

# Bangers Newsletter

Fun, Friendship and Fraternity



## Pattaya 10s April 2017

Old Bangkok Bangers secure runners up in a well fought tournament in Pattaya.

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> April the Bangers ventured out to the wild city of Pattaya in search of some silverware at the Pattaya rugby 10s 2017. As always the Friday night started in good sprits at the opening party at the Robin hood hosted by the Pattaya Panthers and as normal and of the Bangers rocked it in true style.

Saturday morning started as always with a few laughs about the night before and as always looking for the lost souls in the hotel (and even some not in the hotel...) but once we were all packed the songteaw we were on the way to enjoy a great day of rugby.

### Game 1. Bangers VS Rangers 22 - 12(2 tries Darryn, 1 conversion)

Bangers started slow and needed to get the cobwebs out as most of us haven't played in a while. It took 2 early tries for the opponents to get the



**Phuket 10s**  
27th/28th May 2017

Contact Laurens (for men) or Delph (for Belles) if you want to join



Training dates for May

### **NIST**

**7.40-9.10pm**  
Wednesday 3rd/  
17/24th/31st May

**NO TRAINING**  
**Wednesday 10th**

### **Patana**

**4-6pm** Sunday 7th/  
14th/21st

**NO TRAINING**  
**Sunday 28th May**



Bangers to wake up and come back with 2 of our own tries, both scored by Darryn, converting only 1 of them. As we moved into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the hangovers kicked in and the Bangers ran out of gas to give away 2 more tries and ending up losing the first game 22 - 12.

**Game 2. Bangers vs Last Chance**  
**19 - 0 (2 tries Darryn, 2 conversions, 1 Try Tjaart)**

This time the Bangers were up and ready for the task after a good sweat out from the 1<sup>st</sup> game and we moved into the 2<sup>nd</sup> game with confidence and high sprits. The game started perfectly with Darryn scoring 2 tries in quick succession to give the Bangers the lead of 14 - 0 by half time. 2nd half started as good as the 1<sup>st</sup> with big tackles and some great skills from the forwards with Tjaart scoring a final try to take the lead to 19-0 by the final whistle.

**Game 3 Bangers vs Hong Kong Scottish**  
**26 - 5 (Tries- Darryn, Tjaart, Jurgen, Joel, Darryn 3 conversions)**

The Bangers were firing by the 3<sup>rd</sup> game after coming off a good win in the 2<sup>nd</sup> . The entire team was on top form and barely gave the opposition time to touch the ball. Bangers started with a try by Darryn in the early minutes and just continued from there with Joel snipping through to score a good try. The boys were feeling good going into the second half with a 14 - 0 lead. The second half started as good as the first with Jurgen running in for a try down the wing, scoring in the corner. After a few minutes the Bangers made their first mistake by giving away a penalty close to their own line which was followed by easy try for HKS. This didn't stop the Bangers from coming back hard straight from the kick-off with



"Give us a kiss!"

**Upcoming social events:**

Save the date for Saturday 13th May for a Bangers Bangkok Pub Crawl. Details to follow...

**Upcoming fixtures:**

Belles: Saturday 13th vs. French School TBC

Saturday or Sunday 27/28th touring team (ask Tates for more details).





Tjaart scoring the final try to end the game 26 - 5.

### **Court Session Day 1**

All of the Bangers were feeling pumped after a good day of rugby and we headed into the court session feeling comfortable and ready for day 2. We had one of the best court sessions ever in the swimming pool with loads of beers, laughs and even some tears but it was a true Bangers-style court session.



### **Game 4 Bangers Vs Southerners Black 5 - 5 (Tries - Darryn )**

The Bangers were truly feeling fragile on the morning of day 2 but the thought of us playing the Southerners was always going to make the mighty Bangers ready for battle. The game started a bit rusty for both teams but eventually started to get into the swing of things with some big hits and skill from both teams. The score stayed 0 - 0 till the last seconds of the first half when Darryn scored in the corner to take the Bangers to a 5-0 lead just before the whistle. The second half was well fought with most of the play in the middle of the pitch with some great defence from both teams. Unfortunately the Bangers missed a few tackles to allow the Southerners in for a try and levelled the scores 5 a piece. The game ended in a draw but the Bangers progressed to the semi finals for scoring first in the game.

