

Past Present & Future the Director's Cut.

Despite having had one of the Clubs best runs in recent years and just missing promotion to a higher League the 2004-2005 season left the Coaching staff at Broughton Park with many gaps to fill. From December of 2004 I was informed by both of the **O'Brien brother's** that they would both leaving the club temporarily as they were about to embark on one of a lifetimes trips to New Zealand I was also informed that our outside half **Steve O'Connor** was also to go on the same type of trip, to add to our woe's **Danny Lycett** our hooker has now found permanent employment in North Wales and will no longer be able to travel to play for Park. However; I would like to place on record the Clubs thanks for all of the excellent contributions that these players made to the club and for sticking by us when things were not going all that well, on the club' s behalf I would like to wish them all the very best on their adventure and we hope to see them all back as Park players next year.

There is one other club member that I would like to pay respect to, and that is **Ian MacLure** for his outstanding reliability throughout the whole of last season. If our younger players learn nothing other than what loyalty and integrity means then they will have learned a great deal about what club rugby is all about. Special mention goes to **Andy O'Grady** and all of his forwards for the manner in which they dominated most other teams throughout last season They know that solid scrummaging and good line out play are still the two main set plays as to where any team can win their own ball and create and form an attack structure. Andy has agreed to stay on as team Captain this season and is assisted by Vice Captain **John Knight** the club's player of the year last season. To **Mark Lloyd** and **Kevin O'Brien** my personal thanks to them both for the manner in which they have coached and kept to-gather last season' s squad and came so close to pulling of promotion for the club. Both the Second and Third teams had reasonably good seasons and both survived in there own respective leagues and again my thanks to **Alan Marsland** for all of his hard work with the 2nd XV.

The 4th Team under the guidance of John O' Hara & Andy Rimmer excelled and gained promotion from their league.

Season 2005-2006

With out argument Park now have the finest facilities in the North West of England and it has always been felt that these facilities would in time attract new players to the Club and the beginning of the 2005-2006 season has proved that theory correct no fewer then twelve new players have join the club at the last count and I am positive more will follow once the new University term begins in September, on behalf of the Club I would like to welcome on board two new additions to the coaching staff these are **Rob Folden** to work with Kevin O'Brien as backs coaches. **Dave Walsh** as the new team Manager, also to **Simon Verbeckas** who has at long last settled down in Chorlton-cum-Hardy and has decided to come and play out his remaining years at his local club where he began playing many years ago. To the host of other new players I bid a very warm welcome to Park and sincerely hope that there stay with us, and it will be a happy and

long association. The first of our Pre season games got of to a very good start in a very close fought contest against West Hartlepool, Park running out winners by 14pts to 12pts, the 27th August was our first official match in the first round of the Lancashire Trophy at home to Liverpool St Helens and again Park won by a convincing win 37pts to 5pts and it is good to see a foundation being put in to place to what I hope will be a very exciting year for Park, its players, coaching staff and not to be forgotten our team of very hard working of Club Officers and Committee Members who have worked so hard over the past couple of years to give us the outstanding facilities which are a

Welcome to the New Broughton Park

Last week saw Park in league action away against the strong Wirral club. A good start saw Park retain possession well and move the play from side to side inside the Wirral half. After six minutes a rib injury forced influential prop **Andy O'Grady** to leave the field. Despite this upset Park took the lead through a good break by **Tom Foden** which led to lock **John Knight** scoring the try. **Simon Verbickas** converted but aggravated a foot injury on the rock hard ground. Wirral came back strongly with aggressive defence and strong forward drives. This pressure led to two penalties being scored and the score now 6-7 pts. On the stroke of half time Park were caught offside 30 metres out. The resulting penalty bounced off the post into Park hands and was immediately ran back across the field to the halfway line on the right and then swung back to the left. No 8 **Matt Sheen** then ran strongly to stretch and commit the defence before handing on to centre **Stuart Coakley** to score in the corner. Fantastic! Half time score was 6-12 pts. Wirral took the game to Park from the second half restart. They were unfortunate not to score when passing forward in a likely try move. Next Park were under no direct pressure when indecision saw **Simon Verbickas** caught in possession. Wirral then running hard and passing well to score a converted try 13-12 pts.

