

TICS Under 7s got their season off to a flying start by going undefeated over two games at Paignton RFC's Queens Park. The young TICS started the first game of the season with the more experienced players from last season; Sean Andrews (c), Felix Powell, Charles Godfrey, Owen Ferguson-Mercer, Billy Harker, Robin Trudgill and Daniel Joyce with another 6 on the bench.

Torquay were off to an impressive start when one of the smallest men on the park Owen Ferguson-Mercer darted over for the first try, in a tit for tat first half Torquay went into the break 4-3 up with Ferguson-Mercer adding a second followed by scores for Billy Harker and Charles Godfrey. The second half saw a number of changes with Noah Rider, Niall McCarthy, Charlie Collyer, William Dowell, Logan Sicobo and Leon Angel all getting some game time, the game was wrapped up though with two further tries for the quick footed Owen Ferguson-Mercer and a final one for Noah Rider. Torquay won their first game of the season, against local rivals Paignton, 7-5.

The mornings second game saw Torquay line up with their more inexperienced team; Charles Godfrey (c), Charlie Collyer, Leon Angel, William Dowell, Niall McCarthy, Noah Rider and Daniel Joyce. The inexperienced TICS did themselves proud on an entertaining and sunny Sunday morning. With help from the more experienced boys they defended well but perhaps needed a little more practice at staying inside the touchlines :o)

Tries from Niall, Noah and then Felix saw the TICS heading into the last 20 seconds 4-3 down, a quick restart 10 metres from their own line ended with the ball in the hands of Noah Rider who outpaced the entire Cherries 7 racing in for a last second touchdown in the corner earning the TICS a very much deserved draw.

Coaches Stu Collyer and Mark Andrews were delighted with the

youngsters as were their parents and hopefully it promises to shape the season to come.

Training 6pm Wednesday, next game 9th October: Kingsbridge (home).