

Saturday March 24th, 2007

Intermediate Cup Semi - Final

Broughton Park v Dunstablians

Andy	O'Grady (Capt)	1	J.	Ellershaw
Andy	Wilson	2	S.	Myburgh
Guy	Barlow	3	J.	Alger
Jon	Knight	4	T.	King
Latham	Parry	5	B.	Odell
Dave	Hanby	6	M.	Kearns
Peter	MacMahon	7	L.	White
John	Clifford	8	C.	Nissen
Chris	McAtominey	9	S.	Hall
Simon	Verbickas	10	J.	White
Ben	O'Brien	11	K.	Boland
Tom	Mapp	12	R.	Butler
Mike	Rainey	13	G.	Swart
Marlon	Miller	14	D.	Bradshaw
Ronan	O'Brien	15	S.	Armstrong

Replacements

Jake	Smith	16	S.	Brobykov
Peder	Jones	17	B.	Murphy
Steve	Kiely	18	J.	Duckworth
Joe	Kennady	19	E.	Landsberg
Mike	Ainsworth	20	S.	Richbell
Steve	Elliot	21	S.	Warren
Alan	Hodkinson	22	C.	Boland

Referee:- Richard Draper (RFU)

Touch Judge:- Martin Buck (RFU)

Touch Judge:- Steve Makinson (RFU)

4th Official Trevor Fisher (RFU)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent games

Following our excellent away League win against a large and extremely competitive Bowdon 35-13 pts, Park faced Whitchurch in a confident mood. Our injury hit team had narrowly lost at Whitchurch in the first game of the season so it was pay back time. Both teams battled hard for possession but Park put together a flowing back move with Simon Verbickas feeding Tom Mapp who put the supporting Ben O'Brien away on a jinking run to score. Ronan O'Brien converted and it was 7-0 pts. Under intense pressure Whitchurch put in a poor clearance kick which went straight to Marlon Miller who out stripped the defence to score 12-0 pts. Park now well on top moved the ball around to stretch the Whitchurch defence and Marlon Miller popped up in mid-field to score under the posts. Ronan O'Brien converted 19-0 pts. Whitchurch resorted to handbags but did get a penalty which made it 19-3 pts just before half-time.

The second half saw Park back on the attack and when Whitchurch offended, Ronan O'Brien increased the lead to 23-3pts. After good work by pack and backs Ben O'Brien carried on Ronan O'Brien's break to score under the posts. Ronan converted and it was 29-3 pts. Steve Elliot scored next from John Clifford's astute pass following a back row move 36-3 pts. Steve scored again from a similar ploy and it was 43-3 pts. With the game won and our replacements on Whitchurch came more into the game as Park eased off. After a spell of pressure from which they could not score Whitchurch could only watch as Park broke out of defence for the backs to interchange passes with Ronan O'Brien finishing under the posts. 50-3 pts and game over. Another good team performance. Well done lads.

Our promotion seeking 2nd XV won a hard fought encounter 30-17 pts away against the strong Wilmslow 2nd XV. Scorers were Dave Sutcliffe, Jon Beardsmore and Joe Kennedy (2 tries) with Pete "the boot" Oakes kicking the rest.

The 3rd XV had no game but the 4th XV on a roll won again 19-12 pts against a strong Burnage 2nd XV. Scorers were Phil Liptrott, Rob Richards and Adam Middlehurst with Tom Kelloway kicking the rest. Well done again.

Today's Game

We welcome opponents Dunstablians for today's National Intermediate Cup semi final tie. We hope their players, committee and supporters enjoy their visit to Broughton Park but not too much. Dunstablians are third in Midlands One and we are third in North West Two so both teams are used to winning. With both sides just 80 minutes away from Twickenham there is a lot riding on today's game. We will have to work hard to maintain our impressive form. May the best team win. COME ON PARK!!!

Ramblings

There is a former players reunion today so there is bound to be a good atmosphere. Welcome to our new facilities. If you haven't been before why not? it will be great to see everyone again. Among the former players should be Gerry Goss who played scrum-half for us when he was at university in Manchester. We hear that he is injured at the moment which is a pity as he was the first pick for Dunstablians. Any way we will still look after you Gerry. What ever happens today out thanks must go to our players and coaches for the entertaining way we have played this season. Also only two league games to go and still a chance of the play-off. Go for it all lads!!

Spotlight

This week's spotlight is on Mike Rainey a hard running and elusive centre. A former Durham University player Mike has also played for Watsonians and Scottish Districts. Now studying law in Manchester Mike has been a big asset to us this season. "What about my good looks" he says. Well he's not bad for a Scot with a dire singing voice and whose broad shoulders have to help carry the Wooden Spoon. Mike is sure to have a good game today. Go for it lad.

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North 2 West League Table 2006 - 2007, Level 6

At March 17th, 2007		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	- pts		
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A	
P	1	Liverpool SH	20	10	0	0	386	73	10	0	0	254	126	441	40
?	2	Lymm	20	8	0	2	222	79	5	1	4	200	167	176	27
	3	Broughton Pk	20	8	0	2	305	120	5	0	5	199	147	237	26
	4	Aspatria	20	7	0	3	239	123	5	1	4	164	186	94	25
	5	Carlisle	20	7	0	3	216	138	5	0	5	237	216	99	24
	6	Vale of Lune	20	5	0	5	197	154	4	1	5	136	186	-7	19
	7	Whitchurch	20	6	0	4	200	220	3	1	6	106	269	-183	19
	8	Tyldesley	20	5	1	4	157	203	4	1	5	166	259	-139	18 -2
	9	Winnington Pk	19	5	1	4	233	180	1	0	8	108	243	-82	13
R	10	Bowdon	19	3	2	4	140	150	2	1	7	108	218	-120	11 -2
R	11	Wilmslow	20	2	1	7	151	215	2	0	8	128	229	-165	9
R	12	Stoke	20	1	1	8	117	213	0	0	10	62	317	-351	3

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

Midlands 1 League Table 2006 - 2007, Level 5

At March 17th, 2007		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	-pts		
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A	
P	1	Luton	20	8	1	1	343	134	6	0	4	229	123	315	29
?	2	Dudley Kgwfd	20	7	0	3	244	157	7	0	3	172	149	110	28
	3	Dunstablians	20	5	0	5	201	171	6	1	3	251	196	85	23
	4	Broadstreet	20	9	0	1	246	133	1	1	8	139	240	12	21
	5	Longton	20	9	0	1	193	97	2	0	8	104	267	-67	20 -2
	6	Luctonians	20	6	1	3	198	115	3	0	7	165	246	2	19
	7	Peterborough	20	5	1	4	226	233	4	0	6	146	190	-51	19
	8	Scunthorpe	20	8	0	2	274	170	1	1	8	148	336	-84	19
	9	South Leic.	20	7	0	3	316	184	2	0	8	198	261	69	18
R	10	Bedford Ath.	20	6	0	4	260	207	3	0	7	199	223	29	18
R	11	Market Bos.	20	3	0	7	127	192	3	0	7	107	248	-206	12
R	12	Walsall	20	4	0	6	233	263	2	0	8	198	382	-214	12