The fast pace under a boiling sun suddenly told on Wirral. Park showed fitness and pace for **Joe Wykes** to score in the corner 13-17 pts. With Park now on top of the wilting Wirral, Park scored another good try this time on the right with the powerful **Martin Kelly** surging through to the corner 13-22 pts. Wirral trying hard to close the gap advanced up the field but lost the ball for **Shaun Stirrup** to kick ahead and with the defence caught in possession the loose ball was snapped up by impressive replacement flanker **Grant Little** to run free from 30 metres to score under the posts. **Stuart Coackley** converted for a final score of 13-29 pts. to Park. Well deserved and well done lads!

Park 2nd XV dominated the latter stages of their close game with Wirral 2nd XV but could not quite get the winning score going down 17-19 pts. Wirral were out on their feet at the end and thought themselves lucky to have held on. **Dan Sorby** and **Pete Oakes** shared the points for Park whilst **Latham Parry** and **Dave Leggatt** had impressive games for Park. Well done lads now keep the pressure on the 1st XV by coming training.

Our 3rd XV played a friendly, breaking new ground by entertaining Halton's 1st XV. Halton who play a couple of leagues below our 1st XV proved to be an attractive side with a distinct rugby league flavour. They enjoyed their game and were impressed by our facilities. Our young side kept the side respectable with our score coming from scrum half **Sam Maclure**. Result lost 5-29. But well done lads.

The 4th XV travelled to Chester and carried on from where they left off last season winning 31-26 pts. Everyone played well. Keep it going lads.

Sad News.

Elsewhere in this programme Dave Poppit refers to the fact that we at Park will miss **Alan Kendall**. Alan a former president of Clifton Rugby Club and a full member of BPFC for 10 years died suddenly in the close season. At his funeral in the Bristol area, Park was represented by the then President Lyn Morgan and his then Vice president Bryn Morgan. Both were part of the vast turnout of this popular man's passing. People from all parts of the UK were present to hear his son Geoff's dignified but humorous tribute to his dad "Big Al". We at Park whilst sad at the Kendall's family sad loss will remember "Big Al" as a good tourist, a man's man and a staunch Clifton and Park supporter. Our thoughts are with you Geoff and your family.

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Table 2005 - 2006

At	Sep 3rd, 2005	Home Games					Away Games					Diff Pts
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	W	L	D	F	A	
1 Leigh	1	1	0	0	67	3	0	0	0	0	0	64 2
2 Hoylake	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	7	24 2
3 Broughton Pk	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	13	16 2
4 Sandbach	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	22	5 2
5 Vagabonds	1	1	0	0	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	2 2
6 Anselmians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
7 Aspull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
8 Northwich	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	15	-2 0
9 Oldershaw	1	0	1	0	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	-5 0
10 Wirral	1	0	1	0	13	29	0	0	0	0	0	-16 0
11 Wilmslow	1	0	1	0	7	31	0	0	0	0	0	-24 0
12 Warrington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	67	-64 0

Saturday September 10th, 2005

South Lancs & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Anselmians

Geoff	Kendal	1	Adam	Quale
Andy	Wilson	2	G.	Wright
Mark	Flynn	3	Mark	Renshaw
John	Knight	4	Neil	Scorer
Mark	Poole	5	Steve	Stockton
John	Clifford	6	Tim	Hazelcroft
Dave	Rodgers	7	Darren	Corbett
Matt	Sheen	8	Dave	Edge
Sean	Stirrup	9	Simon	Kierney
Tom	Foden	10	Murrey	King
Joe	Wykes	11	Martin	Pilgrim
Tom	Mapp	12	Ian	Jessermino
Stuart	Coackley	13	Andy	Clarke
Alan	Hodgkinson	14	Mark	Petterson
Simon	Verbickas	15	Leon	Englebreck

Replacements

Julian	Callanan	16
Tom	Birch	17
Michael	Hughes	18

Replacements

Andy	Povey
Dominic	Kierney
Sean	Mooney

Referee:- John Ainsworth (Manchester)

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

Photos from some games, not this one, can be seen at:-

www.fryer-foto.com Select 'Rugby' then 'Broughton Park'.