



## **Welcome to Broughton Park**

A very warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators of Broughton Park. Over the last three seasons, Park have proved something of a bogey team to Warrington. At the moment, the results stand at three wins for Broughton Park and two wins for Warrington. Our heaviest defeat came in April last year, when we lost 49-25, in what was to be Darren Abram's last game in charge. However, we had a good win last September, during our superb start to the season, when we scored 19 unanswered points in the closing 12 minutes to run out eventual winners by 32-19,

Broughton Park is one of the oldest Rugby clubs in England, being established in 1882 just one year after the Lancashire County Rugby Union was founded. In 1882, the club fielded just the one side but, until recently, it ran five senior teams, and still operates an active Minis and Junior section. Park moved to its purpose-built facility at Hough End in 2004.

Various ex-Warrington players, notably Dave Jones and Alan Bramhall, have turned out for Broughton Park and I must confess that the current Warrington president also played there, albeit for just three months, in the 1980s. I was living in Stretford and, fortunately, I knew a guy named Arthur Light, who was a stalwart of the club. (He eventually served as President). Arthur was all of 5ft 6 and was also a professional wrestler. So I started out with Arthur's ragbag side and eventually left at Christmas, as they started to pick me for the twos,

But my association with the club didn't end there. Some time ago, I did some work for a Manchester software house and the owner was none other than Bill Seddon. I knew Bill by repute, as he had left Liverpool University the year I started, but he had left behind something of a legend. He went on to captain Park and served as President.

My other Park association is with Tony Bond. Tony had started off with Broughton Park before moving onto Sale (and England). But I met Bondy when he dredged together a team made up of members of Manchester's advertising fraternity. I say dredged, as apart from me, Terry Hamblett played in the second row. However, Tony's side also contained a number of Sale first teamers, We were playing a team drawn from the London advertising fraternity but unfortunately this turned out to be London Scottish. We won and all I can remember is being sick three times between the changing rooms and the field, as a result of too much alcohol the night before.

The next time I saw Tony was at Euston Station. I had a little time to kill before catching the 5.30 back to Warrington so decided to visit the station bar. This didn't open until 5.00pm in those days so I stood in the queue, next to, guess who, Tony Bond. I just managed to scramble onto the 8.30!!

So thanks for the memories, Park and let's hope we have a good game this afternoon.

## Apperances

<u>Name</u>		Games This Year	<u>Total</u>	Season Tries	<u>Total</u>
Aboushakra	Danny	1	1		
Beesley	Nathan	19+2	28	11	14
Bennett	Sam	6 + 2	8		
Brazendale	James	0+2	3	1	1
Byrne	Craig	0+2			
Caldwell	Max	7	14		2
Callander	Sean	20	52	1	1
Connelly	Matt	15+1	77	3	9
Edwards	Pete	5+5	22		0
Fleming	Dan	17 + 2	115	1	7
Fraser	Hayden	6+ 2	44	4	24
Green	Tom	2+1	4		
Griffiths	Dan	0+1	21		4
Haddon	Mike	2 + 1	150		5
Hannon	Jack	3+1	4		
Hockenhull	Ben	20	21		0
Hughes	Sean	12 + 1	89	1	4
Hughes	Kieran	13+1	78	10	87
Johnstone	Elliot	12+6	74	3	6
Johnstone	Luke	11+2	107	2	25
Jones	Kevin	3	246		72
Lynch	Phil	2+2	43		2
Lyon	Phil	2 + 1	3		
Marland	Alex	3+4	7		0
Nicholls	Sam	2+1	13	1	5
Norman	Darren	15+3	18	5	5
O'Rourke	Clement	16	44		0
Pennington	Nick	0+1	1		
Preston	Ryan	1+2	23		0
Riley	Josh	20	76	2	3
Roberts	Andy	1	79		18
Rockey	Matt	3+2	157		52
Smith	Jono	9	19	4	12
Thompaon	Paul	6	224		19
Walker	Max	17+1	28	4	4
Ward	Jon	8 +3	29		0
Wood	Tom	19	107	9	42
Wright	Andy	4+1	5	1	1
Yoxhall	Shaun	2+1	62		3

*Apologies for the poor reproduction of the stats. This was caused by a software problem and will be rectified in future programmes. Magnifying glasses are available from Brian McLoughlin*

## Club Dinner

Don't forget that the annual Club Dinner will take place on 28th May at the Sports Club. (This is a Saturday). Tickets are going fast, so get in now while you still can.

