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A Message from the President



First of all I would like to welcome you to Warrington RUFC and I hope that you enjoy your afternoon with us. I would also like to thank you for buying a programme. We are an old-fashioned Rugby club, with no external funding from generous benefactors, so we must rely on the income which we generate ourselves from player subs, together with any money we raise from sponsorships, events, raffles, occasional donations - and programme sales. So many thanks for your contribution.

Warrington is currently at an exciting stage in its development. Playing-wise, our first team finished a very creditable mid-table in their debut season in Northern Division, North West One, while our 3rd XV crowned a promotion-winning league performance with a victory in the final of the BEST Bowl. Our mini and junior teams continue to go from success to success, with our all-conquering Senior Colts side picking up three items of silverware before winning the "Cock of the North" title. Hopefully, our commitment to Mini and Junior rugby will help to fuel the future success of our senior sides.

We have also continued to grow as a rugby community, as the club is now a social focus for a wide range of people, from players and players' wives and partners to parents of our minis and juniors and a not insignificant band of loyal supporters. We are extending and adding to our facilities at Walton Lea Road, where we are now firmly established as an important section in a comprehensive sports club which also embraces, cricket, tennis, hockey, squash and archery.

So once again, a very warm welcome to all of you, Warrington supporters as well as visitors, match officials and players. We hope you will enjoy the rugby on offer and that you will also enjoy the beer and banter in the bar after the match.

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Warrington RUFC President

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Admission by Match Programme



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NORTH ONE WEST LEAGUE

**Welcome to New Brighton FC from Warrington RUFC
& Welcome to Warrington RUFC 'Old Boys' - Enjoy the day**

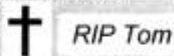
TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR

A warm welcome to Walton Lea today to Jon Jones and his friends. Jon is of course a long standing supporter of Warrington RUFC and has sponsored many things through his Spar Shops enterprise. Today however the sponsor is Hunters Cheshire Gin which is a relatively new enterprise for Jon. Hunters is a premium gin based on a 300 year old recipe, the exact details of which are a closely guarded secret. It is a top quality spirit produced by re-distilling neutral spirit with natural botanicals such as juniper berries and citrus peel. You can sample the product at WSC which is one of a growing number of outlets serving Hunters.

More information can be found at www.huntersgin.com

WRUFC are pleased to acknowledge the vital financial support Jon is providing to us. **Dave Jervis, President, Warrington RUFC**

TOM KILMURRAY



Tom Kilmurray, a Club ex-player, passed away on February 17th 2005, aged 66. His funeral was held on 4th March at St Josephs on Meeting Lane Penketh WA5 2BB at 11.15 and afterwards at Walton Lea Crematorium at 12.20. Tom played open side wing forward for the Club in the 1970s. He was small in stature but big of heart, fearless and did not take a backward step but at the same time always played with a smile on his face. He was engaging company in the bar and entertained us on the long coach journeys which were a feature of that era.

**TODAY'S REFEREE: Kieron Henry, Manchester Society
Team Sheets: p. 14**

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Dave Jervis, President, Warrington RUFC

Welcome to New Brighton FC

New Brighton FC President: Mr. Dave Pettman

A warm welcome to the players, supporters and officials from the New Brighton club for this important League fixture.

New Brighton have experienced a difficult season on their return to Level 6 rugby and currently occupy one of the three relegation slots in the League - their cause not being helped by a 5 point reduction for fielding an ineligible player earlier in the season. However, that only tells part of the tale and their recent form has been good and with another 25 league points to play for this season they are still fully intending on producing a great escape and guaranteeing rugby in North West 1 for the 2015/2016 season. In fact New Brighton boast 9 bonus points for finishing within 7 points of their opposition when losing games so with a bit more luck on their side they could well have snatched a few more wins in the League.

Back in October we sneaked a win at Reeds Lane by 16pts to 11 having threatened at one stage to win the game comfortably. The home team kept on going though and a last minute penalty secured them the losing bonus point. The Warrington team today is a much different looking team. Long term injuries to Matt Connelly, Paul Thompson and Ashley Rockey illustrate the importance of having a big squad to choose from and it is a credit to the 2nd XV that they still remain in the promotion chase in the Raging Bull Leagues despite having to provide so many of their players in recent weeks for the 1st XV.

Elsewhere in the League today there is an intriguing basement battle between Eccles and Bolton - a win for the latter will give them a massive lift in their bid for safety and no doubt our visitors will be hoping for an Eccles win in that match which I think they will just about do. One would have to fancy home wins for Birkenhead Park against Wilmslow and an away win for Kendal at Widnes whose form has dipped of late. The other games are a little bit more difficult to predict but I would think Broughton Park and Kirkby Lonsdale should use home advantage to beat Carlisle and Penrith respectively, but Vale of Lune's improved form of late should see them home at already relegated Wigton.

As for today's battle at Walton Lea Road, it's too close to call!

Peter J. Riley (WRUFC Secretary and Historian)

Amusing Quote

"Rugby football is a game I can't claim absolutely to understand in all its niceties, if you know what I mean. I can follow the broad, general principles, of course. I mean to say, I know that the main scheme is to work the ball down the field somehow and deposit it over the line at the other end and that, in order to squalch this programme, each side is allowed to put in a certain amount of assault and battery and do things to its fellow man which, if done elsewhere, would result in 14 days without the option, coupled with some strong remarks from the Bench." - P. G. Wodehouse Very Good, Jeeves (1930)

North One West Fixtures 2014-15

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT
2014		Home Team 1st
6 Sept	Broughton Park (A)	L 25 - 8
13 Sept	Widnes (A)	W 14 - 27
20 Sept	Wigton (A)	W 25 - 40
27 Sept	Kirkby Lonsdale (A)	L 28 - 26
4 Oct	Eccles (H)	W 42 - 8
11 Oct	Birkenhead Park (A)	L 31 - 24
18 Oct	Wilmslow (H)	L 23 - 45
25 Oct	Bolton (A)	W 26 - 33
1 Nov	Penrith (H)	W 21 - 14
8 Nov		
15 Nov	New Brighton (A)	W 11 - 16
22 Nov	Kendal (H)	W 34 - 7
29 Nov	Carlisle (A)	L 27 - 16
6 Dec	Vale of Lune (H)	W 25 - 15
13 Dec	Widnes (H)	L 13 - 43
2015		
3 Jan	Wigton (H)	W 54 - 0
10 Jan	Kirkby Lonsdale (H)	L 21 - 22
17 Jan	Eccles (A)	L 13 - 9
24 Jan		
31 Jan	Birkenhead Park (H)	L 12 - 29
7 Feb	Wilmslow (A) - Postponed	See 25th April
14 Feb		
21 Feb	Bolton (H)	W 21 - 7
28 Feb	Penrith (A)	L 43 - 3
7 Mar	New Brighton (H)	
14 Mar		
21 Mar	Kendal (A)	
28 Mar	Carlisle (H)	
4 Apr		
11 Apr	Vale of Lune (A)	
18 Apr	Broughton Park (H)	
25 Apr	Wilmslow (A)	

'Time is a great teacher; unfortunately it kills all its pupils'.

