



Welcome to Wilmslow

A very warm welcome to all the players, officials and spectators of Wilmslow. It may surprise some people to know that in our last six meetings, we have won four and Wilmslow two. Back in 2013, we ran out winners 33-24, with tries from Joel Barker, Tom Wood, Matt Connelly, Luke Johnston and Kevin Jones, only two of whom are still with us. This was our 22nd consecutive home win at the time.

The matches in 2014 saw both sides earn away victories. In March, we came back from being 13-0 down at half time to score 20 points without reply in an exciting second half, with tries from Kev Jones and Kieron Hughes. Wilmslow turned the tables in October, when they outscored us by six tries to three, two of their tries coming in the last fifteen minutes.

Our final game of the 2014/2015 season saw us suffer our heaviest ever defeat - 83-21! Although this was a game of men against boys, it still hurts. However, we more than made up for this last season. We first beat Wilmslow away, 45-30, after being 23-12 down at half time, by running up 21 points in the first ten minutes of the second period, with tries from Sean Callendar, Matt Connelly and Nathan Beesley. Two tries from Kieron Hughes then sealed the game.

However, the sweetest victory must be the last game of last season, when we had to shift the fixture to Sandbach because of cricket commitments. Although we lost our twin centre strike force of Kieron Hughes and Max Walker early on and then suffered the blow of seeing skipper leave the field in the second half, this match turned out to be one of the best of the season in terms of total commitment to the cause and a will to win.

The selected Warrington side today shows many changes from last season. But let us hope that the same total commitment is still there. Wilmslow are having a great season so far, lying fourth in the league, with six wins under their belt. So, on form, they look to be favourites. It should be a great game.

Dave Jervis

Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Arnold	Tom	7	16	2	?
Beesley	Nathan	6	38	3	20
Bennett	Sam	0+ 1	9		
Brazendale	James		3		1
Byrne	Craig	1+ 4	?	1	?
Caldwell	Max	7	24	1	3
Callander	Sean	7	62	1	2
Dixon	Ben	0+1	1		0
Downes	Josh	6	7		0
Edwards	Pete		22		0
Evans	Jonny	1	1		
Fleming	Dan	7+1	127	1	8
Fraser	Hayden	1	49		26
Giles	Oli	2	2		
Green	Tom	3+1	8		
Griffiths	Dan	3+2	26	1	5
Haddon	Mike		150		5
Hannon	Jack		4		
Hockenhull	Ben	7	33	1	2
Hughes	Sean	7	100		4
Hughes	Kieran		82		87
Johnstone	Elliot	6	83	3	9
Johnstone	Luke	6	116		27
Jones	Kevin		247		72
Lewis	Cam	2+2	10	3	5
Little	Josh	2+1	3		
Lynch	Phil		43		2
Lyon	Phil		3		
Lythgoe	Zak		134		22
Marland	Alex		7		0
McGregor	James	3+1	12		0
Nicholls	Sam		13		5
Norman	Darren		19		5
O'Rourke	Clement	6	54		0
Pennington	Nick	1	2	1	1
Pilkington	Steve		72		33
Preston	Ryan	2+2	27	1	1
Riley	Josh	6+1	87		3
Roberts	Andy	3	82	2	20
Rockey	Matt	1+2	160		52
Smith	Jono		19		12
Thompaon	Paul	4+3	235		20
Thompson	Jamie		13		5
Walker	Max	1	32		7
Ward	Jon	0 + 1	34		1
Wardley	Keith	4	4		0
Wilson	Joe		16		0
Wood	Tom	8	119	2	46
Wright	Andy		5		1
Yoxhall	Shaun		63		3

North 1 West - 5th November 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale	8	8	0	0	304	40	8
2.	Birkenhead Park	8	8	0	0	187	39	7
3.	Northwich	8	7	0	1	143	34	6
4.	Wilmslow	8	6	0	2	64	28	4
5.	Burnage	8	6	0	2	-3	28	4
6.	Blackburn	8	4	0	4	-10	18	2
7.	St Benedicts	8	3	0	5	-10	17	5
8.	Warrington	8	3	0	5	-81	17	5
9.	Altrincham Kersal	8	2	0	6	-39	14	6
10.	West Park SH	8	2	0	6	-106	11	3
11.	Vale of Lune	8	2	0	6	-115	10	2
12.	Rochdale	8	2	0	6	-132	9	1
13.	Leigh	8	2	0	6	-140	9	1
14.	Eccles	8	1	0	7	-62	7	3

Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 5th November 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Wirral 2	8	7	1	0	210	30	0
2.	Rossendale 2	7	7	0	0	219	28	0
3.	Macclesfield 3	8	6	0	2	45	26	0
4.	Sandbach 2	8	5	0	3	56	23	0
5.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	8	4	1	3	18	21	0
6.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	8	4	1	3	-81	21	0
7.	Blackburn 2	8	4	0	4	87	20	0
8.	Broughton Park 2	8	3	0	5	10	17	0
9.	Burnage 2	8	3	0	5	-77	17	0
10.	Warrington 2	7	3	0	4	-82	16	0
11.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	8	2	1	5	-82	15	0
12.	Fylde 3	8	2	0	6	-65	14	0
13.	Whitchurch 2	8	2	0	6	-113	13	0
14.	Birkenhead Park 2	8	1	0	7	-145	11	0

