

Minis Section End of Season Report

As 2025/26 season concludes I wish to acknowledge the success of the Paviers Mini section and to take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements, progress, and experiences of the section over the past year.

Firstly, none of it would happen without the huge support of coaches, team managers, volunteers and parents. Their commitment and enthusiasm shown throughout the season has been fantastic and provides the foundation for the ongoing success of the section. In turn the players have been brilliant on the back of this involvement - Long may it continue.

This season has seen excellent participation across all age groups, from our youngest players taking their first steps in rugby through Little Ruggers, through to our U12s who continue to develop their skills and understanding of the game. Attendance at training sessions has remained strong throughout the year, demonstrating player dedication, and is clearly evident with most age groups having squad sizes significantly higher than the permitted RFU Age Grade regulations. A sign of being a victim of our own success.

On the field, all age groups have shown great progress. While results are never the primary focus at minis level, it has been encouraging to see players growing in confidence, teamwork, sportsmanship, and technical ability. The emphasis on enjoyment, inclusion, and player development has remained at the heart of everything we do.

The Minis Section has participated in a number of fixtures and festivals allowing players the opportunity to put into practice the skills of Rugby and to represent the Red and Green of Paviers RFC. In the main, the behaviour and attitude displayed by our players have consistently reflected the values of rugby: respect, teamwork, discipline, enjoyment, and sportsmanship. Obviously, there have been a small number of occasions where behaviours have fallen short, but this has been dealt with and address by the coaches.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to providing an opportunity for local kids in our community to have fun, join in and to try their best in developing as Rugby players. We look forward to welcoming returning players next season and introducing new players to the club and to the sport, along with the continued success of the section.

Thank you,

Jim Bradley Mini (Ex)Chair