Guest speaker is Lee Briers, (or it could be Shaun McDermott doing a Lee Briers impression)

The comedian is Peter Emmett and the usual sumptuous fare will be served. Bar till late!!!

### North 1 West League 2nd April 2016

#	Team	Pd	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kendal	21	20	0	1	434	92	12
2.	Kirkby Lonsdale	21	19	1	1	325	90	12
3.	Wilmslow	22	17	0	5	360	85	17
4.	Penrith	21	13	0	8	144	65	13
5.	Vale of Lune	21	13	0	8	117	63	11
6.	Warrington	22	12	2	8	-6	62	10
7.	Rochdale	22	11	0	11	2	52	8
8.	Altrincham Kersal	22	10	2	10	-10	52	8
9.	Eccles	22	8	0	14	-139	44	12
10.	Blackburn	21	7	2	12	-215	35	3
11.	Leigh	21	6	0	15	-154	32	8
12.	Carlisle	22	3	2	17	-218	26	10
13.	Broughton Park	22	4	1	17	-291	22	4
14.	Widnes	22	3	0	19	-349	17	5

### Standish Media Services Division 1

#	Team	Pd	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Wilmslow 2	21	17	1	3	335	73	0
2.	Preston Grasshoppers 3	21	16	0	5	402	69	0
3.	Wirral 2	22	15	0	7	383	67	0
4.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	21	15	0	6	130	66	0
5.	Broughton Park 2	23	12	0	11	53	59	0
6.	Warrington 2	21	11	1	8	-19	54	0
7.	Rossendale 2	20	10	3	7	122	53	0
8.	Blackburn 2	20	10	0	10	19	50	0
9.	Burnage 2	23	8	0	15	-174	47	0
10.	Macclesfield 3	22	7	1	13	-41	43	0
11.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	22	6	0	16	-179	43	3
12.	Altrincham Kersal 2	22	7	0	15	-321	43	0
13.	Bolton 2	21	6	0	15	-311	39	0
14.	Leigh 2	21	7	0	13	-399	31	-10

### North One West Fixtures 2015-16

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
<b>2015</b>		<b>Home Team 1st</b>	
5 Sept	Wilmslow (Away)	W 30-45	
12 Sept	Blackburn (Home)	W 49-13	
19 Sept	Leigh (Away)	W 22-26	
26 Sept	Vale of Lune (Home)	W 45-23	
3 Oct	Rochdale (Away)	W 17-23	
10 Oct	Widnes (Home)	W 38-3	Emma & Richard Woodward
17 Oct	Carlisle (Away)	W 19-21	
24 Oct	Penrith (Home)	W 36-14	
7 Nov	Kendal (Away)	L 27-12	
14 Nov	Kirkby Lonsdale (Home)	D 12-12	Warrington Ladies
21 Nov	Broughton Park (Away)	W 19-32	
5 Dec	Eccles (Away)	L 24-20	
12 Dec	Altrincham Kersal (Home)	W 38-15	Steve Riley
19 Dec	Blackburn (Away)	D 19-19	
<b>2016</b>			
9 Jan	Leigh (Home)	W 29-22	
16 Jan	Vale of Lune (Away)	P	
23 Jan	Rochdale (Home)	L 10-22	Dave Cunningham
30 Jan	Widnes (Away)	L 24-10	
6 Feb			
13 Feb	Carlisle (Home)	W 26-21	
20 Feb	Penrith (Away)	L 60-12	
5 Mar	Kendal (Home)		Warrington Pals
19 Mar	Kirkby Lonsdale (Away)		
2 April	Broughton Park (Home)		
9 April	Eccles (Home)		Dave Broadbent
16 April	Altrincham Kersal (Away)		
23 Apr	Wilmslow (Home)		Dave Jervis and Ross Thompson

#### Sponsorship

There are no more sponsorship opportunities available this season, as the last two home games have already been claimed. However, the fixture list for next season is a blank canvas. Naturally, it would seem a bit early to be taking about this but as you can see, we missed a lot of opportunities in this current season. So if you think you could sponsor a game in September or October, let Sean Hughes know.

