



**SHIPLAKE COLLEGE**  
HENLEY-ON-THAMES

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# **The Cracknell Cup Rugby 7s Tournament**



**Sunday 2 February  
2020**

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**[www.shiplake7s.co.uk](http://www.shiplake7s.co.uk)**

# WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD OF RUGBY

It is a great honour to welcome you all to Shiplake College, for our seventh invitational 7s tournament.

Shiplake College offers fantastic opportunities for sport, all set in a beautiful 45-acre site on the banks of the River Thames. Our award-winning grounds-staff prepare fantastic pitches for pupils to use, which I hope are not hampered too much by the weather for today's tournament.

The philosophy of sport here is not only the pursuit of excellence and professionalism for the elite, but also to raise achievement across the entire ability range within a supportive environment which helps all students to realise their potential.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the visiting teams, supporters and parents from all schools in attendance, and I wish you every success for today and the rest of the season.

**Mr Sam Beckett**  
**Head of Rugby**

## CHRIS CRACKNELL



Chris Cracknell left Shiplake in 2002 and went on to represent Harlequins, Cornish Pirates (EDF Trophy Winner), Newbury, Bath (Heineken Cup) and Worcester in club level rugby. Chris had previously played for England U19 and U21, having captained the South West U18 side in 2002-2003.

Starting all but two of England's 45 matches in the 2010-2011 HSBC World Series proved the 7s pedigree of Chris Cracknell, who has also featured in the 2009 7s World Cup and the 2010 Commonwealth Games over the years. After retiring from playing for England in 2014, Chris started a career in coaching 7s. Chris was brought in as Head Coach of the Fiji Women's 7s Team and Assistant to Ben Ryan for the Fiji Men's 7s team. Chris received the highest honour of the Fijian Honours system, Officer of the Order of Fiji after

coaching the Fiji Men's 7s team to an Olympic gold medal at Rio 2016.

Chris coached the Shiplake 1st VII in 2017 to their most successful season to date. The cup today is named in honour of Chris and his achievements on the field since leaving Shiplake.

During the 2018 season, Chris was over in California helping set up Major League Rugby franchise San Diego Legion coaching them to a MLR semi-final spot, although losing to Seattle Seawolves, the eventual winners of the first MLR Trophy.

# FIFTEEN RUGBY PREVIEW

As the curtain raiser to the 7s season, the Shiplake tournament always captures the attention of rugby blogs and websites. This year was no different, with the following preview published on **[www.fifteenrugby.com](http://www.fifteenrugby.com)** following the announcement of the draw:

## **School 7s: Shiplake 7s Draw sees top sides set to compete**

*The sixteen sides are divided into four groups of four, and no matter where each team finishes, they will be competing for a trophy. The Group winners will head to the Cracknell Cup semi finals, named after Shiplake College old boy and former England 7s star, Chris Cracknell. Winners of those semi finals will reach the Cup final, with the losers playing in the Plate final.*

*Those finishing second in the groups head to the Shield semi finals, winners in those games playing in the Shield final, losers in the Bowl final. Third in the groups meanwhile head to the Trophy semi finals, while those finishing bottom of the groups head to the Vase semi finals.*

*Adverse weather saw last year's tournament cancelled, leaving Cheltenham College unable to defend the title they won back in 2018. However they are back again in Group 2 this year, alongside Bedford, who won the tournament in 2016 and 2017. Joining them in Group 2 are Haileybury and Eastbourne College, two sides that will be sure to play some exciting rugby.*

*Hosts Shiplake College are in Group 1, they lifted the Shield back in 2018. They have a tough challenge ahead of them, Marlborough College and Downside should provide plenty of competition, but it is Clifton College that will surely draw plenty of attention after a brilliant fifteen-a-side season, can they translate that form to the shortened format of the game?*

*Over in Group 3 are another of the sides to win silverware back in 2018, Radley College\*, who won the Bowl. They are drawn alongside Worth and two sides that will really fancy a crack at this competition in Seaford College and St Paul's. Seaford, incidentally, really get the ball rolling for the schools 7s season with their Seaford 7s tournament the first major competition of the term on Sunday 26th January.*

*Group 4 contains Wellington College, who made history in the fifteen-a-side season with their St Joseph's Festival/Champions Trophy double, and are one of the great names in all of school 7s. They will be among the favourites, but Tonbridge especially will give them a challenge in this group. Joining them are Emanuel and 2018 Plate winners, Hurstpierpoint College, who will be eager for a strong 7s season.*

*Overall it looks like an incredibly strong competition, and should be a fantastic early staging post on the road to Rosslyn Park as sides hone their 7s skills and hopefully stay on the right side of the weather.*

\*Please note that Radley College withdrew from the tournament after this was published.

