



### Welcome to Altrincham Kersal

A very warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators of Altrincham Kersal. In our last four meetings with them, we have come out comfortably on top - eventually. Back in December 2013, in a curate's egg of a game, which saw the 50th appearance of both Josh Riley and Tom Wood, we managed to withstand a late AK challenge to record a five point 32-15 win and move up to eighth place in the league. The following April, we came back from 14-0 down to score 40 points in an almost flawless last 35 minutes to win by 46-21.

Altrincham were demoted that season but bounced back immediately, winning 24 out of 26 matches in South Lancashire/Cheshire 1. So we next met in December 2015, in a match blighted by torrential rain. We seemed to have the game sewn up by half time, leading 24-5 but AK came back, scoring two good tries but the result was sealed with two tries from Nathan Beesley. Our latest visit to Altrincham was in April this year, in a match which saw a total of 74 points scored, with a hat-trick from Max Walker.

So, it's four out of four to us. but we should not let complacency creep in. Altrincham have a long and proud history. They won the North 1 West league in 2010-2011 and spent a season in National League 3 North. As their results against us show, they can always score tries. And at the moment, they are two places ahead of us in the league table!!

So, it's all to play for. It should be a great match.

Dave Jervis

## Appearances

<b>Name</b>		Games Played This Year	<b>Total</b>	Tries this Season	<b>Total</b>
Arnold	Tom	6	15	2	?
Beesley	Nathan	4	36	2	19
Bennett	Sam	0+ 1	9		
Brazendale	James		3		1
Byrne	Craig	1+ 3	?	1	?
Caldwell	Max	5	22		2
Callander	Sean	5	60		1
Dixon	Ben	0+1	1		0
Downes	Josh	4	5		0
Evans	Jonny	1	1		
Fleming	Dan	5+1	125	1	8
Fraser	Hayden	1	49		26
Green	Tom	1+1	6		
Griffiths	Dan	3+2	26	1	5
Hannon	Jack		4		
Hockenhull	Ben	5	31		1
Hughes	Sean	5	98		4
Hughes	Kieran		82		87
Johnstone	Elliot	4	81	2	8
Johnstone	Luke	5	115		27
Jones	Kevin		247		72
Lewis	Cam	1+1	8	1	3
Little	Josh	1	1		
Lyon	Phil		3		
Marland	Alex		7		0
McGregor	James	3+1	12		0
O'Rourke	Clement	6	54		0
Pennington	Nick	1	2	1	1
Preston	Ryan	2+2	27	1	1
Riley	Josh	5	85		3
Roberts	Andy	1	80	1	19
Rockey	Matt	1+2	160		52
Smith	Jono		19		12
Thompaon	Paul	4+2	234		20
Walker	Max	1	32		7
Ward	Jon	0 + 1	34		1
Wardley	Keith	3	3		0
Wilson	Joe		16		0
Wood	Tom	6	117	1	45
Wright	Andy	1	5		1
Yoxhall	Shaun		63		3
				Penalty	2

## North 1 West League - 22nd October 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale	6	6	0	0	252	30	6
2.	Birkenhead Park	6	6	0	0	119	29	5
3.	Northwich	6	6	0	0	125	28	4
4.	Wilmslow	6	4	0	2	27	19	3
5.	Burnage	6	4	0	2	-50	18	2
6.	St Benedicts	6	3	0	3	68	17	5
7.	Altrincham Kersal	6	2	0	4	8	13	5
8.	Blackburn	6	3	0	3	-43	12	0
9.	Warrington	6	2	0	4	-57	12	4
10.	Rochdale	6	2	0	4	-86	9	1
11.	Eccles	6	1	0	5	-27	7	3
12.	Vale of Lune	6	1	0	5	-101	6	2
13.	West Park SH	6	1	0	5	-117	6	2
14.	Leigh	6	1	0	5	-118	5	1

## Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 22nd October 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Wirral 2	6	6	0	0	167	24	0
2.	Sandbach 2	6	5	0	1	111	21	0
3.	Rossendale 2	5	5	0	0	157	20	0
4.	Macclesfield 3	6	4	0	2	29	18	0
5.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	6	3	1	2	-7	16	0
6.	Broughton Park 2	6	3	0	3	31	15	0
7.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	6	3	0	3	-62	15	0
8.	Blackburn 2	6	2	0	4	16	12	0
9.	Burnage 2	6	2	0	4	-94	12	0
10.	Whitchurch 2	6	2	0	4	-39	11	0
11.	Warrington 2	5	2	0	3	-42	11	0
12.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	6	1	1	4	-81	10	0
13.	Fylde 3	6	1	0	5	-78	9	0
14.	Birkenhead Park 2	6	1	0	5	-108	9	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)	L 14-52	
8 Oct	Eccles (Away)	W 28-33	
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)		Friends of Warrington
<b>2017</b>			
7 Jan	St Benedicts (Home)		Chris Gray
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)		Past Players
25 Mar	Leigh (Away)		
1 April	Vale of Lune (Home)		Dave Broadbent
8 April	Rochdale (Away)		
22 April	West Park (Home)		Paul O'Toole



# Warrington RUFC vs. Altrincham Kersal RUFC

## WARRINGTON RUFC

**Colours:** Green, Scarlet & White

## Altrincham Kersal RUFC

**Colours:** Black, White and Red

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

### TEAMS

Tom Green	<b>1</b>	Alex Faupel
Sean Hughes (C)	<b>2</b>	Pete O'Connor
Elliot Johnstone	<b>3</b>	Nathan Bailey (c)
Josh Little	<b>4</b>	Adam Barker
Josh Downes	<b>5</b>	Chris Loughlin
Oliver Giles	<b>6</b>	Niall Coogan
Sean Callendar	<b>7</b>	Cameron Thornburn
Danny Fleming	<b>8</b>	John Bishop
Tom Wood	<b>9</b>	Callum Yates
Andy Roberts	<b>10</b>	Ross Keatch
Nathan Beesley	<b>11</b>	Jack Wise
Luke Johnstone	<b>12</b>	Jack Emerson
Max Caldwell	<b>13</b>	Kashley Watkins
Cameron Lewis	<b>14</b>	Tom Morris
Ben Hockenhull	<b>15</b>	Louis Taylor
	<b>Bench</b>	
Jon Bennett	<b>16</b>	Jack Gallimore
Paul Thompson	<b>17</b>	George Wise
Ben Dixon	<b>18</b>	Jimmy Smith
<b>Coach: Andy Roberts</b>		<b>Coach: Nathan Bailey</b>

**Referee: Elliot Lewis, Manchester Society**

## Sponsorship

Warrington RUFC is a self-funding club, relying on the income we receive from subs and other fund-raising activities for the income needed to keep the club going. We offer a range of fund raising opportunities and we are always looking for people who would like to sponsor us in some way.

### Match Sponsorship

Match sponsorship is open to anyone who would like to invite guests to come to club on Saturday, have a meal, be given a programme and watch a match. You could be a business owner or company executive who would like to entertain colleagues or clients. You could be a spectator, who would like a special Saturday entertaining friends or family. And the good news is that this season we have reduced the cost of match sponsorship and increased the benefit. A standard match sponsorship for four people is now just £100 and for that you will each receive a sit-down meal, a drink and a programme. Extra guests can be accommodated at £25 a head. Matches still available for exclusive sponsorship are shown on the opposite page, although we can have more than one sponsor for a game.

### Pitch -Side Advertising (See Opposite Page)

We can now offer pitch-side advertising. Cost per board is £150 per year or £500 for five years

### Programme Advertising

We are always looking for companies to advertise in the programme. £200 for a whole page for a season.

## **Eccles 28 Warrington 33**

Warrington managed to find snatches of last season's form to achieve their first five point win this term with a five try victory over Eccles, although they leaked a couple of late tries to gift their opponents an unexpected two point bonus.

