



SARACENS

Club Partnership Programme 2004/5

CLUBS UPDATE

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***** IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A PARTNER CLUB YOU CAN JOIN SARRIE'S SQUAD (Saracens Junior Fan Club) FOR FREE! For an application form call Kate on 01923 204 611 or pick one up from your club house.*****

TEAM NEWS

Although happy to take four points from Sunday's 16-10 victory over Worcester Warriors at Vicarage Road, Head Coach Rod Kafer was far from pleased with the performance.

Tries from Paul Bailey and Dan Scarbrough along with two penalties from Thomas Castaignede saw the Men In Black to victory, but the level of performance was highlighted by Kafer after the game.

"We scrummaged well, but let ourselves down in other areas of the pitch and found ourselves under pressure," explained Head Coach Rod Kafer after the game. "That type of performance was always coming from us. Emotionally we did very well last week but yesterday we were some way short of that.

"The squad was very happy with the result from the weekend before, but we have to shake that off. We knew Worcester would be a difficult match and we were probably operating at 98%, but it's that extra 2% that makes all the difference. However, it's not always about how good you look when you are winning - it's about winning. I'm much happier winning ugly than losing pretty.

"Overall, I'm pleased with the four points but there is still a long way to go for us to be a competitive team this season. We weren't at the level we needed to be and we put in a poor performance. We won the game, but we're not satisfied. It was like a morgue in the dressing room after the match - that's the way it should be after such a disappointing performance."

Saracens next fixture at Vicarage Road sees them entertain Leeds Tykes on Sunday 26th September - kick off 3pm. Tickets are on sale now from www.saracens.com or alternatively they are available through a number of Partner Club who are attending the game as a group. These include Stockwood Park RFC, Harrow RFC, Harpenden RFC, Royston RFC, Bishop's Stortford RFC, Fullerians RFC and Old Albanians RFC.

CLUB PARTNERSHIP NEWS

The Saracens vs Worcester match saw the community team run their first pre-match coaching session of the new season. Saracens Juniors took up this great opportunity and were treated to 4 different sessions which were led by Saracens players in conjunction with the community team. At the next home game, when Saracens take on Leeds, Stockwood Park RFC and Harpenden RFC will be taking up the pre-match coaching opportunities. In addition to this Harrow RFC, Fullarians RFC, Bishop's Stortford RFC and OAs RFC will all be taking part in the Matchday Challenge which will take place on the Vicarage Road pitch. Royston RFC will then be making up the Guard of Honour Tunnel for the players to run through as they come onto the pitch prior to kick off. If you are a member of one of these clubs make sure you get your tickets to this match to get involved in the activities on offer.

Be Part of the Squad – Great New opportunities from Saracens

This year we are offering a special ticketing offer to our partner clubs which will help them raise money for your own club through CashBack, allow you to sit in other areas of the stadium other than the South Stand and attend more Saracens games.

The first offer is for discounted season tickets, with Cashback going to your club. Tickets will guarantee your seat for the whole season and show your true colour for 2004-5 – BLACK! Season tickets start from just £120 for adults and £30 for concessions (U16s, Students and OAPs). With a Saracens Season Ticket if you miss any of the games you can exchange your ticket for another game later in the season to bring a friend and still get your money's worth.

If you are unable to attend every game, this season we are launching our **BRAND NEW 'Six Pack' offer** exclusive to partner clubs. This offer entitles you to pick SIX games which you would like to attend over the season, and order all of them at the same time for a discounted price. Why not pick the same four games that your club is targeting plus two big games that you can't bear to miss? These tickets are available in all stands and as with the STs, if you miss one of the games you pick, Saracens can exchange the ticket for another match.

For more details speak to the Saracens co-ordinator at your club for more details, alternatively call **Clare on 01923 204606**.

Remember for every Six Pack or Season Ticket bought by a member of your club, Saracens will pay Cashback to the club to spend on new equipment or even next Easter's tour.

