

Saturday January 29th 2005

South Lancashire & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Southport

Andy	O'Grady(C)	1	Phil	Farrar
Danny	Lycett	2	Andy	Richie
Geoff	Kendel	3	Darren	Hunter
John	Knight	4	Piers	Tolson
Mark	Poole	5	George	Baumber
Tom	Sneezby	6	Richard	Woods
Dave	Rodgers	7	Paul	Halfall
John	Clifford	8	Simon	Kilshaw
Shaun	Stirrup	9	Russel	Atkenhead
Joe	Wykes	10	Ben	Swinton
Ben	O'Brien	11	Sam	Wallace
Steve	Newton	12	Steve	Hale
Adam	Brown	13	Olly	Brown
Alan	Hodkinson	14	Andy	Bolland
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Dan	Hubard

Replacements

Paul	Luke	16
Steve	Nicholas	17
Dave	Sutcliffe	18

Replacements

Mike	Smith
John	Lyon
Alex	Kenny

Referee:- David Lodge (Manchester)

We hope that the referee has a good game and joins us afterwards together with the Southport players and supporters for hospitality and discussion of the finer points of Rugby.

Lancashire County Championship games:-

7th May	v Cheshire at Preston
14th May	v Northumberland
21st May	v Yorkshire at Sedgley Park
29th May	Final at Twickenham

Welcome to the New Broughton Park

Recent Games

Since the wakeup call against Wilmslow and Park's good wins against Wirral and Warrington the 1st. XV overcame a resolute Wigan on their own alligator patch 17-10 pts. So it was with confidence that a full strength Park flew to the Isle of Man for a first ever fixture with Vagabonds. On a soft pitch and against a stiff wind Park were soon on defence. But after good tackling a series of good scrums and lineouts saw Park's forwards take control. It was no surprise when a close in penalty was converted to give us the lead 3-0 pts. Using the wind the home team came into range to kick a long penalty to level the score 3-3 pts. Park playing well as a team applied pressure and scored a good try through the pack, John Knight finishing off the move. The second half saw Park with the wind behind them. After weathering a brief come back by the Vagas, Park went further ahead with a push-over try by our dominant forwards, No.8 John Clifford touching the ball down. Two penalties saw Park finish strongly to win 21-3 pts. This was a good match followed by a great night out. Well played lads.

There seems to be a big upsurge in spirit and application in the club at present. Our 4 teams have recently played 11 games between them and won all 11. Park 2XV followed our their excellent wins against Warrington at home 36-7 pts. and Rochdale away 34-0 pts. with a hard fought "come from behind" home victory over Oldham 30-24 pts. In the last game Danny Sorby, Neil Parkin, Steve Kiely and Paul Luke scored the tries and Pete ' the boot' Oakes kicked the kicks. Great stuff boys.

Our 3XV after beating Eagle 1 53-5 pts. and a Holmes Chapel 60-29 pts. followed up with a gutsy win over Fleetwood 2 24-17 pts. In the last game Martin Kelly, S.Thornton and Paul Luke scored the tries and T. Birch converted two. Well done lads.

The 4XV has overcome Old Bedians 2, 22-7 pts. away, Heaton Moor 2, 31-19 pts. away and bottom of the table Eccles 3, with a few 'ringers' 19 - 14 pts home. In the last game Gaz Flannery, Del Trotter and Rob Richards scored the tries and Andy Rimmer converted two. Well done again.

Ramblings

Today we welcome Southport to the new Broughton Park for their first ever fixture at this ground. They certainly proved a tough nut to crack on their home ground where their big forwards pressed us hard. It was only in the last couple of minutes that we scored the winning points. Our clubs have gone in separate directions since with Park lying third on the same points as leaders Leigh and second place Rochdale whilst Southport languish at the bottom. Last week however they were only narrowly beaten by the tough Warrington side so we expect a tough game today COME ON PARK.



A feature of this season has been the warm hospitality afforded to us by opposing clubs. Vagabonds last week was no exception though we did boost their bar profits considerably at £100 a round.

A surprise feature of the night out later was the amazing sex change of birthday person, Miss Adama Brown !!! (Picture left).

Earlier in the season Southport also looked after us well and we will do our best to reciprocate today.

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Table

Team	P	Home games					Away games					Diff	Pts	- pts	
		W	L	D	F	A	W	L	D	F	A				
1 Leigh	14	7	1	0	383	91	4	1	1	161	68	385	23		
2 Rochdale	14	6	1	1	223	75	5	1	0	148	60	236	23		
3 Broughton Pk	14	6	0	1	229	61	5	2	0	126	142	152	23		
4 Wilmslow	14	7	0	0	182	70	4	3	0	116	89	139	22		
5 Wirral	14	6	1	0	155	65	1	5	1	136	159	67	13	-2	
6 Vagabonds	13	3	2	1	99	98	3	4	0	96	116	-19	13		
7 Hoylake	14	4	1	1	124	58	1	6	1	98	194	-30	12		
8 Sandbach	13	4	3	0	145	101	0	5	1	38	121	-39	9		
9 Warrington	14	3	2	0	113	93	1	8	0	93	221	-108	8		
10 Northwich	14	2	4	0	59	154	2	6	0	53	266	-308	8		
11 Wigan	12	2	5	0	62	118	1	4	0	37	194	-213	6		
12 Southport	14	1	7	0	83	168	0	6	0	50	227	-262	2		

Results and Fixtures

22.01.2005	Broug	Hoyla	Leigh	North	Rochd	Sandb	South	Vagab	Warri	Wigan	Wilms	Wirra
Broughton Pk		22-22	Mar12	30-5	Feb19	31-7	Jan29	26-12	22-3	75-0	Apr23	23-12
Hoylake	Apr2		21-20	Mar12	3-18	5-5	40-5	Feb19	Apr23	42-0	13-10	Jan29
Leigh	66-7	#61-3		60-0	Feb26	36-3	52-18	31-7	Feb5	Apr9	20-24	57-29
Northwich	Feb26	13-9	3-30		0-38	Feb19	Apr23	0-33	36-8	Jan29	Apr2	7-36
Rochdale	13-18	29-0	17-17	60-0		18-6	Feb5	Apr9	39-19	30-15	#17-0	Mar12
Sandbach	Feb5	Feb26	9-32	49-0	Apr23		31-6	Jan29	12-9	15-22	8-13	21-19
Southport	22-23	12-33	Feb19	13-22	5-22	Apr9		10-13	#10-14	Mar12	0-31	11-10
Vagabonds	#3-21	15-10	Apr23	Feb5	14-31	16-9	Apr2		31-7	Feb12	Feb26	20-20
Warrington	14-34	26-14	18-29	Apr9	Jan29	Apr2	36-5	Mar12		Feb26	19-11	Feb19
Wigan	10-17	Feb5	0-33	5-11	Apr2	Off	13-6	8-15	14-9		12-27	Apr23
Wilmslow	14-6	Apr9	Jan29	13-5	28-10	Mar12	55-10	17-8	35-21	Feb19		20-10
Wirral	Apr9	16-7	Apr2	#36-10	10-29	15-8	Feb26	24-8	22-3	32-0	Feb5	

Today's Games

Broughton Pk	v	Southport	Northwich	v	Wigan
Sandbach	v	Vagabonds (IOM)	Wilmslow	v	Leigh
Warrington	v	Rochdale	Hoylake	v	Wirral