

Onyx win will bring Aces challenge

London Volleyball

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Round One (Men's and women's knock-out Cup)

Two London derbies in Women's Knock-out Cup

While most London League sides continue to relax with their season not starting until the end of September, National League and a few ambitious sides from the regional competition are starting to ramp up their training as they have to meet an important challenge as early as the middle of next month when the first rounds of the national knock-out competition take place.

The fixture list posted on Volleyball England's web site announces that K S Osemka men must travel to Suffolk and play Newmarket in their first round match on 15th September. They will be keen to win as the second round draw offers them a home fixture against the mighty Richmond Docklands and the chance to show off their talents in front of a big and supportive crowd. ULU too have a home draw and will take on the Portsmouth club, Urbond where a win will give them the prestigious tie of a home game against IBB Polonia, runners up last season and Cup winners the two previous years..

Aces have a bye in the first round and will have a home fixture against Onyx in the second round on 6th October if the London side wins at home against another Suffolk side, Stowmarket. Lynx men have to travel to Cambridge to play Rhinos (St Phillips)

Also to be played on Sunday are all the women's matches where there will be seven London representatives. Two of the ties will be all-London affairs With Onyx at home to Dartford to earn a meeting with Polonia Sideout in the second round and Richmond's second team who will be at home to Polonia IMKA. The winners will be away to either Ipswich or Essex Trinity. Richmond's first team also have a home draw and will face New Forest. Both clubs are in Division 2 (South-east) of the National League so it should prove a good indicator of strength. Victory will require a journey to Bournemouth to play Super League side Wessex, one of the attractions of cup entry.

The remaining London sides are drawn away. Lionhearts travel to Ashcombe Dorking: division 3SE against division 2S while NVL division one, Inter play against division 3S Southampton. Should the London clubs win, Lionhearts will be at home to Inter on 7th October.

Losing teams will transfer to the national Shield knock-out competition the first round of which is scheduled for 10th and 11th November.

Fixtures

Saturday 15th September

Men

Newmarket v K S Osemka

Onyx v Stowmarket

Rhinos (St Phillip's) v London Lynx

ULU v Urbond V C, Portsmouth

Sunday 16th September

Women

Richmond v New Forest

Richmond 2 v Polonia IMKA

Ashcombe Dorking v London Lionhearts

Southampton v Inter

Onyx v Dartford

Jewish Free School, The Mall, Kenton, (nearest tube Kingsbury) HA3 9TE, St. Augustine's School, Oxford Road, NW6 2ES, (nearest tube Kilburn High Road) Christ's School, Queens Road, TW10 6HW (nearest station North Sheen) Ashcombe Volleyball Centre, Ashcombe School, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1LY (nearest station Dorking), 15/16th September.

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