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ARMY FA NEWS RELEASE

2018/19 MID SEASON UPDATE



ARMY FA GRASS ROOTS SEMINAR



WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019
AT THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CENTRE
ST GEORGES PARK, BURTON-UPON-TRENT

After the successful Grass Roots Seminar held at St Georges Park during the summer of 2018 plans are already afoot for 2019. St Georges Park will again be the venue. Please put the date in your diary for Wednesday 12th June. Every unit football SNCO/football officer will be invited with a topic of how

“we can improve your Football in the Army experience” currently being considered. Lunch will be provided alongside guest speakers and the opportunity to attend the Unit Men and Womens League Cup Finals being staged in the afternoon.

To show your interest in attending please email: steve.stone@armyfa.com

MEN AND WOMENS UNIT CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CUP FINALS



WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019

ST GEORGES PARK

KICK OFFS: PM- Timings TBC

To co-incide with the seminar the afternoon will provide Unit Champions League Cup Finals. Last season UK South Minley based 3RSME defeated 3 Rifles (Edinburgh) **5-0** in the mens competition whilst an inaugural Womens fixture was played between representatives of UK North and UK South which resulted in a **5-3** success for the northern based players. Two times European Cup winner and Nottingham Forest legend John McGovern was our guest of honour.



ARMY MEN



Aldershot Town Football Club will host the 2019 Army “home” fixture for the Inter Services on Wednesday 20th March where the RAF will be the opponents. Capt Sean Birchnall’s (RLC) first season in charge as Head Coach has seen progress to the final of the Southern Counties Cup after defeating Amateur FA in the semi final on penalties after a 3-3 draw. The winners meet Jersey in the final.

Looking ahead to the Inter Services Capt Birchnall said, *“The squad is shaping up well. We have a mixture of players with Inter Service success, new additions added with some players from the Under 23’s too. It has been challenging. The result didn’t go for us at the Games of Remembrance in Nottingham but what we did gain is experience, confidence and playing in front of a big crowd too and that has shown in the matches we have played since.”*

HOME	AWAY
RAF	ROYAL NAVY
ALDERSHOT TOWN FC	YEOVIL TOWN FC
1900hrs	1900hrs
Wed 20 March	Wed 03 April

Follow Army Men on Twitter:
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ARMY WOMEN



Coach W02 Mags McAteer is aiming to steer the Army Women to retain the Inter Services after an unbeaten season last time around. This season saw good progress made in the Southern Counties Cup competition but defeat in the ultimate league fixture versus Essex denied the opportunity of topping the league table and a final versus Sussex. They also defeated Army Reserve **2-0** at the Aldershot Military Stadium late last month.

Speaking to BFBS Aldershot McAteer said, "Looking ahead to the Inter Services we are in a good position. We recruited some really good talent during trials week and the players have slotted in really well which is encouraging for the future.

"The recent match versus Army Reserve was excellent. We left it late scoring in the last 10 minutes but they have improved no end over the past four years. We were able to create plenty of chances.

Our final warm up match will be at Yeovil Town on Wednesday 27th February and it is great to be able to play against such strong opposition in a Super League side".

HOME	AWAY
RAF	ROYAL NAVY
ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM	HMS TEMERAIRE, PORTSMOUTH
1500hrs	TBC
WED 20 MARCH	WED 02 APRIL

Follow Army Women on Twitter:
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UNDER 23 DEVELOPMENT



The Under 23 Development Inter Services competition will be staged in February and will see the debut in the tournament for the new management team of Gerwyn Griffiths and Paul Hughes.

It has been a productive campaign so far with build up matches versus Aldershot Town Academy (4-2), 3RSME (1-0), University of Nottingham (3-3) and Army Reserve (3-0). The only defeat was in December at Chippenham Park

Joint Head Coach Griffiths told Forces TV after the Army Reserve victory:

“The Army Reserve were organised, tough to beat and a good physical test which was exactly what we wanted.

“This was the perfect preparation for the Inter Services coming up”.