# Sports Dinner 2020

Saturday 28 March

We are delighted to have secured former England rugby player (and I'm a Celebrity 2019 campmate!) **James Haskell**, to be our guest speaker at our Sports Fundraising Dinner. MC for the evening will be Sky Sports presenter **Alex Payne**.

Tickets: £65 each (£50 for Sixth Formers)  
Dress code: Black tie  
Arrival drinks: 6.45pm  
Three-course meal, auction and raffle  
Carriages: Midnight

This is a whole community event and is open to all those connected with the College and their friends!



To book tickets go to  
[www.shiplake.org.uk/sportsdinner](http://www.shiplake.org.uk/sportsdinner)

# TOURNAMENT AND MEDICAL RULES

1. Games will be played under the World Rugby Laws, U19 variations, Standard set of variations for Sevens and any RFU Law Interpretations/Variations for the Season 2019/2020 (Please take note of new RFU rules of play). Each item of protective clothing, padding or otherwise, must conform to World Rugby Specifications.
2. The size of the squad should be a maximum of 12 players.
3. Rolling substitutions are allowed for any reason. Please ensure this does not interfere with or slow down play.
4. All games will be seven minutes each way with a 2 minute half-time break.
5. Group placing will be determined by: wins, points differential, greatest points for, then a toss of a coin.
6. In the knock-out rounds if, at the end of normal time, neither side has won, captains will toss for the right to kick off or choice of ends and play will continue until a side scores a try.
7. In the event of a sending-off, the team plays with less than 7 players for the rest of that game. The team is, however, allowed to start with 7 players for the next game(s). The use of Temporary Suspension (Sin Bin) for 2 minutes will be in force. It is to the discretion of the referee and tournament organiser if the removed player should be allowed to play in further matches.
8. Medical assistance is provided by Shiplake College. Please report all injuries to the medical station, who will assess the injured player(s) before allowing them to return to the field.
9. All decisions by the Tournament Director (Mr Sam Beckett) in conjunction with the Referees are final.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Today's match officials have been kindly provided by the London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees.

Please respect the decisions of all referees, who have given up their time to join us today. Without them, the tournament could not go ahead.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the conversation by tweeting updates from the tournament. Please use the hashtag #Shiplake7s so we can look back on how events unfolded through the day.



**#Shiplake7s**

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## TOURNAMENT DRAW

### Group A

Shiplake  
Marlborough  
Downside  
Clifton

### Group B

St Paul's  
Seaford  
Worth  
Dulwich

### Group C

Cheltenham  
Eastbourne  
Bedford  
Haileybury

### Group D

Wellington  
Hurstpierpoint  
Emanuel  
Tonbridge

- 1st placed teams compete for the Cracknell Cup/Plate
- 2nd placed teams compete for the Bowl/Shield
- 3rd placed teams compete for the Trophy/Vase
- Teams in each pool play each other once

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

Our sincere thanks to the people who have given their time and support to help make this competition possible. This includes the Shiplake grounds-staff, the catering team at Thomas Franks, the referees, the medical staff and the coaches and parents from all participating schools.

