selectors on players was far better this season; we as a County have an open feed-back to coaches and players so that they can work on weakness's and develop the players understanding.
7. I would like to thank the County U18 management/coaching team, for there dedication & assistance and having to put up with me (for the short time I was in the Country any way). We have a great team.
  - Scott Garrett. ORFU & Abingdon RFC - Lead Coach & Backs Coach
  - Matt Street. ORFU & OURFC - Forwards Coach
  - Dominic Alonzi. ORFU & OURFC – Backs Coach
  - Nigel Parnell. ORFU – Assistant Coach & Fitness
  - Richard Kay. ORFU - Team Manager
  - All of the: Chartered Physio 's
- 7.1 Having this coaching and management team together for past 6 years has proved to be beneficial to the player's development. This is proven with the players we are getting through to SW division and England. Continuity from the SOR and U16's, highlighting the talented players, exposing them to one to one coaching and given them the opportunity to enhance their development by recommending them to specialised coaching from England and Academy coaches.
8. **Moving on to the 12/13 season:**
  - 8.1 To prepare our players in Oxfordshire, the U18's programme will commence in February 2012 with three County U17 Development, friendly matches to be played, this way the U18 coach's and selectors get a early look at potential 18 Group players.
  - 8.2
    - U17 Development v East Midlands U17 – Away – **DRAW - 17 - 17**
    - U17 Development v Berkshire U17 – Home - **WON - 24 - 22**
    - U17 Development v Leicestershire U17 – Away – **LOST – 22 - 5**

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8.3 Through the Clubs & Schools player nominations we had over 40 players attend the assessments, from these 40+ players we selected 32 players to play in the three U17 Development match's, given all at least a half.

8.4 To date the following Oxon U17 squad players have played representative rugby.

- Peter Moore (15) – South West England Division U18 & England U16 (Blues) & South West England Division U16
- Josh Poole (7) – England U16 & South West England Division U16
- Tom Kygne (6) – England U16 (Reds) – (Captain) & London/South East Division U16
- Ben Pointon (9) – England U16 (South) & South West England Division U16
- Jake O'Leary (5) – England U16 (North) & South West England Division U16
- Jackson Burton (8) – England U16 (South) & South West England Division U16
- Kiren Routledge (1) – England U16 (North) & South West England Division U16
- Ian Brown (2) – Independent School Lambs U18

9 **U18's South West England Division representative graded games.** These match's will take place during the half term of October being played at TBC - it has been decided by SW 18 Division that ORFU U18's will play, Cornwall & Dorset & Wiltshire RFU's

South West Division U18 Counties: Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset & Wiltshire & Oxfordshire

- Match One: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> v Cornwall RFU
- Match Two: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November v Dorset & Wiltshire RFU

9.1 Following these matches, South West Division will make its selection for the Divisional Trail which will take place in November (England U18 selectors will be present at this trail) followed by the Divisional Festival in February 2013.

9.2 From the Divisional Festival the England Clubs and Schools U18's squad is selected.

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- 9.3 There is an opportunity for exceptional players on this pathway to be seconded into the England U18 National Development squad and identified players can also proceed into the England U20's in the following years.
- 9.4 It is the intention of the County to make our process a four year progression, from U17, U18, through to U20s' and then leading on into the Senior County championship side. This structure will give the County a sustainable and experienced squad of players, allowing the players an opportunity to achieve their personal Rugby playing ambitions within County representative Rugby. The process is one of enablement and exposure to higher standards of play which we believe will help develop the individual as a player not only for the County but for his School, Club, College or University.
- 9.5 With all of the above in mind the 18 Group assessments will be held in August 2012. A final trial match will also be played against a County team (Leicestershire RFU). An initial squad of 30 players will be selected for the trial match, where we will cull down to a minimum squad of 28 for the SW graded matches. Selection for places within the 18 Group will be competitive as we have some very talented players coming up through from the U16's.
- 10. Oxfordshire under 18's - BASIC PRINCIPLES for 2012/13 season.**
- 10.1 Getting all players to recognise and react to situations similarly builds attacking momentum and results in effective play which is difficult to defend.
- 10.2 Communication is vital. If all players understand where the team is intending to strike, then players can prepare to support effectively, thus giving them an advantage.
- 10.3 Try to avoid contact if at all possible. Contact slows down the progress of the ball and gives the opposition a chance to steal the ball, slow it down or get organised defensively.