### **Semi Final - Bangers vs Elephant Brutal 22 - 0 (Tries Darryn, Tristan, Omo, John, Darryn 3 conversions)**

All the Bangers were on their high horses after sending the Southerners out of the cup tournament. We were more than ready for the semi-final and it showed in the entire 14 minutes of the game with some awesome tries by Darryn, Tristan, Omo and John, keeping the Elephant Brutal side scoreless with some great defense by every player that set foot on the pitch.

### **Final Bangers vs Thai Police.**

The police came out firing and we lost.

I just want to express my thanks to every person and player that was there for an amazing tour once again. I am a super proud captain of this awesome team and cannot wait to tour and play again.

Darryn Mathee  
Colts Captain



Photo credit: <https://martinlynch.smugmug.com>



## **BELLES OUT IN FORCE IN BANGKOK**

During a busy Songkran period filled with teachers disappearing on luxury holidays, and some Belles opting to get tattoos instead of playing rugby (who would do such a thing?!), a whole FOUR belles turned up at SWU University in Asoke to play the Hong Kong Unicorns who were visiting for the weekend. The Belles even had more Banger supporters than actual players so a big thank you to those who came down! Fortunately, Bangkok's newest female expat team were up for a game and for the first time in Bangkok women's contact rugby history, the Belles and the Southerners joined forces. Seeing as the Southerners were the only ones to bring enough kit for one team, the reluctant Belles donned the Southerners colours for 40 minutes. Congratulations to Sophie on her debut for the Belles who put in some excellent tackles, and to Yee who made an impression with the Southerners' coaches with her mean side step. Despite a dropped ball on the try line, Southerners/Belles won with 8 tries to 3. A new era of Bangkok women's rugby has begun, and the teams couldn't be more happy to work together to make women's rugby a success in Bangkok. And judging by the quality of the upcoming Southerners team, this won't take too long. Keep your eyes and ears open for a potential Bangkok Derby in June....

## **Our mane man**

**“Every champion was once a contender that refused to give up.”**

Long time Banger Travis (and his hair travelled to Hong Kong last week to play as part of the Isssan Allstars as a guest of the RLXIII association. Unsurprisingly he made quite the impact and in the words of his fellow team mates, he “played the house down”.





The team came second in the tournament in a tight final against the Diamond Chiefs from Papua New Guinea. Unfortunately in the same game Travis suffered a shoulder injury. We hope this doesn't mean Travis will be out for too long and we will see him (maybe with less hair...) back on the pitch soon. Bangers wish you a speedy recovery Travis! Photo credit: [www.black-cygnus.com](http://www.black-cygnus.com)



## Training updates: message from Colts captain

Touch training at NIST on Wednesdays is now on from 7.40-9.10pm.

Sundays continue for the moment at Patana 4-6pm so lets all try our best to attend at least 1 of them and would be great to attend both of course.

We need to all start training as a team again to ensure we can be a successful team whenever we run out on the field together so lets all push each other to get to training and enjoy a successful year as a Colt, Belle, Vet or Ancient .

Colts Captain  
Darryn Mathee

## Some photos from our lovely sponsors at the Drunken Leprechaun... Time for an update???



# All the best Mike Swager

Last week the Bangers showed up at the Drunken Leprechaun to send their best wishes to departing captain Mike Swager and his fiancé Yaya. Swager has been at the club almost 10 years and most recently captained the Banger Colts to some successful wins in the RBSC XV tournament and Bangkok 10s, amongst others. The club wishes Swager and Yaya all the best for their next chapter in the States. See you both back in Bangkok soon for rugby and beers!



