

Stay Strong Stu 7s Report 2017

Squad:

1. Si March (c) (05-09)
2. Robbie Cowan (00-07)
3. Al Cowan (00-06)
4. Ralph Appleby (02-07)
5. Fin Maclean (02-07)
6. James Taylor (02-07)
7. Mike Scott (guest player)
8. Matty Smith (guest player)
9. Cam McKenna (guest player)
10. Finlay Magowen (guest player)

At 1.20pm we had the first fixture against the Janitors - last year's winners under a new guise. After a couple of early tries conceded, the boys found their rhythm and narrowly lost four tries to three.

Second up were Ryton. We'd heard they had been beaten by the Colts so we were hoping to come back strongly. After a couple of early tries from the wingers, the boys starting playing some good sevens structures to win 43-0.

After the first two games we were given a boost by the rangy James Taylor, arriving two hours late. Another good forward and high ball receiver was welcomed into the team (although fined later for being so late!).

Third up were Tynedale Colts - we'd heard they had also beaten Ryton by 7 tries so were expecting a tough fixture to determine if we'd progress. Again the forwards competed well under high ball and space was well created to run in some good team tries. Another 43-0 win.

At this point we didn't know if we had made the cup or the plate. It turned out that a team had dropped out, so 3 teams who were on equal points were drawing out a hat to get one spot in the main cup's semi-final. Captain Si March picked 'out', which unluckily meant the boys were straight into the plate final against Novocastrians. The boys defended well and finished some long range opportunities to comfortably win on the great pitch in front of the beer festival attendees! Final score 34-7.

The boys were happy to receive £50 of beer tokens which were consumed with ease as the boys enjoyed celebrating in the evening sun.