

Women and girls report 2025/26

Women's

A very successful season again for our women's team 'The Pumas' who entered the league structure for the first time. Competing in NC3 the team only lost one game in the league all season and were crowned league winners. They also got to the final of the NLD plate besting teams from the league above to reach the final. Against the league above champions the Pumas finished runners up.

We now have had 15 players who have graduated through our reformed girl's section to play for the women's team which is fantastic.

Also, Natasha Green was selected for the women's NLD squad.

U18s

Our under 18s clustered with Newark for the season for the second season. A difficult season at times as local teams struggled for numbers which was a challenge to get fixtures but the season finished with the cluster winning the Conference cup plate. Transition into the women's game was also a success giving some players additional game time.

We also had two girls (Charlotte and Nuha) represented the NLD U18s and two were part of the NLD youth council.

Next season the u18s rebranded as 'Puma's academy' will be a standalone team for the first time with a full squad of players.

U16s

The U16 girls enjoyed an enjoyable season as the team grew in numbers, with new players adding their own strengths to a team that was already full of positive attitudes and high levels of team spirit and togetherness.

Highlights during the season included a narrow and hard-fought win against Casuals under Friday night floodlights, a superb victory against a strong combined Kesteven & Peterborough team to make the NLD Cup semi-finals and a second-half comeback against a very strong Burton team that summed up the team's determination to never stop playing positive rugby.

Several girls represented the club at NLD

U14s

Our u14s clustered with Ashfield and Southwell to create the cluster 'North Notts' for the season to provide the opportunity of playing 15 aside games. They competed in the NLD conference cup and won the plate which was a great achievement. The

togetherness the squad showed despite being from three different clubs shows what rugby is about still.

U12s

The U12s who last year didn't have a squad have had good numbers throughout and have played a few matches joining up with other teams to gain match experience.

They attended the looseheadz future stars festival where they had a great day of fun and rugby.

U10s

The u10s which continues to grow in numbers with girls who play mixed rugby and others who only wish to play girls only rugby. Next season the squad will start to play their first games as a girl's squad.

Summary

Overall, I would say it's been the most successful season for the women and girls' section to date. Player numbers are increasing across all teams which means next season all squads from u10s to Women's will be standalone. There has been success on the pitch with silverware won along various players representing the club at NLD.

A hugely successful tour to Liverpool for the U18s/U16s.

There are more volunteers across the section than there has ever been which is key to keeping the section progressing.

The section remains very together with the women's team having close links with the younger teams which helps show the pathway the girls have for the future at the club.