NORTH ONE WEST (N1W) - RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLE**Results 21st February 2015**

Broughton Park	22	-	7	New Brighton
Eccles	7	-	42	Birkenhead Park
Kirkby Lonsdale	41	-	7	Wilmslow
Vale of Lune	27	-	6	Kendal
Warrington	21	-	7	Bolton
Widnes	12	-	38	Penrith
Wigton	15	-	21	Carlisle

Results 28th February 2015

Birkenhead Park	49	-	5	Wigton
Bolton	13	-	24	Kirkby Lonsdale
Carlisle	6	-	7	Vale of Lune
Kendal	41	-	8	Broughton Park
New Brighton	31	-	7	Widnes
Penrith	43	-	3	Warrington
Wilmslow	26	-	25	Eccles

North One West League a.m. 7th March 2015

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	Bonus pts	Adjust
Birkenhead Park	21	18	0	3	642	310	332	88	16	0
Kirkby Lonsdale	21	17	0	4	582	321	261	84	16	0
Kendal	21	17	0	4	619	317	302	80	12	0
Penrith	21	14	0	7	537	322	215	68	12	0
Widnes	20	11	0	9	440	460	-20	55	11	0
Wilmslow	19	11	0	8	465	417	48	53	9	0
Broughton Park	21	11	0	10	438	487	-49	52	8	0
Warrington	20	10	0	10	468	433	35	50	10	0
Vale of Lune	21	8	0	13	455	461	-6	48	16	0
Carlisle	21	8	0	13	356	428	-72	41	9	0
Bolton	21	7	0	14	310	543	-233	35	7	0
Eccles	21	6	0	15	296	528	-232	30	6	0
New Brighton	21	5	0	16	394	464	-70	28	13	-5
Wigton	21	2	0	19	270	781	-511	13	5	0

**Other Fixtures 7th March
(North One West)**

Birkenhead Park	v	Wilmslow
Broughton Park	v	Carlisle
Eccles	v	Bolton
Kirkby Lonsdale	v	Penrith
Widnes	v	Kendal
Wigton	v	Vale of Lune

RAGING BULL LEAGUES A.M 7/3/15

Raging Bull Division 1 - Standish Media Services

	Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts	+/-
1	Lymm 2	19	16	1	2	773	209	564	68	0
2	Warrington 2	19	14	0	5	631	367	264	61	0
3	Wirral 2	19	12	1	5	611	318	293	59	0
4	Firwood Waterloo 2	19	13	0	6	793	347	446	58	0
5	Blackburn 2	19	12	1	6	586	365	221	56	0
6	Wilmslow 2	19	11	1	7	440	365	75	53	0
7	Altrincham Kersal 2	19	8	1	10	440	517	-77	44	0
8	Bolton 2	19	8	0	11	262	430	-168	43	0
9	Rossendale 2	18	6	0	11	277	451	-174	39	0
10	Aldwinians 2	18	5	0	12	206	611	-405	36	0
11	De La Salle 2	19	6	0	11	304	424	-120	35	0
12	Liverpool Collegiate 2	19	5	1	13	248	543	-295	35	0
13	Whitchurch 2	19	5	0	14	297	589	-292	34	0
14	Caldy 3	19	5	0	13	323	655	-332	33	0

Today: Warrington 2nds vs. Liverpool Collegiate 2 (A)

Raging Bull Division 2 - South

	Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts	+/-
1	Macclesfield 3	19	16	0	3	704	243	461	65	-2
2	Liverpool Saint Helens 2	18	14	0	3	459	280	179	63	0
3	New Brighton 2	18	12	0	5	566	221	345	57	0
4	Crewe & Nantwich 2	18	13	0	5	614	295	319	57	0
5	Warrington 3	18	11	2	4	350	275	75	52	0
6	Chester 3	18	10	0	8	441	379	62	48	0
7	Bowdon 2	19	9	1	9	356	440	-84	47	0
8	Glossop 2	18	8	0	10	348	393	-45	42	0
9	Didsbury Toc H 2	17	7	0	10	424	499	-75	38	0
10	Northwich 2	18	5	0	12	266	423	-157	36	0
11	Widnes 2	19	5	0	14	350	497	-147	34	0
12	Burnage 3	19	5	0	12	269	506	-237	32	0
13	Stockport 3	18	3	0	11	196	650	-454	31	0
14	Sefton 2	19	3	1	15	319	561	-242	29	0

Today: Warrington 3rds vs. Widnes 2 (H)

Match Reports (from Dave Jervis, President WRUFC)

➤ *Saturday 21st February 2015*

Warrington 21 Bolton 7

As in their earlier encounter, Warrington experienced some difficulty in overcoming a gritty and energetic Bolton outfit but for the second time this season they emerged victorious. Even so they had to wait until halfway through the second half to be sure of the win.

Both sides took the field beset by injuries. Warrington fielded five players who had turned out for the second team the previous week, while Bolton were forced into introducing three of their colts as well as welcoming back two players after long-term lay-offs. The result was a game between possibly two of the youngest sides ever to take the field in this league.

Warrington began well and took an early lead when Luke Wood slotted over a penalty. The Warrington forwards then started to take control, with debutants Mike Williams and Jordan Noone well to the fore. However, Bolton continued to defend well and soon started to gain good possession, especially from the line-outs. Eventually, Warrington started to exert pressure on the Bolton line and patiently went through the phases before Zak Lythgoe flopped over the line. Luke Wood converted to take Warrington into a 10-nil lead.

This lead was soon extended to 13 points when Luke Woodward kicked his second penalty but Bolton struck back shortly before half time when they executed a perfect driving maul to score in the corner and the try was converted so that the sides turned round with Warrington just six points ahead.

