

Saturday Jan 20th, 2007

Intermediate Cup Round 4

Broughton Park v Luton

Andy	O'Grady (Capt)	1	Nick	Peters
Andy	Wilson	2	Joe	Ross
Guy	Barlow	3	Michael	Ormesher
Jon	Knight	4	James	Pearce
Latham	Parry	5	Liam	Lancaster
John	Clifford	6	Terry	Cooper
Dave	Hanby	7	Will	Temperley
Steve	Kiely	8	Andy	Davey
Chris	McAtomey	9	Simon	Lincoln (Capt)
Steve	O'Connor	10	Richard	Woodard
Mike	Rainey	11	Michael	Adeniya
Simon	Verbickas	12	Scott	Hills
Tom	Mapp	13	Lee	Anker
Marlon	Miller	14	Mark	Mansfield
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Shaun	Crowley

Replacements

Jake	Smith	16
Peder	Jones	17
Ben	O'Brien	18
Mike	Ainsworth	19

Replacements from

Craig	Hills
Scott	Walker
John	Rudgard
Laurence	Alden
Paul	Alston

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Referee:- Simon MacKeen (Manchester Society)

Touch Judge:- A.N. Other (Luton)

Touch Judge:- John Verbickas (Broughton Park)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

With a disappointing home defeat by second place Lymm behind them Park travelled to undefeated League leaders Liverpool SH in determined mood. Starting at a fast pace the big LSH pack dominated early possession enabling their lively backs to score a converted try 7-0pts. Shortly after Park were adjudged off-side and the excellent LSH kicker advanced the score to 10-0 pts.) Number 8 Clifford rallied the troops. His very strong run was only stopped illegally. Ronan O'Brien converted the penalty to make it 10-3 pts. after twenty minutes. A turnover saw the LSH wing almost score but his supporting centre did just that and it was 15-3 pts. With Park battling hard another penalty by O'Brien brought the score to 15-6 pts. Just as Park were getting parity the referee yellow carded first Andy O'Grady closely followed by Jon Knight leaving Park a tricky ten minutes or more with only thirteen players including six forwards. Strangely Park led by Clifford raised the tempo and pressed LSH into their own half. Numbers did tell however and LSH scored a difficult penalty to lead 18-3 pts. at half time.

The second half followed the pattern of the first half. Park had three good chances to score but couldn't quite finish from two of these. From the third chance Andy Wilson's touch-down was disallowed by the referee apparently for touching the corner flag. In the end it was 33-6 pts. and defeat by a strong side who showed why they are undefeated and top of the league. A lesser side than BPFCL would have folded but we kept going till the end. Today we hope for a big improvement and will be helped in this by players returning from injury. The ambitious Luton top of Midlands One will be expecting to win today so COME ON PARK!!

Meanwhile back at Park our strong 2nd.XV followed up the fine away win 21-10pts. at LSH by comprehensively defeating a big Preston Grasshoppers XV 51-24pts. Everyone played well and the points came from everywhere. Team manager Alan Marsland is predicting a good number of his squad will soon appear in the 1st.XV. Andrew Farrar, Sam Fuller and Paddy O'Donnell look players to watch. Well done lads keep up the promotion drive.

Our 3rd.XV completed a hat-trick of wins, following the gritty 14-13pts. win over Eccles 2nd.XV with a more expansive 57-22pts. win over Dukinfield 2nd.XV and last week a 15-13pts. win over a reinforced Manchester Wanderers 2nd.XV whose 1st.XV did not have a fixture. Good to see former Park and Lancashire Colts scrum-half Robert Jones return to the fold. Very well done lads. Keep it going!!

The 4th.XV who have been showing signs of improvement lost 29-5pts. against big strong opponents Northwich 2nd.XV in very difficult conditions. Former 1st.XV scrum-half Richie McCabe on holiday from Italy worked hard in our cause. Keep it going boys.

