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Rugby

OPMs offering keen youngsters a route through to the senior ranks



UNITED EFFORT: The new OPMs Colts team line up for the camera. Back (from left): Matt Lucas, Steve Knight, Scott Walker, Ash Smith, Jon Carr, Pete Heggie, Kris Kinvig and Tel Robson. Front: Antony Cusack, Adam Geoghan, Joe Russell and Steve Heimblin

OPMs are offering young players a route into senior rugby through the formation of a new Colts section this season.

OPMs, currently fourth in the Cornwall/Devon League, already run four senior men's teams, catering for differing abilities of players.

But a new section for Colts – players aged between 16 and 19 – was launched last September with the aim of bringing more junior players through to senior rugby.

Training is open to players of all abilities – including beginners – and takes place on Wednesdays at Delganey, off Powisland Drive in Derriford, from 7-8.30pm.

Coach Jim Melville said Colts would have the chance to learn and play competitive rugby, with progression on to one of the club's senior teams.

He said: "We've got about 30 players on our books now, and it's picking up pace really.

"It is something we decided to do because it is easy to lose interest from young lads when they get part-time jobs and other commitments. Colts rugby is to keep them interested in playing at that level."