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Youth Rugby Team Selected

With the Rugby World Cup now under way in France, the next generation of Bermuda's rugby players are preparing for international exposure.

A team of 10 and 11 year old local boys has been selected to travel to England to represent the Island in a youth rugby festival. It is the first time Bermuda has sent away a team of players this young in approximately 30 years, but it is hoped that this will pave the way for similar trips in the future.



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According to team manager Brett Forgeson, "The boys are very excited and are working hard so that they can do their best when we are in England. It is a great opportunity for some of our local players to be exposed at an early age to rugby at a higher level."

The squad of 16 boys was chosen from a large group that played in the local mini-rugby league last season. The team will be traveling to Surrey in southern England for a long weekend at the end of September. They will play one fixture against a team from Guildford R.F.C. and on the following day will participate in the Chobham Mini Rugby Festival.

In the words of 11-year-old Graham Cooke of Warwick Academy "I'm very proud to be chosen for the team and the training has been hard work but lots of fun. I'm thankful to the coaches and sponsors who have made the trip possible".

The popularity of mini rugby in Bermuda has been increasing dramatically over the past few years. Dave Worsfold, the Chairman of the Bermuda RFU has been coordinating the mini rugby programme for a number of years. According to Worsfold, the numbers have grown steadily from about 35 players five years ago. "Last year, we would regularly see well over 150 children come down to participate in the rugby programme each week".

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