HOME	AWAY
ROYAL NAVY	RAF
ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM	RAF COSFORD
1400HRS	1400HRS
WED 20 February	WED 13 FEBRUARY

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ARMY WOMENS DEVELOPMENT TEAM- AMAZONS

This season a new Womens Development Team has been formed called "The Amazons". The purpose was to create an additional layer between the Inter- Corps League and Army Womens Football Team. The outcome being to develop some of the higher- level but inexperienced players within the Inter-Corps League to enable them to compete in the 2019/20 AWFT trials. The team will

remain independent from the AWFT this season with the aim of merging during next season. The inaugural fixture for the team was at Nottingham prior to the Games of Remembrance in November where a **4-1** victory was achieved versus University of Nottingham. Future fixtures will be planned for the remainder of the current campaign.

Follow Army Women Development on Twitter:

[@AmazonsArmy](https://twitter.com/AmazonsArmy)



ARMY FA CHALLENGE CUP

119TH ARMY CHALLENGE CUP FINAL
ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM
WEDNESDAY 08 MAY 2019
KICK OFF 1500hrs

The 119th Major Units Army Challenge Cup is now at the quarter final stage. The final is scheduled for Aldershot Military Stadium on Wednesday 8th May 2019 with a 1500hrs kick off. One team who won't be present is current holders 1 Yorkshire Regiment who have been deployed in Estonia for the season and were unable to enter the competition to attempt to retain their crown. Last season's finalists 3 RSME are out of the competition having lost in the 3rd round 3-1 away to 4 Regiment RLC.



QUARTER FINAL (TO BE COMPLETED BY 27 FEB 19)

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| 1 4 Regiment RLC (Abingdon) | v 11 Signal Regiment (Blandford) |
| 2 42 Engineer Regiment (RAF Wyton) or 3 Regiment RLC (Abingdon) | v 14 Regiment RA (Larkhill) |
| 3 8 Bn REME (Lyneham) | v 21 Engineer Regt (Catterick) |
| 4 7 PARA RHA (Colchester) | v ITC Catterick or 3 Rifles (Edinburgh) |

SEMI FINAL (TO BE COMPLETED BY 31 MAR 19)

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| 1 Winner of QTR Final 4 | v Winners of QTR Final 3 |
| 2 Winner of QTR Final 1 | v Winners QTR Final 2 |

MINOR UNITS CUP

ARMY FA MINOR UNITS CUP FINAL
ALDERSHOT MILITARY STADIUM
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019
KICK OFF 1500hrs

The Minor Units Cup competition is also at the quarter finals stage with the final scheduled for earlier in the season with a date set for Wednesday 10th April 2019. The Armour Centre remain in the tournament whilst beaten finalists ATR Winchester are at home to 4 RMP in the quarter finals.



QUARTER FINAL

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| Match 1 | AA CEN (Middle Wallop) | v | 1PWRR (Paderborn, Germany) |
| Match 2 | ATR Winchester | v | 4 RMP (Aldershot) |
| Match 3 | 1 Mil Working Dogs
(Nth Luffenham) | v | 24 CDO (Chivenor)
or 77 Sqn (35 Eng) (Paderborn, Germany) |
| Match 4 | 26 Engineer Regt (Salisbury) | v | Armd Cen (Bovington) or 1 Scots
(Aldershot) |

SEMI FINAL

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| Match 1 | Winner of QTR Final 3 | v | Winner of QTR Final 4 |
| Match 2 | Winner of QTR Final 2 | v | Winners of QTR Final 1 |

FOOTBALL IN THE ARMY RESERVE



ARMY RESERVE CHALLENGE CUP

The Challenge Cup kicked off with 29 teams entering this season. The weather was kind to most teams with only one match hit by the elements. The biggest surprise was 156 Regt RLC's win over 71 Engr Regt. The two time winners winners would have been the favourites at home but conceded six without reply. The quarter final draw is 156 Regt RLC v 3 Royal Welsh

6 SCOTS v 3 Royal Anglian

4 PARA v Exeter UOTC

152 (North Irish) Regt RLC v 4 LANCS or 8 Rifles

KEY DATES FOR THE ARMY RESERVE CHALLENGE CUP

QUARTER FINALS to be played on 3rd Mar 2019

SEMI FINALS to be played on 7th April 2019

FINAL at the Aldershot Military Stadium 27th April 2019 KO 1200

ARMY RESERVE REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Both teams held trials at the end of last year and both played matches in January. The Men played the Army U23s in a match they were using in preparation for the upcoming Inter-Services. The match, played over three periods to increase the opportunity to use all the squad players, was a great test for both teams. The women played a Saturday evening fixture against the Army Woman. A close match with two late second half goals sealing the win for the Army. This also marks the improvement that the team has made over the last two years were the same fixture has a score in double figures.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