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## 11. MISSION STATEMENT

- 11.1 It is our intention through a thorough trialling process and U17's squad development programme to enable the best players in Oxfordshire to represent the County U18s.
- 11.2 Our aim is to win all games and promote as many players to South West England Division and England as is possible all within the true spirit of rugby.

## 12. More.....

### 12.1 Requirements:

- One assistant coach from a School.
- We will most properly require **ONE** new county selector for the SW Divisional match's to work alongside **Bill Young**
- We will require shorts and socks (hopefully we will find a sponsor)
- Size 5 rugby balls, training and for home match's.
- I am actively looking for more sponsor's, to kit out the whole squad with post match shirts, shorts, socks, t-shirt, training drill top, kit bags and match day sub suits, etc.
- I will need 3 County ties for after match presentation.  
30 County ties for 18 Group playing squad.
- Re-stocking the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid bag and tape box. (hopefully a sponsor)

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- 12.2 We will not be ordering team coach's for away travel, as the parents and players prefer to travel by their own transport.
- 12.3 We have arranged with OURFC for the use of Iffley Road, for training and match's subject to availability, Chinnor RFC will also be used for training and match prep. This is great news as the players and parents and visiting teams will enjoy the experience.

## **Mike Williams – Head Coach ORFU 18 Group:**

On a personal note I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of leading the County 18 group and look forward to the challenges ahead for next season. I wish to thank the way that Oxfordshire Clubs and Schools fully support the County 18 Group.

Lastly, I wish to thank Scott Garrett for leading the 18 Group in my absence due to my work commitments.

*Mike Williams*

Mike Williams  
Head Coach 18 Group  
Oxfordshire RFU  
Oxfordshire 18 Group Club, Representative  
Oxford University RFC

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## **DRAFT v2** - OXFORDSHIRE U18 & U17 – 2012/13 season

U18	Training/Match	Venue	Time	Arrangements
<b>AUG:</b>				
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Assessments Clubs/Schools Nominations - Cull	CHINNOR	10.00 – 14.0.00	<b>Elite Players to attend</b> 18 Group assessment process
<b>SEP:</b>				
SUNDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	Assessments Clubs/Schools Nominations - Cull	CHINNOR RFC	10.00 – 14.00	<b>Elite Players to attend</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assessments
FRIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	Match Prep	CHINNOR RFC	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	How we will play select squad 28?
SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Warm-up-Match	Oxon v Leicestershire RFU	WITNEY RFC TBC	KO - TBC	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up
<b>OCT:</b>				
FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	Squad Training – Technical Coaching:	CHINNOR RFC	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	All Players to attend
FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Match Prep	CHINNOR RFC	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	Squad, lesson learnt from warm-up match - Select 23
SATURDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Half Term	Oxon v Cornwall	TBC	KO TBC	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up
<b>NOV:</b>				
FRIDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Match Prep	CHINNOR RFC	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	Squad, lesson learnt from 1 <sup>st</sup> match - Select 23
SUNDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Half Term	Oxon v Dorset & Wilts	TBC	KO – TBC	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up
<b>SW Division</b>				
<b>SW trials?</b>				

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U17	Training/Match	Venue	Time	Arrangements
<b>JAN:</b>				
SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>	Assessments Clubs/Schools Nominations - <b>Cull</b>	<b>CHINNOR RFC</b> <b>TBC</b>	10.00 – 14.00	U17 assessment process
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>	Development Training	<b>CHINNOR RFC</b> <b>TBC</b>	10.00 – 14.00	
<b>FEB:</b>				
FRIDAY 1 <sup>st</sup>	Match Prep	<b>CHINNOR RFC</b> <b>TBC</b>	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	How we will play select squad 23?
<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxon v TBC</b>		<b>KO - TBC</b>	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up
<b>MAR:</b>				
FRIDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	Match Prep	<b>CHINNOR RFC</b> <b>TBC</b>	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	How we will play select squad 23?
<b>WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxon v TBC</b>		<b>KO - TBC</b>	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up
<b>APR:</b>				
FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Match Prep	<b>CHINNOR RFC</b> <b>TBC</b>	19.00 - 21.00 <i>Under lights</i>	How we will play select squad 23?
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oxon v TBC</b>		<b>KO - TBC</b>	Players to meet at ??? ready to warm-up

