

Saturday October 1st, 2005

South Lancs & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Oldershaw

Geoff	Kendell	1	John	Pritchard
Andy	Wilson	2	Dave	Parry
Mark	Flynn	3	Mike	Kealey
Jon	Knight	4	Adam	Meyerhoff
Mark	Poole	5	Robbie	Potter
Matt	Sheen	6	Eddie	McCulloch
Grant	Little	7	Steve	Wilson
John	Clifford	8	Robbie	Andrews
Shaun	Stirrup	9	Gav	Scott
Tom	Foden	10	Richie	Lappin
Adam	Middlehurst	11	Jonathan	Roberts
Ronan	O'Brien	12	Tom	Cassidy
Alan	Hodgkinson	13	Danny	Coburn
Joe	Wykes	14	John	Jones
Simon	Verbickas	15	Carl	Porschke

Replacements

Tom	Birch	16
Gareth	White	17
Latham	Parry	18
		19

Replacements

John	Atherton
Danny	Atherton
James	Garrett
Mark	Sopp

Referee:- Chris Meadows Manchester Society

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

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Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

Since the hard fought 18-14 pts. win against Anselmians, Park have played two games. In the Intermediate Cup Park ran out good 31-11 pts. winners at home against Trafford M V. A crunch match away to the League pace setters Leigh last week proved Leigh's strength when they overcame a below par Park 20-3 pts. Against Trafford MV took time to settle and the visitors soon led by a penalty (10 mins) and an unconverted try(20 mins). But despite losing captain Martin Kelly after 30 minutes Park began to put Trafford under increasing pressure. The second half saw Stuart Coackley score under the posts for Shaun Stirrup to convert and the gap closed 7-8 pts. Impact players Dave Rodgers and Ian Maclure replaced Grant Little and Julian Callanan but Trafford went further ahead kicking a penalty to make the score 7-11pts. Mike Hughes replaced Mark Flynn late on. Suddenly Park moved up a gear and Latham Parry crashed over following good work by Dave Rodgers. Matt Sheen was next on the scoreboard following a strong run from halfway. Stuart Coackley converted. Two further tries followed from Dave Rodgers and Mark Poole as Park finally ran out deserved winners 31-11 pts. Well done lads.

Last week Park with five wins behind them travelled with confidence to the powerful Leigh club. Park followed up the kick off and drove into Leigh's 22. A penalty for pulling down saw Simon Verbickas put us 3-0 up-a dream start. Leigh had other ideas and soon pounced on Park errors to send play to the other end where they scored a good try by Wilcock. Towards the end of the first half increased Leigh's lead with another good try. Park were then reduced to 14 players as inconsistent refereeing saw Mark Poole sin-binned.

The second half saw Leigh increase the grip on the game when prop Bailey scored under the posts after a sustained attack. With Leigh now ahead 20-3pts. and Park's 14 players well stretched, a heavy defeat looked likely but Park fought back. Grant Little and Tom Birch came on for the injured Rodgers and Coackley whilst Mike Hughes replaced Mark Flynn. With Poole back on the pitch Park took the game to Leigh and indeed came close to scoring on a number of occasions. Bright spots for Park were the strong running of Matt Sheen and the continued good form of Tom Foden at fly-half. Keep Up the effort lads.

In the Cups on the 17th of Sept. the 2XV beat Warrington away, Liverpool SH cried off against the 3rds and the 4XV beat old rivals Leigh 4ths away. In the next round on the 15th October the 2nds meet Waterloo at home, 3rds Wigan 2 away and the 4ths Blackburn 3 away. All the best lads.

Last week the 2XV beat Ormskirk 2nds 52 - 0, 3XV beat Eagle 34 - 27 and 4XV beat Macclesfield 4ths 27 - 7. Well done lads.

It is interesting to note the recent improvement of the 2nd. XV. More players have attended training recently and a number of players are throwing down the gauntlet to establish 1st XV members. As well as **Grant Little** and **Latham Parry**, **Julian Callanan** and **Dave Leggett** are now pressing for promotion. The backs too are becoming more ambitious and youngsters **Tom Birch** and **Adam Middlehurst** deserve their chance. No doubt others will soon press their claims. Keep up the pressure lads.

Ramblings

In the old days players were advised not to play with injuries. These days it seems some players prefer treatment to training and indeed sometimes on match days to even performing. Leigh however seem not to have moved towards this trend. Last week they got changed, went straight out en masse and switched on for the game. A lesson perhaps ?

