

ONGAR & NORTH WEALD Gazette



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Youth rugby

Mini event proves a big success

MORE than 70 players took part in Ongar Rugby Club's first mini tag rugby event on Sunday which proved to be a very popular afternoon.

Under-7s and under-8s from Chelmsford, Harlow and Brightlingsea converged on the club, with many players experiencing playing against other clubs for the first time, so it really will be one to remember.

Ongar Knights Under-8s played three matches, winning one and losing two narrowly.

A Chelmsford squad was narrowly beaten 7-6 while Brightlingsea were victors 7-5 in their game.

In their final match the Knights battled hard against Harlow only to lose 8-6 in the last minute of the game.

Ongar Knights Under-7s were split into two teams for a round robin against two Chelmsford teams. The young players learned a lot from playing against more experienced opponents and this showed in the last game between the two Ongar teams.

The excellent running, passing and defending skills on display showed how much the Knights had progressed since starting in September last year.

Peter Blake, president of Ongar Rugby Club commented: "It was fantastic to see so many young players and parents here today. This is grassroots rugby at its best."

Both under-8 and under-7 teams are now busy preparing for the Braintree Festival on April 18 which will be the last Sunday action until September.

■ Ongar Rugby Club will be running a Summer Tag Rugby Club after school on Wednesdays, starting at 5pm from April 21 at Love Lane.

Designed for boys and girls in Years 1, 2 and 3, the club will introduce new players to this non-contact form of rugby as well as developing the skills of existing players.

New players are always welcome and to find out more visit the club website www.ongarrugbyclub.co.uk or phone 07976 547493.

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■ **Brentwood:** Bevans-Royston A, Brook, Bevans-Royston J, Killington, Woodcock, King (c), Beith Roman, Cook, Burr, Lloyce Solomans, Thomas, Smit Stannard

■ **Fixtures:** Next week Brentwood travel to Civil Service who are currently second with 40 points (3pm).

BRENTWOOD LETCHE

(London
Division)

IT was a heart-breaking promising performance as Brentwood lost out to a last-minute slip further in to trouble.

With Joe Cook back at half and Steve Killington second row this was almost the same team that gave such a good display last week against league leaders, Staines.

In pouring rain Letcombe kick off upfield. Following a quick touch by fly-half Burr Brentwood won a penalty. Burr missed the chance but the home side maintained pressure. The pack powered over and Cook to gain the lead. The decision was missed.

With a great forward line making it difficult to push back on their own half. With the pack continually hammering the opposition's line the visitors were penalised and lost a penalty in the sin bin. Burr kicked a successful penalty to give the home side the lead.

In the second half the home side had recovered from their