



Tigers playing review after nine matches

Still in the frame for runner-up spot!

The 2007/08 campaign started with good pre-season training at the newly acquired Newlands Park. Attendance of "regular" players was encouraging and we welcomed some new players to the club, who have since added new depth and competition to the club

Warm-up matches

The playing season started with 3 wins in the pre-season games against St Mary's Old Boys, Bishop Stortford from London 1 and local side Gordon League. This gave us a good platform to start the league.

Playing strength

We have welcomed many new players to the club this year and more trickle in on a regular basis. New players who have represented the First XV regularly so far this season are Ben Constantine, Andy Claydon, Andy Taylor and Lee Cleaver. Charlie Daniell has been a notable addition to the team, joining us from National 1 club, Moseley. Lee Douglas has recently signed after playing with National League clubs Stourbridge and Cinderford. Zimbabwe 7s player Fortune Chipendu has joined the club having just finished the season in South Africa and will spend two years at the club. So we continue to attract high quality players and the competition for places is healthy.

Playing performance

Our particular style of rugby has begun to show itself this season after it began to expose itself late last season. We average 6 tries a game and our points difference in the league shows strength in both defence and attack.

Wet and windy, How will we cope!

There is much discussion amongst our great supporters and resident rugby connoisseurs in the clubhouse and encouraging comments encompass an entertaining style of rugby and our players thoroughly enjoying themselves!

However the question of "what will you do when it gets wet and muddy?" always arises. Liam Middleton, Head Coach, (*inset*) writes ' We have set out to win every game we play, we don't take the field with any other thought and I think we enjoy that. This is a team that has balance but it is still a work in progress, so come down and watch us on a "wet and muddy day" and we can hopefully answer your question'.

League position

Cheltenham Rugby Club league position on 10th November

	P	W	L	D	Points for	Against	Points
Chippenham	9	9	0	0	342	119	18
Swanage&W	9	7	1	1	192	111	15
Cheltenham	9	6	3	0	352	152	12





Pete Lodge Testimonial

Cheltenham Rugby Club celebrated Pete's outstanding playing record with the Club which has extended over 21 years. Many former players (including the Chairman) took to the field. The final score was 39pts-37pts. Known to all and sundry as 'Lodgy', (inset) he played in the back row until the 1994/95 season, but then moved in to the second row when John Brain was injured. He put in some sterling performances over the years against some formidable opposition, including Worcester and Plymouth Albion. His one regret is that he

missed playing with the Club at Twickenham by a whisker, when we were eliminated by St. Mary's OB at the semi-final stage. Pete is now player/coach with Cheltenham Civil Service.

SNOOKER TABLE FOR SALE

Riley, full size slate bed. Refurbished 18 months ago, has had little use. Includes, full set snooker & billiard balls. Rests, triangle, scoreboard, Iron, Brush and cover.

Offers invited by 31 December

Contact: Mal Place 07860667487



Cheltenham Tigers Under 9s

Cheltenham RFC is fortunate to have a flourishing under 9 (u9) mini squad. This is a group of talented youngsters, many of whom have been together since the under 7 days, who are now continuing their rugby development into the contact game. The squad currently has 27 players, and we field two sides: Tigers and Barbarians. Like other squads throughout the M&Js, we play a mixture of tournaments and triangular fixtures throughout the season. This season has been extremely successful, with victories at the Clifton, Keynsham and Cheltenham tournaments.



The squad is trained by a group of 5 coaches and we will soon have qualified referees to help in the running of the teams.

If you feel you would like to join or support the under 9s, please contact us at :

u9manager@cheltenhamtigers.org. We train most Sundays between 10.00am and noon at Newlands Park (on the A435 towards Bishops Cleeve) – all new members are welcome !

Steve Ratcliffe and Major Tom Hancock of Glos Playing Fields Association in the official handing over of the mobile floodlights at Newlands Park.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAIR

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CHELtenham RUGBY CLUB

TOMMY TAYLORS LANE

CHELtenham

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SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

11.00AM

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