Next Coach Development Session

The next coaches open day is going to be held in late September or early October. The day will take the same format as last season where partner club coaches will be invited along to a day of training for the Saracens Squad. There will be the chance to meet with the coaches and chat about coaching techniques before watching the team being put through their paces in the lead up to their next Zurich Premiership Match. Watch this space for a confirmed date, which we'll hopefully have by next week.

Join Sarrie's Squad FOR FREE

As an exclusive offer to partner Club members only – Saracens are offering FREE membership to all U6-U12 members. Each member will receive an official Sarrie's Squad Membership Card - The chance to be a Saracens Mascot (U12s only), and lead out the team at Vicarage Road - A 2004/05 Saracens Squad poster - A free child's ticket to a Saracens matchday - Birthday E-Card and your name on the Sarrie's Squad page on the Saracens Official Website - Regular competitions with exciting prizes - An invite to meet the players at an exclusive Sarrie's Squad event - Fortnightly e-mailed Newsletters (to your own or a family e-mail address) - A Domino's Pizza Voucher Booklet

In addition to all this, each member is entitled to a discounted 'Sarries Squad' Gilbert Rugby Ball for just £5.

For more details, or for an application form, call Kate on 01923 204611 or e-mail sarriessquad@saracens.net. Alternatively pick up an application form from your club.

Coaches Needed

Are you a Level 1 or Level 2 RFU qualified coach?

Would you be interested in working with the Saracens Community Team during school holidays?

Saracens Community are looking to broaden their coaching resources, particularly for Masterclass Coaching courses during the school holidays.

If you're interested in getting involved please send a Coaching CV with details of your experience to Dave Hesketh at Rigby House, 34 The Parade, High Street, Watford, Herts WD17 1EA

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

NEXT GAME:

Sale vs Saracens (at Edgeley Park)

Sale Sharks are under new management after the arrival of Philippe Saint-Andre to take over the reigns from former coach Jim Mallinder. The Manchester based side has been fairly active in the transfer market since then after a number of departures but have made some shrewd signings with Saint-Andre's French and Gloucester connections.

In comes Shed Head favourites Trevor Woodman and Robert Todd and they are joined by French pair Sebastian Chabal and Sebastian Bruno, both of whom bring a powerful, uncompromising presence to the pack.

Sale now boast one of the most potent strike forces in the premiership with a back line featuring Charlie Hodgson, Mark Cueto, Steve Hanley and captain Jason Robinson, ably fed by Bryan Redpath at scrum half and now with the forward power at their disposal they are a force to be reckoned with.

In the opening rounds of the premiership they have already seen off the challenges of title favourites Leicester Tigers and London Wasps and the self-belief is there for all to see.

NEXT HOME GAME (at Vicarage Road):

Saracens v Leeds

Saracens entertain Leeds Tykes at Vicarage Road on Sunday 26th September - kick off 3pm.

Leeds have made a number of new signings such as Ian Balshaw, Super 12's Pierre Uys and Newcastle's Jon Dunbar, but have lost the influential Dan Scarborough to Saracens. This is the first time Scarborough has had the chance to play against his old club, so look out for some fireworks on the wing!

Tickets are available through **Stockwood Park RFC, Harrow RFC, Harpenden RFC, Royston RFC, Bishop's Stortford RFC, Fullarians RFC and Old Albanians RFC** who have targeted this match. Alternatively you can ring up the ticket office on 01923 475222 or buy through www.saracens.com.

NEWS FROM THE TRAINING GROUND

Castaignede accepts Baa-Baas call...

Saracens' **Thomas Castaignede** has accepted an invitation to play for the Barbarians against New Zealand at Twickenham on Saturday 4th December.

Castaignede is one of nine players to have already confirmed to play in the game against the All Blacks with others including Wallabies Lote Tuqiri, Clyde Rathbone, Mat Rogers, Phil Waugh and

Springboks Os Du Randt and Brent Russell. Sale's Chris Jones and London Irish's Mike Catt complete the nine with more set to be named.