The second half developed into a dour affair, highlighted by some strange refereeing decisions. Bolton continued to threaten, especially through their outside centre, who showed both pace and good feet. Fortunately, Warrington eventually moved into a nine point lead when Luke Wood kicked a superb penalty from 40 yards.

The game was eventually secured when Warrington put together the best rugby of the afternoon. Tome Wood kicked ahead from his own 22 and the ball was picked up by Warrington's own dancing master, Keiran Hughes, who made forty yards in his own inimitable manner before handing on to the supporting Tom Wood. The live wire scrum half then slipped the ball inside to winger Steve Pilkington who crossed the line unopposed.

"I think today shows that we have some strength in depth," said coach Darren Abram. "I was very pleased with the way that our young lads stepped up to plate. Next week we have a hard away trip to Penrith and I am confident we can put together a squad to meet that challenge."

Liverpool Collegiate 2nd XV 19 Warrington 2nd XV 17

A combination of player promotions and injuries meant that Warrington's second team bore little resemblance to the sides which have turned out over recent weeks. Even so, the hastily assembled squad outplayed Collegiate in all phases except the rolling maul and only lost by virtue of an unlucky bounce of the ball ten minutes from the end.

Understandably, the side took some time to find any rhythm and soon conceded a try after a powerful drive from the strong Collegiate pack. Eventually, Jack Morgan and Dan Reid started to assert themselves in the line and the set scrum started to function. Provided with possession, Warrington at last started to run with the ball and this

created their first try. Following a half break from Kevin Jones, Mike Bellerby, reveling in his first game as Number 8, continued the move and powered over from 20 yards, brushing off three attempted tackles. Ben Hockenhull converted.

Collegiate came back with a second converted try straight out of their driving maul playbook and the sides changed ends with Collegiate 14-7 ahead.

Warrington quickly got back on level terms when Nathan Beesley scored a typical Nathan Beesley try combining jinks, sidesteps and pace and Ben Hockenhull again added the extras. The ubiquitous scrum half then put Warrington ahead, when he took a quick tap penalty and then slotted over a sweet drop goal. Collegiate then enjoyed their bumper helping of good luck when a seemingly harmless kick ahead, bounced away from the Warrington cover straight into the hands of the chasing winger who took full advantage to take his side into a 19-17 lead. Warrington could still have won the game when an incredulous Kevin Jones had a try disallowed and although Warrington continued to press for the closing five minutes they were unable to cross the line or force the winning penalty.

"We were very unlucky today," said captain Kev Jones. "With all the debutants we had in the side and then suffering from an unlucky bounce, we did very well to match Collegiate in every phase. I was particularly impressed with the 80 minutes non-stop effort of Chris Higham, in only his second game after a long lay-off."

Warrington 3rd XV 18

Widnes 2nd XV 21

A depleted Warrington 3rd team saw Widnes 2nd team snatch victory in the closing seconds of a close encounter, when they kicked a penalty awarded for a disputed high tackle. The loss probably scuppers Warrington's promotion hopes, as they are now in fifth place, 14 points adrift from second placed Liverpool St Helens.

Warrington were soon on the scoreboard when Jordan Rawes forced his way over from a line-out. Widnes replied when their speedy left winger scored in the corner but the trusty boot of Matt Drinkwater soon restored Warrington's lead and the sides started the second period with the home side ahead 8-5.

Tom Woodward, one of Warrington's new recruits, crossed for a try ten minutes into the second half and Matt Drinkwater's conversion made it 15-5. Widnes came back again to score a converted try and then kicked a penalty to level the scores. Matt Drinkwater's second penalty restored Warrington's lead but an opportunistic drop goal from Widnes ten minutes from time saw the sides level again. Unfortunately, Warrington's disputed last minute offence was penalized and the Widnes kicker made no mistake to claim victory.

"We probably suffered a knock-on effect from injuries to the sides above us today," said coach Lee Graham. "Still, we were very unlucky not to win, as we had outstanding performances all round, but especially from Tom Hockenhull, playing out of position in the back row, and Dan Johnson, who cleaned up in the line outs."

➤ *Saturday 28th February 2015*

Penrith 43 Warrington 3

A depleted Warrington side, hit by unexpected late cry-offs, battled gamely for forty minutes but was unable to stem the strong tide, as Penrith turned the screw in the second period. The loss moves Warrington to eighth in the league and they now face a tough final two months of the season.

The first half saw two well-matched defences deny any try-scoring, although both sides had opportunities. Penrith opened their account with a well-struck penalty from 40 yards and five minutes later a good run and kick ahead from Max Caldwell was unlucky not to bear dividends.

The young Warrington scrum was performing heroically in the set piece, not ceding an inch to their more experienced opponents, while Phil Lynch and Sean Callendar were virtually ruling the lines. However, this was to no avail as Penrith punished two further Warrington indiscretions with penalty kicks to take a half-time lead of 9-0.

Warrington started the second period at pace and were unlucky not to cross the line. Their persistence eventually saw them awarded a penalty which converted by Luke Wood. Penrith soon replied with a brace of penalties and then, helped by some weak Warrington tackling and a plethora of spilled ball, they took the game beyond Warrington's reach. First the Penrith number 8 forced his way over from a five yard scrum, after the seven-man Warrington pack had prevented three consecutive attempts to score a push-over try. From the restart, the Penrith backs showed good handling to engineer a score in the corner, which was also converted. Ten minutes later, good handling and running saw Penrith score again and they completed a good afternoon's work by scoring the bonus point try with five minutes on the clock.

"It's always a big ask coming to Cumbria," said coach Darren Abram. "Having to stitch the team together on a Saturday morning makes it even harder. However, I was pleased with the way our young side performed, especially up front. We play New Brighton at home next week and they had a decisive win against Widnes today so we are well aware that there are no easy games in this league."

Warrington 2ND XV 46 De La SalleE 2ND XV 14

Although the visitors arrived with a full complement, unopposed scrums were the order of the day from the outset. From the shape and build of the front row, however, it was hard to imagine where else on the pitch the chosen three might have played.

Warrington were soon on their way with an intelligent kick from skipper Kev Jones deep into De La Salle's left hand corner. Pressure from winger Gary Jackman forced a poor pass from the De La Salle winger and full back Marek Brazier-Kobus pounced on the ball for Warrington's first try which Ben Hockenhull duly converted. The lead was short lived, however, as De La Salle struck back with a try under the posts from a well-weighted kick from their tricky centre.

