

Saturday January 5th, 2008

League North 2 West.

Broughton Park v Stockport

Connor Mitchell	1	Ian Kennedy
Andy Wilson	2	Chris Weeks
Mark Flynn	3	Jan Erik Anderson
Sam Fuller	4	Tim Oakes
Mark Poole	5	Dave Marwick
Dave Hanby	6	Hugo Corbett
Peter MacMahon	7	John Wilson
John Clifford (Capt)	8	Peter Bredenkamp
Steve Elliot	9	Mike Raven
Steve O'Connor	10	Steve Pearson
Adam Knight	11	Greg Newton
Paddy O'Donnell	12	Tim Dalton
Tom Mapp	13	Craig Cooper
Ben O'Brien	14	James Drew
Ronan O'Brien	15	Richard Hopkinson

Replacements

Andy O'Grady	16	Alex Hooley
Mike Ainsworth	17	Christian Chapman
Pat Hurley	18	Chris Nel

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

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Referee:- Sam McCormack (North West Federation)

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

Touch Judge:- Barrie Daniels (Broughton Park)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

Park went out of the Intermediate Cup when a below strength team was narrowly defeated at Chester in atrocious conditions. Back to almost full strength we made the short journey to Lymm in a determined mood. Good pressure in all areas of the pitch saw Park dominate the first half. Ronan O'Brien struck a good penalty to open the scoring after Park drives had forced an offside. More pressure saw us camp in the home corner where a driving maul was finished off by Steve Elliot for Park to lead 8-0 pts. Lymm then exerted pressure to be rewarded by a penalty 8-3 pts. Just before half-time Ronan O'Brien ran back a poor clearance for Steve O'Connor to break clear and put Mark Poole under the posts. Ronan O'Brien converted and Park deservedly led 15-3 pts. at the break.

Lymm brought on coach Glenn George a former Welsh International flanker who injected more action into a previously lethargic Lymm pack. Better possession saw the pacy Lymm backs combine to send their big centre in at the posts. Amazingly the conversion was charged down and it was only 15-8 pts. Play became niggly with George prominent. John Clifford was yellow carded attempting to redress matters. A needless penalty brought Lymm nearer at 15-11 pts. Then justice was done when the energetic but illegal Glenn George was yellow carded for stopping Adam Knight's strong run with a vicious high tackle. Ronan obliged and it was a safer 18-11 pts. Lymm tried everything and edged nearer again at 18-14 pts. Park with "Big Mitch" on for the injured Pete McMahon stuck to basics and were rewarded with a match winning Ronan O'Brien penalty 21-14 pts. Well done lads. Never in doubt!

The 2nd XV drew with Lymm 2nd XV while the following week an under strength 2nd XV then lost 8-12 pts against Stockport 2nd XV. Some concentration on personnel and tactics look to be required.

Our 3rd XV lost 18-0 pts against a much larger Manchester 3rd XV whilst our **4th XV were unlucky in losing an entertaining game 31-38 pts. against Hope Valley 1st XV.**

Our junior Colts in their first season proved too strong for Vale of Lune Colts and closed out 2007 by winning 43-24 pts. Well done lads. These boys are worth watching. Come and watch their games on Sundays.

Ramblings

2007 ended with Park very much in contention with the top of North Two West. Only two points separate us from leaders Stockport and Chester. There are likely to be as many as twelve changes today from the under strength team beaten earlier at Stockport. Since that defeat and the hurtful home loss to Leigh, Park have competed well enough to win all their other League encounters. Despite many injuries the good news has

been the way our young players have stepped up to the mark. Paddy O'Donnell, Steve Elliot, Connor Mitchell, Jake Smith, Adam Knight, Ben O'Brien, Pat Hurley and Dave Hanby have all supported our experienced players John Clifford, Mark Poole, Jon Knight, Guy Barlow, Tom Mapp and Steve O'Connor. Backed by ace kicker Ronan O'Brien this has made us into a very competitive squad. However today we will have to concentrate and play well for the whole match if we are to be winners. COME ON PARK!

Spotlight

This week's Spotlight is on young Connor Mitchell. Since joining his mates Duffy and O'Donnell this season, Connor showed up well in the second team and has since shared the loose head spot with other youngster Jake Smith. Andy Wilson no oldster himself says he feels like their Dad. However baby-faced Mitchell is strong and mobile and has proved that there is nothing baby-faced about his play. Have a good'un today Connor!

