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Club News and Reports

All the major work is now complete in the **lounge bar**. Everyone who has seen the changes have been blown away by the phenomenal improvement and agree it was the right decision to move the wall, remove the fireplace (despite some objections) & carry out the work.

All we have to do now is bring the rest of the club up to this very high standard.

Well Done Bam Bam, Aaron, the painting crew (Lew, Keith, Graham, Roger) and the others for their input & sterling work.

Please look after it.

Don't come in in sweaty, dirty kit or working clothes and boots. (Not you Mike)

The **Mens loos** look an absolute treat. It is a pleasure to have a **** in them. (**** Insert your own word here)



Thurrock U15 - Ellis Lynch Charuty Match -22nd Oct

A message from **Lorraine Pearson** - who, as the main organiser did a huge amount towards the smooth running of the event.

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you that helped in any way last Friday night, for Ellis' fund raiser.

So many of you put in so much effort in helping me and Butch get this off the ground and I think we can all safely say it was a fantastic night.

- Thanks to Paula Watts, Tracey, Tracey and Megan Bedding and her friend for helping in the kitchen, this was a huge task to undertake and they did a fantastic job.
- To Steve, Guy and Liz from the U13's for running the BBQ.
- To Jeff Selway for the fantastic programmes.
- To Bob Heapy the clubs Chairman, for his support, speech and fantastic raffle calling.
- To Jason and his pal for manning the door and selling programmes.
- To Lynn, Robyn, Lisa Bunney and Michelle for selling the raffle tickets. (and any others that helped that I didn't see!)
- To Matt & Cara Holloway for kindly donating all the lovely cakes & pastries from Costco to sell.
- To Karen Edwards and her mum for preparing all those onions!
- To Dave Graham for his posters
- To the 1st team players who went round with the collection buckets.
- To Darryl and his fire engine..... loved by all, especially little Ellis.

The final amount that we can hand over to the family for this worthy cause is £2,130.25. This includes £300.00 from Angela Taylor who collected this from her work colleagues/customers at Freightliner and £250.00 from The Port of Tilbury. Many thanks to them for donating so much.

Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone in particular but it was a very hectic night!

Love Lorraine x



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Message from Butch.....

Thank you for all of your efforts on Friday night... players, parents AND supporters!! The evening was a huge success for Ellis. The players selected played their hearts out and should be proud of their efforts and, without these efforts; none of the evening would have taken place!

Thank you all.... Butch

On a sour note

Message from Damien Burns (Bam Bam)

Hi all,

I'm gonna start by having a moan!

Over the weekend of the 23rd/24th Oct., we had the old first team changing room door off its hinges, the men's toilet blocked with all sorts of rubbish along with wet paper stuck on ceiling. We also have dirty footprint all over front of the bar.

It took an hour to unblock men's, so we shouldn't be leaving rolls of surplus paper in loos, it should be in dispensers only.

We really need signs up telling people to look after the club after all we have spent a great deal of money and time getting it to where we are today!

Ed's Comment

Having spoken to the treasurer, he says we have spent approx. £85,000 over the last two years or so, on the showers, changing-rooms, gents washrooms, bar and lounge refurbishment.

If you see anyone, club member or visiting teams and supporters, damaging or abusing club property, it is your duty to tell someone on the committee, and also to remind that person or persons of that their actions are unacceptable.

In the end we, the members, have to put up with the consequences, and some even gripe about the mess and poor facilities.

It is also we, the members, who end up paying for it, through increased membership (which is among the lowest of

Quiz night on Friday 19th November. If you want to change your table from 6 to 8 people then see Mercedes with £5 ASAP please. **SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**



1st Team News and Reports

October 2nd

THURROCK 13 WOODFORD 18

Thurrock suffered their second consecutive defeat in heartbreaking circumstances when conceding a penalty try with just 2 minutes of the match to go. An adjudged forward pass gave the visitors a scrum just 5 metres from the line, and from the set piece Woodford were putting pressure through the scrum and with the ball in control at No8's feet, the referee awarded a penalty try for a Thurrock infringement, which means the try is given under the posts, making the conversion the easiest of tasks, to snatch victory. Thurrock had led until that point by 13-11 and a hard earned if not scrappy victory looked likely.

An early unconverted try from the visitors, put Thurrock on the back foot, but Thurrock gradually worked their way into the game and a fine break from Darryl Worster, saw him perfectly time his pass to **Ben Stanley** to score, Stanley then unfortunately put the conversion wide.

The scores stayed level until the break, Thurrock hoped that they could get some momentum after failing to get more than 3 phases together. A Woodford penalty early after the restart put them back in front, but the home side cranked up the pressure and excellent work from the Thurrock forwards allowed **Bradleigh Retigan** to crash over, again the conversion went wide.