17 Feb 19 - AR Men v Army Crusaders - Aldershot Military Stadium

2 Mar 19 - AR Women v AMS - Aldershot Military Stadium

17 Mar 19 - AR Men v England Deaf International Team - Aldershot Military Stadium

6 Apr 19 - AR Women v Royal Engineer Corps Ladies Football Team - Brompton Barracks, Chatham

OTHER NEWS

The 2019 Army Reserve mens unit Six-a-Side Football competition and the Army Reserve Womens Six-a-Side Corps Competition will be held at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks (PWOGBs), Grantham over the weekend 10-11 AUG 19. The weekend of the 29/30 September has been selected for the Army Reserve Mens 11-A-Side Corps Competition. This will also be held in Grantham.

If you would like to know any more about Football in the Army Reserve please email resfootball@ascb.uk.com

Follow Army Reserve Women on Twitter:
[@ARWomenFootball](https://twitter.com/ARWomenFootball)



MENS CORPS

The Massey Trophy is hotting up with Royal Engineers leading the way at the end of the January but closely pursued by REME and RLC. The promotion/relegation will revert back to the bottom team in Division One relegated and replaced by the Division Two champions. A play off will take place between the second bottom in Division One and second top in Division Two.

Table at 1 February 2019

DIVISION 1						
	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RE	7	5	-	2	12	15
REME	6	4	-	2	9	12
RLC	5	3	1	1	4	10
RAC	6	2	-	4	-8	6
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INFANTRY	5	2	-	3	-10	6
ROYAL SIGNALS	7	1	1	5	-7	4

Table at 1 February 2019

DIVISION 2						
	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
AAC	6	4	1	1	9	13
RA	6	3	2	1	4	11
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RAPTC	5	3	-	2	0	9
AMS	6	2	1	3	1	7
AGC	5	2	1	2	-2	7
INT	6	0	1	5	-12	1

For forthcoming fixtures please visit:

Division 1: <https://fulltime.thefa.com/ff/LeagueDetails?leagueid=5584420>



WOMENS CORPS

AGC have enjoyed a successful season, so far, remaining the only Corps team (men or women) to retain a 100% record after winning their opening four matches.

Table at 25 January 2019

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
AGC	4	4	-	-	16	12
RLC	3	2	-	1	16	6
AMS	3	2	-	1	7	6
RE	4	2	-	2	4	6
R SIGNALS	3	1	-	2	-4	3
RA	4	1	-	3	-5	3
REME	3	1	-	2	-10	3
INT	2	-	-	2	-24	-

For forthcoming fixtures please visit:

<http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=543839072>



CORPS CUP FINALS DAY



After the successful inaugural Corps Cup Finals Day incorporating both the Men and Womens matches the 2019 event is now confirmed for Wednesday 1st May at the Aldershot Military Stadium.

It is still to be confirmed which final will open the day but the kick off times will be 1430hrs followed by 1730hrs. The Mens (Woolwich Cup) will see Royal Engineers aim to retain the trophy after their success last season versus AGC aftra extra time. They will play ROYAL SIGNALS in the final.

The Womens Semi Finals are being staged at the Aldershot Military Stadium on Friday 15th February.

The opening match will commence at 1030hrs between AMS and Royal Signals. This will be followed at 1300hrs by RLC who will play RA. The current holders are RLC .





WOMENS SIXES



The fourth Army Women's Inter Unit Six-A-Side Football competition will take place at the Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham over the period 27-28 Mar 2019. This competition is open to ALL Army units and support establishments who have Army personnel on staff. Last season's tournament saw over 220 females playing football over a two-day period and it is hoped we can improve on this figure. The competition itself is extremely tough and each team will be expected to play at least 10 games.

Due to the popularity of the competition, which has seen DST, DMG(N) and 29 Regt RLC come out the winners we will again run a Plate Competition for those teams that haven't made it out of the league stages. The Plate competition is designed to give teams something else to play for, however is very competitive and was won in 2018 by 6 Regt RLC.