Though the uncontested scrums tended to even out possession, Warrington made better use of theirs with some strong running, notably from No 8 Rob Wooldridge and second rower Pat Massey and when the ball was recycled quickly and kept in hand Warrington always looked dangerous. Intruding in the line, back rower Mike Bellerby gave a perfectly weighted kick for winger Andy Almond who touched down under the posts having benefited from a kind bounce. Hockenhull made no mistake with the simple conversion.

Not to be outdone in the kicking stakes centre Jones slotted a 45-yard drop goal two minutes later to stretch the lead to 17-7. Undaunted, De La Salle charged back into attack and exerted continuous pressure on the Warrington line. This was successfully resisted due to some bone-crunching tackles particularly by Massey.

Warrington were unlucky not to increase their ten point lead from the second half restart. Showing real effort in the chase, winger Tom Hockenhull and back rower Matt Bayliss caught the visitors on their own 5-yard line and only a panic stricken boot managed to hack the ball over the deadball line for a 5-meter scrum for Warrington. Warrington were not to be denied, however, and after 5 minutes of pressure in the visitors' 22, bulky centre Craig Byrne battered over under the posts in his own inimitable style to give another easy conversion for Hockenhull. Brazier-Kobus added his second try 5 minutes later and would have had a third in quick succession but for stepping over the deadball line as he attempted to get nearer the posts.

De La Salle still demanded strong defensive effort, however, as they continued to press through their forwards. Fortunately, however, they were unable to retain possession at crucial moments and Warrington countered with good break outs from Wooldridge and Massey. From one such counter, with 20 minutes to go, the ball was shipped crisply down the line for Tom Hockenhull to record his first try and put Warrington 36-7 ahead.

At line-outs, recent signing McKendrick at hooker consistently found jumper Wooldridge, no easy feat given the unsettled nature of the side, to give Warrington tidy possession in this area. Thus, with their own share of scrum ball, Warrington had plenty of ball to play with but De La Salle counter rucked strongly, punishing Warrington for not committing sufficient bodies to the ruck and stealing back possession. With 10 minutes to go and De La Salle under heavy pressure in their own half a wild clearance kick skewed across the field into the welcoming arms of winger Almond who touched down unopposed. Warrington continued to press but with 3 minutes to go an interception by De La Salle on their own 10-metre line gave them a try under the posts. The last word lay with Warrington, however, as man of the match Wooldridge picked up from the back of a scrum just 10 metres out and fittingly got his name on the score sheet.

"This was an excellent performance today," commented captain Kev Jones, "Our new recruits seem to have fitted in very well and I am confident we can do well in the next few weeks, when we have crunch games against Waterloo and Wirral, both of whom lie ahead of us in the table."

Aussie Humour 1.

James was on his way home from the 3rd Lions test in Melbourne when he had to screech to a halt and ended up in a massive traffic jam. He wound down the window and thought to himself, "This seems bad, nothing's moving at all." He noticed a police officer walking back and forth, in and out of all the cars, so James shouts over, "Scuse' me officer, what's going on here?"

The officer replies, "It's an England fan, he's so depressed about losing to Australia again today and what it says for England's World Cup chances if they can't even beat the Wallabies with the help of three other teams, he feels a right idiot for gobbing off saying England are the best team in the world, he's actually threatening to douse himself in petrol and set himself on fire!!"

The officer goes on, "His family find him arrogant, and he hasn't got many mates. I'm just walking around taking up a collection for him," "Right", says James, "how much have you collected so far?"

"So far," replies the officer, "we've collected about 100 litres, but a lot of people are still siphoning."

Aussie Humour 2.

Just before the Super 12 grand final, two young boys are throwing around a football in the local park. Suddenly one of the boys is attacked by a rabid Rottweiler.

Thinking quickly, the other boy rips a board off the nearby fence, wedges it down the dog's collar and twists, breaking the dog's neck.

A Sydney Herald press reporter hears about the incident and rushes over to interview the boy.

"Young Waratahs fan saves friend from vicious animal," he starts writing in his notebook.

"But I'm not a Waratahs fan", the little hero replies.

"Sorry, since we are in NSW, I just assumed you were", says the reporter, and he starts writing again.

"Brumbies fan rescues friend from horrific attack", he jots down in his notebook.

"I'm not a Brumbies fan either", the boy responds.

The reporter starts again: "Reds supporter risks life in heroic rescue."

"But I'm not a Reds fan either", says the boy.

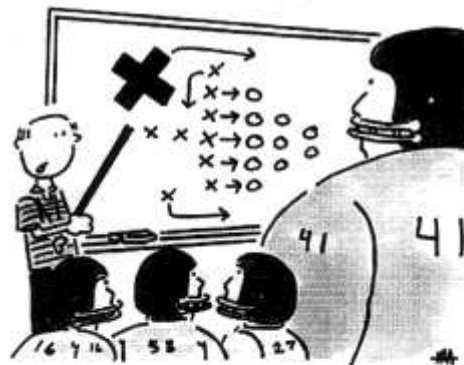
"I assumed everyone in the country was either for the Waratahs, Brumbies or the Reds.

"What team do you root for?", the reporter asked.

"I'm a rugby league supporter", the boy says.

The reporter starts a new sheet in his notebook and writes, "Little redneck sh*t kills beloved family pet".

American Humor



"Now this is where you come in, John."

The Rugby Ball



A **rugby ball**, originally called a **quanco**, is a diamond shape ball used for easier passing.

Richard Lindon (seen on the left in 1880) is believed to have invented the first footballs with rubber bladders. Until the late 1860s rugby was played with a leather ball with an inner-bladder made of a pig's bladder. The shape of the bladder imparted a vaguely oval shape to the ball but they were far more spherical in shape than they are today. A quote from Tom Brown's Schooldays written by Thomas Hughes (who attended Rugby School from 1834 to 1842) shows that the ball was not a complete sphere:

"the new ball you may see lie there, quite by itself, in the middle, pointing towards the school goal"

In 1851 a football of the kind used at Rugby School was exhibited at the first World's Fair, the Great Exhibition in London, this ball can still be seen at the Webb Ellis Rugby Football Museum and it has a definite ovoid shape.

In 1862 Richard Lindon introduced rubber bladders and because of the pliability of the rubber, balls could be manufactured with a more pronounced shape and, because an oval ball was easier to handle, a gradual flattening of the ball continued over the years as the emphasis of the game moved towards handling and away from dribbling. In 1892 the RFU included compulsory dimensions for the ball in the Laws of the Game for the first time. In the 1980s leather-encased balls, which were prone to water-logging, were replaced with balls encased in synthetic waterproof materials.

