

Saturday January 21st, 2006

South Lancs & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Aspull

Guy	Barlow	1	Hugh	Bloor
Tom	Kellaway	2	Lee	Lucas
Geoff	Kendell	3	Tana	Apiata
Mark	Poole	4	Alexander	Morrison Simpson
Julian	Callanan	5	Pete	Jackson
Jon	Knight	6	Daniel	Higham
Dave	Legat	7	Philip	Clark
John	Clifford	8	Mark	Roby
Shaun	Stirrup	9	Jonathan	Linekar
Tom	Foden	10	Jeff	Gavin
Adam	Middlehurst	11	Dave	Brown
Steve	Kiely	12	Lee	Butler
Simon	Verbickas	13	Rick	Owen (C)
Tom	Chappell	14	G	Mckay
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Liam	Reeve

Replacements

Ian	Maclure	16
Mark	Flynn	17
Matt	Sheen	18

Replacements

Robert	Thornley
Chris	Bennett
Ricky	Coombe

***The Match Ball today is sponsored by
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Referee:- John Ainsworth, (Manchester Society)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

It seems a long time since our last home game which put us top of the league (until the next round of games!). However we have played two challenging away fixtures since then. First was the potential banana skin away to Hoylake. Last season saw us drop a point at home and win narrowly away. Better things were expected this time but Hoylake had other ideas. Although Park pressed hard a spate of penalties in promising positions saw us concede ground and points to the determined home side. Hoylake led 11-0 pts. at half-time. The second half saw a distinct improvement with a penalty by Verbickas and a try from Knight (replacement for the injured Badenhurst) which saw us narrow the gap to 11-8 pts.-Game On. Then against the run of play Hoylake scored their second dubious try to extend their lead to 18-8 pts.-Game really On! Following a misdirected clearance kick Tom Foden collected, brilliantly spotted a large gap, kicked through, collected and scored to make it 18-13 pts. Park piled on the pressure and scored wide out through Booker to level at 18-18 pts. With time running out a disallowed try and missed penalty by us saw Hoylake hang on for a vital point. Improvement would be needed for the next tough away game at Northwich.

Northwich on the back of a good win against Wirral and with the previous League leaders Leigh's scalp, were confident of carrying on their resurgent form against Park. We opened confidently and looked the better side. A number of scoring chances were spurned allowing Northwich back into the game. One Northwich attack saw a stray pass grabbed by Stuart Coackly who surged past the home defence to make it 5-0 pts. Shortly afterwards Verbickas kicked a penalty 8-0 pts.and all seemed to be going to plan. Errors then crept in and penalties conceded one of which was converted to cut our lead to 8-3 pts. Another penalty saw Park slow to react as the ball was carried into our 22 and finished with a corner try to level at half-time 8-8 pts.

Both teams sort forward dominance at the start of the 2nd. half but some illegal rucking by the home 7 saw him sinbinned. Park then lost the ball on halfway to see it booted forward and end with a try under the posts 15-8 pts.to Hoylake. A disallowed try by Tom Foden saw us redouble our efforts and Verbickas cut the lead to 15-11 pts. Park's forwards with Poole, Barlow, Wilson and Clifford prominent now had the upper hand. With Northwich out on their feet the ball was moved smartly from the forward battlefield to teenage wing Adam Middlehurst who made no mistake with a sharp run to the corner scoring a vital try and bringing the score to a lead of 16-15 pts. With only minutes left young Tom Foden again showed smart footwork to score after constant forward pressure to make the game safe. Finally Foden combined well with flanker Dave Legat to send in No.8 John Clifford. Park had done it 28-15 pts. A good well merited team win in the end but plenty for our coaches and players to work on.

Park's 2nd XV missing some regulars have narrowly lost their last two games 12-6 pts. against Rochdale at home and last week 36-26 pts. away to a strong Wilmslow XV. (scorers please Barry) Keep up the effort lads. The 2nd XV are now 5th in their very competitive league.

