

Saturday March 4th, 2006

South Lancs & Cheshire 1

Broughton Park v Leigh

Andy	O'Grady (C)	1	Colin	Ruane-cooper
Andy	Wilson	2	Samual	Dury
Guy	Barlow	3	Paul	Hampson
Mark	Poole	4	Mark	Lester
Jon	Knight	5	Dennis	Bate
Latham	Parry	6	Ben	Sutton
Dave	Rodgers	7	Ian	Wood
John	Clifford	8	Chris	Morgan
Richard	Gould	9	Jimmy	Bridge
Tom	Foden	10	Carl	Bibby
Adam	Middlehurst	11	Sturt	Fisher
Tom	Mapp	12	Chris	Irwin
Simon	Verbickas	13	Anthony	Bentham (C)
Alan	Hodkinson	14	Stephen	Peacock
Ronan	O'Brien	15	David	Wood

Replacements

Geoff	Kendell	16
Shaun	Stirrup	17
Matt	Sheene	18

Replacements

Tau	Liku
Chris	Bailey
Danny	Jones

Referee:- Graham Bancroft (Manchester Society)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

Since the wake up call in the narrow away loss to Wilmslow, Park have got back on track with a hat-trick of wins. Two fine league wins against very physical sides, Vagabonds 27-12 pts. and Oldershaw away 30-16 pts. put us two points clear at the top of the league. Last week saw us inflict a heavy cup defeat 53-0 pts. on Rossendale on their mud patch. First, at Oldershaw, the home team were very one dimensional keeping the ball close to their brawny forwards. A very stop/start game was not helped by the referee awarding 30 penalties against us and 11 against them. Park also lost prolific wing Booker after only five minutes with a leg injury. Then after 20 minutes and against the run of play (such as it was) Oldershaw got into our twenty two and were awarded a dubious try. Two Park players tackled an opponent hard, the ball flew forward and ricocheted off the back of an off side player to be caught by another for the "score". Down 7-0 pts. Park fought back with two tries. Alan Hodkinson scored in the corner after the forwards had done the spade work. Tom Mapp also scored from close range after more forward pressure. By the second half Park had advanced to 18-10pts. in a dour game dominated by the man with the whistle. As a result of even more penalties Oldershaw closed to 18-16 pts. However, Park were well on top in the final quarter and went further ahead through ace try snatcher Mark Poole. Finally the lads finished with a great try by Ronan O'Brien. The forwards with Poole prominent set up a ruck, then Stirrup to Verbickas to Mapp to Foden onto O'Brien back to Verbickas and back again for O'Brien to streak over 30-16 pts. game over. Well done lads.

Last week Park were away to Rossendale in the Lancashire Trophy semi-final. Although from the league above us Rossendale had no answer to Park's superior all round game. O'Brien opened the scoring after just two minutes. All out attack saw teenage wing Middlehurst the victim of a dangerous high tackle and a penalty try awarded to Park. Our forwards dominated to create four further scores one gratefully accepted by captain Andy O'Grady. Others scorers were Poole, Gould, Knight and O'Brien again. Tom Mapp kicked well out of the mud to convert most whilst Ronan O'Brien also tacked on a conversion. A good victory and a poser for selection with almost all our players back from injury and available for today's game. Go for it lads.

The 2nd. XV were at home against a Vale of Lune XV and carried on their winning form 68-12 pts. They scored 10 tries, Pete Oakes converting 9 of them totalling 28 points altogether. This followed the fine 52-12 pts. win against Didsbury 2nd XV the previous week. Scorers were Rob Young, Rob Rock, Gareth White, Geoff Kendell, Phil Sutcliffe and Tom Chappell two tries. Pete “the boot” Oakes scored seven conversions and a penalty. Well done lads.

Our 3rd. XV back to strength and recovered from the heavy loss against Sedgely Park proved too good for a big Bolton 2nd XV winning 38-19 pts. Well done. Scorers were O'Donnell, Duffy, Hatchmark, Longley, Taylor (2) and Kevin O'Brien (4 conversions).

The 4th.XV continue to struggle and lost again this time against Marple 2nd XV 27-0pts. However there are signs of improvement so keep it going lads and the results will come.

Ramblings

Today we welcome Leigh's players, committee and supporters for what is a vital game for both sides. A glance at the league table shows us top (just) from Wilmslow with close challengers Leigh third. We know what a tough team they are to beat because we haven't done it yet at this level. Earlier in the season we lost 20-3 pts. However today we show nine changes from the earlier encounter and hope to maintain our improved form. We hope they all enjoy their visit- but not too much. May the best team win. COME ON PARK!! For those who cannot get down Park has an excellent website (for details buy a programme) run by Barry Allen. The website has been praised by the RFU. The site includes reports on all teams. 1st. XV by Dave Walsh, 2nd.XV by Alan Marsland, the 3rd 4th XV by Barry Allen. Well done you three. Nice to see old friends back for today's players reunion.

Spotlight

Today's spotlight is on Andrew Wilson the popular Andy has been with us for a couple of seasons and has worked his way up through the ranks. At over twenty stone when he joined us Andy has trained hard to shed five stone and has proved himself one of the fittest players at the club. Technically he has improved out of sight and will be in the thick of the action today. One thing is certain Andy's heart is as big as ever. Cloddagh his number one fan is sure he will have a good game. Go for it Andy.

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	17	7	1	0	248	97	6	1	2	258	139	270	28		
2 Wilmslow	17	8	0	1	237	97	4	2	2	124	91	173	26		
3 Leigh	17	8	0	1	287	61	4	0	4	171	116	281	22	-2	
4 Anselmians	17	6	2	1	216	122	2	0	6	103	113	84	18		
5 Wirral	17	4	1	4	135	128	4	0	4	129	129	7	17		
6 Northwich	17	5	0	3	122	110	3	1	5	130	142	0	17		
7 Sandbach	17	5	2	1	144	97	2	1	6	107	202	-48	17		
8 Vagabonds	17	5	1	3	191	136	1	1	6	96	165	-14	14		
9 Aspull	17	5	0	3	158	111	1	1	7	96	188	-45	13		
10 Hoylake	17	3	2	3	85	162	2	1	6	123	254	-208	13		
11 Oldershaw	17	4	0	6	153	202	1	1	5	68	174	-155	11		
12 Warrington	17	1	0	6	90	189	2	0	8	107	353	-345	6		

South Lancs & Cheshire 1 League Results 2005 - 2006

Date	Aspul	Hoyla	North	Sandb	Warri	Wirra	Broug	Leigh	Older	Vagab	Wilms	Ansel
25.02.2006												
Aspull		Mar11	10-5	12-0	43-14	10-14	20-47	18-3	34-8	Apr22	11-20	Mar25
Hoylake	15-5		0-37	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	14-13
Sandbach	13-0	33-17	13-13		24-6	21-19	Apr22	13-8	Mar25	17-17	Mar4	10-17
Warrington	17-24	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	7-7	Apr8
Broughton Pk	29-8	44-9	46-8	21-6	Apr8	Mar25		Mar4	41-18	27-12	22-22	18-14
Leigh	34-12	73-5	5-9	Apr8	67-3	Mar11	20-3		26-0	29-17	16-5	17-7
Oldershaw	11-7	18-6	Apr8	22-27	37-13	19-34	16-30	5-43		12-9	5-21	8-12
Vagabonds	17-17	Apr8	15-13	Mar11	47-3	26-17	20-21	20-22	10-13		17-12	19-18
Wilmslow	Apr8	7-31	Mar11	34-12	62-0	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	26-17	24-24	11-6	Apr22	