



## **Welcome to Kirkby Lonsdale**

A very warm welcome to players, officials and spectators of Kirkby Lonsdale. It's always a pleasure to welcome our Cumbrian friends and it's good to return the generous hospitality they always show us at their beautiful ground.

Continuing their excellent form of last season, when they were unlucky not to achieve promotion, Kirkby now sit proudly on top of North 1 West, having achieved four-try bonus points in all four of their matches. This contrasts starkly with our current performance. At this point last year, it was Warrington who were league leaders and we remained unbeaten until November. So what's the difference? For a start, we have faced a very difficult challenge in September, in terms of the opposition we have met. Three of the teams had earned promotion from the league below and had a point to prove, while Burnage spent last term in North West 3. In addition, we have not played to our potential and even made hard work of our one victory against a mediocre West Park side. We have also been missing some of our senior players, although our young players, and Craig Byrne, have really stepped up to the mark.

So what is going to happen today? Contests between our two clubs are either very tight or very one-sided. We won our first encounter back in October 2013, with Pat Roberts kicking a winning penalty two minutes from the end. We were trounced 44-10 in the return fixture at Kirkby, but we saw two more tight contests in the 2014-15 season, when Kirkby claimed the points in the dying minutes on both occasions. The teams shared an honourable 12-12 draw in November 2015 but the return fixture saw Kirkby at their best when they notched up 50 points.

On current form, it looks like a Kirkby victory today. However, this is the first time this season we have had the advantage of playing at home, so with a good supporting crowd behind us, who knows? In any event, hopefully, we shall see a good game of open rugby and, win or lose, the beer always goes down well on a Saturday.

Dave Jervis

# Player Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Beesley	Nathan	2	34	2	19
Bennett	Sam	0+ 1	9		
Brazendale	James		3		1
Byrne	Craig	1+ 2	?		
Caldwell	Max	3	20		2
Callander	Sean	3	58		1
Edwards	Pete		22		0
Fleming	Dan	4	123		7
Fraser	Hayden	1	49		26
Griffiths	Dan	3+1	25	1	5
Haddon	Mike		150		5
Hannon	Jack		4		
Hockenhull	Ben	4	29		1
Hughes	Sean	3	96		4
Hughes	Kieran		82		87
Johnstone	Elliot	3	80	2	8
Johnstone	Luke	3	113		27
Jones	Kevin		247		72
Lyon	Phil		3		
Marland	Alex		7		0
McGregor	James	2	10		0
Nicholls	Sam		13		5
Norman	Darren		19		5
O'Rourke	Clement	4	52		0
Pennington	Nick	1	2	1	1
Preston	Ryan	2+2	27	1	1
Riley	Josh	4	84		3
Roberts	Andy		79		18
Rockey	Matt	1+1	159		52
Smith	Jono		19		12
Thompaon	Paul	2+2	232		20
Thompson	Jamie		13		5
Walker	Max	1	32		7
Ward	Jon	0 + 1	34		1
Wilson	Joe		16		0
Wood	Tom	4	115		44
Wright	Andy		5		1
Yoxhall	Shaun		63		3
Dixon	Ben	0+1	1		0
Arnold	Tom	4	?		?
Wardley	Keith	1	1		0
Lewis	Cam	1+1	8	1	3
Downes	Josh	2	3		0
Evans	Jonny	1	1		
				Penalty	1

### North 1 West - 1st October 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale	4	4	0	0	161	20	4
2.	Birkenhead Park	4	4	0	0	100	19	3
3.	Northwich	4	4	0	0	61	19	3
4.	St Benedicts	4	3	0	1	75	14	2
5.	Wilmslow	4	3	0	1	13	13	1
6.	Burnage	4	3	0	1	0	13	1
7.	Blackburn	4	2	0	2	-28	8	0
8.	Altrincham Kersal	4	1	0	3	-4	7	3
9.	Warrington	4	1	0	3	-24	7	3
10.	Rochdale	4	1	0	3	-74	5	1
11.	Leigh	4	1	0	3	-81	5	1
12.	Eccles	4	1	0	3	-19	4	0
13.	West Park SH	4	0	0	4	-79	1	1
14.	Vale of Lune	4	0	0	4	-101	0	0

### Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 1st October 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	<b>Rossendale 2</b>	4	4	0	0	128	<b>16</b>	0
2.	<b>Wirral 2</b>	4	4	0	0	117	<b>16</b>	0
3.	<b>Sandbach 2</b>	4	3	0	1	105	<b>13</b>	0
4.	<b>Broughton Park 2</b>	4	3	0	1	57	<b>13</b>	0
5.	<b>Crewe &amp; Nantwich 2</b>	4	2	1	1	20	<b>11</b>	0
6.	<b>Blackburn 2</b>	4	2	0	2	49	<b>10</b>	0
7.	<b>Macclesfield 3</b>	4	2	0	2	-22	<b>10</b>	0
8.	<b>Warrington 2</b>	4	2	0	2	-35	<b>10</b>	0
9.	<b>Liverpool Collegiate 2</b>	4	1	1	2	-61	<b>8</b>	0
10.	<b>Burnage 2</b>	4	1	0	3	-89	<b>7</b>	0
11.	<b>Birkenhead Park 2</b>	4	1	0	3	-101	<b>7</b>	0
12.	<b>Kirkby Lonsdale 2</b>	4	1	0	3	-102	<b>7</b>	0
13.	<b>Whitchurch 2</b>	4	1	0	3	-2	<b>6</b>	0
14.	<b>Fylde 3</b>	4	0	0	4	-64	<b>4</b>	0

## North One West Fixtures 2016-17

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
<b>2016</b>		<b>Home Team 1st</b>	
3 Sept	West Park (Away)	W 12-15	
10 Sept	Burnage (Away)	L 20-16	
17 Sept	Northwich (Away)	L 41-36	
24 Sept	St Benedicts (Away)	L 25-7	
1 Oct	Kirkby Lonsdale (Home)		
8 Oct	Eccles (Away)		
15 Oct			
22 Oct	Altrincham Kersal (Home)		
29 Oct	Birkenhead Park (Away)		
5 Nov	Wilmslow (Home)		
12 Nov	Blackburn (Away)		
19 Nov	Leigh (Home)		
26 Nov	Vale of Lune (Away)		
3 Dec	Rochdale (Home)		
10 Dec	Burnage (Home)		
17 Dec	Northwich (Home)		
<b>2017</b>			
7 Jan	St Benedicts (Home)		
14 Jan	Kirkby Lonsdale (Away)		
28 Jan	Eccles (Home)		Dave Jervis
11 Feb	Altrincham Kersal (Away)		
18 Feb	Birkenhead Park (Home)		
4 March	Wilmslow (Away)		
11 Mar	Blackburn (Home)		Dave Broadbent
25 Mar	Leigh (Away)		
1 April	Vale of Lune (Home)		
8 April	Rochdale (Away)		
22 April	West Park (Home)		

## Sponsors Wanted

As you can easily see, we are in need of sponsors for many games. The cost of match sponsorship has been reduced this year. The basic sponsorship, for four guests, with a meal plus entry to the game, is now just £100. The cost for eight guests is £200. So give your mates, work colleagues or family a treat and book a day. For further information, speak to Sean Hughes or Kev Jones.

# Warrington RUFC vs. Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC

## WARRINGTON RUFC

**Colours:** Green, Scarlet & White

## KIRKBY LONSDALE RUFC

**Colours:** Black, Red and Yellow

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

### TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	<b>1</b>	C Rowse
Paul Thompson	<b>2</b>	M Holyland
Tom Greene	<b>3</b>	T Fagan
Josh Riley	<b>4</b>	L Kwiczor
Josh Downes	<b>5</b>	D Cooper-Dunn
Sean Hughes	<b>6</b>	A Rodgers
Sean Callendar	<b>7</b>	S Storey
Danny Fleming	<b>8</b>	C Galbraith
Ben Hocckenhull	<b>9</b>	B Walker
Tom Wood	<b>10</b>	D Barton
Nathan Beesley	<b>11</b>	D Akrigg
Luke Johnstone	<b>12</b>	J Akrigg
Keith Wardley	<b>13</b>	T Pickthall
Tom Arnold	<b>14</b>	M Knapton
Max Caldwell	<b>15</b>	R Terry
	<b>Bench</b>	
Craig Byrne	<b>16</b>	H Huddleston
John McGregor	<b>17</b>	R Towers
Matt Rockey	<b>18</b>	D Armistead
<b>Coach: Andy Roberts</b>		<b>Coach: John Pickthall</b>

**Referee: Richard Smith , Manchester Society**

### Poetry Corner

Not every Rugby club programme has a Poetry Corner. But this is Warrington!!  
Here is this week's offer, inspired by our new tight-fitting strip:

*When young Sean Hughes tried on his shirt,  
He thought the camera never lies.  
Now he knows for sure, it's cert,  
That **he** ate all the pies.*

No photographs are available of Jon Ward, Elliot Johnstone or Craig Byrne!!!



