

**RUGBY**

WIVEY'S rugby programme has continued at pace and all teams have fared reasonably well during the period from the end of October to January 1st.

1st XV results saw them drop one place to third in Somerset One league rugby. Victories have been registered against Old Sulians from Bath 29-0 and Imperial from Bristol 17-10; league leaders Gordano beat us 25-13 at Bristol but were held to an 18-18 draw when they visited Wivey; and defeats were also suffered against Wells 9-3 and North Petherton 20-13, both away.

Wellington visited Wivey on Boxing Day in the annual holiday fixture. Games between the two are always tense and sometimes dour but this encounter turned out to be quite a good game of rugby.

A good crowd of around 600 saw Wivey go 12-0 up in the first 20 minutes playing down the slope, with tries by Captain Eamon Bingham and Vice Captain Danny Gray. Wellington pulled a try back just before half time through Julian Lett.

Playing up the slope in the second half, Wivey found it tough going against the larger Wellington forwards and the visitors pulled level late in the game through an Allyn Chetland try

converted by Matthew Parsons, the final score being 12-12.

Four Wivey Colts were blooded in the game, prop Martin Norman and No.8 Jamie Marshall started the match with brothers Ian and Tom Colley coming on in the second half.

The game ended on a somewhat sour note when captain Eamon Bingham dislocated his shoulder and needed hospital treatment. He will probably miss most of the remaining season.

Fixtures up to the end of March for the 1st XV are: Feb 4th TBA, 11th Bristol Barbarians (home), 18th Crewkerne (away) 25th TBA, March 4th Burnham on Sea (away), 11th Broad Plain (home), 18th TBA, 25th Martock (away).

Wiveliscombe 2nd XV have struggled up to now in the Merit Table but had one good result over North Petherton who they beat 29-0.

The highlight of their season without doubt was their victory over Wellington in the match on Boxing Day morning. Watched by a 100-plus crowd, they won 14-7 with tries by Michael Kidner and Martin Pownal, both converted by Rob Pinney.

3rd XV matches have been hampered by opponents unable to raise teams when visiting Wivey,

consequently games have been limited to away fixtures. Wivey have recorded two victories against Chard and Tor.

Wivey Colts have continued unbeaten from the last report apart from one match on November 5th when they travelled to Redruth in an attempt to continue their progress in the National Colts Competition.

The lads gave a fantastic performance away from home. If not for some strange decisions by the ref they might easily of won but alas went down 6-3. Two penalties to one.

Cup honours still await them as they are still in the plate competition and travelled to play Exeter Saracens Colts on December 10th and came away comfortable winners 34-0.

Ladies rugby has been patchy but spirit is good in the team and numbers continue to improve. Any ladies interested contact Tania Govier 07791 989631.

Junior rugby has been encouraging at all age groups from U11s to U16s. Several U16s have played their first games for the colts and things look very promising.

First XV player James Pinney has been included in the Somerset U20 squad. Friendlies are played in January to select a side to play the Army 12th February, Devon 26th February and Cornwall 12th March. We wish him all the best.

Phone Numbers: 1st XV and Colts - Pete Stone 01984 624582; 2nd XV - Stuart Lloyd 01984 623640; Juniors - Robert Burston 01823 400128.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Boxing Day games and evening entertainment. We hope you all enjoyed yourself.

Dates for your Diary: Bingo on February 15th 7.30 pm and March 15th 7.30 pm.

Roger Bellamy

**CRICKET**

WIVELISCOMBE Cricket Club is looking forward to the forthcoming cricket season 2006. We shall be playing in the West Somerset Cricket League Division 4. Let's hope we have good weather and a successful season.

We run one senior side and play youth cricket in the Lloyd and White Taunton League. We have U11, U13, U15 and have entered the U17 Cup Competition. Coaching starts in April. The U11 games are on Friday evenings and the U13 and U15 play on Sunday mornings.

Congratulations to Izzy Jeffs and Dawn Burston who have been selected for Somerset U15 this coming season.

Dennis Quick is the Chairman. Any local business who would like to sponsor any of the Youth Teams should contact Chris Burston 01984 624833 or 07976929814.

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