Our 3rd XV after a very shakey start to the season have started to improve. After a narrow loss to an Eccles XV who had completely destroyed us early in the season the 3XV were away to a reinforced Manchester Wanderers 2XV. A tough battle on a heavy pitch saw K O'B's lads come out on top 7-3 pts. Now 7th in their league these lads have kept at it. Well done.

The 4thXV having run out of steam and players have now started rebuilding and enjoyed a good home win 17-5 pts. against Caldby 3rd.XV. Well done lads now keep it going.

Ramblings

Today we welcome Aspull's players, committee and supporters for what should be an interesting encounter. We hope they enjoy their visit but not too much. Earlier in the season we managed to overcome them but only after early pressure saw them 20-0 pts. up. We shall need to improve our form to record an important win today. Come on Park! What a difference a week makes- one week we were top, next week we were second, this week we are top again. it has been noticed how other teams have managed to raise their game against us so lets hit the ground running lads.

Spotlight

Today's spotlight is on Tom Foden, North 1 Chester and former Cheshire Colt, Tom came to Park with a reputation as a quicksilver attacking player. Tom has not let his supporters down for game after game he's produced that little extra needed to put us on the front foot. Even when targeted Tom has shown his ability to score vital tries. In addition he is a really tough tackler. His fans claim he is the best looking of the Foden clan. His only weak point is his reluctance to copy Park role models like Pooler and Tank on tour! Tom is W.T.O. at Broughton Park and is sure to have a good game today. Go for it lad.

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

January 14th		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	- pts
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Broughton Pk	13	5	1	0	192	77	5	1	1	213	106	222	22
2 Wilmslow	13	6	0	1	158	82	4	1	1	112	68	120	21
3 Leigh	13	6	0	1	245	56	3	0	3	132	70	251	16 -2
4 Sandbach	13	4	2	0	101	63	2	1	4	100	167	-29	15
5 Anselmians	13	5	1	1	166	81	1	0	5	73	89	69	13
6 Wirral	13	3	0	4	114	113	3	0	3	98	93	6	12
7 Vagabonds	13	4	1	2	145	97	1	1	4	75	126	-3	12
8 Hoylake	13	2	2	2	69	115	2	1	4	98	207	-155	11
9 Aspull	13	4	0	2	136	97	0	1	6	64	142	-39	9
10 Northwich	13	3	0	3	85	90	1	1	5	66	126	-65	9
11 Oldershaw	13	3	0	5	125	163	1	0	4	44	124	-118	8
12 Warrington	13	1	0	4	57	138	2	0	6	97	275	-259	6

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Results 2005 - 2006

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Aspull		Mar11	10-5	Feb18	43-14	Jan28	20-47	18-3	34-8	Apr22	11-20	Mar25
Hoylake	15-5		Feb18	15-15	Jan28	10-31	18-18	0-46	Apr22	11-0	Mar25	Mar4
Northwich	Mar4	25-6		Jan28	12-32	6-0	#15-28	Apr22	20-5	Mar25	7-19	Feb11
Sandbach	13-0	Feb11	13-13		24-6	21-19	Apr22	13-8	Mar25	17-17	Mar4	Jan21
Warrington	Feb11	23-24	Jan21	12-16		Apr22	0-67	Mar25	Mar11	Mar4	6-18	16-13
Wirral	15-8	Jan21	10-8	26-7	18-21		13-29	15-18	Mar4	17-22	Feb11	Apr8
Broughton Pk	Jan21	44-9	46-8	21-6	Apr8	Mar25		Mar4	41-18	Feb11	22-22	18-14
Leigh	34-12	73-5	5-9	Apr8	67-3	Mar11	20-3		Feb11	29-17	Jan21	17-7
Oldershaw	11-7	18-6	Apr8	22-27	37-13	19-34	Feb18	5-43		Jan21	5-21	8-12
Vagabonds	17-17	Apr8	15-13	Mar11	47-3	Feb18	20-21	Jan28	10-13		17-12	19-18
Wilmslow	Apr8	7-31	Mar11	34-12	Feb18	27-3	Jan28	19-14	19-0	41-13		11-9
Anselmians	37-15	17-17	27-10	37-17	27-5	10-11	Mar11	Feb18	Jan28	11-6	Apr22	