Woodford came straight back and laziness from Thurrock at the ruck gave away yet another needless penalty and Woodford accepted the chance to regain the lead. With just 10 minutes remaining **Ben Stanley** got his first successful kick of the match with a penalty to put Thurrock ahead and in the wet conditions looked it could be the match winner. But it was not to be, as the drama at the end unfolded.

Thurrock can look back and only have themselves to blame they failed to execute a couple of try scoring opportunities in the second half, which came back to haunt them, as the visitors snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

On a brighter note the match saw the return of Ben Timson for the first time this season.

TEAM: Worster, Farrell, Stanley, Gorman, Porter, Rudgey, Breese, North, Carey, Rate, Woodward, Banks, Timson, Crowhurst, Retigan. Rep.: Pease, Howells, McDonald

October 9th

CHINGFORD 43 THURROCK 5

Thurrock's run of 3 consecutive losses is the worst for 4 seasons when they crashed to defeat at the hand of in-form Chingford on Saturday. Confidence in the Thurrock camp is at a low at this present time and injuries to key personnel has not helped their cause, but for the first 25 minutes of this match Thurrock held the upper hand in both possession and territorial advantage and kept the home side well on the back foot.

They played some great rugby but the only thing they lacked was they were unable to score. As always in these situations Chingford's first foray into the Thurrock half resulted in a converted try, a lead that stayed at 7-0 until injury time in the first half when the home side added a further score wide out to lead 12-0.

The second half started badly for Thurrock as a second half blitz from the home side put the result beyond doubt as they conceded 3 quick fire tries and found themselves trailing by 33 points with more than a quarter of the match remaining. At this point 17 year old colt Jake Bedding was sent to make his senior debut, his first senior 20 minutes was one that augers well for the future, at the same time evergreen Lee Herrington replaced the injured Bradleigh Retigan.

Thurrock showed character in the remaining part of the match and although conceding a further try added a try of their own from **Earl Gorman**. They continued to press only to give away an interception close to the Chingford line whose player ran fully 80 metres to score in the corner. Thurrock still came back for more and their best move of the match created a try scoring opportunity in the corner only for Darryl Worster to lose the ball as he was diving over the line, probably a moment that summed up their day, but they should take great heart and look to return to winning ways when they entertain TABARD at home this Saturday.

TEAM: Worster, Farrell, Stanley, Gorman, Porter, Madden, Breese (Bedding 60m) North, Carey, Rate, Woodward, Banks, Timson, Crowhurst, Retigan (Herrington 60m). Rep.: Pease



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1st Team News and Reports

October 16th

THURROCK 12 TABARD 8

Thurrock's run of 3 consecutive losses came to an end when they beat Tabard in an extremely hard fought game. A below strength Thurrock, already dogged by injuries had to make several changes, some just minutes before the kick-off. 17 year old colt Jake Bedding, due to start for the first time, was concussed on Friday during training and an urgent call to Ben Timson about his sick baby meant that Lee Herrington, who was already getting changed at Campion for the 2nds, was recalled to Thurrock and arrived just five minutes before the kick-off.

Both sides played some good rugby in the early exchanges, but it was Tabard who took the lead, through Jack Reilly with a penalty. Finally, after some sustained pressure Darryl Worster, coming into the line, made a searing break. He looked to be certain to score, only to be pulled back by his collar. It may have warranted a penalty try, but somehow, he managed to offload to **Sam Porter** who scampered over for a try under the posts, and thus saved the referee an awkward decision. **Ben Stanley** converted.

Tabard came back strongly and dominated the next 20 minutes without managing to score. Strong tackling (somewhat missing last week) by T's, and poor handling by the Tabard backs meant the score stayed at 7-3 at half time.

The second half started with both sides once again slugging it out, and the visitors enjoying the majority of the possession. This possession finally paid dividends when after several phases and some very good forward surges, Jack Reilly finished off a flowing move with an excellent try for Tabard. The conversion, missed, left the score at a delicate 7-8 with only ten minutes to go.

This seemed to stir T's, and they bounced straight back, applying pressure in the Tabard half. Several surging drives later, an attempted drop goal looked a possibility, but the ball was moved wide quickly, and a grateful **Ben Stanley** jinked between two defenders to score. The conversion was missed.

This was a game where Thurrock had to graft hard for the win, and did so despite injuries and lack of possession.

TEAM: Worster, Farrell (McDonald 65), Stanley, Gorman, Porter, Madden, Breese (Burns 40m), North, Carey, Rate (Partridge 70m), Loka, Banks, Herrington, Crowhurst, Woodward

October 23rd

THURROCK 38 BRENTWOOD 3

Thurrock bounced back to form with this emphatic derby victory at Oakfield on Saturday. Buoyed by their gritty win the week before against Tabard, Thurrock looked much sharper and much more confident than they have done in recent weeks. Thurrock had the better of the opening exchanges and were rewarded when a poor clearance kick was run back by Darryl Worster and a perfectly timed pass to **Sam Porter** gave him the space to jink round and score close to the posts, Aaron Burns against the wind just failed with the conversion.

