



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Queen Mary's Grammar School – Rugby Round Up

November 2023:

Hello and welcome back to the Queen Mary's Rugby round up. November was a busy month for the school Rugby teams with some fantastic performances from all year groups, which included our first ever Wednesday Night Lights Varsity fixtures vs Bishop Vesey Grammar School (**Feature on Page Two**).

The first block of the month was for our Year 7's who travelled over to King Edward VI Five Ways School for an A-C team block. The A's and C's walked away with competitive draws whilst the B Team recorded a strong 30-25 win after coming back from being four tries down. This was followed up on the Saturday with a mini block vs RGS Worcester which saw U15, U14 and U13 A's representing the school. The U15's competed in a fantastic game of rugby that was enjoyed by the younger year groups and eventually came out 19-17 winners in a physical game. T. Idrissu stole the show with a great performance from the Flank. The U14 A's lost out in a high scoring affair 22-35 but the U13 team who were playing a team from the year above ran out 35-10 winners with E. Gini scoring a hat trick to continue their 100% record.

The next few games saw plenty of wins for our QMGS teams but unfortunately saw the U15's knocked out of the county cup. They started their week with a 19-12 win over KE Aston which was another physically demanding game which saw a last minute try from B. Omoleye win the game with no time left on the clock, unfortunately after two brilliant performances they lost out to John Taylor High School in the county cup (Final Score 7-3). Other notable performances from that week came from our 1st XV and 2nd XV who played King Edward's Birmingham's B+C teams. The 1st XV won 69-0, with 8 different try scorers going over in a great display of attacking rugby, which saw a stand out display from B. Fellows scoring 1 try and converting 6. The 2nd XV backed this up with a 31-5 win to ensure both teams won at home side by side with some younger players coming through which bodes well for next season.



The next big block was up next on Saturday 25th November vs Lutterworth with U16, U14, U13 and U12's all representing the school. It was mixed bag in terms of results which saw the U16's lose 36-46 and the U15's losing 21-48. There were wins however, with the U13's continuing their fine form with a 65-30 win and the U12's collecting a 45-5 win.

The month finished with a block vs Lawrence Sheriff School and a senior double header vs King Edward Aston. The U15's claimed another close win, eventually running out 19-0 winners in some tough weather conditions. The U14's played some great attacking rugby in a game which saw A. Oleyami score a hatrick on the way to a 43-7 win. The U13 A's and B's won 45-15 and 30-15 respectively. It was a mixed bag for the

senior teams with the 1st XV losing 17-12, but the 2nd XV played really well on their way to a 34-0 win. A result which has led to some boys being promoted into the 1st XV ready for the county cup fixture vs NULS.

Wednesday Night Lights vs BVGS:



Wednesday 22nd November will hopefully be one players, parents and coaches of both QMGS and BVGS remember for a long time. It meant the start of the annual Varsity fixtures between the two schools which aims to establish a healthy rivalry between the two competing schools.

The matches were held at Veseyans Rugby Club, and saw both schools field Year 7 A+B teams plus a 2nd XV fixture and the big clash of the night came when the 1st XV's kicked off in front of a 200+ strong crowd.

The evening started with a Year 7 A+B curtain raiser. The year 7s who were supported by the Senior squad did the school proud with their attacking rugby against a Bishop Vesey team who had given them a run for their money earlier in the season. The A team drew 25-25 which saw J. Jenkins continue his good form with a man of the match performance. The try scoring did not stop there though, with the B team losing out in a tight encounter 20-25.

Following the two year 7 games it was the turn of the 2nd XV to play. Unfortunately, it was a step too far for a team that was weakened through injury and they eventually lost out 52-7 to a very strong Bishop Vesey 2nd XV who had given the 1st XV a tough game in September.

The big event of the night was the 1st XV game which ended 38-17 to Bishop Vesey. The commitment and effort on show from the QMGS 1st XV was everything we are looking to build into the Rugby program here at Queen Mary's and barring some individual handling errors it could have been a lot closer. B. Fellows led the performance from fly half with a great attacking display, whilst in defence R. Clare and T. Shinh put their bodies on the line for the team. However, the best performance from the night came from a Year 11 who hopefully has another two years of 1st XV rugby ahead of him (H. Chahal) who played on the flank with maturity but used his skills as a Hooker to control the lineout and set piece.

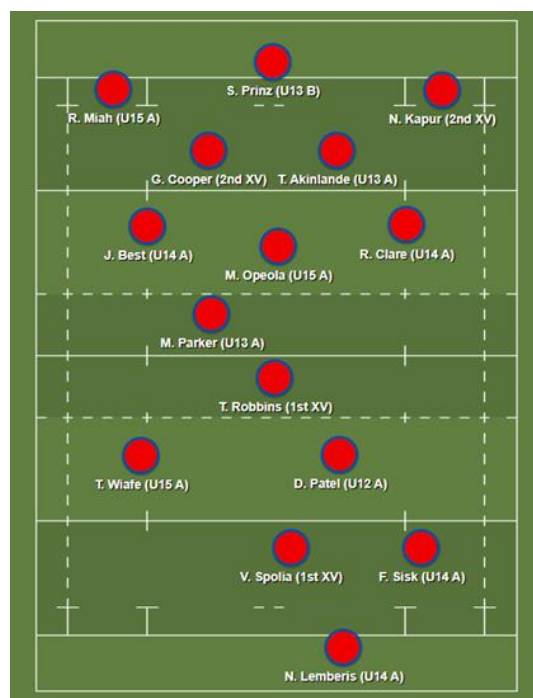
Team of the month:

This year we are starting a new tradition for the Queen Mary's rugby program which is the team of the month you may have seen over on X @QMGRugby. The places in the team are given to boys who have performed to the best of their ability's and who have been a CREDIT to the school when representing their team in fixtures.

T. Akinlande – Last year he was a B team player, but over the last 12 months has begun to understand his role as a forward and some dominating performances as a ball carrier and defender have led him to becoming an established A team player.

T. Wiafe – Has come onto the wing for the U15 A team due to injuries but after a great defensive performance vs RGS Worcester and Lawrence Sheriff has established himself as a solid U15 squad player.

Congratulations to all of the boys who were selected!





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QMGS 1st XV Kit Sample

Future Sport Project:

As part of the Future Sport Project at Queen Mary's Grammar School we are looking for individuals or businesses to sponsor our 1st XV kit for next season. If you are interested in sponsoring the team and playing your part in creating a lasting legacy for sport at the school please visit:

[FutureSport@QMGS — Queen Mary's Club \(qmclub.org\)](mailto:FutureSport@QMGS—QueenMary'sClub(qmclub.org)) or you can email a.riley@QMGS.merciantrust.org.uk for more information.

Local Rugby Clubs:

If your son has enjoyed rugby at school and would like to pursue it outside of school, please see below links and contact's for Rugby clubs in the area. If you have any more questions please email Mr Ryley.

Handsworth RUFC:

Facebook – Handsworth Junior Rugby

Walsall RFC - @WalsallRFC

<https://walsallrugbyclub.rfu.club/>
walsallrfc@gmail.com

Veseyans RFC - @VeseyansRugby

<https://www.veseyansrugby.co.uk/>
info@veseyansrugby.co.uk

For latest updates on QMGS Rugby please follow **@QmgsRugby** on X. It has been a successful first month for all of our teams and as we start to look towards the future the development of the players is only going to get stronger. Keep your eyes out for our next results update in October.

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