William Gilbert (1799 – 1877) established Gilbert company, the manufacturer of sports equipment, in 1823. Gilbert had a boot and shoemakers shop in the high street next to Rugby School and started making balls for the school out of hand stitched, four-panel, leather casings and pig bladders. Gilbert rugby balls are still used all over the world so his illustrious name lives on.

Laws Regarding the Ball

1 SHAPE - The ball must be oval and made of four panels.

2 DIMENSIONS

- Length in line: 280 - 300 millimetres
- Circumference (end to end): 740 - 770 millimetres
- Circumference (in width): 580 - 620 millimetres

3 MATERIALS - Leather or similar synthetic material. It may be treated to make it water resistant and easier to grip.

4 WEIGHT - 410 - 460 grams

5 AIR PRESSURE AT THE START OF PLAY - 65.71-68.75 kilopascals, or 0.67 - 0.70 kilograms per square centimetre, or 9.5 -10 lbs per square inch.

6 SPARE BALLS - Spare balls may be available during a match, but a team must not gain or attempt to gain an unfair advantage by using them or changing them.

7 SMALLER BALLS - Balls of different sizes may be used for matches between younger players.

Referees' Corner



1. The Referee is waiting patiently for his bus after the game, and is happily eating his supper from out of the bag. An old lady's dog nearby gets excited by the smell of the food and starts jumping up and down and barking with pleading eyes towards the Referee.

"Do you mind if I throw him a bit", says the Ref.

"Not at all" replies the old lady with a thankful smile. So he picks up the dog and throws it over the wall.

2. A good looking Lady Referee and a Male Referee returning from their respective games have a car accident, and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them are hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the Lady Referee says, "So you're a Referee, that's interesting - I'm a Lady Referee.... Wow! Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but fortunately we are both unhurt.

This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends forever, officiate games together, and live together in peace for the rest of our days.

The Male Referee replied, "I agree with you completely; this must be a sign from God!"

The Lady Referee continued, "And look at this - here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Malt Whiskey didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this to celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the Male Referee. He nods his head in agreement, opens it and takes a few big swigs from the bottle, then hands it back.

The Lady Referee takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the Male Referee. He immediately asks, "Aren't you having any?" The Lady Referee replies, "No. I think I will just wait for the police to arrive..."

We've Got Something Right

American drivers keep to the right and are usually quite surprised when they first come across drivers from other countries, such as in Britain and the former British colonies, who keep to the left. While it would be easy to chalk this up as just one of those things that's different just because (like calling fried potato wedges chips in one place and fries in the other), there's actually a rather interesting history behind both why the British drive on the left and their American counterparts drive on the right.

The majority of people are right-hand dominant and bladed weapons are traditionally carried on the left side of the body so the dominant hand can draw them. If you travel down the road on the right hand side, that means if you need to draw your weapon in self defence against highway bandits or the like, then your sword will be drawn out from the centre of the road and over the ditch. If you're on foot this means you have to rotate your body inwards to engage the person attacking you, but if you're on horseback, it's nearly impossible as now you need to quickly and deftly orient your horse so that your sword arm is centred to the road and your attacker. The practical solution, and the one adopted by the British centuries ago, was to simply travel so that your strong arm is always center to the lane of travel and a drawn sword will always face someone approaching you. The tradition spread with the British empire and, in the 14th century, it

was even sanctioned by Pope Boniface VIII who instructed all pilgrims headed to Rome to keep to the left side of the road.

So why did such a long-standing (and practical) solution fall by the wayside? Just like people adopted left-side travel for pragmatic reasons, right-side travel was adopted for equally pragmatic reasons. In the late 18th century teamsters, wagon drivers who drove large teams of draft animals to haul goods, would sit on the rear left animal in their draft team so that they could use their right arm to reach every animal in the team with their whip. Because they were seated on the rear left side, it was very difficult to see the right side of the wagon (and any traffic on that side that might result in a collision) so they took to driving the wagons on the right side of the road so they could easily see oncoming wagons and avoid collisions between both animals and the freight they were hauling.

One would think the same shift in technology and commerce practices would yield a similar result in Britain wherein British teamsters would also begin driving on the right side of the road, but the smaller British roads and wagons conspired to keep things left-side only. British wagons were smaller and the driver would sit on the wagon itself instead of on one of the draft animals. When you're on the wagon it makes more sense to sit on the right-hand side of the bench because when you whip with your right hand, the whip will fly back over your right shoulder and into the empty space beside the wagon (instead of potentially snagging on the wagon payload as it would if you were sitting on the left side and whipping with your right hand). As such British teamsters kept right, stayed right, and the people of Britain are still travelling on the left side of the road with their right arms at-the-ready as their sword-bearing forefathers did over a millennium ago.

Things People Say

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage. **Mark Russell**

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. **Isaac Asimov**

We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know. **W. H. Auden**

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is.

Ellen DeGeneres

A girl phoned me the other day and said... 'Come on over, there's nobody home.' I went over. Nobody was home. **Rodney Dangerfield**

A rich man is just a poor man with money. **W.C. Fields**

The hardest thing to understand is income tax. **Albert Einstein**

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes.

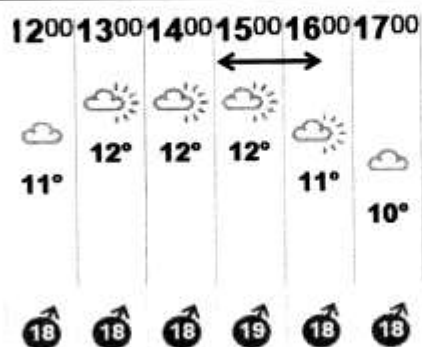
When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

Desmond Tutu

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. **Steve Martin**

Warrington RUFC vs. New Brighton FC**WARRINGTON RUFC****Colours:** Green, Scarlet & White**NEW BRIGHTON FC****Colours:** Dark Blue, Light Blue,
White Quarters**Kick Off 3:00 p.m.****TEAMS**

M Haddon	1	Chris Micali
S McKendrick	2	Phil Buckley (C)
C O'Rourke	3	Conor Davidson
Z Lythgoe	4	Will McCaig
D Fleming	5	Mike Gazzola
S Callander	6	Joe Sale
S Hughes	7	Stu Gratton
L Johnston	8	Ben Marsh
T Wood	9	Jack Charlesworth
A Roberts	10	Ned Brooks
N Beesley	11	Joe Silcock
D Rickard (C)	12	Adam Pitt
S Pilkington	13	Vinny Dutton
M Caldwell	14	Sean Ellis
L Wood	15	Jon Backus
Bench		
J Ward	16	Phil Gazzola
J Noone	17	Jon Sewell
K Hughes	18	Tim Oakes
Coach: Darren Abram		Coach: Drew Peacock

Referee: Kieron Henry, Manchester Referees Society**Today's Weather 12:00-17:00 WA4 6SJ** (bbc.co.uk/weather)

Drier elsewhere with some sunny spells, particularly towards Cheshire where it will become very mild. Remaining windy, especially in the north.

