

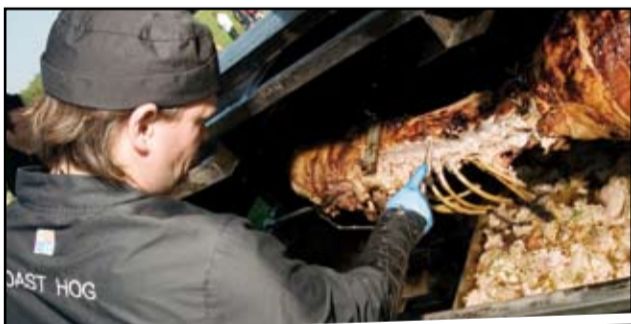
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HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM RFC PRE-SEASON >>



HONOURS EVEN: A draw with local rivals Chiswick allowed new Hammersmith & Fulham RFC coach Dai Michael to assess his First/Second team squad. The pictures are from that game, held in Hurlingham Park, Fulham PICTURES BY DAVID TETT

Going the whole hog



▶ H&F club held a series of friendlies ahead of the new season – and pigged out to mark the occasion!
 ▶ Games were a good chance for new head coach to see his squad in action

TOM DERBYSHIRE
 A HOG roast is a great idea when you have hordes of hungry rugby players.
 For Hammersmith & Fulham RFC it was the ideal way to entertain members of the club who turned out for a pre-season event, not to mention local rivals Chiswick.
 Games were played at the club's home ground of Hurlingham Park on August 30.
 Club secretary Jessica Meldrum said:

“Seventy players turned out for the club at Hurlingham on Saturday.
 “The First/Second squad drew 7-7 with Chiswick and lost 18-0 to Woodford, which was a very good workout and a chance for new head coach Dai Michael to see the players in action for the first time.
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PORK OF THE TOWN: A hog roast (above and top) fed the H&F and Chiswick players at the pre-season games



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AWAY DAY: The Hammersmith & Fulham Rugby Ladies XV (left) had a game against Harlequins Ladies on the same day as the Hurlingham Park matches (above), but managed to make it back for the hog roast

PICTURE ON THE LEFT SUPPLIED BY JESSICA MELDRUM

for a rugby starter

Third/Fourth XV had a comfortable win over Chiswick Third XV. The Ladies XV came back from their very creditable 31-21 defeat away to Harlequin Ladies to enjoy the hog roast."

The next event takes place on September 10 at The Wheatsheaf in Fulham Road. "To welcome

new arrivals to the club and remind us of the fun and frolics we have when we go away as a club we are holding a New Members and Post Tour Social night," Jessica added.

"The night is an opportunity to watch a video and slide show of the club's tours to the Stockholm

10s, the Bournemouth 7s and Hamburg. You can also meet new, existing and 'older' members of the club, enjoy good food – meals deals will be on offer – and enjoy a beverage or two at the Sheaf!"

Training is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30pm in Hurlingham Park. For more

details about the club call 020 7381 5064 or email: info@fulhamrugby.co.uk

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RARING TO GO: (Back row from left) Peter Blackman, Mark Hemmingway, Nick Kirkham, Mark Blyghton, Brad Rogan, Jimmy Sydney, Josh Pope, Matt Brown, Barry O'Sullivan, Mark Sweeting, Nathan Gee, John Hetherington, Tim Kemp, Sam Anderson, Tom Kenwood, John Mowbray, Cameron Bevrige, Andy Welch, Dai Michael. Kneeling from left: Simon Ringshall, Sly Olutayo, Alastair Lines, Tom Hamnett, Ryan Dilley, Hugo Lowry, Ed Clarke, Rory Rigney, James Weeks