



2020/2021  
AARDVARKS RFC  
MENS ANNUAL REPORT

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It has been a great honour to be the President of the Aardvarks Rugby Football Club since last September. The club was founded in 1999 and there have been many presidents over the years and I wish to recognize the support and encouragement they have given me, in various capacities, over the year.

As I look back on my year with the Aardvarks RFC I am well aware that most rugby players, social and alumni have been affected by Covid-19 and the effects this has had on our family, friends communities and rugby. I want to wish all your families that have been affected by Covid-19 my sincerest condolences and for those who we have lost this past year.

This past year has been difficult on the club after losing so many players, but the sporting highlight of this past year is the abundance of new faces that have joined our club and the success on and off the field we have had.

It was my good fortune to be President this past year as our Coach and Captains Milo Reynolds & Sione Munipola and their playing squad combined to make history with our first league victory. That magical day propelled us to the semi-finals of the All-China Cup.

If it was disappointing that the team did not succeed at the semi-final stage against Guangzhou Rams, I found it heart-warming to see the loyal support of our members. Such encouraging support acts as a critical motivational factor and creates an inspiring atmosphere which sets the Aardvarks RFC and other clubs apart. As we say, Fear None - Respect All. I would like to congratulate all of you for being apart of this club and your achievements this past year.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I would like to pay tribute to Mark Sykes, who alongside Liu Qi Michel helped reinvigorated this club after the pandemic when all seemed lost. They have been wonderfully supportive.

I would also wish to thank my vice-president Tim Jones, Captain Milo Reynolds and Secretary Paul Niven for their support and friendship and also commend the work done by our ever-present Marco Reyes for his role in organizing Sino 10's tournament.

In signing off as President of one of the foremost rugby clubs in this country. I thank all those who helped me in such a busy schedule. It was a great honour for me and one which I proudly shared with my home club Cobh Pirates RFC.



**DARRAGH MAHON**

President of Aardvarks RFC

# Mens Committee



**MENS PRESIDENT**

**DARRAGH MAHON  
IRELAND**



**MENS VICE-PRESIDENT**

**TIM JONES  
ENGLAND**



**SECRETARY**

**PAUL NIVEN  
AUSTRALIA**





**TREASURER**  
**MARK SYKES**  
**ENGLAND**



**CLUB CAPTAIN**  
**MILO REYNOLDS**  
**ENGLAND**



**CLUB COUNSEL**  
**MARCO REYES**  
**USA**



**COMMS OFFICER**  
**Sam Howarth**  
**England**







# CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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It was an honor to be able to captain the Aardvarks in the previous two seasons. In the first season we were able to win the league and progress into the ACC semi-finals which hasn't been achieved for 19 years. This achievement was down to the effort of our players both on and off the pitch. The previous spring season saw the men come up against the Guangzhou Rams in the ACC semi-final who proved to be a formidable force.

The Aardvarks battled hard but unfortunately were not victorious. The squad also managed to reach the final of the Sino 10's. As a captain I couldn't be prouder of the commitment and progressions that each player within our squad showed throughout the season.

Moving onto next season our goals are to keep enabling our squad to develop the skills and abilities needed to be successful in rugby. We also want to repeat our qualification for the All-China Cup. Lastly thank you to all our supporters, sponsors, and people behind the scenes.

Once an Aardvark always an Aardvark.

*Respect All, Fear None*



**MILO REYNOLDS**

Club Captain of Beijing Aardvarks





# STATE OF THE CLUB

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It is a mark of success when each year the profile and importance of rugby seems to grow and grow despite the roadblocks imposed on us by the pandemic. The past 12 months have seen our club membership grow in ever increasing numbers, by attending matches, engaging in socials, rugby dinners and tours.

Rugby continues to provide occasions where family and friends gather in a demonstration of pride by showcasing our culture, backgrounds or gender. With a new league upon us we are proud that the Aardvarks men's and women's stand shoulder to shoulder in support for each other on and off the field.

Since the beginning of last September, the committee members had no experience in running a sports team and we learned on the fly. We admit that this last year the committee have made mistakes and failed to grasp certain aspects on how to run a club. We have learned by our mistakes and are properly organized and geared up to deliver a smooth and unforgettable experience for this upcoming year to our members.