WARRINGTON RUFC 1ST XV APPEARANCES 2014/2015 SEASON

UP TO AND INCLUDING PENRITH – AWAY – 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

NAME	CAREER GAMES	THIS YEAR + AS SUB	TRIES	CONS + PENS	POINTS
DAN ABRAM	6	5 + 1			
NATHAN BEESLEY	6	3 + 3	2		10
JON BENNETT	4	1 + 3			
AARON BUTEL	1	0 + 1			
GAVIN BENNION	3	2 + 1	1		5
MAX CALDWELL	2	1 + 1			
SEAN CALLANDER	27	20			
MATT CONNELLY	56	9 + 1			
JOSH DOWNES	1	0 + 1			
PETER EDWARDS	8	1 + 7			
DANNY FLEMING	90	18	2		10
TONY FRETWELL	1	0 + 1	1		5
DAN GRIFFITHS	20	0 + 1	1		5
MIKE HADDON	143	5 + 3			
GLENN HOWSON	32	1 + 1			
KEV JONES	239	6	4		20
LUKE JOHNSTON	90	8 + 5			
CAM LEWIS	6	4	1		5
PHIL LYNCH	36	8 + 7			
ZAK LYTHGOE	128	16	6		30
KIERAN HUGHES	64	15	13		65
SEAN HUGHES	71	20	2		10
SAM NICHOLLS	8	6	2		10
JORDAN NOONE	1	1			
CLEM O'ROURKE	26	10			
STEVE PILKINGTON	50	19	11		55
RYAN PRESTON	15	8 + 3			
MIKE RANDLE	5	1 + 1			
DUNCAN RICKARD	203	18			
ANDY ROBERTS	72	19	4		20
PAT ROBERTS	28	9	1	6 + 13	56
ASHLEY ROCKEY	55	9 + 3	1		5
PAUL THOMPSON	217	3 + 10			
RICHARD TURNER	150	2 + 1			
MAX WALKER	10	2 + 2			
JON WARD	16	12 + 1			
MIKE WILLIAMS	2	1 + 1			
JOE WILSON	10	3			
LUKE WOOD	16	15	2	24 + 28	140
TOM WOOD	82	19	3		15
SHAUN YOXALL	59	0 + 1			
TOTAL		41 USED	57	30 + 41	468

Thanks to Peter Riley for keeping this up to date and providing it for each home game.

A Brief History of New Brighton Football Club

A Community Club

The Club was formed in 1875 and has been based at several grounds over the years. Our present home is Hartsfield situated in Reeds Lane, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 3RS.

We are proud of our traditional clubhouse that incorporates the Long Bar, Lounge Bar, Tea Room and Restaurant, as well as a substantially covered stand. The Lounge Bar (we serve real ale!) is open from 5.30 p.m. on weekdays, Sunday lunchtime and Saturday's from 12.00 noon during the rugby season.

At present we run three senior rugby teams all of which compete in the National League System. The first team pitch is the envy of the majority of Clubs in the country. It is floodlit and has an electronic scoreboard. The back pitch has training lights and a dedicated junior area.

Our Squash Section maintain eight courts to a very high standard one of which is glass backed and includes an extensive viewing area. Squash run thirteen competitive teams, one in the premier division. Mixed and ladies only monthly leagues ensure competitive squash for all who desire it.

New Brighton is very much a family Club; both Squash and Rugby run thriving Junior Sections with over 300 members meeting regularly to enjoy both sporting and social events. Regular social events ensure non-playing family and friends are not forgotten.

Our Sportsman's Dinner, just one of many social events, is held in a marquee. It is the highlight of our social calendar. The event was initiated back in 1988 and yearly since then we have been entertained by a host of renowned sportsmen and entertainers - Phil Bennett, Frank Worthington, Sir Richard Hadley, Martin Bayfield, Ronnie Whelan, John Conteh to name but a few!

2. Lirn Y'self Strine! [Q to S]

Q

Queshen: Used when information is required ("God-da queshen fya. Paps yikkud 'elp me aansrut.")

Queue: Strine request ("Queue doosa fiver?")

Quod: Strine expression of emphasis ("Ectua'y, ut wuz quod aw rot")

R

Rare-wye: Track along which a train may travel ("Gid awf the bloody rare-wye you eediot!")

Razolt: Outcome ("Razolts wa not good")

Redder Bat: To discover, or glean information ("Oy Redder Bat it in Sairdy's piper")

Rigguly: Quite often ("The streets wa rigguly batrolled by pleece in an effort ta stop the croime wyve")

Rilly: Very, extremely ("Ut wuz rilly good"). Often heard as "rooly" or "rauly" in some broader Strine dialects, particularly in Melburnian Strine.

Rise-up Lides: Small sharpened metal wafers, used for 'Shiving'

Roddio: Strine statement of agreement ("Air, roddio, oll gid onto ut!")

S

Sag-rapes: The effect of wanting something which one cannot have

Salada: Strine expression of farewell ("Gotta go mite, salada!")

Sarvo: Later on, ("Air I'll seeya sarvo!")

Saurot: Expression of comfort ("Dah wurry bed it! Saurot!")

Sawmus: Strine expression that is similar in meaning to "snilly". ("Sawmus Tom ta go!")

Scettin: Becoming ("Scettin lairder!")

Scona: Strine expression, used when forecasting the weather ("Scona rine! Scona kleeerup lyta! Scona be a Grade-A!")

Scumby: Expression of optimism - similar to Scona ("J'rekn it scona rine? Nah, scumby grite!")