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NAME	POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS SINCE 2006	SEASON
Will Jones	WING	Wales 7's & Wales Students & England U18A & England Academies U19 & South West England U18	2008 - 2009
Bob Baker	PROP	England U20 – London Wasps RFC	2008 - 2009
Alec Hepburn	PROP	England U20 & England U19 & 18 & England Academies U17 London Wasps RFC	2010 - 2011
Tommaso Allan	FLY HALF	Scotland U20 & Scotland U18 & Scotland U17 & England Academies U17 & Western Province	2010 - 2011
Callum MacBurnie	WING	Scotland U20 & Midland England U20	2009 - 2010
Sam Steventon	PROP	England Counties U20 & SW England U20	2011 - 2012
Alan Purchase	LOCK	Midland England U20	2009 - 2010
Ed Church	HOOKER	South West England U20 & England U18 Conference & South West England U18	2009 - 2010
Rob Young	No 8	Midland England U20 & Scottish Exiles U19s	2010 - 2011
Charlie Gordon	SCRUM HALF	England U18 & England U16 & SW England U16 - London Wasps A RFC	2009 - 2010
Gus Jones	FLANKER	England U19 & England U18 (Captain) & England U16A & South West England U16 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Dave Hughes	LOCK	England U18 & England U17 & South West England U16 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Jake Wilson	WING	England Club/Schools U18 & South West England U18 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Henry Purdy	CENTRE	England Club/Schools U18 & South West England U18 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Julian Watkins	FLANKER	England U18 Conference & England U16 & SW England U16 & England Academies U17	2010 - 2011
Andrew Berry	PROP	England U18 Conference & England U16	2009 - 2010
Vadim Toczylkin	LOCK	England U18 Conference & England U16 & South West England U16	2009 - 2010
Matt Thomas	LOCK	England U18 Conference & England U16 & South West England U16 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Sam Pointon	SCRUM HALF	Midland England U18 & England U16	2009 - 2010
Josh Poole	FLANKER	England U16 & South West England U16 -	2010 - 2011
Peter Moore	CENTRE	South West England U18 & England U16 B & South West England U16	2011 - 2012
Tom Kynge	LOCK	England U16 A (Captain) & London & South East England U16	2010 - 2011
Ben Pointon	SCRUM HALF	England U16 South & South West England U16	2011 - 2012
Jackson Burton	No 8	England U16 South & South West England U16	2011 - 2012
Jake O'Leary	LOCK	England U16 North & South West England U16	2011 - 2012
Kiren Routledge	PROP	England U16 North & South West England U16	2011 - 2012
Lewis Woodfield	PROP	South West England U18 & England Academies U17	2009 - 2010
Nathan Busby	PROP	South West England U18	2009 - 2010
Ben Mitchell	CENTRE	South West England U18	2009 - 2010
Liam Hanna	FLANKER	South West England U18	2009 - 2010
Alex Stevenson	FLY HALF	South West England U18	2007 - 2008
Tom Hancock	SCRUM HALF	South West England U18	2007 - 2008
David Massey	CENTRE	South West England U18	2010 - 2011
Nick Taylor	FLY HALF	South West England U18	2010 - 2011
James Dobree-Carey	No 8	South West England U18	2010 - 2011
Rory Paxton	HOOKER	South West England U18	2010 - 2011
Ali Johnston	WING	South West England U18	2010 - 2011

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Jordon Wood	FLANKER	South West England U18	2007 - 2008
Dylan Teasdale	CENTRE	South West England U18	2011 - 2012
Liam O'Neill	FULL BACK	Midland England U18 & South West England U16 - London Wasps A RFC	2010 - 2011
Nathan Humphries	PROP	South West England U16	2007 - 2008
Aron Coleman	PROP	South West England U16	2009 - 2010
Matt Jones	LOCK	South West England U16	2008 - 2009
Nick Boyall	PROP	South West England U16	2009 - 2010
Tom Stevens	No 8	South West England U16	2008 - 2009
Mark Jones	LOCK	Irish Exiles U20/U19/U18	2010 - 2011
Joe Robinson	FLY HALF	Irish Exiles U18	2006 - 2007
Dave Wells	FLANKER	Irish Exiles U18	2006 - 2007
Ralph Jones	SCRUM HALF	Irish Exiles U18	2006 - 2007
Hamish Atkinson	HOOKER	Independent Schools U18	2010 - 2011
Rupert Shipperley	SCRUM HALF	Independent Schools U18	2010 - 2011
Daniel Brownlee	CENTRE	Independent Schools U18	2009 - 2010
Alex Crampton-Smith	SCRUM HALF	Independent Schools U18	2007 - 2008
Ian Brown	HOOKER	Independent Schools U18	2011 - 2012
Jordon Brodley	FLANKER	Independent Schools U18	2011 - 2012

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