We are aware that some of our playing and social members have decided on a new path and will join a new rugby football club next year. We would like to thank all those players for their contribution to the club and we are deeply saddened by the departure of some of its members as they will be greatly missed. We greatly appreciate their impact on the club that will never be forgotten. We wish those members all the best in their future endeavors and hope to see them in the blue again in the future. *Once an Aardvark - Always an Aardvark.*







# FIXTURE LIST

## Beijing Cup & Test Games

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4.9.21 **Aardvarks**  VS  **Beijing Ducks**

11.9.21 **Aardvarks**  VS  **Shandong Uni**

16.10.21 **Aardvarks**  VS  **Shanxi Uni**

6.11.21 **Aardvarks**  VS  **Beijing Devils**

TBD **Aardvarks**  VS  **Shanghai Dolphins**

19.3.22 **Aardvarks**  VS  **Guangzhou Rams**





# AARDVARK BY NUMBERS

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## Beijing Cup & ACC Semi-Final

**Played:** 7

**Won:** 5

**Lost:** 2

**PD (+/-):** +62

**YC:** 5

**RC:** 1

**Trophies:** 1

## Aardvark Members 2020/21

**51** Playing Members

**21** Different Nationalities

**103** Playing & Social Members

Registered (Inc. Womens)





# OUTLOOK 2021/22

## Our rugby aims for this coming year

- i)** Compete and defend the Beijing Cup
- ii)** Qualify for the All-China Cup
- iii)** Ensure everyone plays every matchday in the Aardvarks or Rangers team. If we are unable to create a Rangers team everyone will play in the Beijing United.
- iv)** Compete and win at least two tours.
- v)** Hold two rugby & fitness sessions a week



# OUTLOOK 2021/22

## Our social aims for this coming year

- i) Hold more diverse social events
- ii) Raise a significant amount for our partnered Charity
- iii) Organise social-bonding trips & non-alcohol events
- iv) Introduce more family friendly events & outings
- v) Introduce mental health & well-being contacts within the club
- vi) To introduce a club constitution & committee elections.













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# SPONSORS & PARTNERSHIPS



Beijing Aardvarks are delighted to announce our sponsors for this coming 2021/2022 season.

We are thankful to all our new sponsors & partners for supporting the Aardvarks club and we are delighted with their passion for our sport.

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# Honour Roll

## **MENS PRESIDENTS**

1999- 2003: Allan Tan

2003 - 2004: Arturo Carriminana (Spain) / Mathew Barlow (UK)

2005 - 2010: David Trethewey (Australia)

2011 - 2013: Stuart Brown (UK)

2013 - 2014: Olivier Pietrantonni (France)

2014 - 2015: Pablo Mayer (Germany)

2015 - 2016: Clement Bacri (France)

2016 - 2017: Pablo Meyer (Germany) / Clement Bacri (France)

2017 - 2018: Kevin O'Neil (New Zealand)

2018 - 2019: Dean Rawlings (New Zealand)

2019 - 2019: CJ Bowman (Canada)

2019 - 2020: Ramon Wolff (South Africa)

2020 - Present: Darragh Mahon (Ireland)



# Honour Roll

## MENS CAPTAINS

1999 – 2001: Justin Crozier

2001 – 2002: Stuart Schofield (UK)

2002 – 2003: Ivan Stacy (UK)

2003 – 2005: Arturo Carraminana (Spain)

2006 – 2007: Gerard Swartz (South Africa)

2007 – 2007: Ivan Stacy (UK)

2008 – 2010: Ashley Flanagan (UK)

2010 – 2011: Olivier Pietrantoni (France)

2011 – 2012: Duncan Rogers (UK)

2012 – 2013: Chase Wiremu (New Zealand)

2013 – 2014: Robert Funston (Australia)

2014 – 2015: Harry Hussein (UK)

2015 – 2016: Jonathan Mulpas (Belgium)

2016 – 2018: Dean Rawlings (New Zealand)

2018 – 2018: Emile Koekemoer (South Africa)

2018 – 2019: Raphael Audinet (France)

2019 – 2019: Ramon Wolff (South Africa)

2019 – 2020: Steven Brinn (Ireland)

2020 – 2021: Sione Munipola (New Zealand)

2021 – Present: Milo Reynolds (UK)









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