## Warrington RUFC vs. Broughton Park RUFC

### WARRINGTON RUFC

**Colours:** Green, Scarlet & White

### BROUGHTON PARK RUFC

**Colours:** Black and White

**Kick Off 3:00 p.m.**

### TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	<b>1</b>	Tom Cray
Paul Thompson	<b>2</b>	Barry Kerr
Elliot Johnstone	<b>3</b>	Ben George
Josh Riley	<b>4</b>	Chris Huntley
Danny Fleming	<b>5</b>	Jack Williams
Sean Hughes (Captain)	<b>6</b>	Joe Noone
Matt Connelly	<b>7</b>	Alex Corrozzi
Joe Wilson	<b>8</b>	Paddt O'Donnell (Captain)
Ben Hockenhull	<b>9</b>	Steve Elliott
Tom Wood	<b>10</b>	Jack Malin
Nathan Beesley	<b>11</b>	Alistair Cooke
Luke Johnstone	<b>12</b>	Lee Askew
Kieran Hughes	<b>13</b>	Jack Kelly
Haydn Fraser	<b>14</b>	Adedayo Titiloye
Darren Norman	<b>15</b>	Jordan Parker
	<b>Bench</b>	
Jon Ward	<b>16</b>	Connor Mitchel
Shaun Yoxhall	<b>17</b>	Chris O'Donnell
Andrew Wright	<b>18</b>	Peter Stansfield
<b>Coach: Andy Roberts</b>		<b>Coach: Mark Lloyd</b>

**Referee:** Damian Hamilton, Manchester Soc

### Snippets

#### Phoenix Nights Revisited

The second team played Preston Grasshoppers 2s or 3s on Easter Monday. The game was delayed because the ref didn't show and the Preston side was on the pitch going through their moves. I was with Sam Bennet and we were just remarking how big the Preston side looked. At that moment, our vertically challenged side started to appear at the top of the slope on their way to the pitch. Both Sam and I took one look and, in unison, said "How far away are they?" A Phoenix Nights moment!!!

#### Not Guilty

It would seem that Dave Broadbent has been in the news again. Following his impersonation of a leper, with white socks on his hands the other week, it appears that he was recently charged with having sexual intercourse with a cat. However, the charge was immediately thrown out of court, as even the judge knew that Dave would never put anything in a kitty.

## **Kirkby Lonsdale 50 Warrington 8**

A weakened Warrington side, hit by injury and non-availability, was well beaten by in-form, league-leaders, Kirkby Lonsdale but the score in no way reflected how the game was played. In fact, the way that so many second and third team players stepped up to the plate against top class opposition, demonstrates the strength in depth at the Warrington club. It was particularly pleasing to see Ben Hockenhull show case his running talents which hopefully he will continue to use when he reverts to his usual position of scrum half. It was good to see the return of the fearless Matt Connelly. It was inspiring to witness the total commitment of the ageless Paul Thompson. And it was refreshing to see the versatility of Craig Byrne, who plays centre and back row for the second and third teams, who put in a strenuous shift at prop forward without taking one step back.

Warrington were perhaps still recovering from the long coach trip when Kirkby opened their account with a quick converted try from a tap penalty. Then minutes later the home side increased their lead to 14 points when they executed a copybook take and drive from a line out.

It was now the turn of the visitors to apply the pressure. With their makeshift front row working well and with Josh Riley, Sean Callendar and Matt Connelly ensuring good ball from the lines, the backs led by the stand-in stand-off Ben Hockenhull, started to go through their paces. They were extremely unlucky not to score when Keiron Hughes put in a well-judged kick which was followed up by Nathan Beesley but the winger was adjudged to have knocked on over the line.

Kirkby soon returned to the attack and claimed their third converted try but Warrington clawed back three points with a Darren Norman penalty on the stroke of half time.

The home side went further ahead with two unconverted tries within ten minutes of the restart before Warrington scored the try of the match. Keiron Hughes picked up the ball on halfway and danced through four tackles before passing to Nathan Beesley. The winger showed his electric pace before stepping inside to finish off in style. Unfortunately, this was the last time that Warrington troubled the scoreboard as Kirkby resumed control of a rapidly tiring Warrington outfit to score three more tries.

## **Warrington 20 Kendal 44**

Warrington were beaten by a margin of 24 points by Kendal at Walton Lea Road on Saturday but, in all honesty, this was a game which could have gone either way. Kendal were gifted 14 points and Warrington wasted at least three try-scoring opportunities and a couple of kickable penalties. Nevertheless, this was a game full of attacking, open rugby which was a privilege to watch.

