

Saturday April 14th, 2007

League North 2 West.

Broughton Park v Tyldesley

Andy	O'Grady (Capt)	1	James	O'Connor
Andy	Wilson	2	Ryan	Grainey
Guy	Barlow	3	Howard	Hughes
Jon	Knight	4	Lee	West
Mark	Poole	5	Darren	Edge
Sam	Fuller	6	Dave	Dexter (Capt.)
Peter	MacMahon	7	Tom	Cartwright
John	Clifford	8	Craig	Pulman
Steve	Elliot	9	Paul	Martin
Simon	Verbickas	10	Ashley	Worsfold
Marlon	Miller	11	David	Channell
Tom	Mapp	12	Shaun	Pulman
Mike	Rainey	13	Jon	Fisher
Joe	Kennedy	14	Gareth	Jones
Ronan	O'Brien	15	Mark	Dickinson

Replacements

Jake	Smith	16
Richard	Jones	17
Ben	O'Brien	18

Replacements from

Heath	Cruickshank
Steve	Palin
Chris	Southern

Man of the Match Sponsor:- Punto Cars of Oldham (See Lyn Morgan)

Main Sponsors:- David Pape Associates.

Referee:- Jonathon Hill (Yorkshire Society)

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

Touch Judge:- John Verbickas (Broughton Park)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

After the disappointing defeat against Dunstablians 21-28 pts. Park looked forward the away League game at Vale of Lune. Park soon had Vale of Lune under pressure and an early infringement saw Ronan O'Brien put us 3-0 ahead. When Vale of Lune tried to impose their patterns of play Park's strong tackling kept them at bay. A strong scrumage saw big number eight John Clifford pick up and burst through a couple of tackles to score under the posts. Ronan O'Brien made it 10-0 pts. Handling errors were made by both sides but this enabled Vale of Lune to come back into the game. From limited possession and against the run of play Vale of Lune showed their potential by scoring a good converted try to narrow the lead to 10-7 pts. Park redoubled their effort only to find the scoring pass elusive as at least four try scoring opportunities were missed.

At half time coach Kevin O'Brien gently suggested we could play better and as the second half unfolded his advice was taken to heart. Running the ball at every opportunity paid dividends as a great team try was scored by number seven Peter MacMahon who finished some great running and passing by the backs. Ronan O'Brien converted and it was 17-7 pts. Park's hard scrummaging now took its toll and we became dominant and soon it was Jon Knight who scored, 22-7 pts. Next his second row partner Sam Fuller got on the score sheet with Ronan O'Brien converting to make it 29-7 pts. Park then put on our three young replacements Jake Smith, Ben O'Brien and Mike Ainsworth who carried on from Andy O'Grady, Sam Fuller and Joe Kennedy in dominating Vale of Lune. It was not long before our rampant backs moved the ball to the dangerous Marlon Miller who split the defence and out paced the cover to score under the posts. Ronan O'Brien converted and it was 36-7 pts. Next Ronan O'Brien having another excellent game scored a brilliant individual try from his own half. Although looking to off-load to the supporting Marlon Miller, Ronan just could not locate him left or right so had to carry on for the final score 41-7 pts. Another well deserved team effort based on our hard working pack who enabled our speedy backs to show their skills. Well done lads.

Only one game last week when our club XV defeated a lively Brodleians XV 27-7 pts. A good mixture of youth and experience made a useful framework for long term injured fly-half Steve O'Connor and powerful second row Mark Poole to get in eighty minutes of football. An entertaining game.

This week our strong 2nd XV currently in champions position play Rochdale away in their final Miller Homes fixture. As second and third place teams Leigh and Liverpool St. Helens play each other Park seem to be promoted. Congratulations lads.

(Editor, not quite. If 'Park lose and LSH and Leigh draw then they both go up.)

Our third XV are away to Ruskin Park, whilst our fourth XV play Macclesfield at home.

Ramblings

A message from the President, Bryn Morgan. First a big thank you to all Park's workers, players and supporters. Next, "Is Everybody Happy?" What an excellent two years for Broughton Park. Three years ago Andy O'Grady apologised to the Club when his team were relegated. He promised we'd be back! The first year we narrowly missed promotion. Last year through the hard work of Andy, his players and our then coaches Rob Foden and particularly Mark Lloyd we were champions of South Lancs. and Cheshire 1. This year who would have thought when after eight games we had six iffy points and in a relegation position that Park would have had such a successful season. Well led by Andy and new coaches Kevin O'Brien and Jimmy Murray our players have risen to the challenge and recorded many memorable performances. Getting to the semi-final of the National Intermediate Cup and to a possible play-off game has raised the expectations at our famous club. Well done Andy and all our players and the coaches. Answer- "You Bet Your Life We Are"

Today's Game

We welcome opponents Tyldesley for today's League game. We hope their players, committee and supporters enjoy their visit to Broughton Park but not too much. Tyldesley are currently 8th in the League and safe from relegation whereas we are third and if today's results go for us we will play off against Sheffield Tigers. We must work very hard today to win and hope LSH do the same. May the best team win. COME ON PARK.

