

LONDON & SOUTH EAST

Results for Saturday, April 16

Intermediate Cup Semi Finals London & South East
Aylesford 34 London Cornish 29
Romford & Gidea Park 41 Braintree 32

Senior Vase Semi Finals London & South East
Basildon 17 Lowestoft & Yarmouth 10
Medway 23 Teddington 57

Junior Vase Semi Finals London & South East
HAC 40 Uckfield 24
Holt 32 Cantabrigian 12

Play-Off for promotion to London 3 South West
Old Blues 30 Eastleigh 10

Play-Off for promotion to London 3 South East
Sheppey 42 Burgess Hill 10

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. London 1 North: Bury St Edmunds 49, Thurrock 22, Eton Manor 26, Colchester 15, Letchworth Garden City 31, Tabard 5, Old Colfeians 29, Brentwood 28, Ruislip 70, Woodford 23, Sidcup 48, Stevenage Town 24, Westcliff 39, Chingford 0.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. London 1 South: Beckenham 20, Wimbledon 19, Chobham 27, Hove 29, Cobham 61, Tunbridge Wells 24, Dover 28, Sutton & Epsom 21, Haywards Heath 62, Portsmouth 19, Thanet Wanderers 0, London Irish Amateur 63, Tonbridge Juddian 40, Chichester 28.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. London 2 North East: Saffron Walden 19, Harlow 23

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. London 3 South West: Fordingbridge 18, Camberley 23

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. Shepherd Neame Kent 1: New Ash Green 17, Vigo 54

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. Herts/Middlesex 1: Old Grammarians 39, Saracens Amateurs 17

Fixtures for Saturday, April 23

Intermediate Cup Final London & South East: Aylesford v Romford & Gidea Park.

Senior Vase Final London & South East: Teddington v Basildon.

Junior Vase Final London & South East: HAC v Holt.

Play-Off for promotion to National 3 London & South East: London Irish Amateurs v Sidcup.

Play-Off for promotion to London 1 North: Braintree v Harpenden.

RugbyTech Shield Division 1: Henley Hawks v Ealing; London Scottish v Shefford

RugbyTech Shield Division 2: Richmond Saxons v London Scottish 3; Worthing v Blackheath Brigands

RugbyTech Shield Division 3A/3B: Bishop's Stortford v Old Reigatian

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 1 North: Westcliff, Sidcup, Bury St Edmunds, Colchester, Thurrock, Chingford, Letchworth Garden City, Old Colfeians, Eton Manor, Brentwood, Ruislip, Stevenage Town, Tabard, Woodford.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 1 South: Tonbridge Juddian, London Irish Amateur, Chichester, Haywards Heath, Dover, Beckenham, Portsmouth, Sutton & Epsom, Hove, Thanet Wanderers, Cobham, Wimbledon, Tunbridge Wells, Chobham.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 2 North East: Rochford Hundred, Braintree, Romford & Gidea Park, Chelmsford, Ipswich, Canvey Island, Saffron Walden, Enfield Ignatians, Old Stretonians, Beccles, Sudbury, Harlow.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 2 North West: Hammersmith & Fulham, Harpenden, Chiswick, Hampstead, Welwyn, Imperial Medicals, Hemel Hempstead, U.C.S. Old Boys, St Albans, Grasshoppers, London New Zealand, West London.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 2 South East: Old Elthamians, Aylesford Bulls, Lewes, East Grinstead, Sevenoaks, Brighton, Old Dunstonians, Warringham, Old Mid-Whitgiftians, Deal & Betschanger, Purley John Fisher, Maidstone.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 2 South West: Guernsey, Trojans, Guildford, Totntonians, Old Reigatian, London Cornish, Effingham & Leatherhead, Twickenham, Gosport & Fareham, Bognor, Weybridge Vandals, KCS Old Boys.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 3 North East: Basildon, Lowestoft & Yarmouth, Norwich, Newmarket, Wanstead, South Woodham Ferrers, Upminster, Wymondham, Campion, Wisbech, Bancroft, Mersea Island.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 3 North West: Old Haberdashers, Fullers, Barnet Elizabethans, Datchworth, Haringey Rhinos, Finchley, Hitchin, Bank Of England, Cheshunt, London Nigerian, Wasps, Old Ashmoleans.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 3 South East: Heathfield & Waldron, Charlton Park, Crowborough, Medway, Park House, Folkestone, Eastbourne, Bromley, Horsham, Crawley, Cranbrook, Dartfordians.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. London 3 South West: Teddington, Camberley, Old Alwynians, Sandown & Shanklin, Old Wellingtonians, Alton, Ellingham & Ringwood, Winchester, Petersfield, Fordingbridge, Old Wimbledonians, London South Africa.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Greene King IPA Eastern Counties 1: Stowmarket, Hoi, West Norfolk, Cantabrigian, Southwood, Lakenham Hewett, Crusaders, Harwich & Dovercourt, Woodbridge, Thurston.