## **St Benedicts 25 Warrington 7**

Warrington's *mense horribilis*, when they are forced to play all September fixtures away, eventually came to an end with a loss in the bleak surroundings of St Benedicts in Whitehaven. This time last year, Warrington were sitting on top of North 1 West. This year, they are currently ninth having gathered just seven points from their four away games. However, they can now look forward to playing games at Walton Lea Road.

Visits to Cumberland always prove difficult and this was no exception. St Benedicts had earned promotion by being all-conquering in the North Lancs and Cumbria Division last season and they continued their success by winning their first two games in North 1 West. However, it was Warrington who dominated the opening stages of this, at times, ill-tempered match. Sean Callendar and Josh Riley immediately assumed control of the lie-outs against much taller opposition. The lighter Warrington pack stood firm at every scrum and the backs started to combine to play some excellent rugby.

Unfortunately, it was St Benedicts who scored first when they put in a speculative kick, which was misjudged by Max Caldwell and bounced into the grateful hands of the St Benedicts back row who ran in from 30 yards. The try was converted.

The home side were then lucky to escape serious punishment for two dangerous tackles but their kicking game again bore fruit when they kicked a good penalty from 40 yards, with the strong wind behind them.

Warrington continued to play all the rugby and they were rewarded when forwards and backs combined and a sophisticated pass from Paul Thompson was picked up by Elliot Johnstone and the prop covered 30 yards to touch down under the posts and allow Ben Hockenhull an easy conversion. Minutes later, Warrington should have taken the lead when a clever kick from Tom Wood found Max Caldwell but the full back's try was mysteriously disallowed. Warrington's woes were compounded when the home side kicked a second penalty just before half time.

Turning round with the strong wind now behind them and just six points adrift, Warrington seemed to be in pole position. Unfortunately, St Benedicts had other ideas. The Cumbrians now changed tactics from being a bullying, physical side, employing a kicking game, into a side which ran with purpose, especially through their excellent inside centre and scrum half. Unfortunately, their task was made easier by some strangely weak Warrington tackling and by the fact that within ten minutes Warrington had lost three key players through injury. St Benedicts went further ahead within ten minutes of the restart and they closed off the game with ten minutes to go when a well-judged punt from their stand-off allowed their left winger to squeeze over in the corner.

"Coming to Cumbria is always hard," said coach Andy Roberts. "Although, today, I think we made it hard for ourselves. We had everything in our favour in the second half, apart from the injuries, which meant we had to significantly reorganize, but we seemed to lose aggression and initiative. We have our first home game of the season this week. However, we face another Cumbrian side, Kirkby Lonsdale, who were unlucky not to gain promotion last season, It should be an interesting afternoon."

## **Blackburn 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 55 Warrington 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 5**

A much-changed Warrington 2<sup>nd</sup> team, featuring five 17 year-olds, three of whom were experiencing senior rugby for the first time, travelled to Blackburn, where they were eventually well beaten by a strong side with considerably more experience. Even so, Warrington's young tyros, supported by the likes of veteran Tony Fretwell and Shaun Yoxhall and James Baxendale, competed superbly for fifty minutes, and were only defeated by a twenty minute Blackburn blitz in the second half.

Warrington were the first on the scoreboard when Tony Fretwell received the ball from a scrum and off-loaded to Ben Dixon. The talented young stand-off kicked ahead and demonstrated his speed to completely out-pace the cover and score. Blackburn then started to dominate through their heavier pack and starved Warrington of any good possession. A converted try soon followed but Warrington defended magnificently until their guard slipped in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute and Blackburn turned round with a 12-5 lead,

This score remained for the opening ten minutes of the second half until Blackburn scored three converted tries in quick succession. Although the game was obviously lost from this point on, Warrington still continued to defend



with passion and limited Blackburn, who enjoyed continuous possession, to just two further tries.

“We obviously lacked the weight and the experience to compete in the second half, especially after conceding three quick tries,” admitted captain Shaun Yoxhall, “However this was a superb learning experience, especially for our Colts contingent, who will have benefitted enormously from playing in a game way outside their comfort zone.”

### **Northwich 41 Warrington 36**

For the second week in succession, Warrington failed to claim maximum points, although they scored four tries in a spirited fightback, which saw them come from 36-15 down to tie the scores at 36 all, only to see Northwich snatch victory with the penultimate play of the match.

The opening ten minutes of the game saw both sides trying to play open rugby on a beautiful pitch bathed in sunlight. Northwich scored first when Danny Fleming was sin-binned and the home side took a quick tap penalty to score a snappy try, which was converted. The rest of the half was very much nip-and-tuck. Warrington leveled the scores when Tom Wood threw a long pass to Max Caldwell and the young full back chose not to repeat his mistake of the previous week by first making ground and then passing to Nathan Beesley, who screamed over for Ben Hockenhull to convert.

