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Welcome

A warm welcome to UCS Old Boys RFC for our sixth league game this season. I am sure they will be keen to reverse the result of our friendly against them at the start of the season when we won only by the margin of an unconverted try.

Hitchin 1XV are beginning to build their confidence having won their last three league games and we look forward to a thrilling close fought contest.

Enjoy the game!



**Gerallt Morgan,
Club President**

Thank you to our volunteers

Our President Gerallt, has extended our welcome to you, so rather than repeat his words, I thought I would use this opportunity to mention the unrecognised supporters and volunteers that keep our sport alive.

We at Hitchin have a cohort of tireless and often unrecognised helpers who facilitate the game and I am sure UCS is no different. At Hitchin we honour the long-term givers of time, effort on and off the pitch and indeed financial support by elevating them to the position of Vice Presidents of the club.

The very few stalwarts who give decades of unflinching service in many roles, we honour with Life Membership, but outside of these recognised groups there are also those who joined our club either with their children or because of their partners and then start to contribute with no intent other than to help out.

These are the people who will add new blood to the VPs and Life Members of the future and they are the people I wish to recognise today. So later on when you stand at the bar and sip your beer, give a little thought to these new grafters at our clubs who are continuing to make our game happen.

Enjoy your afternoon with us.



**Peter Tasko,
Club Chair**



Hedgehogs assemble



Hitchin winning the line-out again against Hendon

1XV report

When he first took on the role of 1XV captain Tom Tidey said he wanted to bring his passion for Hitchin into his leadership. He also wanted the first team to re-discover their self-belief and to start winning regularly again. With five wins out of six so far this season and three straight back-to-back league victories that ambition seems as though it is being realised.

The 1XV is settling into a cohesive team with numbers at training sessions giving the team bench-strength to choose from. Guest coaches Camilo Parilli-Ocompo and Mark Flanagan, both from Bedford Blues, have added excellent support to Adam Shaw's coaching team. The results of which can be seen by how dominant the scrum and the lineouts have been in their games so far.

The 25-10 league victory against Saracens demonstrated really well that return of belief and perhaps no better embodiment was Dale Baines' outstanding performance. Not having scored for the 1XV in over four years, Dale scored a hat trick of tries. Hitchin 1XV are now third in the league chasing Finsbury Park and Wasps for promotion.



**Tom Tidey,
1XV Captain**



Dale Baines on his way to scoring his hat trick against Saracens

1XV Squad

(Announced so far)



Shirt	Player
1	Sean McGinnity
2	Tom Tidey (Captain)
3	James Bolter
4	Ryan Arbon
5	Nick Panton
6	Ruiri Shanahan
7	Albert Aldridge
8	Armel Baufume
9	Daniel Wiggins
10	Ben Wiggins
11	William Rooney
12	Jon Whitby
13	Harry Cartwright
14	Chris Martin
15	Alistair Southward
16	James Akrill
17	Carwyn Morgan
18	Dale Baines
19	William Evans
20	Pierre De Rancourt
Manager	Mark Tidey
Physio	Mark Hoffman
Coach	Adam Shaw



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M&Y Section

The new season is now well underway for M&Y.

For the first time in a decade, we have a full contingent of boys and girls playing rugby at all age groups from U5 to U18. We now count 650 registered players.

We welcome a number of new coaches at U5/U6 (12) and at U13 Girls (4), bringing our coaching team to more than 100. Their enthusiasm and dedication are the driving force behind the continuous recruitment of players.

The Academy (U16-U18) is truly resurrected, training twice a month on their own and twice with the seniors to facilitate that transition. At the end of September, the boys played their first academy match against Harpenden Academy on their new 3G pitch winning 48-31 in a thrilling game.

The Hitchin M&Y Section has a great reputation in Herts and at the RFU, running many CPD courses here to improve the quality of our coaching. In addition, however, Herts RFU have trusted us, for the second time, to organise the U7-U8 county festival on 27-28 April 2019. If you'd like to get involved in the planning and organisation of the festival, email me at MYChair@HitchinRugby.com.

We also had our first premiership player in years with former Hitchin M&Y player, Bryony Pomfret, making her Tyrell's Premiership debut for Richmond, when coming off the bench in their 43-12 win over Worcester Valkyries, a few weeks ago.

Here's to a successful 2018-19 Season!



**Christophe
Lavielle,
M&Y Chair**



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