Looking through last weeks away programme there was a nicely biased report of Leigh's 4th XV "if only" defeat by Park's 4th XV. The gist of it was that Park were boring and possessed a "tedious" fly-half (the one and only **Andy Rimmer**). The home team seemed unable to come to terms with the idea of playing to the conditions. So Andy's up and unders were boring even though they led to pressure, mistakes and scores Leigh tried to run the ball back from impossible situations. Maybe using a team's strength against them didn't occur to the losers. Food for thought anyway well done Park's 4th XV. Once again thanks go to all the people who work on the club's behalf. Without this behind the scenes' team nothing would happen. Special mention must go to our catering manageress Joyce and her staff for the good food and service they provide. Thank you everyone.

Player Spotlight

Spotlight this week is on another fly-half Tom Foden. Tom (certainly not tedious) arrived at Park with his Dad, backs coach Rob, and a clutch of new players in the close season. So far Tom has appeared in all 6 games and has impressed in all of them. He has good hands and is lightening quick. Now that a niggling injury has cleared up he is becoming a sure match winner for us. Athletic, skilful and a running passing fly-half, Tom reckons he looks just as good as Matt Sheen in Lycra and is a much better dancer than his mates Matt and Coke-Hacker-Lee. He will prove this in the Isle of Man he says. Tom reckons he is tall dark and handsome (well he is compared to his Dad). Seriously Tom is sure to have a big influence on today's game. Have a gud'un Tom.

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Table 2005 - 2006, Level 7

At Sep 24th, 2005

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1 Leigh	3	2	0	0	87	6	1	0	0	18	15	84	6
2 Vagabonds	3	2	0	0	62	16	0	1	0	17	17	46	5
3 Hoylake	3	1	0	0	15	5	1	1	0	48	24	34	5
4 Wilmslow	3	1	0	1	41	43	1	0	0	19	7	10	4
5 Broughton Pk	3	1	0	0	18	14	1	0	1	32	33	3	4
6 Sandbach	3	0	1	0	17	17	1	0	1	39	56	-17	3
7 Oldershaw	3	1	0	2	78	74	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
8 Wirral	3	0	0	2	28	47	1	0	0	34	19	-4	2
9 Aspull	2	1	0	0	10	5	0	0	1	5	15	-5	2
10 Anselmians	2	0	1	0	17	17	0	0	1	14	18	-4	1
11 Northwich	3	0	0	1	7	19	0	0	2	18	25	-19	0
12 Warrington	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	19	151	-132	0

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Aspull		Mar11	#10-5	Feb18	Oct8	Jan28	Oct29	Jan7	Nov19	Apr22	Dec10	Mar25
Hoylake	15-5		Feb18	Oct8	Jan28	Oct29	Jan7	Nov19	Apr22	Dec10	Mar25	Mar4
Northwich	Mar4	Oct1		Jan28	Oct29	Jan7	Nov19	Apr22	Dec10	Mar25	7-19	Feb11
Sandbach	Oct1	Feb11	Oct22		Jan7	Nov19	Apr22	Dec10	Mar25	17-17	Mar4	Jan21
Warrington	Feb11	Oct22	Jan21	Nov12		Apr22	Dec10	Mar25	Mar11	Mar4	Oct1	Dec17
Wirral	Oct22	Jan21	Nov12	Dec17	Dec3		13-29	15-18	Mar4	Oct1	Feb11	Apr8
Broughton Pk	Jan21	Nov12	Dec17	Dec3	Apr8	Mar25		Mar4	Oct1	Feb11	Oct22	18-14
Leigh	Nov12	Dec17	Dec3	Apr8	67-3	Mar11	#20-3		Feb11	Oct22	Jan21	Oct1
Oldershaw	Dec17	Dec3	Apr8	22-27	37-13	#19-34	Feb18	Oct8		Jan21	Nov12	Oct22
Vagabonds	Dec3	Apr8	15-13	Mar11	#47-3	Feb18	Oct8	Jan28	Oct29		Dec17	Nov12
Wilmslow	Apr8	7-31	Mar11	#34-12	Feb18	Oct8	Jan28	Oct29	Jan7	Nov19		Dec3
Anselmians		#17-17	Oct8	Oct29	Nov19	Dec10	Mar11	Feb18	Jan28	Jan7	Apr22	