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Millwall Annual Dinner & Awards Presentations

Millwall Rugby Club held their annual award presentation dinner in the Members dining room at the Palace of Westminster on Saturday 8th May. The event, hosted by club president Jim Fitzpatrick MP, was a celebrated official end to the club's championship winning season.

Following a delicious meal, members & honorary guests including representatives from Canary Wharf Arts & Events, heard speeches from outgoing Club Captain, Matt Alexander, Club Chairman Mike Costin & President Jim Fitzpatrick MP.

"Increased press coverage, Millwall colours visible in various venues, youth rugby, the arrival of the 3rd adult team and especially the divisional championship have made it a productive season for Millwall Rugby Club." Said Mr Fitzpatrick.

"I am grateful to be asked to be your Hon President and to be a small part in your club."

All of the speakers greatly praised the efforts of all, who dedicated their time to help run and develop the small island-based rugby club, who celebrate their 10-year anniversary next season.

At the completion of the speeches, Mr Fitzpatrick presented several awards, voted by the players and members of Millwall Rugby Club.

Robin Parker was awarded the young player of the year award. At the tender age of 17, the young flanker has set the standard for backrow play in the club.

Although neither were present, Paul Spendiff and Andrew Macqueen were awarded the Player of the Year and Best Newcomer tankards respectively.

Prop Bob Cluness was acknowledged as the most improved player of 2003/04, while another prop, Sam Webb was selected as best second team player.

Kevin Doherty was fortunate to pick up not one but two awards for best 3rd team player and Clubman of the year. Thought to be the most prestigious award (clubman), Kevin was recognised for his tireless work in cementing a 3rd adult team for Millwall.

Three other presentations were made following the main awards. Sam Webb was presented with the Player of the Month award for April and co-managers of the Millwall Rest of the World team, Glyn Bevan & Matt Shorrocks were presented with the 'Losers Spoon'.

Club Chairman Mike Costin then presented Hon President Jim Fitzpatrick MP with an official Millwall Rugby Club Blazer.

"To see so many players and members wearing the club colours tonight, it became obvious that there was one notable omission." Mr Costin said, as he helped Mr Fitzpatrick put on the blazer.



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The Poplar and Canning Town MP was more than happy to accept the blazer and noted that it may help him attract more attention in parliament.

The evening ended with Millwall members & guests dancing the night away on the dance floor at the Queen Mary bar situated on the river Thames.