

Monday 24th August 2026

To everyone at Manchester Village Spartans RUFC,

On behalf of the Rugby Football Union, I would like to offer my congratulations on your outstanding Hoagland Bowl victory.

To travel all the way to Australia and return with a trophy from the tournament for the first time is a tremendous achievement. Your victory over the Appalachian Thunderkatz in the final will rightly go down as a landmark moment in your club's history.

This success is made even more special by the remarkable collective performance of the English clubs at this year's tournament. With three English teams lifting honours at the competition, you have played a significant part in an outstanding achievement for inclusive rugby in England.

Winning silverware on the world stage is no small feat. It reflects the strength of the club, the commitment of your players, coaches and volunteers, and the inclusive spirit that lies at the heart of Manchester Village Spartans.

You should all be immensely proud of what you have achieved. Congratulations on this historic success and on representing both your club and English rugby with such distinction.

With warmest congratulations,



Sir Bill Beaumont GBE DL
RFU President



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