Units wishing to enter the competition are to send the completed entry form by standard mail to the Competition Secretary address by Wed 27 Feb 19 (emailed confirmation is acceptable. For further information please contact: John.Normanton649@mod.gov.uk

ARMY SIXES

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019
ALDERSHOT
QUEENS AVENUE
Registration: 0900
Tournament: 0930hrs to 1600hrs

Teams who enter the tournament will be those who have been successful in their respective divisional tournaments.

For clarification of the requirements for each division please email: jenny.cuthell@Armyfa.com



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



FORTHCOMING COURSES

AVAILABLE:

FA LEVEL 1

20 MAY 2019

AVAILABLE:

FA LEVEL 2 B3

04 MARCH 2019

AVAILABLE:

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08 APRIL 2019

Please visit:
<http://www.armyfa.com/coaches/development-and-courses> to book

FA CHARTER STANDARD



We are currently in the process of increasing the number of Adult Charter Standard clubs within our affiliations as part of our Key Performance Indicators within the FA. This is important to us as an association and opens a number of benefits that are available to successful applications.

The process is quite simple. The electronic application form and criteria is available on the following link:

www.armyfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/charter-standard

Please pass on this to your Football Officer or Club Secretary to initiate or contact Steve Stone via email: steve.stone@armyfa.com for further information.



REFEREES



FORTHCOMING COURSES

BASIC REFEREES COURSE

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18 – 22 MARCH 2019

BASIC REFEREES COURSE

ALDERSHOT

13 – 17 MAY 2019

30 new officials have completed their basic referee training during the course of the current season.

PROMOTIONS

30 candidates are currently in the process of completing their promotion packages for consideration to advance to the next level as a Referee:

Level 5 – 4. 12 candidates (National Supply League).

Level 6 – 5. 4 candidates (Senior County Referee).

Level 7 – 6. 14 candidates (County referee).

If you are interested in attending an Army FA Basic Referees course or are a current Referee who wishes to apply for promotion please email graham.brookland@armyfa.com

RECOGNITION

Congratulations to former Army FA Referees Chairman and Trustee Lt Col Pete Conn (RE) who was awarded the MBE within the New Years Honours List.



REFEREES (RA-FA) DAY



ALDERSHOT
THURSDAY 09 MAY 2019
0830hrs to 1630hrs

The Army FA RA-FA Day is being held at Garretts Clubhouse and Queens Avenue pitches in Aldershot on Thursday 9th May 2019. This is an excellent opportunity for Referees of ALL levels to attend and learn from the high quality level of guest speakers and Instructors that will be in attendance.

A full Itinerary of events will be provided nearer to the date along with notification of our special guest. In the recent years we have been delighted to welcome Howard Webb, Jon Moss, Kevin Friend, Martin Atkinson and Stuart Attwell as our guests.

ANNUAL REFEREE AWARDS DINNER



RMA SANDHURST
THURSDAY 09 MAY 2019
1900hrs onwards

The annual Referees' Dinner is to be held at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4PQ on the evening of Thursday 9th May 2019.

Registered Army FA Referees and those affiliated to other counties who wish to attend are asked to email graham.brookland@Armyfa.com for further information.

ARMY CRUSADERS

HALF SEASON HIGHLIGHTS OVERSEAS TOUR – USA SEP / OCT 18.

- The Army Crusaders Overseas Tour for 2018 took place over the period 26 Sep – 7 Oct 18 inclusive centred upon Los Angeles and Las Vegas USA
- This comprised a 20 player strong mixed First and Veterans Team with 4 fixtures planned in Los Angeles against British Academy Film and Television Awards (BAFTA) XI, US Marine Corps (USMC) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with the 4th planned in Las Vegas
- The team also took the opportunity to engage with the US Wounded Warrior Project which was conducted in Los Angeles with a donation and presentations made appropriately.
- Training took place each morning either at the local municipal playing field or on Venice / Redondo Beach

- Other activities included visiting the LA Galaxy training sessions including meeting players such as Ashely Cole and Zlatan Ibrahimović as well as their match v Vancouver; attending the LA Rams American Football and LA Raiders Basketball games.
- Unfortunately the LAPD pulled out the day before the planned match so only 2 games were played in LA with 39 Sqn RAF from Nellis AFB stepping up for the game in Vegas.

OVERALL RESULTS SUMMARY

Game 1 Sat 29 Sep 18 v USMC Camp Pendleton. USMC 4 – Army Crusaders 1.

Game 2 Mon 1 Oct v British Academy Film and Television Awards (BAFTA XI). BAFTA XI 2 – Army Crusaders 5.

Game 3 Fri 5 Oct v 39 Sqn RAF Select XI. 39 Sqn RAF 2 – Army Crusaders 4.

Overall P3 W2 L1 with 1 game cancelled at short notice



Army Crusaders presenting the Army Football Pennant to Ashley Cole, formerly of Chelsea, Arsenal and England at LA Galaxy training ground



Army Crusaders v BAFTA XI. Sherman Oaks LA



Army Crusaders John Donaldson and Andy Campbell with Referee Dermot Gallagher in Royal Hospital Chelsea Sergeants' Mess



Army Crusaders Presentation to the US Wounded Warrior Project. Redondo Beach LA



GAME OF REMEMBRANCE V UK PARLIAMENTARY FC.

- This is traditionally billed as a Veterans game so a mixed over 30s First Team select and Veterans XI convened at Burton Court London on Tue 13 Nov 18
- The game mirrored the Game of Truce from 2014 and Crusaders have played UKPFC several times since - unbeaten until this year
- The UKPFC have struggled to raise a team strictly from the Members of Parliament so have generally turned out with some of their younger aides to make up the numbers
- As they have direct links with the Football Association they were able to invite a few of the FA Graduate Programme players who just happened to be very young, very fit and very good players
- This made a huge difference, particularly in the middle of the park and UKPFC scored either side of half time to seal their first win of the series 2-0
- This match also provides the opportunity to support ABF - The Soldiers' Charity and their staff are actively involved in the arrangements on the day
- Army Crusaders charged each player £10 to play in this event which raised a £170 donation to the Charity
- This match also attracts a celebrity Ref in the guise of former Premiership Official Dermot Gallagher
- This particular game was also watched by the Rt Hon Mark Lancaster MP in his capacity as Min AF as well as one of the Chelsea Pensioners from over the road at the Royal Hospital Chelsea
- The post-match third half took place in the Royal Hospital Chelsea Sergeants' Mess

Follow Army Crusaders Football Club on
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GAMES OF REMEMBRANCE - THANK YOU



The Games of Remembrance staged in Nottingham in November attracted over 13,000 spectators to commemorate 100 years since the end of The Great War

We thank everybody who made it possible including our Gold sponsors Fujitsu, Experian and Army Sports Control Board. It was a special occasion.

Thanks to the German Bundeswehr for their incredible spirit, support & allowing us to put on this incredible event and congratulations on your success in the two matches; a **2-1** victory in the Womens fixture at Notts County FC followed by a **3-1** success in the men equivalent at Nottingham Forest. The experience of all the players will live with them for many, many years to come.

To our partners including the National Football Museum, The Woodland Trust, Never Such Innocence, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and the Lord Lieutenant of Nottingham- thank you.

All beneficiary charities will receive donations from the proceeds of the event in due course.



SO FAR 2018/19 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER



September The 3rd annual 1966 Commemorative Womens Tournament was held at Grantham and proved another success



September Crusaders meet Zlatan Ibrahimovic in USA



October- UKAF Squad use our Aldershot HQ prior to match v French AF and a motivational speech provided by former PWRR Colour Sergeant Brian Wood who was awarded the Military Cross



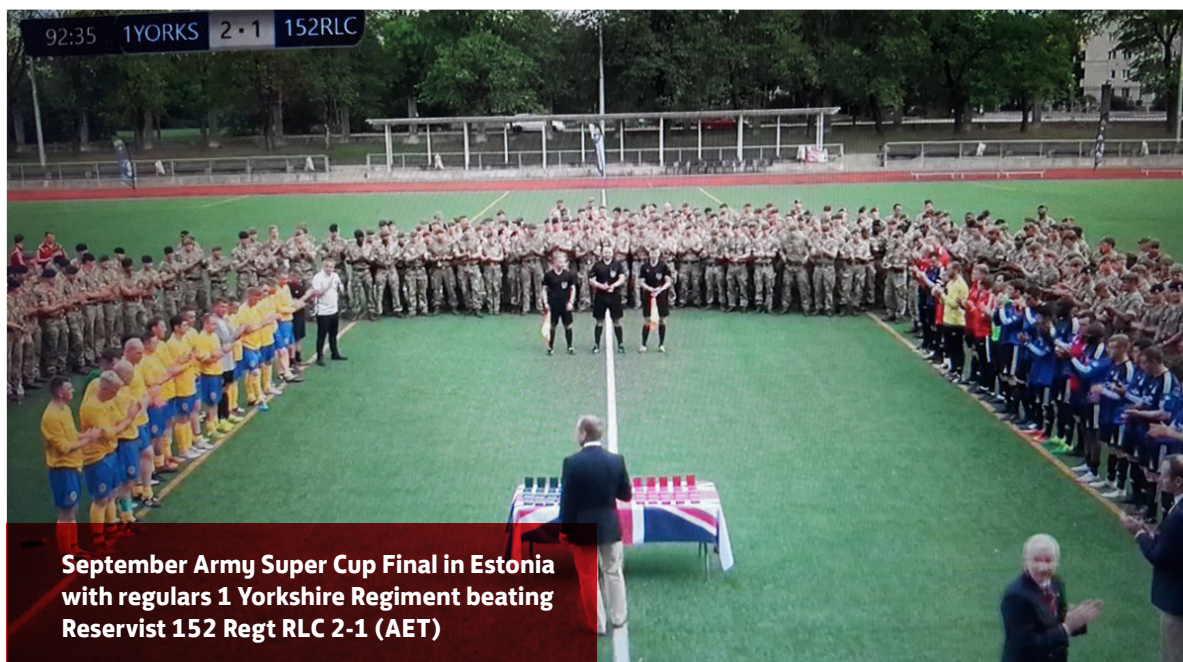
September 29 Regt RLC retained 1966 Commemorative Cup beating DMD(SE) in the final_ the latter's Pte Edwards was awarded Player of the Tournament. The Steerment Carter Plate saw 6 Regt RLC defeat Leonardo



September RSFA have training day with English League 1 side Accrington Stanley



September In the largest grassroots tournament in Army Womens unit football approaching 100 matches were played



September Army Super Cup Final in Estonia with regulars 1 Yorkshire Regiment beating Reservist 152 Regt RLC 2-1 (AET)

SEASON SO FAR 2018/19 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY



December 1st Fusiliers football team had the honour of playing Charity game with Jack Whitehall and Jamie Redknapp- the latter praised MOM Infantry player Daniel Booth



December Afghan Officer Cadets and British force protection from The Grenadier Guards grab a squad photo after a friendly football match in Afghanistan. Afghans won 7-2



FA Premier League Truce Tournament Group Photo



January Former Army player Tom Broadbent (RA) signs for Swindon Town from Bristol Rovers on a two and a half year deal



January Army Reserve attend National League encounter between Aldershot Town and Chesterfield



December- Coalition forces in Afghanistan including Army FA Ambassador Yvette Kemp supporting #oneworld having a kick about inspired by the WW1 Christmas football match game of truce



November- Army Roadshow at Bolton Wanderers for 100th year commemoration of Armistice Day



November- 71 Signal Regiment lead out the teams for Remembrance at Championship match between Brentford and Millwall



November Arsenal retain the U12 FA Premier League Truce Tournament



November Army Roadshow reached Notts County



November The final Roadshow of the year at Sheffield Wednesday prior to the Championship match v Derby County



November- Capt Jimmy Blair (Infantry) opens the U12 FA Premier League Truce Tournament in Aldershot

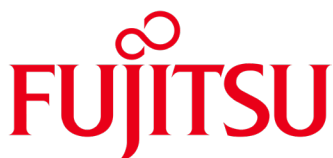


November Double Amputee Combat Veteran Simon Harmer provided an inspirational talk to the AMS Corp team at our Aldershot FDC



November Royal Signals Reserve team sponsor Bristol Rovers League 1 match v Scunthorpe United

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