

Chairman's Report 2009/10.

The season 2009/2010 has been one of mixed fortunes for Worcester Rugby Football Club Ltd., with the disappointing demotion our 1st XV the Warriors, but a well earned promotion of the Wanderers. Nothing seemed to go right for the Warriors with losses to most opposition by only one or two points, and even four draw games in the middle of the season. It was sad news for us when our coach Clive Griffiths left last season, and our director of rugby Mike Ruddock leaving at the end of this season, we wish them both well in their future ventures. The Wanderers 1st XV on the other hand who were promoted last season, and with the majority of the club hoping for a strong mid table finish, had other ideas, the players and coaching staff made sure we played entertaining, quick, open rugby when the opposition, who were much bigger and determined to slow the game down, this certainly paid off, as they secured promotion with a match still to play. The Wanderers 2nd XV have had an extremely good season, they finished sitting top of the league, but have been promoted to Midlands Reserve League Division Two, they will not be playing teams from the 1st XV league next season, but teams from the 2nd XV of levels 5 and 6, they are indeed to be congratulated.

Next season we are aiming to entertain the opposition committees before matches and to install free coffee for drivers etc; in the club bars, this should set us firmly into the rugby club atmosphere, and enhance our facilities. We ended the season with the Club Presidents Dinner, it was an exceptional evening with the Wanderers top of the League, the 2nd XV having great success and the Ladies tribute to Jo Yap who is retiring this season, after starting and finishing rugby at Worcester, gaining over 50 England caps on the way.

All in all not a bad season for the amateur side of our club, if we can replicate this in the next season we will be a very successful club, especially if our professional side regains Premiership status.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Management Committee for the very hard work they have carried out throughout the season, they operate behind the scenes, making sure our Club is functioning well in the best traditions of Rugby Union, without their work and guidance Worcester Rugby Football Club Ltd., would not be as strong, forever developing whilst keeping our traditions, and open to all who wish to be part of Rugby Union.

Yours in Rugby

Allan Powell

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