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Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Surrey 1: Old Freemans, Old Blues, Old Whitgiftians, Old Walcountians, Croydon, Old Paulines, London Exiles, Kingston, Cranleigh, Bec Old Boys, Chipstead.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Surrey 2: CL London, Old Tiffinians, Old Haileyburians, Farnham, Law Society, Battersea Ironsides, Old Cranleighians, Old Emanuel, Raynes Park, Old Caterhamians.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Surrey 3: Worth Old Boys, Old Rutlishians, Old Tonbridgians, Old Wokingians, London Media, Old Amplefordians, Old Radleian, Mitcham, Old Glynionians, Merton.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Surrey 4: Streatham-Croydon, Haslemere, Guildfordians, Woking, Old Oundellians, Lightwater, Wandsworthians, Reigate, Egham Hollowegians.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Shepherd Neame Kent 1: Ashford, Sheppey, Gillingham Anch., Old Gravesendians, Vigo, Sittlingbourne, Beccehamian, New Ash Green, HSBC, Whitstable, Lordwood.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Shepherd Neame Kent 2: Guys' Kings & St TH, Shooters Hill, Kings Coll. Hospital, Southwark Lancers, Orpington, Foots Cray, Old Williamsons, Brockleians, Askean, Bexley, Erith.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Essex (Canterbury Jack) League 1: East London, Millwall, Maldon, Billericay, Old Cooperians, Old Brentwoods, Pegasus Palmerians, Clacton, Brightlingsea, Thames, Dagenham.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Essex (Spitfire) League 2: Upper Clapton, Writtle Wanderers, Ilford Wanderers, May & Baker, Burnham-On-Crouch, Stanford Le Hope, Kings Cross Steelers, Phantoms, Runwell Wyverns.

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Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Herts/Middlesex 2: Old Millhillians, Belsize Park, Old Merchant Taylors, Pinner & Grammarians, Royston, Ickenham, Old Isleworthians, Uxbridge, Thurston French, Quintin, Old Tottonians.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Herts/Middlesex 3: Harrow, Old Abbotstonians, Hatfield, Watford, Thamesians, British Airways, Chess Valley, Sudbury/London S'boys, Northolt.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Sussex Spitfire 1: Uckfield, Burgess Hill, Holbrook, Pulborough, Hastings & Bexhill, Seaford, Brighton, Worthing, Rye, East Grinstead II, Eastbourne, St Francis.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Hampshire 1: Andover, Eastleigh, Millbrook, New Milton & District, Farnborough, United Services, Romsey, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, Southampton, Fareham Heathens.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. Hampshire 2: Nomads, Lytchett Minster, Aldershot & Fleet, Chineham, Overton, Locksheath Pumas, Stoneham, Alesford, Fawley.

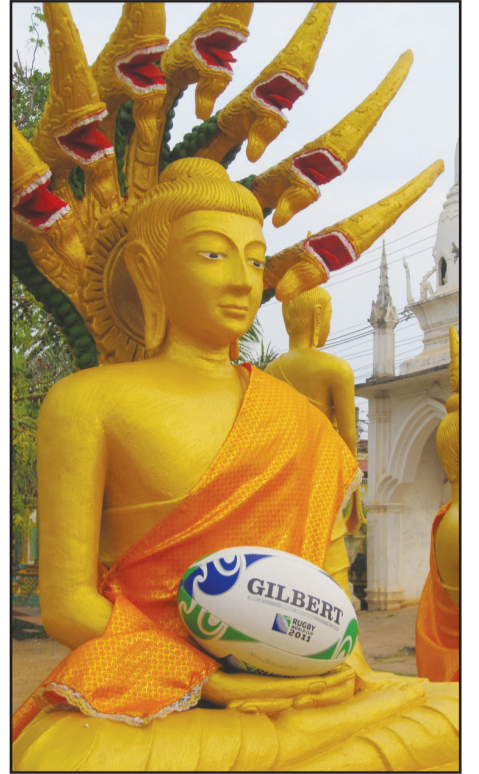
Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. RugbyTechShield Division 1: Esher, Ealing, Richmond, London Scottish, Rosslyn Park, Henley Hawks, Blackheath, Cambridge, Plymouth, Shefford.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. RugbyTechShield Division 2: Redingians, Old Albanian Romans, Richmond Saxons, Westcombe Park, Barnes, Esher Academy, Chinnor, London Scottish 3, Blackheath Brigands, Worthing.

Table with 7 columns: P, W, D, L, F, A, BP, Pts. RugbyTech Shield Division 3A/3B: Hertford, Bracknell, Esher Academy 2, Ruislip, London Cornish, Tring, Staines, Old Reigatian, Rosslyn Park Hatters, Maidenhead, Dorking, North Walsham, Bishops Stortford, Diss, London Irish Wolfhounds, Wimbledon.

