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**Essex Div 3 CHAMPIONS 03/04**  
**EC5 CHAMPIONS 96/97. EC4S CHAMPIONS 98/99.**  
Runners-up 97/98 and 00/01

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### ***Millwall win sports award***

Millwall Rugby Club won the Senior Sports Team of the Year award at the annual Canary Wharf Sports awards ceremony at East Winter Garden, Canary Wharf on Friday night.

Nominated for their spectacular on field achievements and their outstanding contributions to the local community, the Isle of Dogs rugby team fended off rivals Bethnal Green United FC, Poplar Bowls Club and Vallance Cricket Club for the coveted award.

Making major and significant progress in both competition and expanding their position in facilitating rugby in Tower Hamlets, Millwall Rugby Club have become an integral part of the local sporting make-up for all ages and backgrounds.

The club's expansion has meant that a full third team has been fielded for the first time in history of the club. However it is the club's first team that has garnered the major success this year becoming champions of Essex Division 3, thus earning a place in Essex Division 2 this season.

Special praise was also reserved for the club's outstanding community efforts this year. Apart from some wonderful charity fundraising activities, the introduction of a new youth section, run with dedicated enthusiasm by Jamie Rockman, has led to up to 40 kids a session taking up rugby.

In tandem with the club's own youth section, its members have led rugby initiatives in local schools and overseen the re-introduction of rugby into the curriculum at George Green school.

Meanwhile, Millwall Llamas this weekend lost 32-17 in a friendly against Upper Clapton 2's at Victoria Park. Hannes van Staden scored a try in his final match from Millwall. Jamie McKillop & Louis Newton were Millwall's other try scorers.

Millwall travel to Rayleigh this Saturday for their Essex Two league match while the Millwall Thirds will match up against Rayleigh Twos, also away. The Llamas host Brentwood Three's at Victoria Park.

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