

## **It's a Festival of Rugby in All Areas**

The season is well and truly up and running and the Development Officers in all four Local Authorities have been busy ensuring the rugby bug is spread far and wide.

All Local Authority areas are now running festivals of rugby at both primary and secondary school level and the number of kids involved so far this season has reached over 5000 already.

The Dundee Festival Series is now half way through its programme and being in its first season has been very successful however the DOs still have certain challenges to overcome. Perth and Kinross has a slightly more settled programme and have had events at U18 and S1 – 4 with approx 300 players involved in some of the events which have been a massive success. Stewart Ross in Angus is also holding Secondary School Festivals and has had good attendances from local schools.

Girls Rugby is also starting to gather momentum again this season with one of the highlights being a girls' rugby Development Day held by Paul Hunter (Fife DO) and Nick Burge (Glenwood High School Rugby Champion). This day saw 39 girls playing games and developing skills in a game that was new to most if not all of them. Further days are planned in Fife to continue this momentum.

Other girls' rugby events have been held in Perth and Kinross and Angus in the form of development days and tournaments which again are doing wonders at introducing girls to rugby.