

## Haydn Coley Celebration Game

Many of you will know and remember Haydn Coley (picture below to refresh any memories) from your time at Loughborough and I can assure you he has not changed much, apart from a slightly slower walk!! We are also still not quite sure how old he is as he adamantly refuses to tell us; best estimates say mid 80's which makes his commitment even more remarkable. This season has been Haydn's 20<sup>th</sup> with Loughborough Students RFC and during that time he has coached, managed and mentored many teams and players.

As a way to celebrate this milestone we would like to resurrect the old Alumni v Students match and this season would like to play the University 1<sup>st</sup> XV against a strong Alumni team made up in the main of players currently playing national league rugby. This game will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May with a 2pm Kick Off on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch.

Alongside players participating in the match itself, it would be great to see as many Alumni, spanning all of Haydn's years, on campus watching and sharing in a beer (or two). We will therefore be running the usual National One pre-match two course meal with drinks included at £15 per head for those wanting to attend. This starts with drinks from 1230pm followed by food served at 1pm and is held in the Athletes Lounge which overlooks the pitch.

Post match JC's (still here and pretty much exactly the same) will be open to serve all with drinks while food will be provided in the form of a BBQ for those playing in the match.

I appreciate that this is now quite short notice but it would be fantastic to see as many people as possible supporting this event as I know Haydn will massively appreciate it.

If you would like to play in the match then please email me at [d.w.bassett@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:d.w.bassett@lboro.ac.uk), please include your position and current standard of playing.

If you would like to attend the pre-match lunch then please send a cheque for £15 made payable to Loughborough University to the below address. Numbers for food to be confirmed by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May so please ensure it arrives before this date.

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Any queries then please contact me and please share this with as many Alumni from the last 20 years as possible.

Many thanks,

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