

Saturday February 16th, 2008

League North 2 West.

Broughton Park v Vale of Lune

Jake Smith	1	Phil Jackson
Andy Wilson	2	Gavin Barton
Connor Mitchell	3	Andrew Sutcliffe
Mark Poole	4	Lew Farnworth
Jon Knight	5	Dan Perry
Sam Fuller	6	Carl Lamb
Peter MacMahon	7	Danny Lin
John Clifford (Capt)	8	Malcolm Fowler (Capt)
Steve Elliot	9	James Hodder
Steve O'Connor	10	Neale Foster
Adam Knight	11	James Bryan
Joe Kennedy	12	Craig Orrick
Paddy O'Donnell	13	Neil Bennetts
Ben O'Brien	14	Alistair Richards
Ronan O'Brien	15	Greg Smith

Replacements

Mark Flynn	16	Dave Halliwell
Dave Hanby	17	Dave schuyler
Pat Hurley	18	Andrew garnett

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

Main Sponsors:- David Pape Associates.

Referee:- Andrew Dawson (Manchester Society)

Touch Judge:- AN Other (Vale of Lune)

Touch Judge:- Barrie Daniels (Broughton Park)

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

Welcome to the new Broughton Park.

Recent Games

Having not played since early January when a mix of first and second XV players lost to Waterloo in the Lancashire Cup, Park travelled to League leaders Chester for a vital League game. Looking rusty, we conceded an early try but worked hard to come back into the game to force two penalties converted by Ronan O'Brien for us to lead 6-5 pts. A misunderstanding with the young and not very vocal referee saw us side-foot the ball into touch from a mark near our own line to end the first half. However despite having told us that there was no time left the referee awarded a lineout. Chester drove for the line and we were adjudged to have stopped the drive illegally. Amazingly, the referee awarded a penalty try and we were down 12-6 pts as the half-time whistle did blow. Park also had two players sin-binned, one without any prior warning, whilst Chester eventually also had a player sin-binned.

The second half saw Park dominate possession for awhile but it was Chester who increased their lead 15-6 pts through a dubious penalty. However, ten minutes from the end, Joe Kennedy broke through for a morale boosting score and at 15-13 it was all to play for. In the last minute with Park chasing a winning score we lost the ball for Chester to counter strongly with former Park player Matt Sheen scoring the winning try 22-13 pts. We tried hard but Chester prevailed. Keep it going lads.

Meanwhile our 2nd XV lost 17-35 pts. at home to Chester 2nd XV whilst our 3rd XV and 4th XV teams both won.

Our Junior Colts made the long trip to Rhyl and just lost out 26-25 pts.. Again keep it going lads.

This Sunday the Colts play League leaders Altrincham Kersal at Park. Come and support them.

Ramblings

A surprise this season, when you consider the quality of our back line, is the low number of points we have scored compared to rivals Chester and Stockport the League leaders who were both beaten on our ground. However our injury list has stopped us fielding first choice players. Young replacements have done well and the Club appreciates the efforts of the 1st XV squad as they continue to stay in touch with the two leaders. We will have to concentrate and play extremely well today to overcome the always competitive Vale of Lune.

Spotlight

Spotlight this week is on lucky Mark Poole. The long serving "Pooler" is often the heartbeat of Park's efforts. Not the tallest lock Mark is a seventeen and a half stone

power house who also gets around the pitch. Not one for Lycra and hair gel, Mark is a graduate of Manchester's north side being a black belt in snooker and liking nothing better than breaking off and scoring. Have a gud'un today Pooler!

Today's game

We welcome Vale of Lune for today's League game. We hope their players, committee and supporters enjoy their visit to Broughton Park, but not too much. A glance at the League tables show us close to the leaders whilst Vale are fighting relegation. Both teams will be out to improve their position today so a keen encounter is envisaged. May the best team win. COME ON PARK!

