

Welfare

Jackos reap the rewards of their efforts

JACKOS have been crowned the AJG Parcels Forres and Nairn Welfare League champions for 2014.

The Nairn side managed to end the faint hopes the Kinloss Sappers had in retaining their title without kicking a ball as their game in hand over the Sappers, with the Carlton, was forfeited due to the hosts being unable to field a team.

It is Jackos' second title win following their triumph in the all-conquering 2011 season.

Elsewhere in the league, Elgin Thistle ensured that the battle for third with Galacticos will come down to their meeting with each other this coming week in the final round of league games, as they beat the Carisbrooke 5-1 in Forres on Monday. Thistle are two points behind Galacticos, so it is a must-win game for them, while avoiding defeat will confirm third spot for Galacticos.

The week took a better turn for the Carisbrooke after that defeat to Thistle as they beat Uncle Bobs 7-3 at the Riverside on Thursday. It marked a reversal in fortune for the Nairn side who had scored themselves three days earlier, as they edged out Elgin Rangers in a thrilling 7-6 win.

The week's other game saw Nairn United take three points from Mosset Tavern with a 4-1 win in Forres on Tuesday.

This week's fixtures (all 6.15pm kick-offs):

Macrae and Dick Toyota McIntosh Rosebowl Quarter-Finals:

Monday, September 15 - Carisbrooke v Uncle Bobs, Roysvale; Galacticos v FC Elgin, Pinefield.

Tuesday, September 16 - Carlton v Elgin Thistle, Roysvale, Forres; Kinloss Sappers v Jackos, Kinloss Pitches, Kinloss.

AJG Parcels Welfare League:

Thursday, September 18 - Carisbrooke v Carlton, Kinloss Pitches; Elgin Caledonian v FC Elgin, Roysvale; Galacticos v Elgin Thistle, Pinefield.

Uncle Bobs v Mosset Tavern, Riverside, Nairn.

Friday, September 19 - Elgin Thistle v Kinloss Sappers, Pinefield; Nairn Utd v Jackos, Riverside, Nairn.

Bridge

Leading hands

SUMMER Bridge Results:

September 9: North/South 1 Jill Jones and Pat Johnston 55%; 2 Anthea Westcott and Chrissie Levick 51%. East/West 1 Carol Cooper and Silvi Duncan 68%; 2 John Duberley and David Robertson 55%.

September 2: 1 David Whittaker and Andy Paterson 67%; 2 Dave Thorne and George Lavery 57%; 3 John Duberley and David Robertson 56%.

August 26: 1 John Duberley and David Robertson 73%; 2 Andy Paterson and David Whittaker 57%; 3 Heather and Tony Corran 52%.



Tough tackling Miley Jordan, of Dyke Primary, throws herself into training.



David Hardtop, of Applegrove Primary, executing an accurate pass at the Kinloss Rugby Club Festival.

Rugby festival keeps primary pupils active

By GARRY McCARTNEY

PLAYERS from five Forres ASG primary schools lined out at a rugby festival on the Kinloss playing fields.

Anderson's, Applegrove, Dyke, Kinloss and Pilmuir P7 pupils formed 10 teams of ruggers who, with the assistance of Moray rugby development officer George Whitecross, took part in a morning training session and competition.

The event was hosted by 39 Engineer Regiment and Kinloss Eagles Rugby Club.

"The aim was to encourage the children to be more healthy and active," said Mr Whitecross.

"Most cycled to Kinloss as a warm-up, then everyone took part in mini touch rugby and passing skills games, speed and agility skills courses, tackle bag training, a kicking competition, wrestle mania, and passing target skills training.

"They scored points for four of the 10 activities and working on each station for eight minutes before moving onto the next."

Mr Whitecross typically coaches two Forres schools per term, so the skill stations allowed a greater spread of learning for more fledgling players.

"It was good to learn the different activities," said Christina Owen (11), of Applegrove Primary School.

"We were encouraged to enjoy teamwork and sport, but I also loved the cycle to Kinloss!"

At the end of the festival, each school nominated the male and female pupils they felt had made the greatest effort during the event, and they received a medal, Scottish Rugby Union water bottle or PE bag.

The Active Schools Rugby trophy was presented to the winning team from Dyke Primary School.

Active Schools co-ordinator Paul Rogan said: "The event was a great success as it offered P7 children the opportunity to take part in skill-based activities at their local club.

"The emphasis was on having fun while



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Anderson's Primary player Ciara Conti sidestepping an imaginary defensive line on the Kinloss playing fields.

working as part of a team. Festivals are a great way of linking schools and sports clubs, allowing children a taster of a sport which they may enjoy and carry on with in the future."

The commanding officer of 39 Engineer Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel T.G.J. Marsden, said: "The morning went very smoothly.

"The four marked stands gave the day a competitive edge."

Quartermaster Technical, Captain Stephen 'Taff' Smith, from 39 Engineer Regiment at Kinloss Barracks, hosted the event and provided rugby playing soldiers as coaches/helpers alongside volunteers from Forres Academy.

Lt Col Marsden said: "Taff has 27 years of rugby playing history, and has represented all of the regiments he has served in.

"He is new to the area and was very impressed with the collaborative work between the military and community, as well as the amount of activities available to families and individuals in Moray."

Capt Smith is also chairman/manager of the Kinloss Eagles, which incorporates Kinloss Kestrels junior rugby team.

The mini rugby club takes place every Sunday at 10.30am and is open to all P1-P7 players of any ability. It is manned and run by the local community and forces personnel.

Mr Whitecross said: "Kinloss RFC are recruiting more coaches, male and female players,

"That was a key message to the pupils who took part in the Festival for their parents!"

The results in full were:



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Paul Rogan

1 Dyke 1 PS on 421 points; 2 Anderson's 2 PS on 419; 3 Applegrove 2 PS, 404; 4 Dyke 2 PS, 372; 5 Applegrove 1 PS, 370; 6 Pilmuir 2 PS, 342; 7 Anderson's 1 PS, 327; 8 Kinloss 2 PS, 314; 9 Kinloss 1 PS, 288; 1 Pilmuir 1 PS, 258.