Today's Game

We welcome Stockport for today's League game. We hope their players, committee and supporters enjoy their visit to Broughton Park, but not too much. They have had a good start to the season and are on twenty points, two points ahead of Park. So it is an important game for both sides. GO FOR IT PARK! Finally A Happy New Year to all Broughton Park Members.

Editor's Notes

I have recently started on an assignment in London which is keeping me away from Park for most of the time and as a consequence I am missing some of the news items that may be of interest to members. The "Rambler" tries to keep us up to date, but his focus is on match reports and the game of the day. I would welcome some contributions from any club member who would like to add something to the programme. It can be a view on the present state of the club, a fond memory of the past or an idea for how we might improve what we are doing. Don't keep it to yourself.

My own memories of Stockport (or Davenport in my day) are many: the 2nd row who was deaf and tended to clobber scrum halves after the ref had blown for a line out infringement, swapping shirts in a 4th team game and forgetting I wasn't playing in red, white and green, playing well into the night till 'Port equalised, septicaemia that developed in cuts from the "old ground" and leaving my teeth behind the goalposts and retrieving them by torchlight. All good fun and surely you have similar yarns to share with us, but remember this is a family friendly publication!

North 2 West League Table 2007 - 2008, Level 6

	Team	P	Home games					Away games					Diff Pts	- pts
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
P 1	Stockport	12	6	0	1	208	58	4	0	1	182	56	276	20
? 2	Chester	12	4	1	0	187	62	5	1	1	159	81	203	20
3	Broughton Pk	12	4	0	1	132	41	5	0	2	141	104	128	18
4	New Brighton	12	7	0	0	181	70	1	2	2	102	126	90	18
5	Lymm	12	5	0	2	192	84	3	0	2	94	66	136	16
6	Sandbach	12	4	0	3	131	117	3	0	2	111	112	13	14
7	Rochdale	12	3	1	2	97	94	3	0	3	128	94	37	13
8	Leigh	12	3	1	2	119	113	2	0	4	85	140	-49	11
9	Northwich	12	2	1	3	88	109	1	0	5	51	78	-48	5 -2
R 10	Winnington Pk	12	2	0	3	92	137	0	1	6	76	260	-229	5
R 11	Vale of Lune	12	1	0	4	81	123	0	0	7	73	220	-189	2
R 12	Tyldesley	12	0	0	6	42	251	0	0	6	57	213	-365	0

P = Promotion place. ? = Play-off place. R = Relegation Place.

North 2 West League Results 2007 - 2008

29.12.2007	Broug	Chest	Leigh	Lymm	New B	North	Rochd	Sandb	Stock	Tylde	Vale	Winni
Broughton Pk		24-0	10-12	10-7	26-8	Mar1	Mar29	Apr12	Jan5	Jan26	Feb16	62-14
Chester	Feb9		39-7	20-11	26-26	Jan19	Mar1	Mar29	Apr12	Jan5	72-10	30-8
Leigh	Jan19	17-17		18-39	6-27	Apr19	Feb9	Mar1	Mar29	27-10	28-3	23-17
Lymm	14-21	Apr19	Mar8		44-17	16-10	Jan19	Feb9	14-20	36-3	29-7	39-6
New Brighton	Apr19	Mar8	Feb16	Jan26		8-6	18-15	29-3	16-0	42-12	27-26	41-8
Northwich	3-17	6-19	17-32	Feb16	Jan5		Apr12	Jan26	Mar8	26-20	20-5	16-16
Rochdale	20-11	17-19	22-14	9-23	24-24	5-3		Jan5	Jan26	Feb16	Mar8	Apr19
Sandbach	16-18	3-28	13-12	9-14	Jan19	14-12	27-26		Feb16	Mar8	Apr19	49-7
Stockport	34-15	9-10	39-8	Mar1	Feb9	29-0	27-12	48-8		Apr19	22-5	Jan19
Tyldesley	5-37	5-66	Apr12	Mar29	Mar1	6-20	0-29	5-59	21-40		Jan19	Feb9
Vale of Lune	12-22	Jan26	Jan5	Apr12	Mar29	Feb9	10-25	20-26	5-50	34-0		Mar1
Winnington Pk	Mar8	Feb16	Jan26	Jan5	Apr12	Mar29	12-21	10-15	0-72	48-12	22-17	