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## RFU NATIONAL U.19'S SEVENS TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT NEWLANDS PARK – SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

**FAMILY DAY IS BEING PLANNED  
MANY ATTRACTIONS**

**The theme will be *Gloucestershire*.**

**WE WILL NEED MAXIMUM SUPPORT FROM THE CLUB  
PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE!**

### *Club stalwart wins top award*

Barrie Lewis has won the Active Gloucestershire Sports Awards for 'outstanding service to sport in Gloucestershire' for 2007. Barrie is seen receiving congratulations from Henry Elwes Esq JP, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. Barrie moved to Cheltenham from Wales in 1940. He has given the club over 60 years service and is still active with Gloucestershire RFU and Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association.



### RFU INTERMEDIATE CUP

Third round match against Taunton postponed due to waterlogged pitch. New date to be confirmed.

### *Player profile*

Matthew Mudway  
Club Captain  
Nickname: Mudders  
Position: Scrum Half  
Playing Record: Joined Cheltenham RFC Minis & Juniors at age 8. Made debut for First XV at 19 and has made over 300 appearances. Played for Gloucestershire at scrum half. Matt has captained the First XV for five seasons.



### *Former player making his mark as referee*

Following a serious injury in October 2005, Phil gave up playing rugby. He had been a prolific kicker and in 2002, playing at full back and fly half, scored 265 points, just missing the club record of 272 points. Phil has made phenomenal progress as a referee and has moved from Level 15 to level 5 in 10 months. Phil has refereed National 1 matches and is destined to become a Premiership referee.



### *Cheltenham set to honour the original All Golds touring side*

The 100 year anniversary of the first ever series deciding Rugby League match, is to be celebrated with the creation and unveiling of a plaque on the site of the original match at the Athletic Ground. The plaque will honour the Centenary of the clash in which New Zealand All Golds defeated the Northern Union team 8-5 to clinch the series 2-1 on 15 February 1908. The Cheltenham Civic Society has given the go-ahead for a green plaque to be displayed close to the Athletic Ground. New Zealand Rugby League Chairman Andrew Chalmers said: "We are pleased to see the original All Golds touring team being commemorated in this way".

*Cheltenham Tigers U.13's raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis Trust  
Cheltenham RFC Under13's Invitation XV 36 Dean Close Prep School 1stXV19*

A floodlit match at the Prince of Wales Stadium on 5 December raised £750 for CFT.

Mike Wood, representing CFT said "this was a fantastic effort and thanked the Club for their support".

The match was a hard fought affair, with the Tigers taking a commanding lead in the first quarter, only to be overhauled by Dean Close School, who went in to the lead 19-17, with ten minutes remaining. However, some storming running from Tommy Costello and Lewis Price in the last few minutes, ensured victory for the Club. The plan is to make this an annual event.

Brian and Cathie Hutchins, whose daughter Lauren has CF, enjoyed the evening.



**CHELTENHAM TIGERS UNDER 13's REPORT**

An active pre-season recruitment drive now sees the U.13's squad with 47 registered players. So far the Tigers have won all their seven matches, scoring 226 points and conceding just 12. Notable scalps have been national champions Worcester, Bath and the seven year undefeated Newbury team. The group run a second team called the Barbarians and the Cougars are a development team. London Saracens are bringing two teams to play at Newlands Park in May.  
More details: [cheltenham.org/under-13](http://cheltenham.org/under-13)



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