"BAL KOI" - the broken ball

Rugby mad duo, Tom and Jodie, who are in the middle of an 18-month trek on bicycle that will see them end up in New Zealand in time for the first game of the Rugby World Cup, continue to chronicle their remarkable journey in Rugby Times. The intrepid travellers aim to raise £25,000 for Rays of Sunshine - a children's charity for children with serious or terminal illness in UK - and give a new insight into rugby in areas not on the "rugby map".



At 18,500km into our 18 month bicycle journey, we stumbled across one of the most courageous and heart-wrenching stories to date. It comes from a remarkable education and welfare centre in the heart of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

After the horrific suffering of the Cambodian people throughout the Pol Pot regime (Khmer Rouge), the country was brought to its knees and life for many millions became a daily struggle between life and death. Thousands of children and families were left to live and feed off the scraps of food at huge rubbish dumps, and to scavenge whatever reusables they could find amongst the broken glass, syringes and rotting waste. If there was ever any doubt as to the destruction caused by the regime, you might find suggestion in their radio broadcasts to the people "To keep you is no loss, to destroy you is no loss".

Many of the estimated 2.5 million victims of the genocide were educated, city dwellers, the brains behind business, and often nutritionally the healthiest sector of society. Over 10 years of slaughter, the national average height dropped by a staggering 10cm, a difference that takes around 100 years of human evolution to gain back. We were unsure what rugby story could be found in a country that was effectively born in 1980, the Khmer Rouge's "Year Zero". The findings were nothing less than inspirational.

The rugby journey began in 1995 when a French couple visited Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Christian and Marie-France des Pallieres witnessed children living and working through the rubbish dump and decided that something needed to be done. Starting only by feeding these children, they returned to France to raise awareness of the situation and began collecting donations to assist with their work. Their footage was so dramatic that support was immediate, and soon they were able to turn some of their wider dreams into realistic projects. By 1996 their project "Pour un Sourire d'Enfant" (for the smile of a child) officially commenced and today the centres provides housing, healthcare, nutrition, education and support to over 6,500 children and their families. One early student of this scheme was Ratana Pich (below).

As a young boy, Ratana grew up with his family, living and working on the rubbish dump in Phnom Penh. He attended the local school each morning but in the afternoon worked with his family shifting through piles of hazardous refuse and waste. By the age of 16, his family could no longer afford the loss of income and he dropped out of education to begin a full time struggle for a lowly income.

In 1998, on one of his many visits to the dumpsites, Christian himself stumbled upon this boy, and personally brought him into the centre. Ratana was now 17 years old, and had already spent 12 years of his life working on the dumpsite. He spoke only Khmer, and had a very limited education. At an age where many people cease education, Ratana's journey was just about to begin, and he progressed through PSE to learn English, French and a complete further education studies in a Business course. It was through rugby however,

that he found his greatest opportunity yet. "I saw some boys throwing around a funny shaped ball, and the man who was teaching them was French," he declared. "I thought, I must understand this game! It must be important if a French man is teaching it!"

After joining the first training at PSE, Ratana learned about the sport and where it was played and realised that rugby was something that might lead him to further opportunities in life. He loved the teamwork that the game required, and although the game was a lot more physical than his beloved football, he was surprised at how much he enjoyed playing and became quickly hooked.

Rugby soon become a second family to many like Ratana, and after graduating through the scheme, they formed a senior PSE side, continuing to train under the guidance of the overseas volunteers.

By 2005, they were experienced enough to form a national side almost entirely from PSE, and travelled to face Macau as an undercard fixture to Hong Kong vs Korea. The little Cambodian boys from the dump took to the field weighing an average 35kg less per player than their opponents, and for 60 minutes held their heavier opponents at bay, before finally succumbing 46-7, conceding most tries in the final 20 minutes. Despite losing, the team left the pitch to a standing ovation from a Hong Kong crowd who had rarely witnessed such effort and spirit. It was a successful trip and in 2006 the PSE Garudas entered a Khmer side into the Angkor 10s, led by Ratana Pich. Only 2 years on and the team were good enough to bring home the trophy.

Ratana Pich is now 29 years old and has played in every single international fixture for his country, captaining the side for the passed few years. Now he is looking to the future generations of national players and jokes that he is "getting too old and slow", although, like most of the Cambodian team, he doesn't look a day older than 17. Now with a wife and baby daughter, Ratana is working back at PSE and is therefore contributing to the same centre that set him free from a life of poverty.

After another 10,000km of pedalling, we will begin a 50 day tour of schools and rugby clubs in New Zealand to display a collection of rugby stories and exhibits from around the world.

For us, there will be few tales more inspirational than the courage of a small boy who turned a life in rubbish, into a life in rugby.

\*To read more about Jodie and Tom's journey visit their website at www.CyclingToTheRugbyWorldCup.com