The opening five minutes saw Warrington assume dominance in all phases, especially in the line-outs, where 17 year-old Stewart Little, standing in for the injured Josh Riley, was superb from the start, making probably one of the best debuts seen at Warrington for some time. Eventually, the pressure brought results when a long pass from Tom Wood found Tom Arnold and the winger showed electric pace to cross the line and then turn towards the sticks to give Tom Wood an easy conversion.

Warrington returned to attack from the restart but after ten minutes, and completely against the run of play, Eccles took advantage of some indifferent Warrington tackling to score a breakaway try under the posts. The conversion leveled the scores.

The visitors soon regained their lead when a kick ahead was chased aggressively by Tom Arnold and Keith Wardley, who, together tackled the Eccles full back over his line. At the five-yard scrum, the Eccles pack was forced to transgress by the power of the Warrington drive and the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty try and the conversion eased Warrington into a 14-7 half time lead.

It wasn't long into the second period before Warrington extended their lead. Well marshaled by the experience of Andy Roberts, drafted in for a cameo role at stand-off, the backs started to combine beautifully. Max Caldwell was elusive at full back and young Keith Wardley started to fulfill his promise with some dancing runs, while Luke Johnstone made the hard yards in the centre and Tom Wood, playing in his original scrum half position, continued to probe and nudge. This spirit of adventure was rewarded when the ball flashed across the field to Tom Arnold and the winger cut inside and took a superb line to touch down under the posts. Tom Wood converted.

Eccles came back almost immediately when they drove over from a quick tap penalty but the score just seemed to stimulate Warrington to play more creative rugby. A thirty yard break from the pacey Nathan Beesley saw play taken to ten yards from the Eccles line. The ball was quickly recycled and a deft inside pass from Tom Wood saw veteran Andy Roberts manage to run the five yards to touch down.

With fifteen minutes to go, Warrington surged into a seemingly unbeatable 19 point lead when Tom Greene and Josh Downes made good ground, with Downes being halted feet short. The ball was efficiently recycled and Danny (Hard Yards) Fleming claimed the touch down for Tom Wood to add the extras.

However, Eccles were not quite finished and they snatched possession after a total mess-up at a scrum and their inside centre ran thirty yards to the line without a hand being laid on him. The conversion cut the difference between the sides to just 12 points. However, time was fast running out for the home side and although they crossed for a fourth try in the last act of the game, it was too late and Warrington had won.

"This was a great improvement over recent weeks," said player/coach Andy Roberts. "However, we shall have to tighten up our defence before we go to Altrincham Kersal on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October."

## **Warrington 14 Kirkby Lonsdale 52**

Warrington's woeful start to the season continued unabated with a 50 point trouncing at the hands of league leaders Kirkby Lonsdale at Walton Lea Rd on Saturday. The defeat now sees Warrington languishing in 10<sup>th</sup> place on the league table. However, the pressure eases in the next couple of weeks, as they play Eccles and Altrincham, who are currently placed at eleven and nine respectively.

The first twenty minutes of this game saw two seemingly well-matched sides playing open rugby, as each tried to



gain the upper hand. Warrington soon gained dominance in the lines, again through Josh Riley and Sean Callendar, while the scrum performed manfully to secure its own ball. Ironically, a line-out provided the starting point for the first Kirkby Lonsdale score, when they made ground and then recycled before touching down under the posts for an easy conversion.

The visitors then started to exert prolonged pressure on the Warrington line and eventually broke the stranglehold to score another converted try. Warrington came back strongly, with good running from Josh Downes and Tom Greene but Kirkby turned defence into attack when the full back picked up the ball just outside his own 22 and put in a speculative kick. A fortuitous bounce saw the ball fall into the hands of the visitors' left winger who had a clear run to the line, although there was a hint of a foul on Nathan Beesley.