Today's Game

We welcome Luton top of Midlands One for today's Intermediate Cup Tie. We hope their players, committee and supporters enjoy their visit to Broughton Park but not too much. An ambitious club, Luton have a five year plan to progress to the National Leagues. Best of luck to them, we have been there and know how difficult it is. Luton however are well placed at the top of what looks a very competitive league, although they could only draw against ex 'Park scrum-half Gerry Goss's side Dunstablians at home last week.. We meanwhile, after winning 6 on the trot, have come second in our last two fixtures against the two strongest sides in our league and are in mid table in our very competitive league. We hope to revive our fortunes but are now dependant on the results of others. We will also have to raise our game today to progress in this competition. May the best team win. COME ON PARK!!

Ramblings

“Too many cooks?” A feature of last week's game was the pressure the referee was under — two assessors, “ref miked up”, game videoed and retrospective decisions. “Gremlin” Steve Elliot did his best to upset all this by breaking the referee's nose with a clearance kick. We wish him a good recovery. Having lost our last two fixtures it's back to the drawing board for us. Whilst today's opponents have their plan ours is to build on our excellent mini, junior and youth structure. It is worth noting that every single one of our junior section teams won against good opposition last weekend. Another point of interest is that members of our very good under 16 squad are training with our 1st.XV. Couldn't tell the difference!! Today we have seven former junior players in our 1st. XV squad including former Colts captain and former England Under 21 international Simon Verbickas. This is the way to go.

Spotlight

This weeks spotlight is on Stephen Kiely. Always a robust pacey player Steve has been a revelation since converting from centre to number 8. Man of the match three times he was dropped three times straight after each outstanding game. OK we got it wrong!! It only seems like yesterday that Steve was bursting through broken play from full-back to score a great try at Bective Rangers for our Colts. Steve played wing in our National League days but he was lost to us for four years whilst playing rugby league at Leeds University, but now he's back. An effective ball carrier Steve is sure to have a good game today.

North 2 West League Table 2006 - 2007, Level 6

At Jan 13th, 2007		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	- pts	
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
P	1 Liverpool SH	14	7	0	0	275	57	7	0	0	170	95	293	28
?	2 Lymm	14	5	0	2	150	64	5	1	1	164	107	143	21
	3 Aspatria	13	4	0	2	156	74	5	0	2	129	111	100	18
	4 Whitchurch	14	5	0	2	145	103	2	1	4	79	180	-59	15
	5 Broughton Pk 14		4	0	2	145	81	3	0	5	132	129	67	14
	6 Carlisle	14	4	0	3	144	100	3	0	4	138	145	37	14
	7 Vale of Lune	14	4	0	4	145	109	3	0	3	72	120	-12	14
	8 Tyldesley	14	4	1	3	130	168	2	1	3	99	138	-77	12 -2
	9 Bowdon	14	2	2	2	102	88	2	1	5	88	158	-56	11
R	10 Winnington Pk	14	3	0	4	141	149	1	0	6	90	194	-112	8
R	11 Wilmslow	14	1	1	5	112	147	2	0	5	94	161	-102	7
R	12 Stoke	13	1	0	6	79	155	0	0	6	40	186	-222	2

P = Promotion place, ? = Play off place, R = Relegation place.

Midlands 1 League Table 2006 - 2007, Level 5

At Jan 13th, 2007		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	-pts	
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
P	1 Luton	14	6	1	1	151	77	4	0	2	230	97	207	21
?	2 Dudley King.	14	4	0	2	128	111	6	0	2	130	103	44	20
	3 Dunstablians	14	4	0	3	167	112	5	1	1	160	140	75	19
	4 Bedford Ath.	14	5	0	1	179	190	3	0	5	195	136	48	16
	5 Broadstreet	14	6	0	1	98	173	1	0	6	159	97	-13	14
	6 Peterborough	13	3	1	3	93	106	3	0	3	139	142	-16	13
	7 Scunthorpe	14	6	0	1	107	256	0	1	6	199	104	-54	13
	8 South Leic.	14	5	0	2	135	173	1	0	6	198	125	35	12
	9 Longton	13	6	0	1	59	167	1	0	5	140	71	-39	12 -2
R	10 Luctonians	14	3	0	3	121	212	1	0	7	112	63	-42	8
R	11 Walsall	14	3	0	5	120	197	1	0	5	184	228	-121	8
R	12 Market Bos.	14	2	0	5	79	164	2	0	5	92	131	-124	8