

Saturday February 11th, 2006

South Lancs & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Vagabonds

Guy	Barlow	1	Rob	Martin
Andy	Wilson	2	Adam	Mattheson
Geoff	Kendell	3	Dave	Hinks
Julian	Callanan	4	Kevin	Riley (Captain)
Jon	Knight	5	Jason	Bowden
Matt	Sheene	6	Bryan	Kennaugh
Dave	Rodgers	7	Tynan	Pritchard
John	Clifford	8	Daryn	Thompson
Shaun	Stirrup	9	Chris	Roberts
Tom	Foden	10	Jonny	Beckley
Adam	Middlehurst	11	Sam	Brennan
Tom	Mapp	12	Aneurin	Pritchard
Stuart	Coakley	13	Ewald	Kilian
Graham	Booker	14	Sam	Egan
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Jay	Kruger

Replacements

Andy	O'Grady	16
Mark	Poole	17
Steve	Kiely	18

Replacements

James	Clarke
Franz	Germishuys
Ekong	Bell

Referee:- Craig Souters, (Manchester Society)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

After the frustrating loss away to Wilmslow last week saw a chance for us to throw off the shackles against promotion seeking North One side West Park SH. Park's 15 showed eleven changes from the mundane Wilmslow game. However all the early pressure came from Park's mobile pack well backed up by the backs. Indeed West Park had trouble getting out of their half for twenty five minutes. When they did they showed clinical finishing to take a 5-0 pts. lead. More smart football saw them go further ahead 12-0 pts. before Park showing enormous energy broke in the centre field with the back row combining to set up the returning Matt Sheen. The big No.8 outpaced the defence in a thirty metre sprint to the line. Verbickas converted to make the score 12-7 pts. With Park again on top a refereeing error allowed West Park to intercept from a clearly off-side position to romp away to an undeserved score. 19-7 pts. at half-time.

With veteran Maclure on for the injured Parry, Park forwards gained good possession from scrum, line-out and loose. Both wings went close and only good strong defence kept us out. West Park seemed to target play maker Verbickas who was on the wrong end of three late high tackles the third of which left him in a dazed condition. Amazingly the match officials missed these incidents. Five minutes from the end the excellent West Park fly half score a good individual try to complete the scoring 24-7 pts. This made us forty points better than the last opponents North One Caldý. Good spirit and good play with Verbickas prominent made for an entertaining game in which West Park certainly had their hands full. Well done lads-now lets get back on track in the league today.

The 2nd.XV were away to Preston Grasshoppers development team in a top of the table Millers Homes league fixture. Alan Marsland reckons this was a fantastic game. Despite having to give up several players to the 1st.XV and then losing Mike Rogers with a bad cut early on and with Gaz Hughes a passenger for most of the game, Park were always in control. Great team spirit saw us come back from behind with newcomer Joe Kennedy scoring his second amazing try to take the game 34-30pts. This puts the 2nd.XV into third position only a point behind second place Preston Grasshoppers. Well done lads. Scorers were T Zindi 1 try, J Kennedy 2 tries and Pete "the boot" Oakes 5 penalties and two conversions.

Our 3rd.XV played away in a friendly against promotion seeking North Manchester. Although playing with only 14 men the 3rd team lost only narrowly. As K O'B says "at least we got a game going for the two clubs". Well done lads and back to full strength and the league today.

The 4th.XV without a fixture wisely watched the International matches on TV. Irish fans chewed their fingernails whilst England's fans rejoiced as Wales were lucky to finish second. Some more interesting encounters this week.

Ramblings

Today we welcome the Vagabonds players, committee and supporters for what is a vital game for both sides. A glance at the league table shows us top by a point and Vagabonds in the bottom half. The sides there show a big points difference deficit but not Vagabonds who are on 12 points but with a points difference of only -8. We know what a tough side they are to beat for we had to come from behind to win by the huge margin of 21-20 pts. on their ground. We hope they all enjoy their visit- but not too much. We certainly enjoyed our visit to the Isle of Man. Meanwhile its Mike Rogers again- can't keep a good man down. Last week Mike lasted 8 minutes before heading Terry Zindi- big mistake! - trip to hospital and six stitches near one of his eyes. We'll be watching this space Mike. On injuries, today's fixture sees the return of two players injured in the away fixture at Vagabonds. Matt Sheen (broken leg) and Stuart Coakley (ankle ligaments) are back and are sure to have a good game today. Go for it lads.

Spotlight

Today's spotlight is on Ronan O'Brien. Ronan has played for BPF through the mini's and youth section. Playing at 10 he displayed all the necessary skills and it was no surprise to see him a Lancashire Colt in that position. At 18 years old Ronan made the first of many appearances for Park's 1st team at No 10 and more recently at No.15. Ronan has always shown good pace and sure hands and recently he has added try saving tackles to his repertoire. These days Ronan can be seen well dressed post -match in 1st.XV No.1's! He is sure to have a good game today. Go for it Ronan.

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

Team	P	Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	- pts	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Broughton Pk	15	6	1	0	221	85	5	1	2	228	123	241	24	
2 Wilmslow	15	7	0	1	175	97	4	1	2	117	84	111	23	
3 Leigh	15	7	0	1	261	61	4	0	3	154	90	264	20	-2
4 Anselmians	15	5	2	1	190	105	2	0	5	90	99	76	16	
5 Wirral	15	4	0	4	128	121	4	0	3	112	103	16	16	
6 Sandbach	15	4	2	1	111	80	2	1	5	107	190	-52	15	
7 Northwich	15	4	0	3	108	97	2	1	5	93	142	-38	13	
8 Hoylake	15	3	2	2	85	125	2	1	5	106	221	-155	13	
9 Vagabonds	15	4	1	3	165	119	1	1	5	84	138	-8	12	
10 Oldershaw	15	4	0	5	137	172	1	1	4	68	148	-115	11	
11 Aspull	15	4	0	3	146	111	0	1	7	72	171	-64	9	
12 Warrington	15	1	0	5	73	165	2	0	7	107	291	-276	6	

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Results 2005 - 2006

04.02.2006	Aspul	Hoyla	North	Sandb	Warri	Wirra	Broug	Leigh	Older	Vagab	Wilms	Ansel
Aspull		Mar11	10-5	Feb18	43-14	10-14	20-47	18-3	34-8	Apr22	11-20	Mar25
Hoylake	15-5		Feb18	15-15	16-10	10-31	18-18	0-46	Apr22	11-0	Mar25	Mar4
Northwich	Mar4	25-6		23-7	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	10-17
Warrington	Feb11	23-24	16-27	12-16		Apr22	0-67	Mar25	Mar11	Mar4	6-18	16-13
Wirral	15-8	14-8	10-8	26-7	18-21		13-29	15-18	Mar4	17-22	Feb11	Apr8
Broughton Pk	29-8	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	16-5	17-7
Oldershaw	11-7	18-6	Apr8	22-27	37-13	19-34	Feb18	5-43		12-9	5-21	8-12
Vagabonds	17-17	Apr8	15-13	Mar11	47-3	Feb18	20-21	20-22	10-13		17-12	19-18
Wilmslow	Apr8	7-31	Mar11	34-12	Feb18	27-3	17-15	19-14	19-0	41-13		11-9
Anselmians	37-15	17-17	27-10	37-17	27-5	10-11	Mar11	Feb18	24-24	11-6	Apr22	