Spotlight

This weeks spotlight is on Andy O'Grady and his team. Lying third in the League a mere point behind Lymm but with a much superior points scored difference Park have done well. From a shaky start the team have built on the foundation Andy provides in the set scrummage. With Andy Wilson and "Mighty Mouse" Guy Barlow our front row has been outstanding. The back five have shown mobility, stamina and ball handling ability with Jon Knight and John Clifford providing experience. All our backs have played well with Tom Mapp and Simon Verbickas providing the experience. Marlon Miller, Mike Rainey, Ben O'Brien and particularly Ronan O'Brien have shown an eye for the line. Dave Hanby, Pete MacMahon, Chris McAtominey, Steve Elliot, Joe Kennedy and Mike Ainsworth are players for the future. Strong contributions have been made by Jake Smith, Mark Flynn, Lathan Parry, Pedr Jones, Alan Hodkinson, Sam Fuller and Steve O'Connor. Anyone missed out must be in the witness protection programme!! All this has been under-pinned by our Miller Homes 2nd XV managed by Alan Marsland who are currently in champions position today. Importantly, our coaches Kevin O'Brien and Jimmy Murray have encouraged our mobile style and the whole issue has been well managed by John O'Grady.

GREAT STUFF LADS, HAVE A GOOD GAME TODAY.

North 2 West League Table 2006 - 2007, Level 6

April 7th		Home games					Away games					Diff Pts - pts		
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
P	1 Liverpool SH	21	10	0	0	386	73	11	0	0	305	138	480	42
?	2 Lymm	21	9	0	2	251	82	5	1	4	200	167	202	29
	3 Broughton Pk	21	8	0	2	305	120	6	0	5	240	154	271	28
	4 Aspatria	21	7	0	3	239	123	6	1	4	188	208	96	27
	5 Carlisle	21	7	0	3	216	138	6	0	5	259	228	109	26
	6 Vale of Lune	21	5	0	6	204	195	4	1	5	136	186	-41	19
	7 Whitchurch	21	6	0	5	219	240	3	1	6	106	269	-184	19
	8 Tyldesley	21	5	1	5	169	225	4	1	5	168	259	-147	18 -2
	9 Winnington Pk	21	5	1	4	233	180	2	0	9	142	294	-99	15
R	10 Bowdon	21	3	2	5	162	181	3	1	7	128	237	-128	13 -2
R	11 Wilmslow	21	2	1	8	173	239	2	0	8	128	229	-167	9
R	12 Stoke	21	1	1	9	129	266	0	0	10	62	317	-392	3

P =Promotion Place, ? = Play-off Place, and R = Relegation place

North 2 West League Results 2006 - 2007

07.04.2007	Aspat	Bowdo	Broug	Carli	Liver	Lymm	Stoke	Tylde	Vale	Whitc	Wilms	Winni
Aspatria		25-13	25-5	24-25	28-31	24-5	32-3	34-12	8-13	Apr14	29-10	10-6
Bowdon	16-22		13-35	17-13	0-17	14-14	23-5	17-17	Apr14	15-17	25-10	22-31
Broughton Pk	32-19	13-3		39-5	13-36	10-17	42-0	Apr14	47-7	50-3	20-18	39-12
Carlisle	13-18	35-7	8-13		17-21	18-13	Apr14	41-12	19-15	27-10	18-16	20-13
Liverpool SH	33-6	32-13	33-6	25-15		Apr14	46-8	52-5	21-7	26-5	35-3	83-5
Lymm	19-20	20-0	11-8	32-11	0-8		33-0	24-10	14-7	44-7	25-8	29-3
Stoke	10-10	8-22	12-34	6-15	12-51	19-33		15-31	0-13	13-19	10-16	24-22
Tyldesley	25-22	25-25	5-46	12-22	7-22	14-13	15-11		13-22	14-17	22-18	17-7
Vale of Lune	0-17	15-3	7-41	35-17	19-42	8-31	33-3	15-20		35-0	34-13	3-8
Whitchurch	17-6	19-20	19-14	8-69	13-21	22-18	28-13	25-30	25-12		11-16	32-21
Wilmslow	22-24	20-22	5-32	16-23	12-25	22-27	22-11	7-28	19-20	13-13		15-14
Winnington Pk	21-24	25-0	16-6	14-44	17-31	16-29	43-8	29-3	20-20	32-15	Apr14	