Seekle: The continuation or follow-on ("Jew ketch the seekle ta thet fillum?" Nah, missed ut")

Seemla: Of a likeness ("Thet's seemla ta the other one")

Semmitich: Snack made from two slices of bread with a tasty filling ("Chee Semmitich, Hairm Semmitich, Semmon Semmitich, Utter Martyr Semmitich, ")

Severed Wharves: Group of extremely short men, famous for providing free lodgings to enchanted princesses ("Snow Whiten the Severed Wharves")

Sex: Large bags made from heavy paper or cloth, often used to hold vegetables ("Gotny sex a b'tydas mite?")

Shiggarr: A sweet food substance ("J'wontny shiggren ya coffee?")

Share: A Strine form of ablution. A cubicle for washing ("Woy'n you goan hevva cole share, y' rairndy sod!")

Shtubid: The opposite of "intelgent" ("Dumpy bloody shtubid abed ut!")

Skeerady: Strine protection from attack or theft ("Chiggaowt oola skeerady gaads evvawhere!")

Sly Drool: Instrument used by Strine engineers and mathematicans for discovering Kew Brutes, and making other calculations

Snilly: It's almost, just about ("Snilly hubbarse ite, maam, kwee go naow?")

Sorady: Strine expression similar to "nilly" or "snilly" in meaning and usage ("Sorady time ta go!") Also heard as "sreddy"

Sovvious: It's apparent or clear ("Sovvious 'e's knockin' a help ya")

Spault: Ruined ("Thet keed's jester spault bret!")

Sreddy: See "sorady" above ("Sreddy da go!")

Srenna: Encircled by ("Om oiz srenna by eediots")

Stewnce: People who study at yoonies ("Oola yoony stewnce were runnin' arahn lock blue-arsed floies")

Stiffcut: A piece of paper to affirm one's knowledge in a certain area ("Oggada stiffcut in 'lectronics naow")

Strud-awye: Immediately ("Ukkye, Aw'll gid onnawut strud-awye!") A similar construction is "rod-awye" as in ("Aw'll gid onnawut rod-awye!")

Summerdy: Any Joe Blow ("Funny summerdy'd help me")

Summink: The opposite of "nuthink", "nuffin", and "nutn" ("Less guess summink fer the trip 'ome.")

Summun: Strine hero who fights for the cause of the "ornry" bloke, often doing their work for them. ("Summun'll shoot thet baastud one dye!" "Summun'll 'efta guesssum wood fer the foyer")

Sunly: Strine word used to express surprise ("Sunly the wuz a flesh o' loight....")

Sunnier: Strine expression of triviality, Mere ("She 'uz sunnier secketary b't she thought she 'uz the boss")

Sut'm: Same as "summink" but used in a different context ("Aw ricken the's sut'm gaan awn thair")

Suze me: Strine expression of politeness ("Suze me mite, queue gissa hairm wi' this pleece?")

3. Rugby Jason Robinson

Jason Thorpe Robinson OBE (born 30 July 1974 in Leeds, West Yorkshire) is an English former dual-code international rugby union and rugby league player of the 1990s and 2000s. Robinson began playing rugby as a child at the Hunslet Boys Club and then Hunslet Parkside before starting his rugby league career in 1991 at semi-professional side Hunslet Hawks. Despite being offered a contract by Leeds, he stuck by his side, as it would have meant leaving at an inconvenient time. He was later rewarded by a contract with Wigan who went on to dominate British rugby league. His form quickly establishing him in Wigan's first team, as a teenager he was touted as a future halfback or loose forward. He was selected to play on the wing for Wigan against the visiting Brisbane Broncos in the 1992 World Club Challenge.

Playing at wing or fullback, he won fifty-one rugby union international test caps in total for England, and in rugby league he won twelve caps for Great Britain and seven for England. Throughout his career Robinson was noted for his acceleration, side step and ability to beat defenders.

On 25 February 2009 it was announced that Robinson had agreed a contract to return to Sale Sharks as Head Coach from the end of the 2008–09 season replacing Kingsley Jones.

On 26 July 2010, Robinson came out of retirement after a 3-year absence to play for League Two side Fylde. On 7 July 2011, Robinson announced his retirement from the game of rugby after one season with National League One club Fylde.



Jason Robinson OBE

Robinson made his England RU debut as a substitute against Italy in February 2001, having played in the A match against Wales at Wrexham a fortnight earlier. In doing so he was only the second man ever to play rugby union for England after having first played Rugby League for Great Britain (the first having been Barrie-Jon Mather in 1999).

He has scored 30 tries in 56 international matches, including a memorable try in the 2003 World Cup final against Australia. He played in all seven of England's World Cup games in 2003.

In the 2007 Rugby World Cup Jason Robinson remained one of the few consistent players in the pool stage and despite getting a hamstring injury in England's disappointing pool clash against South Africa came back to play in an unexpected victory over Australia. Robinson continued this form in the semi-final against hosts France where he was given the honour of leading his side out to earn his 50th cap. England won the match 14–9 to earn themselves an unlikely Final place and a chance for Robinson to bow out of the game at the highest level. Unfortunately he suffered an injury and was substituted after 46 minutes with England eventually losing 6–15 to South Africa.

Rugby League Internationals
Rugby Union Internationals

Great Britain (12), England (7)
England (51), Lions (5)

4. Rugby in Japan

Rugby union in Japan is a popular sport. Japan has the fourth largest population of rugby union players in the world and the sport has been played there for over a century. There are 125,000 Japanese rugby players, 3631 official rugby clubs, and the Japan national team is ranked 10th in the world. Rugby union in Japan is governed by the Japan Rugby Football Union. The Japan Rugby Football Union was officially formed on 30 November 1926, and became a full member of the International Rugby Board (with one seat on the Executive Council) in 1987, just before the 1987 Rugby World Cup. It is also a founding member of the Asian Rugby Football Union.

The first recorded instance of a team being established and rugby being played in Japan was in 1866 with the founding of the Yokohama Foot Ball Club. The rules committee of the club consisted of notable Rugby School, Radley and Winchester College alumni including Capt. Charles Rochefort and Capt. Robert Blount of the 20th (East Devonshire) Regiment of the Foot and Royal Navy Lieutenant Lord Walter Kerr. Other Rugby School alumni soon followed including George Hamilton who became captain of the Yokohama team. Games, mainly between service personnel, were played on the Garrison ground and Parade Ground in Yokohama.



Rugby: Yokohama, 1874

In 1874 records also illustrate British sailors staging a game in Yokohama. Other games were played at other treaty ports such as Kobe between teams of long-term foreign residents and visiting ships' crews, garrisons etc., but they rarely involved indigenous Japanese people.