Warrington then took the lead courtesy of a Ben Hockenhull penalty but Northwich retook the lead when their heavyweight pack steamrollered over for a second converted try. This lead was short-lived when Warrington seized on a Northwich fumble and put in a speculative kick ahead. Tom Wood followed up and touched down in the corner. Northwich came back from the restart to reclaim the lead with a quick try and a penalty on the stroke of half time saw them go into the second half 22-15 ahead.

Northwich visibly stepped up a gear at the start of the second period and they used their considerable weight advantage of at least a stone per man all round to good effect and strong running saw them notch up two converted tries. However, fortunes changed when the home side had three players sin-binned in quick succession. First Warrington sued their numerical advantage to gain a penalty try, which was converted by Hockenhull. From the restart, Matt Rockey made good ground before handing on to Josh Riley, who forced his way through three tackles before handing onto Nathan Beesley. The young speedster took the ball into the Northwich red zone and found the ubiquitous Riley on his inside. The pass was made and Riley strolled over. Hockenhull converted to bring Warrington within seven points.

Warrington returned to the attack immediately and were unlucky not to score when Max Caldwell was forced into touch in the corner. Fortunately, a set scrum was forced from the line out and Danny Fleming eased over for Ben Hockenhull to add the extras and level the scores. Shortly afterwards, Warrington were awarded a penalty within kickable distance but elected to run. Finally, Northwich had the last word when they scored a good individual try to clinch the result with seconds on the clock.

### **Stockport 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 0 Warrington 3<sup>rd</sup> XV 67**

Warrington's third team completed a thirteen try demolition of Stockport for their best win of the season. The carnival procession began within five minutes when mobile prop Tom Greene powered his way over from 20 yards. It was another prop, Mike Haddon, playing on the wing who crossed next, before further first half tries came from the evergreen Tony Fretwell and Tim Grimshaw with a spectacular 50 yard effort from skipper Ben Hart.

Conversions were not the order of the day and Warrington continued on their marauding ways with two more tries from Mike Hadden, two from Gidson Hamblet, and one each from Ian McIarney, Paul Tierney and Tim Grimshaw with a first try for the club from James Oatway, in only his second game of rugby.

“It just goes to show that a week is a long time in rugby,” mused captain Ben Hart. “Last week we conceded 76 points at Altrincham. This week we score 67 points with no reply from the opposition. Next week we are at Didsbury, who are currently third in the league. Let's hope we can continue with our cavalier style of play.”

## Raging Bull North West - Division 2 South

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Glossop 2	4	3	0	1	149	13	0
2.	Northwich 2	4	3	0	1	23	13	0
3.	Didsbury Toc H 2	4	3	0	1	-9	13	0
4.	Altrincham Kersal 2	3	3	0	0	145	12	0
5.	Winnington Park 2	3	3	0	0	40	12	0
6.	Aldwinians 2	4	2	0	2	-16	10	0
7.	Chester 3	4	2	0	2	-61	10	0
8.	Bowdon 2	3	2	0	1	53	9	0
9.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	4	2	0	2	-13	9	0
10.	Warrington 3	4	1	0	3	-6	6	0
11.	Sefton 2	4	0	0	4	-117	4	0
12.	Caldy 3	4	0	0	4	-25	3	0
13.	Stockport 3	3	0	0	3	-163	0	-2

## The Fun Bus Rides Again

The Fun Bus took to the road for the first time this season when we travelled to Whitehaven. And once again, the Fun Bus Crew showed their consummate ability to upset the opposition. Originally, it was the whole team at Carlisle, whose captain named us the Fun Bus. This time it was the St Benedicts' president, who threatened to have the crew removed unless they desisted from commenting on play or pointing out blatant actions of skulduggery.. Ah well! It takes all sorts.

*Our photograph show FBL, Andy Kellett, assuming a provocative pose with the Six Nations Trophy, while Stew Coleman looks on admiringly.*



## Deano Confesses

Whilst travelling back on the Fun Bus, Deano Preston said he was sick of travelling. Or was that, sick when travelling? But what's in a word?

## Griff's Finger

Winger Danny Griffiths had to leave the field on Saturday with slight damage to his finger. His dad has not been told!!

## Speaking of Dads

Paddy O'Toole must have looked at some recent second team match reports with mystification. All the praise seemed to be going to someone called Keenan Beatie when he thought that his son, also named Keenan, had been starring. Well now it can be revealed. Keenan Beatie is in fact Keenan O'Toole. BT is the nickname given to him by his team-mates because of his aggression and utter fearlessness. It stands for "Baby Thomo". What greater accolade can there be!!!