It was still Thurrock making most of the running and play but Brentwood did start to mount a few attacks close to the closing stages of the first half, but a great defensive display kept them out. James Flavin broke from his own five yard line, the break almost creating a try scoring opportunity for the home side. The back row with Flavin, Bradleigh Retigan and Ben Timson looked sharp all afternoon. From a scrum in the middle of the park Thurrock doubled their lead when Sam Porter joined the line and gave a perfectly timed pass to skipper **Darryl Worster** to score wide out.

An early Brentwood penalty at the start of the second half gave the visitors a sniff of a revival but Thurrock had other ideas and forced Brentwood back into defensive mode. It was one-way traffic in the second half as Thurrock scored four tries, all of which was converted by **Aaron Burns**. Second row **Chris Banks** added the first from strong forwards drive; this was quickly followed by **Nathan Farrell** who deserved his try after a number of strong runs. **Ben Madden** added a try after sensing a gap, and it was finished off with an interception from hooker **Dan Carey** who sprinted 15 metres (he claims it was 75m) to score under the posts.

Thurrock were able to give Adam Towler his first team debut when replacing Sam Porter with just over 15 minutes to go. A much better day for the Thurrock faithful, who hope that they can continue this vein of form.

TEAM: Worster, Farrell, Stanley, Gorman, Porter (Towler 61m), Madden, Burns, North, Carey, Partridge (Rate 71m), Banks (Woodward 68m), Loka, Timson, Flavin, Retigan



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T-Birds News and Reports

Results for October

Oct 3rd	Thurrock Ladies	31	0	Rosslyn Park Ladies
Oct 10th	Aylesford Ladies	7	31	Thurrock Ladies
Oct 17th	Thurrock Ladies	32	0	Richmond Ladies III
Oct 24th	Wimbledon Ladies	0	48	Thurrock Ladies

Aylesford Ladies 7 Thurrock Ladies (T-Birds) 31

T-Birds travelled to their old rivals Aylesford Bulls on Sunday. It was a fine day for rugby and both teams were certainly up for the game.

The game started well from the T-Birds perspective. They got into their patterns of plays quickly, and dominated the early phases of the game. T-Birds scrums were on top of Aylesford from the start, but the home side came back strongly in the second part of the first half with some open play. T-Birds were trying out some new formations in the backs, which involved changes of personnel in certain positions, which led to their defence being tested regularly. Finally just before the half time break, whilst the T-Birds were down to 14 when the ref unjustly binned one of the girls, they scored a fine try through **Sally Appleton**, which went unconverted.

The second half started and Aylesford scored a quick try and converted it. This woke up T-Birds who quickly replied with a try from new superstar **Emily Scott**. Poor discipline, combined with controversial decisions from the ref lead to both teams being punished with further yellow cards. T-Birds began to get into their stride, and good link play between Katie Fenn, and then props Charlie Micallef and Mercedes Foy lead to the T-Birds next try, being scored in the corner by **Dani Harris**.

T-Birds were now flowing and another 2 tries by **Scott** and **Kidd** ensued. With **Scott** kicking 3 conversions, the T-Birds finally ran out winners by 31pts to 7. Forward of the match was Jo Convoy and back of the match was Emily Scott.

T-Birds still haven't hit their peak form, and, with a lot of long term injuries to key players, the next few games will be tougher still.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B Pts	Pts	Adj
Thurrock Ladies	4	4	0	0	142	7	135	4	20	0
Blackheath Ladies	4	4	0	0	108	8	100	2	18	0
Harlequin Ladies	5	3	0	2	49	57	-8	1	13	0
Richmond Ladies III	5	2	0	3	51	125	-74	1	9	0
Rosslyn Park Ladies	4	1	1	2	41	68	-27	1	7	0
Aylesford Ladies	4	0	1	3	17	63	-46	1	3	0
Wimbledon Ladies	4	0	0	4	39	119	-80	2	2	0



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U14's Reports

October 17th

Basildon U14 5 Thurrock U14 57

After some mixed results in their pre-season games Thurrock's Under 14s made their competitive debut on Sunday in an Essex cup game away at Basildon.

With a number of new signings Tees struggled to gel and conceded a number of penalties at the breakdown which kept Basildon in the fight. However Tees were never headed on the day once they went ahead from a five metre scrum.

Tees ran up nine tries with six converted, enabling the coaches to get everyone onto the park. Basildon did manage one response when their pacey centre managed to score with a breakaway from his own half, but that aside Tees were playing all the game in Basildon's half.

Final score was 5-57 as the referee applied the mercy ruling. - Graeme Peavot.

******* Attention *******

2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's / Colts / Youth / Mini's/ T-Birds / T-Chicks

Please, please can your team managers / coordinators / anybody ,send any news, upcoming events, match reports, scorers, photos, to me at either :

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**Let's keep the whole club informed
Let's look for rising stars of the future
(and fading stars of the past)**