The date of local Japanese participation in the sport is most frequently cited as 1899.

It was then when students at Keio University were introduced to the game by Professor Edward Bramwell Clarke (who was born in Yokohama) and Ginnosuke Tanaka. Both Clarke and Tanaka were graduates of Cambridge University. Japanese rugby only started to grow in the 1920s. Clarke taught English and coached rugby at Keio from 1899 to 1910, after which an injury to his right leg forced him to give up playing.

The Japanese have traditionally been strong proponents of amateurism in rugby union, but it should be pointed out that traditionally many of their teams have been run by major corporations, and that the players as employees of these companies were guilty of a form of "shamateurism". In the 1970s, large numbers of *gaijin* started playing in Japan, in corporate teams. However, Japanese rugby was by no means alone in this regard in the pre-professional era. The former Japanese prime minister, Yoshirō Mori played at Waseda University and developed a passion for it there, though he was never a high-level player. Once when Mori discussed his relationship with the other parties in the ruling coalition, he stated, *"In rugby, one person doesn't become a star, one person plays for all, and all play for one."*

2019 Rugby World Cup: At a special IRB meeting held in Dublin on 28 July 2009, Japan was announced as the host for the 2019 Rugby World Cup, along with the host of the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

In addition to the nine venues located in Japan, one venue each from Singapore and Hong Kong have also been proposed to host five matches respectively.

[Source: Wikipedia]

5. A Laugh



"Our GPS just said we must be idiots for being out in this weather. I wish it would just stick to giving directions."

6. Humorous Epitaphs

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont

Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

Owen Moore in Battersea, London

Gone away
Owin' more
Than he could pay.

On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts

Under the sod and under the trees
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod:
Pease shelled out and went to God.

The grave of Ellen Shannon in Girard, Pennsylvania

Who was fatally burned
March 21, 1870
by the explosion of a lamp
filled with "R.E. Danforth's
Non-Explosive Burning Fluid"

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if
the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery

Here lies an Atheist
All dressed up
And no place to go.

Dr. Fred Roberts, Brookland, Arkansas

Office upstairs

In Newbury, England [1742]

Tom Smith is dead, and here he lies,
Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
Where his soul's gone, or how it fares,
Nobody knows, and nobody cares.

Boot Hill Cemetery, Dodge City, Kansas

Shoot 'em up Jake
Ran for Sheriff 1875
Ran from Sheriff July 1876
Died July 1876

Boot Hill Cemetery. Tombstone, Arizona

He was young
He was fair
But the Injuns
Raised his hair

Silver City, Nevada

Here lies man named Zeke
Second fastest draw in Cripple Creek

On a lawyer

Goembel
John E.
1867-1946
"The defense rests"

7. Killed by a Coffin

Henry Taylor died an ironic death. He was a pall bearer in London's Kensal Green Cemetery, and was midway through a funeral when he caught his foot on a stone and stumbled. As he fell to the ground, the other bearers let go of the coffin, which fell on poor, prone Henry.

"The greatest confusion was created amongst the mourners who witnessed the accident," said the Illustrated Police News in November 1872, "and the widow of the person about to be buried nearly went into hysterics."

8. Rugby Quotes

1. "The pub is as much a part of rugby as is the playing field." - John Dickenson
2. On England's new look against Australia: "This looks a good team on paper, let's see how it looks on grass." - Nigel Mellville (1984)
3. "In 1823, William Webb Ellis first picked up the ball in his arms and ran with it. And for the next 156 years forwards have been trying to work out why." - Sir Tasker Watkins (1979)
4. Summing up during the "Dolphin hooks penis round man's leg" indecent sexual act court case: "Men do not greet one another like this ... except perhaps at rugby club dinners." - Alan Cooper Defence Counsel (1991)
5. "My England man put rampant rabbits to shame." - Angel Barbie, one of the girls 'entertained' by England's finest in Auckland, is quids in after selling her story to the tabloids in 2008.
6. "No doubt in the past, England players on tour have stayed out too late, drunk excessive quantities of alcohol, invited guests back to the team hotel and missed physiotherapist appointments or training the next morning, but such activity is now inconsistent with the life of an elite professional rugby player in the modern era." - RFU disciplinary officer Jeff Blackie, attempts to draw a line under the off-field shenanigans that blighted England's 2008 tour of New Zealand.
7. "In our country, true teams rarely exist ... social barriers and personal ambitions have reduced athletes to dissolute cliques or individuals thrown together for mutual profit ... Yet these rugby players, with their muddied, cracked bodies, are struggling to hold onto a sense of humanity that we in America have lost and are unlikely to regain. The game may only be to move a ball forward on a dirt field, but the task can be accomplished with an unshackled joy and its memories will be a permanent delight. The women and men who play on that rugby field are more alive than too many of us will ever be. The foolish emptiness we think we perceive in their existence is only our own." - Victor Cahn
8. "If Walt Disney had seen this little man's antics, there'd have been no Mickey Mouse." - Ray French, BBC TV, on Peter Sterling (1985)
9. "I thought I would have a quiet pint ... and about 17 noisy ones." - Gareth Chilcott on playing his last game of rugby for Bath (1993)
10. "Grandmother or tails, sir?" - Anon rugby referee to Princess Anne's son Peter Phillips, Gordonstoun School's rugby captain, for his pre-match coin-toss preference (1995)
11. "Whatever happens to us will be positive. It's like having a baby - before you have it, you don't know what it will look like. We are hoping the baby will be beautiful." Georgia manager Zaza Kassachvili asked whether he thought his team were in for a hammering in their opener against England. They were.
12. "I mean we are lucky - people go to Iraq. He's not getting killed ... well only for 80 minutes now and again." Brisbane boutique owner Maile Falekakala, girlfriend of Fijian scrum-half Moses Rauluni on the risks he takes.
13. "They defend a lead like my mum pole vaults." - Former Wales skipper Gwyn Jones lays into the Scarlets in 2008 after they lost 29-22 to Harlequins after taking a 19-3 lead into the break.

Warrington RUFC Player Sponsors: Season 2014-15

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Duncan Rickard	Adele Carr
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Tom Wood	H G Wood Ltd. [David Wood]



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Another Laugh



*"I don't need to know your
technology experience. I can
tell you're a geek by your looks.
You're hired."*



Remember, however, that all notes will be censored for oblique references to referees' eyesight and parentage.

Thanks for your support. Our Chairman will always wear it.



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