At 21-0, the game seemed already out of Warrington's grasp but they delivered a glimmer of hope with an excellent try on the stroke of half time. Strong running from Craig Byrne and John McGregor saw them camped ten yards out and eventually Tom Wood demonstrated his signature show-and-go to drift over under the posts. His conversion left Warrington just 14 points adrift.

Unfortunately, any hope was short lived, as Kirkby re-established their 21 point lead when a beautifully judged punt from their stand-off was picked up by their left wing who touched down in the corner and the try was converted from the touchline. A penalty saw Kirkby stretch up to 31 but a rare Warrington foray saw the visitors close the gap again. A quick tap penalty from Ben Hockenhull saw Tom Wood make excellent ground. The ball was recycled and there was no stopping the versatile Craig Byrne as he steamed over from 25 yards. Ben Hockenhull added the extras.

However, Kirkby were now stimulated to turn up the heat and, inspired by their classy half backs, they exposed loose Warrington tackling to score three more converted tries.

"We always knew this was going to be a tough game," said coach Andy Roberts. "Kirkby were a good side last season and look even better this term. We now need to regroup and start to pick up wins. Hopefully, we can start on the road to recovery next week at Eccles."

### **Crewe & Nantwich 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 24   Warrington 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 17**

Warrington's second team won the try count by two-nil but were eventually beaten by the educated boot of the Crewe stand-off, who kicked five penalties and three drop goals.

The first try came within ten minutes when Dan Griffiths used his strength and pace to crash over from ten yards. Shaun McBriers converted. The crewe stand off then assumed control of the game, first by clever, ground-eating kicks to the corner and then by slotting over four penalties to make the half time score 12-7.

Warrington regained the lead early in the second stanza with a superbly engineered try. After setting up a maul from a line out, stand-off McBriers threw out a beautifully disguised miss pass to Cam Lewis and the young winger finished off in style. The stand-off converted.

Playing all the rugby and two points ahead, Warrington dug deep but were unable to prevent the Crewe stand-off from kicking a fifth penalty and then dropping two goals before Crewe's playmaker sealed the game in the last minute with his third drop goal.

"This was a frustrating game," said captain Shaun Yoxhall. "We played all the rugby, with our two seventeen year olds, Josh Little and Keenan O'Toole, supported by Nick Pennington and Dan Griffiths, outstanding throughout. However, we had no answer to an educated boot."

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1.	Glossop 2	6	5	0	1	201	21	0
2.	Northwich 2	6	5	0	1	42	21	0
3.	Altrincham Kersal 2	5	4	0	1	137	17	0
4.	Uni of Liverpool Vets 1	6	4	0	2	5	17	0
5.	Chester 3	6	3	0	3	-39	15	0
6.	Bowdon 2	5	3	0	2	52	14	0
7.	Winnington Park 2	5	3	0	2	-3	14	0
8.	Didsbury Toc H 2	5	3	0	2	-41	14	0
9.	Aldwinians 2	6	2	0	4	-38	12	0
10.	Sefton 2	6	1	0	5	-122	9	0
11.	Caldy 3	5	1	0	4	-25	7	0
12.	Warrington 3	4	1	0	3	-6	6	0
13.	Stockport 3	5	0	0	5	-163	-6	-8

## Snippets

### A Very Successful Donkey Derby

This year's Warrington RUFC Ruck'N'Roll music and beer festival featured the Stockton Heath Donkey Derby and was a resounding success. Over 500 visitors enjoyed the exciting races for Under 6s to Under 11s and also had the opportunity to watch the game against Kirkby Lonsdale. They were entertained by music from live bands until 10.30 in a fairground atmosphere. "This was a fantastic event and I would like to thank all those volunteers who made it possible," enthused Andy Kellett, chairman of the organising committee. "The weather helped to ensure its success, as we netted over £3000. I am already looking forward to next year!"



### A Baby Girl For Andy and Nina

Congratulations to Andy Roberts and Nina, on the birth of a baby girl, Matilda Grace. A little sister for Freddie, she weighed in at 6lb 9oz and will no doubt soon be an avid Warrington supporter.