It took just two minutes for Warrington to open their account when Tom Wood kicked an easy penalty. The home side then started to play the kind of rugby with which they had started the season, applying continuous pressure on the Kendal line. Unfortunately a loose pass in the Kendal 22 was fly-kicked ahead by the Kendal centre, who won the race to the line. The try was converted.

Warrington replied when Kieron Hughes, back to his best, made a twinkling break and put in a well-judged kick to the corner. Nathan Beesley showed his pace to collect the kick and then squeeze over. A Kendal penalty saw them retake the lead but Warrington were unlucky not to go ahead when a powerful break from Max Walker saw the number eight bounce off tacklers and then sprint sixty yards before being stopped two yards short, with back up on both sides.

Kendal then had their fifteen minutes of superiority and poor Warrington tackling gifted them their



second converted try. A series of penalties then allowed Kendal to stay on the front foot and the visitors eventually scored their third converted try on the stroke of half time, following a driving scrum.

Warrington began the second half as they had started the first. A good run from Paul Thompson established them in Kendal territory and a series of good rucks brought them within ten yards of the Kendal line before Tom Wood executed a signature dummy and slid over. Darren Norman converted. Playing with tempo, Warrington were unlucky not to score again five minutes later when yet another tackle-shattering run from Max Walker provided he space for the backs to move the ball to the left and Ryan Preston crossed but was adjudged to have knocked on over the line.

Warrington were then reduced to fourteen men when Nathan Beesley was sin-binned for an intentional knock-on and Kendal immediately took advantage with a driving try against Warrington's reduced pack.

However, Warrington continued to play their brand of open rugby and when Josh Riley, who was involved in everything, turned over the ball in the Kendal half, the forwards went patiently through the phases before Max Walker crashed over in the corner for the try he deserved. Unfortunately, this was to be Warrington's last score as Kendal sealed the game with two converted tries and a further penalty.

### **Vale of Lune 38 Warrington 0**

A much-changed Warrington side travelled to Powder House Lane to take on a Vale of Lune team that had been playing some excellent rugby in the second half of the season. Making his 1st team debut at 6 was Danny Aboushakra, veteran coach Andy Roberts came out of retirement to play at 10 and Sean Yoxhall was handed his first start since returning from his travels to the Antipodes.

Warrington started the game well and dominated the early exchanges playing all the rugby in the Vale half. with Aboushakra carrying ball well in midfield. The visitors seemed to be playing with the confidence they showed the previous week against league leaders Kendal, making regular breaks and exploiting the Vale defence. However, as against Kendal, Wire lacked that clinical edge, with the final passes not quite going to hand or support play lacking.

Warrington had the opportunity to take the lead after just 15 minutes but Ben Hockenhull's attempt was just wide of the posts. Vale then started to show why they are having such a good second half of the season with some excellent attacking rugby, making the most of some weak Warrington defence. This pressure eventually gained result and Vale scored two quick tries to take a 12-0 lead.

Warrington continued to play counter attacking rugby and threatened everywhere, however another Warrington mistake gave Vale easy ball, which they exploited to the full to score another converted try on the stroke of half time leaving the Wire with an uphill battle to climb at 19-0 down at the break.

Although they faced the second half without the influential Max Walker, who had to retire through injury, Warrington still believed that they could turn their possession and territory into points to bring themselves back into the game. However the second half followed much the pattern of the first 40 minutes and with the extra pressure of having to play with 13 men for a period of time due to two yellow cards, Warrington struggled to compete with a confident Vale side that took their chances well to run out comfortable winners.

	Team	Pd	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Whitchurch 2	22	19	0	2	365	78	0
2.	Christleton 1	21	17	0	4	334	72	0
3.	Winnington Park 2	22	11	0	11	-151	55	0
4.	Bowdon 2	21	11	0	10	119	54	0
5.	Sefton 2	21	11	0	10	-79	54	0
6.	Northwich 2	21	10	0	11	65	51	0
7.	Glossop 2	21	10	0	11	-94	51	0
8.	Caldy 3	22	10	0	9	81	49	0
9.	Stockport 3	19	10	0	7	86	47	0
10.	Chester 3	21	9	0	11	-84	47	0
11.	Warrington 3	20	10	0	8	-10	46	-2
12.	Liverpool St Helens 2	21	8	0	10	54	38	-4
13.	Didsbury Toc H 2	19	6	0	13	-316	37	0
14.	New Brighton 2	21	4	0	16	-370	32	0

### Images from The Kirkby Lonsdale Game



“Not straight, Ref!!!



“Is that Craig Byrne at prop?”