Editor's Notes

I am writing this week's copy in London, having taken the one eye off the ball and only realising at the last minute that the fixture was at home. Work in London has kept me away from Executive and Management meetings recently, but the wonders of e-mail have kept me in touch with the growing financial difficulties that the club is facing. Over the next few weeks, members will come under increasing pressure to think about ways in which we can raise more income. The Club's management team will be looking at all expenditure to ensure that all spending is justified and offering value for money. However, we have fixed costs that our current income base simply does not cover and we must therefore look to increase income. Some are obvious, like making sure you pay your subscription, joining the "250 Club" (and my application is on the way) and buying the raffle tickets. Hopefully, members will think of bigger and better schemes.

In the meantime, all members are encouraged to attend the Club Development meeting 20th February starting at 6.15pm. The evening will be stage managed by Phil Clarke, the RFU Rugby Development Officer based at the club. This will be an opportunity for anyone to get involved in the future development of the club and to offer ideas to take the club forward at all levels. Whilst the evening is not about the financial challenges, there is every expectation that ideas springing from the event will generate greater interest, more members and a stronger base or going forward. Please make every attempt to attend and despite the financial difficulties, we shall find sufficient funds to provide refreshments for those attending.

One final note, Barry Allen is reviving the Club Newsletter and would welcome contributions from members on almost any subject, but preferably, rugby and Park related. In the meantime, I am happy to accept any little cameos for inclusion in the programme notes.

Have an enjoyable afternoon.

Alan Bramhall

North 2 West League Table 2007 - 2008, Level 6

At Feb 9th, 2008 RFU North 2 West

P	Team	P	Home games					Away games					Diff	Pts	- pts	
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
P 1	Chester	16	7	1	0	328	87	6	1	1	193	92	342	28		
? 2	Stockport	16	8	0	1	269	75	5	0	2	214	73	335	26		
	3 Broughton Pk	14	5	0	1	144	46	5	0	3	154	126	126	20		
	4 New Brighton	16	8	0	0	215	84	1	2	5	132	196	67	20		
	5 Sandbach	16	5	0	3	151	120	5	0	3	136	136	31	20		
	6 Lymm	16	5	0	4	202	103	4	0	3	137	117	119	18		
	7 Rochdale	16	4	1	3	126	127	4	0	4	152	130	21	17		
	8 Leigh	15	4	1	2	145	126	3	0	5	124	162	-19	15		
	9 Vale of Lune	16	3	0	5	114	176	1	0	7	86	226	-202	8		
R 10	Northwich	16	3	1	4	109	130	1	0	7	58	115	-78	7	-2	
R 11	Winnington Pk	16	2	0	5	117	193	0	1	8	79	306	-303	5		
R 12	Tyldesley	15	1	0	7	62	267	0	0	7	69	303	-439	0	-2	

North 2 West League Results 2007 - 2008

09.02.2008	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	12-5	Feb23	Feb16	62-14
Chester	22-13		39-7	20-11	26-26	29-0	Mar1	Mar29	Apr12	90-12	72-10	30-8
Leigh	Mar15	17-17		18-39	6-27	Apr19	26-13	Mar1	Mar29	27-10	28-3	23-17
Lymm	14-21	Apr19	Mar8		44-17	16-10	10-11	0-8	14-20	36-3	29-7	39-6
New Brighton	Apr19	Mar8	Feb16	34-14		8-6	18-15	29-3	16-0	42-12	27-26	41-8
Northwich	3-17	6-19	17-32	Feb16	21-10		Apr12	0-11	Mar8	26-20	20-5	16-16
Rochdale	20-11	17-19	22-14	9-23	24-24	5-3		24-6	5-27	Feb16	Mar8	Apr19
Sandbach	16-18	3-28	13-12	9-14	20-3	14-12	27-26		Feb16	Mar8	Apr19	49-7
Stockport	34-15	9-10	39-8	Mar1	29-17	29-0	27-12	48-8		Apr19	22-5	32-0
Tyldesley	5-37	5-66	Apr12	Mar29	Mar1	6-20	0-29	5-59	21-40		6-13	14-3
Vale of Lune	12-22	11-34	14-12	Apr12	Mar29	8-7	10-25	20-26	5-50	34-0		Mar1
Winnington Pk	Mar8	Feb16	8-27	17-29	Apr12	Mar29	12-21	10-15	0-72	48-12	22-17	