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#saveGBWR Campaign

The campaign to save Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby is now officially live and we would like to urge everyone to support it in any way you can. Please donate to the campaign by going to gbwr.org.uk or, if you're on the go, you can text the following:

Donate £5 by texting SAVE55 £5 to 70070
Donate £10 by texting SAVE55 £10 to 70070

Share it, tweet it and spread the news! Our strength is in numbers and we know we have incredibly passionate supporters. Now is the time for action! If you would also like to get involved with fundraising to help the cause, please do get in touch with us.

We are confident that our sport has a bright future ahead of it and together we can help secure it.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Colwyn Bay Taster Sessions

Wheelchair rugby is coming to Colwyn Bay across March with sessions for young people and adults to try out our fast-paced and exciting sport.

All equipment will be provided and the sessions are completely free of charge delivered by experienced coaches.

The sessions will take place on the 14th, 21st and 28th March with a youth session running from 16:30-17:30 and an adult session from 17:30-18:30.

All sessions will be held at Colwyn Leisure Centre, Eirias Park, Abergele Road, LL29 7SP.

To register your interest, please contact:

Stuart McLindon, Youth Programme Manager, at stuart.mclindon@gbwr.org.uk or on 0759 6411 706

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Reading Taster Session

Wheelchair rugby is returning to Reading this month! GBWR ran a couple of sessions in February with just one remaining on March 19th for players over 16.

The sessions, run alongside Get Berkshire Active are aimed at anybody with a physical disability, over the age of 16, male or female, complete beginners or those who may have played before.

The session on March 19th will take place between 12-1:30pm at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire, RG5 4LY.

For more information please contact Paul Arnold, Regional Development Officer, at paul.arnold@gbwr.org.uk or on 07872 664 927.

A message from Mike Brown

Mike Brown- England & Harlequins fullback

"After watching the team for the first time at London 2012, I was inspired. The guys are an unbelievable testament to overcoming hardship and I am proud to be an ambassador to the team, and even prouder to be helping to spearhead this campaign.



The funding is absolutely vital. I appeal to everyone to help in any way they can and to help secure the future of GBWR."

Canterbury gain promotion after final Division Two weekend

Canterbury were crowned BT Super Seires Division Two champions after the final weekend in Walsall, marking an end of an incredible season for Hellfire.

The team from Kent will now compete in Division One for the first time in the club's history after entering the Super Series set up in 2014 as a Division Three team.

It was an excellent two days of matches in the Midlands with Ospreys and Burn having to be decided in double over time with Burn just edging out their South Wales counterparts 60-59.

Canterbury and Burn have been the pace setters in the division with Canterbury winning the league by two points, whilst Burn will go into a promotion/relegation play-off with the eventual seventh placed side in Division One.

At the other end, Crushers will drop into Division Three after finishing eighth in their first season back in Division Two following promotion last season.

The weekend was hotly contested with Burn coming out victorious with a final 50-42 result over Canterbury who had already secured promotion.

The final tables and full results can be found on our website in the Clubs & Competitions section.



The individual award winners were:

Sam Lloyd (Ospreys)	0.5
Ryan Sheridan (Burn)	1.0/1.5
Tom Baines (Liverpool)	2.0
Josh Williams (Burn)	2.5
Phillipa Skinner (Titans)	3.0/3.5
Mike Kerr (Crushers)	MVP

Storm brewing in Division One

Storm kept the pressure on top of the table Gaelic Warriors at the second Division One weekend of the season when the teams met in Walsall in February.

Just six points separate the top three sides, leading to a dramatic final weekend in April when Division One comes to a close in Stoke-on-Trent.

Storm enjoyed an unbeaten weekend, ending in a final victory over Warriors who were the early pacesetters in the league.

Sharks finished third in the second weekend, cementing a fourth place finish overall as they look to stay in Division One in only their second season in the top league.

There is also a battle to beat the drop at the bottom of the table as just four points separate Crusaders, North East Bulls and Marauders who will all want to be on top of their game in April to secure their place in Division One.

The team who finishes bottom will drop into Division Two with the team in seventh heading into a relegation/promotion play-off with West Coast Burn who were runners-up in Division Two.

The individual award winners were:

Adrien Chalmin (Tigers)	0.5/ 1.0
Nic Cummins (Tigers)	1.5
Chris Ryan (Storm)	2.0
Mandip Sehmi (Storm)	2.5
Thomas Moylan (Warriors)	3.0/3.5
Gavin Walker (Marauders)	MVP



The final weekend of the season will take place at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke-on-Trent on the 1st-2nd April. More information can be found on GBWR.org.uk.



New Tournament in April

GBWR are excited to announce the first ever official tournament series for the new wheelchair rugby 'variant' game.

The event marks the culmination of a huge amount of work and we are keen to launch this new version in an invitational pilot event.

The first tournament will be held at the UWE in Bristol on 15th April 2017, featuring players and teams from across Wales and the South of England. A second tournament will be held two weeks later at Stoke Mandeville on the 29th April featuring teams from the South East and the Midlands.

Luke White, GBWR Projects Officer, said "It is fantastic to finally see the game being played and encouraging more disabled people to play the sport of wheelchair rugby".

If you would like to find out more please contact Luke White at luke.white@gbwr.org.uk

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