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Eastern Counties 200 Club

Funds raised through the club will be spent on club and volunteer development activities and will not be used to support our ongoing running costs nor to meet any committee expenses or similar. A full account of the use of the funds raised will be circulated to all members each year and will be included in our annual report to clubs.

On behalf of the Eastern Counties Management Committee, I am inviting you to join a new venture which we hope will raise funds for Eastern Counties and our counties of Suffolk Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

The Covid-19 pandemic has hit our sport hard and the season of 2020/21 has been lost to us. It is clear a major relaunch of the game is required and Eastern Counties intends to be at the forefront of those efforts. However, as always, finances are scarce given the severe cutback in RFU funding and it is vital that new sources of financial support be found. The Eastern Counties 200 club is intended to be one such source.

Each member of the club simply sets up a standing order of £10 payable on the first of each month. The monies raised will be divided between cash prizes, as set out below, and for the use of Eastern Counties as described above. One third of Eastern Counties' share will be allocated to our county unions – Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk – so that we can support rugby at every level.

Membership will be capped at 200 shares which if fully subscribed will bring in £2000 per month. There will be three monthly prizes:

- One prize of 25% of the funds raised in a month (a maximum of £500),
- A second prize of 15% of the funds raised (up to £300), and
- A third prize of 10% of the funds raised (up to £200).

Winners will be notified by email, publicised on Eastern Counties' website and social media and payment will be made by direct bank transfer to the winners' nominated bank account.

To be eligible to win a prize, your payment must have been received on the first working day of each month. The draw will be made monthly by the 10th of each month. The intention is to make the first such draw on Monday May 10 with payments being due by Tuesday May 4 (since May 3 is a Bank Holiday). The June dates are 1 June for receipt of subscription and Wednesday June 10 for the draw to be made. Further dates will be confirmed on the Eastern Counties website.

For details on how to join, please see the following page. Our aim is to have some fun but secure the future of the game in this area. The more members the more monies not only raised but distributed to our supporters in the rugby community.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa or myself.

Yours in rugby
Jeremy Kendall

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HOW TO JOIN

- A) Please send a message to 200club@ecrurugby.com with the following information:
- Your name, email and postal address;
 - The name, sort code and account number of the account to which you wish prizes to be paid;
 - The number of subscriptions you wish to purchase.
- B) We will then allocate a share number to you and provide a reference code which will take the form of your share number and your surname. If you are Ms Smith and have share number 99, your reference will be SMITH099. (If your name is 'Saxe-Coburg-Gotha' we might need to abbreviate it!).
- C) If you wish to purchase more than one subscription then you are free to do so. Please advise accordingly when you ask for a reference. We will only provide a single reference but will note that you intend to purchase the number of shares indicated. Your chances of winning a prize each month will be based on the number of shares purchased. If you have one share then the chances of a prize will be 3/200 (assuming all shares are sold). If you have three shares then the odds improve to 9/200.
- D) Then **either** complete the form below including the reference provided and send it to your bank **or** use your online banking to do so.
- E) The details of the necessary standing order are to pay £10 per month (or more if you want to purchase more shares) on the 1st of each month to the following account:

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please complete, sign and date and forward to your bank

To:	The Manager		
Bank Name:			
Bank Address:			
Please pay to the credit of:	Eastern Counties Rugby Union Sort code: 20 97 40 (Barclays Bank plc, Witham) Account number: 80 22 35 65		
Quoting reference:			
The sum of (in numbers and words)	£ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> .00 _____ pounds and 0 pence		
Commencing on <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> and then on the 1 st of each month thereafter every month until further notice			
Account name to be debited:			
Sort code:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Account number:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Signed:			Date: