



**The White Hart Marauders**  
**A New Era of Rugby Sevens**  
**The UK UR7s National Series**

Today, you may already have picked up the news about the new National Sevens Series which is being launched amid much fanfare in the UK in 2010.

Following the announcement only a few weeks ago, that Rugby Sevens had been accepted into the Olympic Games, this exciting, new initiative, designed to develop more professional standards and exciting rugby, has been launched in the UK.

For the past few years, the Marauders committee have been campaigning for a more professional set up for the game, and both tournament organisers and match officials will already be aware of the standards that our Skipper, Howard Graham, and Manager, Barrie Torbett require. However the game itself, whilst benefitting from some marvellous tournaments across the country, is not currently co-ordinated and suffers from greatly fluctuating standards. In order to attempt to rectify this, we have been lobbying various interested parties for some time, and are pleased to announce that today sees the launch of the UR7s inspired, and RFU sanctioned, National Sevens Series. The Marauders committee would like to thank the team at UR7s for their tireless efforts to bring this Series to fruition.

The full details of the Series are still under wraps, however a brief synopsis is shown below;

- The purpose of the Series is to bring structure and direction to the game of sevens in the UK, and to link seamlessly with International sevens.
- The Series is regarded by Ultimate Rugby Sevens (UR7s) as 'the pioneering property in the new era of Olympic Sevens and the world's Premier Club Series'
- The Series is being promoted by UR7s and will benefit from a significant national marketing and PR campaign
- There will be 10 core teams participating in the Series. These teams will be announced before the end of January, at a UR7s press conference
- The Series will receive comprehensive coverage from a major sports broadcaster

We hope that you are as excited about the new National Series as we are, and that you will be even more interested in supporting this drive for better, faster, and more exciting rugby. We will be posting further details to you on our website as soon as they are made available to us in January.

Billy White, Chairman