

2021-22 Player Awards

Back MVP

The winner this year is no stranger to this award. He has once again played and led the team by his example. He is a player who does not hide from contact and managed to finish as our top try scorer once again. He played in every game this season, in a number of positions and even entered the secret world of the front row for two games, which went well as an opposing coach stated that he should be playing that position at the Premier level. His commitment and support are greatly appreciated and hopefully he is not competing for the Forward MVP next season. Well done, Malcolm Lenahan.

Forward MVP

Our Forward MVP is a multiple times winner of this award. This player was also an ever-present player in every game this season and finished as the top forward try scorer. This player takes on many roles in each game, but he was the only specialist player that we had for his position and the fact that he played every game in the manner that he did with no back-up was outstanding. I hope we can get a few more seasons from this player so he can reach the 200 games played level. Congratulations to Jon Paulson.

Most Improved Player

This is a new award for the Men's team but it is a recognition of the work put in by a player to improve their rugby skills and knowledge so they can be a more productive member of our team. The winner this year was new to our club but arrived with a will to get better and learn how to use his abilities to help our team. This player offered to play anywhere we thought he could help, just not in the front row. So, we played him in the front row in the Fall but moved him to second row for the Spring season. We finally gave him a taste at #8 in our last game, which he certainly enjoyed. We hope that his improvement continues at the same pace for next season, and he can challenge for the Forward MVP award. Great first year and congratulations to Kyle Lakowski.



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Most Promising Player

In recent years this award has been a bittersweet presentation with most of the winners either leaving or stepping away from the club. And it turns out that this year is no different unfortunately. The winner this year is a young player who arrived at practice in the summer and quickly became a key player for the club. Due to our struggle with player numbers we had to move him around a few different positions, but he always produced and made a difference wherever he played. His move into the backs was only supposed to be temporary but his excellent jackling and support play made him look at home in this new spot. We hope to see this player return to the club for next season as he is a player who will continue to improve. Congratulations to Corbin Beer.

Ron Daley Memorial – Combined Player/Social

This award goes to the player who has given his best on and off the field during the rugby season. This player has shown the qualities of being a committed club player along with the duty of being a sociable Brit Lion. This player attended almost all of our team practices and played in every game this season. He was a regular winner of our after-game awards chosen by our Captain. He was also one of the last to leave the celebrations after each of our games. This player is like a fine wine that only gets better with age and hopefully we can get a few more years before he goes to seed. Well done, Chris Hinds.



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Coach's Awards

Occasionally the Coach decides that there are other players who deserve special recognition for their part played in our team over the rugby season. The last season was extremely tough due to the number of injuries we had and the drop in our player numbers. Both of these players played in new positions this season and their efforts each made a significant contribution to the outcome in all of the games they each played. Their special contributions were for completely opposite outcomes.

The first award goes to the player who finished as the top point scorer for the team last season. This player finished the season with 156 points scored, which averaged out at 12 points for every game that he played. I believe that he could easily break the 200-point total next season and I hope that he will be around to attempt that challenge. Thank you for your important contribution to the team, Jon Taylor.

The second award goes to a player whose efforts achieved the opposite result from Jon Taylor. This player has been a Forward MVP in the past and he was in the running to be our Back MVP for this season. He has taken to his new role with the desire to excel and his textbook tackling, more often than not as the last man chasing down a break away player easily stopped us from conceding over 100 hundred more points during the season. He was one of only five players who played in every game this season and he is still our best dressed player. Thank you for your important contribution to the team, Will Blackwell.

Special recognition also goes to the following players who have achieved significant milestones in their club careers this season. Will Blackwell and Chris Hinds both broke through the 100 games played for the club, and Stephen McClary who passed through 200 games played. Stephen has now been added to the Walter Johnstone Commitment to Rugby plaque that proudly hangs in our clubhouse. The club is truly grateful for your commitment, and we hope that you each continue to add more games to your records in the years ahead.

