

WORCESTER WANDERERS RFC SEASON 2009 – 10

The 1st xv gained promotion as Champions from Midlands 2 West (s); despite a wobble after Christmas the squad rallied magnificently to finish the season very strongly reserving their best rugby until last. They also reached the last 16 of the National Intermediate Cup, losing narrowly away to a very good Lichfield RFC who we will meet again next season in Midlands 1 West. The squad were excellently guided by Captain Greg Fincher, following an early season injury to Ally McLaughlin.

The 2nd xv had another wonderful season; under the stewardship of Dave Shaw & John Yarwood supported ably by Roger James & Jim Phelps. The team had its usual mixture of youth & experience; several Colts were blooded and one or two old hands re-emerged to play their part. Next season they will make the transition to North Midlands 2, a real step up in playing terms which the squad richly deserves.

The 3rd xv ably led by Captain, Steve (Kinger) King & Team Manager, Simon Bell had a great 2nd season in Merit Table 3, building on the late success of the previous season, they were very competitive whilst enjoying their Saturday rugby experience, on & off the field, to finish a well deserved 4th in the league. Next seasons campaign will be led by Dr James Goodman as Team Captain and Simon Bell as Team Manager.

The Colts had another good season, performing well in the National Colts Cup & reaching the final of the North Midlands Cup losing narrowly to Whitchurch in a highly combative encounter! Peter & Sam Johnson, Aled Perkins, the departing Anna Streather & Georgina Priday did a magnificent job in steering the squad through the season. They look forward to playing in the newly formed Colts league next season.

The season finished with a club tour to Lanzarote in May, which in a word was ‘unbelievable!’ The whole story can be found on our website (including photographs!).

Last but not least a big thank you to everyone who helped to make the season such a resounding success including, in no particular order, James Price, Sean Bairstow, Dick Cumming (& the Management Committee), Rachel Southall, etc.

See you all next season!

**Stuart James
Director of Rugby**