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Welcome to the new season

The Pumas would like to welcome and thank all of you that have contributed to the club for the coming season. Without your help and support our club cannot invest in the equipment and travel we need across the club to play our matches.

To make sure you continue to get updates on what is planned for the new season and what is happening across the club, I will publish an updated newsletter 3 times a season. So kindly keep a look out.

We have also invested in our Social Media activity, and I hope you have started to see new posts go out each week which will mention our sponsors at various times. You are also always visible on our website, and I will be doing "push" communications to our members to remind them of who our sponsors are.

Thanks George
(Commercial Secretary)



How has our summer gone?

Al Palmer - Director of Rugby

The season ended abruptly in March 2023 which saw the 1XV promoted into Counties 2 and our 2XV moved up a league to Counties 4B. This has given the Pumas a lot of time to plan for the coming season. During the summer break we have continued to offer Touch and Walking rugby plus recruit a wide range of new players to the club.

Our membership has never looked stronger as we continue our search for a new ground in the local area.



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Club expectations for new season

Jamie McTaggart – Club Captain

With both our 1XV and 2XV gaining promotion we are all about consolidating our position mid-table but more importantly fulfilling all our league fixtures. Pre-season training has gone well, and we have at least 7 new recruits plus new freshers from our association with Southampton University to hopefully bolster our ranks further.



It is going to be a tough but hopefully a rewarding season.



Links to Southampton University

George Winch – Commercial Secretary

Last season I reached out to the University guys who run a Nomads team for those students that do not wish to play rugby for the University teams. These 17 guys came training with several making the 1XV, adding a good amount of youth to the club.

It has been great to see the lads flourish in league rugby and we hope we can continue to improve on numbers this season.



Investment in Puma TV

George Winch – Commercial Secretary

Last season we invested in the Veo camera system that allows us to record our games and play them back. This has helped our coaches with our game analysis and training.

This season we are launching our streaming service to broadcast our 1XV games live, where those supporters, Puma Cubs and sponsors that can't make the game, can watch from the comfort of their own home or pub sponsor. I am also hoping we can advertise other sponsors across the platform.





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Puma Cubs start their season

Hayley Selby – Cubs Chair



From humble beginnings in 2017 with around 30 players across a range of ages, we are well on our way to achieving around 150+ registered players this season with a few players returning after a break which is a fantastic testament to the great club and culture we have.

Due to the increase in numbers, we have taken on a few new coaches for this season to bolster our numbers and provide a safe and great rugby experience for our players. We are also really excited to see our U13 team move into their first season as fully fledged Pumas entering their first competitive fixtures in the Hampshire U13 Cup. Their first fixture away is to Aldershot & Fleet on the 8th October.



We already have local clubs booked into attend joint training sessions, both home and away, as well as entering a few more festivals to get the Pumas brand and name out there. Your support helps us achieve all this and we are looking forward to another great season of rugby for our children and future of our club.



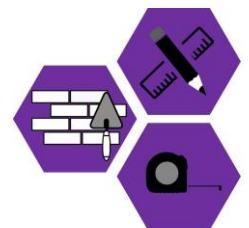


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Chairman's message

Paul Greenwood - Chairman



I hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer and like me looking forward to the start of the 2023/24 rugby season.

I am very honoured to be the new Chairman of this wonderful club and look forward to meeting all of you during our journey throughout the season ahead.

We start this journey on Saturday 9th September with a squad game away at Alresford. Hopefully, I will get the opportunity to catch up with those traveling up to watch the game, and our players and coaches as well.

Aligned with the start of the new season is the Rugby World Cup in France seven weeks of scintillating rugby. The club will be showing all the major games on TV at our clubhouse at the Abshot Community Centre. Again, I look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for this season. Your generous sponsorship donations are the lifeblood of the Pumas enabling us to support the growth of all aspects of the game. I look forward to meeting up with you our sponsors this season, to watch a game and have a spot of lunch. I will reach out to you during the season on what dates I am planning.

We continue to push the search for a new ground we are continuing to talk with Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council regarding the recreation space at Hunts Pond Rd. I will update you on any progress as it unfolds.

So let me conclude by saying I hope you all enjoy the season ahead of us as it will be exciting and fun. A big welcome to all the new players that have joined us this summer and I look forward to welcoming back the Southampton University lads and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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