# MATCH SCHEDULE

Time	Pitch 1	Pitch 2
10:00	Cheltenham v Haileybury	Wellington v Tonbridge
10:20	Marlborough v Downside	Dulwich v Worth
10:40	Bedford v Eastbourne	Hurstpierpoint v Emanuel
11:00	Shiplake v Clifton	Seaford v St Paul's
11:20	Haileybury v Eastbourne	Tonbridge v Emanuel
11:40	Clifton v Downside	St Paul's v Worth
12:00	Cheltenham v Bedford	Wellington v Hurst
12:20	Shiplake v Marlborough	Seaford v Dulwich
12:40	Cheltenham v Eastbourne	Wellington v Emanuel
13:00	Shiplake v Downside	St Paul's v Dulwich
13:20	Haileybury v Bedford	Tonbridge v Hurst
13:40	Clifton v Marlborough	Seaford v Worth
14:00 Trophy and Vase	3rd Place v 3rd Place	3rd Place v 3rd Place
14:20 Shield and Bowl	2nd Place v 2nd Place	2nd Place v 2nd Place
14:40 Cup and Plate	1st Place v 1st Place	1st Place v 1st Place
15:00 13th-16th Play-Off	4th Place v 4th Place	4th Place v 4th Place
15:20	Trophy Final	Vase Final
15:40	Bowl Final	Shield Final
16:00	Cracknell Cup Final	Plate Final

# REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

## U18

Fyn Brown  
Jake Shortland

Wasps  
London Irish

## U16

Nathan McCarthy

London Irish

## U14

Will Diver

London Irish

## U15

Archie Smith  
Oliver Denison-Pender  
Ned Floyd  
Jamie Macleod  
Reuben Logan  
Rudi O'Keeffe

Wasps  
Wasps  
Wasps  
Wasps  
Wasps  
London Irish



**George Davis**  
Loughborough  
Ealing 2018-Pres



**Tom Howe**  
England U17-20  
Worcester 2017-Pres



**Fili Savou**  
Fiji U20  
England U17



**Ruari Van Raalte**  
USA U20  
Lambs U18



**Teddy Hewens**  
Lambs U18



**Matt Thomas**  
England U16



**Max Chandler**  
England U16



**Ian Brown**  
Lambs U18





# MENU AND PRICE LIST

In the morning, why not warm yourself up with a hot drink? For breakfast, perhaps a delicious bacon bap, or for lunch, go for one of our fantastic beef burgers!

We would like to thank our superb catering team from **Thomas Franks Ltd**, who will be laying on a vast range of refreshments throughout the day.

## Drinks

<i>Americano</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Cappuccino</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Flat White</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Latte</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Macchiato</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Mocha</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Tea</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
<i>Selection of cans</i>	<i>£1.00</i>
<i>Bottled water</i>	<i>£1.00</i>

## Breakfast

<i>Bacon Bap</i>	<i>£2.00</i>
<i>Sausage Bap</i>	<i>£2.00</i>
<i>Danish Pastries</i>	<i>£1.00</i>

## Lunch

<i>Beef Burger with fried onions</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Hot Dog</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Vegetable Burger/Hot Dog</i>	<i>£2.50</i>
<i>Soup</i>	<i>£2.00</i>
<i>Homemade Cake (slice of)</i>	<i>£1.50</i>
<i>Fruit</i>	<i>£0.50</i>

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## TODAY'S CHARITY

All proceeds from this year's programme will be donated to the Matt Hampson Foundation (MHF). This charity provides invaluable advice, support, relief and/or treatment for anyone who has suffered a serious injury or disability which has arisen from participation in sport or any other form of physical activity.

Matt Hampson was spinally injured in 2005 during an England Under 21 rugby training session. Since then, Matt has battled hard to live as normal a life as possible. Paralysed from the neck down and breathing via the aid of a ventilator, it is testament to him that he decided to set up the Foundation so that others who have suffered similar catastrophic injuries can receive support and assistance.

It has been Matt and the Foundation's big goal to build the Get Busy Living! Centre, a place where our beneficiaries can receive rehabilitation and meet others in a similar position who can pass on advice and inspire each other to move on with their lives. That dream is now a reality and the Centre opened in October 2018.

We are delighted to be able to use this opportunity to provide additional support, and thank you for your generous donations this evening.



## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

**Sunday 9 February 2020**  
Pangbourne 7s

**Sunday 1 March 2020**  
Reigate 7s

**Wednesday 4 March 2020**  
Society of Heads 7s

**Sunday 8 March 2020**  
Worth 7s

**Tuesday 24 March 2020**  
Rosslyn Park 7s



# 2018 WINNERS

Unfortunately the 2019 tournament was cancelled due to adverse weather.



Cheltenham College  
*Cracknell Cup*



Hurstpierpoint College  
*Plate*



Caterham School  
*Bowl*



Shiplake College  
*Shield*



Radley College  
*Trophy*



Abingdon School  
*Vase*



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