

# Saturday March 5th 2005

## Lancashire Cup

### Broughton Park v Fleetwood

			<b>Squad:-</b>	
Andy	O'Grady(Capt)	1	Dave	Graham
Danny	Lycett	2	Chris	Buschini
Geoff	Kendell	3	Alex	Levick
John	Knigh	4	Tony	Mullen
Mark	Poole	5	Dave	Harte
Tom	Sneezby	6	Alistair	Horabin
Dave	Rodgers	7	Matthew	Betty
John	Clifford	8	Mark	Wilkinson (Capt)
Shaun	Stirrup	9	Jack	Heald
Pete	Oakes	10	Ian	Hollingsworth
Ben	O'Brien	11	Lee	Jones
Adam	Brown	12	Mark	Roberts
Steve	Kiely	13	Andy	Singleton
Alan	Hodkinson	14	Neil	Jackson
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Ben	Godfrey
			Karl	Wilkinson
			Michael	Dewhurst
			Nau	Fumi
<b>Replacements</b>				
Ian	Maclure	16		
Steve	O'Connor	17		
Mark	Flynn	18		

**Referee:- Andrew Dawson (Manchester RSoc)**  
**Touch Judge:- Athol Few (Manchester RSoc)**  
**Touch Judge:- Miles Kitchiner (Manchester RSoc)**

*We hope that the officials have a good game and join us afterwards together with the Fleetwood players and supporters for hospitality and discussion of the finer points of Rugby.*

## Welcome to the New Broughton Park

### Recent Games

Since lively Rochdale avenged their home defeat by deservedly winning on our ground BPFC has played one league fixture. Last week against Northwich on their small tacky pitch Park ran out comfortable winners 23-0 pts. Peter Oakes standing in for Steve O'Connor controlled the game well. After a slow start Parks forward's kept the game in the Northwich half and some desperate attempts to stop our drives led to penalties which were well struck by Oakes the boot. Two conversions of tries by centre Steve Newton and No. 8 John Clifford saw us lead 23-0 pts. An unfortunate accident saw forward replacement Steve Nicholas taken to hospital for X-rays and observation. Steve we are glad to say is now OK but will have a rest from rugby to look after his new child. All the best Steve.

This week Fleetwood come to Broughton Park for their first ever fixture at this ground. This Lancashire Cup Tie should turn out to be a very interesting match. Our visitors are currently mid-table in the league above us with some good results to their credit. Recently they lost narrowly to the strong Stockport club 27-22 pts. but more impressively defeated Oldham 29-0 pts. They certainly should prove a tough nut to crack. However since the last cup defeat against Oldham Park have improved a great deal and will certainly be up for it today. COME ON PARK!

Meanwhile Park 2nd. XV remain competitive despite last minute calls on their players. The home loss against a large Ormskirk XV 7-20 pts. was followed last week by a 15-5 pts. defeat away to the even larger Stockport. Despite these defeats Park are a creditable 9th. out of 14 in their league. Keep up the effort lads and perhaps the game today against Blackburn will prove a turning point.

Park's 3rd.XV's recent upturn in form continues with two good wins. The fine away win 29-17 pts. against Dukinfield 2nd.XV was followed up last week by an even better home win against Lymm 3rd.XV,45-15 pts. These results take the 3rd.XV out of the relegation zone and into 8th. place in their league. Well done lads.

The 4th. XV having won 17-8 pts. against Trafford M V 3rd. XV came unstuck last week against Burnage 2nd.XV losing 19-21 pts. It seems that Burnage 1st.XV (4th. in the league below us) having their game called off saw their 2nd.XV much strengthened. The 4th.XV however are still No. 1 in their league. Again well done lads.

### Ramblings

The "mighty" remain fallen. England suffer another close defeat, with the blind referee not seeing tries by Mark Cueto and Josh Lewsey. The home match against Italy now takes on extra pressure. Well done again to Wales coming back from the dead to prevail against flattering France. Ireland remain favourites after inching past England. Bets are off as the clubs Welsh contingent are sufficiently rich enough.

Though there is no spotlighted player this week there will be a man of the match award sponsored by the Welsh Wizards.

### 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

### South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Table

Team	February 26th Home games						Away games						Diff Pts	- pts
	P	W	L	D	F	A	W	L	D	F	A			
1 Rochdale	18	7	1	1	322	75	8	1	0	227	88	386	31	
<b>2 Broughton Pk</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>29</b>	
3 Wilmslow	18	9	0	0	236	93	5	4	0	176	141	178	28	
4 Leigh	18	8	2	0	423	111	5	2	1	210	94	428	27	
5 Wirral	18	8	1	0	227	93	2	6	1	170	193	111	19	-2
6 Hoylake	18	6	1	1	164	83	1	8	1	118	235	-36	16	
7 Sandbach	17	6	4	0	187	135	1	5	1	50	128	-26	15	
8 Vagabonds	18	4	4	1	151	182	3	6	0	113	161	-79	15	
9 Northwich	18	3	6	0	89	206	3	6	0	83	269	-303	12	
10 Warrington	18	4	4	0	153	164	1	9	0	93	249	-167	10	
11 Wigan	17	3	5	0	84	130	1	8	0	89	291	-248	8	
12 Southport	18	1	8	0	92	207	0	9	0	69	450	-496	2	

### Results and Fixtures

26.02.2005	Broug	Hoyla	Leigh	North	Rochd	Sandb	South	Vagab	Warri	Wigan	Wilms	Wirra
<b>Broughton Pk</b>		<b>22-22</b>	<b>Mar12</b>	<b>30-5</b>	<b>3-18</b>	<b>31-7</b>	<b>81-12</b>	<b>26-12</b>	<b>22-3</b>	<b>75-0</b>	<b>Apr23</b>	<b>23-12</b>
Hoylake	<b>Apr2</b>		21-20	Mar12	3-18	5-5	40-5	22-14	Apr23	42-0	13-10	18-11
Leigh	<b>66-7</b>	61-3		60-0	#12-20	36-3	52-18	31-7	28-0	Apr9	20-24	57-29
Northwich	<b>#0-23</b>	13-9	3-30		0-38	7-12	Apr23	0-33	36-8	23-17	Apr2	7-36
Rochdale	<b>13-18</b>	29-0	17-17	60-0		18-6	99-0	Apr9	39-19	30-15	17-0	Mar12
Sandbach	<b>0-23</b>	#19-8	9-32	49-0	Apr23		31-6	23-3	12-9	15-22	8-13	21-19
Southport	<b>22-23</b>	12-33	9-39	13-22	5-22	Apr9		10-13	10-14	Mar12	0-31	11-10
Vagabonds	<b>3-21</b>	15-10	Apr23	3-30	14-31	16-9	Apr2		31-7	26-15	#23-39	20-20
Warrington	<b>14-34</b>	26-14	18-29	Apr9	13-41	Apr2	36-5	Mar12		#11-7	19-11	16-23
Wigan	<b>10-17</b>	22-12	0-33	5-11	Apr2	Mar5	13-6	8-15	14-9		12-27	Apr23
Wilmslow	<b>14-6</b>	Apr9	17-10	13-5	28-10	Mar12	55-10	17-8	35-21	37-13		20-10
Wirral	<b>Apr9</b>	16-7	Apr2	36-10	10-29	15-8	#43-7	24-8	22-3	32-0	29-21	