

Midweeks Appointments Secretary's Report

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Midweek games this season seem to have come in bursts of activity rather than a regular number of fixtures each week. This has made appointments more of a challenge as we swing between feast and famine but the number of regular Midweek referees is fairly constant. Despite this once again very few games have gone uncovered and it is to the credit of our members who have been generous with their time and help, often at short notice. Even when there has been the (sometimes frequent) inconvenience of a late cancellation, LSRUR members have continued to support schools and university rugby across Leicestershire. Our ability to cover almost every game is entirely down to the goodwill and help of those members who have made themselves available throughout the season and I wish to extend my thanks to them all. Please do continue!

The standard of some senior midweek games has certainly improved this year. Along with the usual high quality games from Loughborough Students, both Leicester University and DMU have fielded strong, competitive sides this year and expect to do so next season. Newcomers such as Loughborough College and Brooksby Melton are bringing some really good u18 games to the table. Allied to this, the schools continue to give some good competitive rugby, as demonstrated in the two evening finals recently held at Leicester Grammar. Some of the rugby was really excellent. Last, but not certainly not least, the junior rugby (u13-u17) continues to require help and support but in return offers great chances for referees to put something back into the game.

Finally, I repeat comments made in last year's report:

"My thanks to all the referees who have helped cover midweek games this year. I am particularly grateful to those members who cheerfully accept any game no matter what the level. It is very much appreciated – being able to cover less exciting junior games quickly and with good referees makes the job much easier. It is most certainly appreciated by the various schools and clubs we referee in Leicestershire, as proved by their frequent compliments about our service and standards as a referees' society. "

Enjoy the close season.

Tom Brucciani
Midweeks Appointments Secretary