North One West Fixtures 2016-17

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
2016		Home Team 1st	
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)	W 41-27	
29 Oct	Birkenhead Park (Away)	L 55-17	
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
2017			
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. Wilmslow RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Wilmslow RUFC

Colours: Blue and Maroon

Kick Off 3:00 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	Jonny Evans
Sean Hughes	2	Alex Donaldson
Tom Green	3	Robert Taylor
Josh Little	4	Tom Williams
Josh Riley	5	Louis Staples
Ollie Giles	6	Tom Bull
Nick Pennington	7	Max Harvey
Danny Fleming	8	Mike Black
Tom Wood	9	Ollie Wilkinson
Andy Roberts	10	Bob McCallum
Nathan Beesley	11	Sam Cutts
Keith Wardley	12	Ethan Harding
Tom Arnold	13	James Colhurst
Cam Lewis	14	Sam Beckett
Ben Hockenhull	15	George Smith
	Bench	
Craig Byrne	16	Josh Whiteley
Ryan Preston	17	James Burgess
Max Caldwell	18	Hone Karaka
Coach: Andy Roberts		Coach: Mike Blackett

Referee: Rob Sheard, Manchester Society

Calling All Friends of Warrington

Who are "The Friends of Warrington"? Well basically, they are the people who watch the games every week, their friends and all others who have an interest in Warrington RUFC.

On 17th December, which is the home game against Northwich, there will be a special lunch at the club to which everybody is invited. This will allow you to have a sit-down meal, with a pint, before the game, with a match programme thrown in. The cost is just £25 a head and all proceeds will go to Warrington Rugby Club. So this is your chance to support the club financially, while having a pleasant before-match experience with like-minded people.

If you wish to join this pre-Christmas gathering, please phone Paul Broadbent on 07770 553231 or e-mail him at broadbentpa@outlook.com, See you there!

And don't forget, that we still have a lot of free dates for individual sponsors. Again, these are priced at £25 per head and include a meal, drink and match programme. So if you want to entertain your employees, colleagues or even family, please have a word with any committee member

Birkenhead Park 55 Warrington 17

Although they were comprehensively outplayed in all phases, Warrington's young side stuck manfully to the task until the final whistle but could find no answer to the pace, power and weight of a well-drilled Birkenhead outfit.

The home side lost no time in opening their account when prolonged forward pressure in the loose and then in the tight saw them awarded a penalty try. Warrington replied within minutes when Danny Fleming surged through the defence for twenty yards and the ball was well recycled and good hands saw the ball flash to Nathan Beesley who crossed in the corner.

Park then started to dominate and they scored a good try through the pace and strength of their backs before the Park forwards compounded Warrington's woe with a driving effort to take the score to 17-5.

It didn't take long for the visitors to get back in contention when forwards and backs combined magnificently before Tom Wood delivered the coup de grace with a double show-and-go which saw him touch down under the post. Ben Hockenhull converted to reduce Park's lead to just five points. However, this soon became 10 points when Park once more used their heavyweight pack to rumble over and although Warrington had a very good scoring chance on the stroke of half time, the sides turned round ten points apart.

Park returned to the attack from the re-start but they were first denied by sterling defence and a stronger scrum which started to stand firm against the heavier pack. However, they were unable to stem the strong running of the Park backs and within ten minutes had conceded another converted try, which was repeated virtually from the re-start when the Park powerful wing pounced on a mistake in his own 22 and ran to within ten yards of the Warrington line before handing onto his scrum half, who bobbed over.

Warrington then put together their best period of continuous play in the match, which included an exquisite sidestep from Tom Arnold, and were rewarded with an excellent try from Cam Lewis. But this was to be their last scoring contribution to the game as Park finished off with three late tries, all resulting from initial Warrington mistakes.

"We came up against a side in top form today," said coach Andy Roberts. "Although they had a bit of luck with their last three tries, which perhaps distorted the final score, they had the edge in all phases and were worthy winners."

Warrington 41 Altrincham Kersal 27

Once again a match between these two sides saw a plethora of tries. And once again, Warrington emerged victors with six tries to Altrincham's four. It didn't take long for Warrington to start the tins on the scoreboard rattling when Ollie Giles, in his first game this season for the home side, shrugged off four tackles before handing onto Ben Hockenhull, who scrambled over.

The visitors immediately returned to the attack and, after ten minutes of pressure, their forwards eventually recycled well before releasing their backs who combined to score under the posts. The conversion gave them a two point lead.

Warrington went close to regaining the lead after Max Caldwell bamboozled the defence with a forty yard break but he was held up short. Altrincham were now showing dominance in the set scrums and their forwards took advantage at a mix-up at a ruck and two quick passes saw the Altrincham right winger cross for a try which was converted.

The Altrincham lead was soon cut to two points when Tom Wood took a quick tap penalty fifteen yards out. His forwards were on hand to recycle and a short pass from Luke Johnston saw coach Andy Roberts cross for his second try in successive games. Ben Hockenhull converted. A Ben Hockenhull penalty then saw Warrington regain the lead and this lead was increased with the try of the game. A typical driving run from Danny Fleming saw Warrington in Altrincham territory. Max Caldwell then danced through two tackles before passing to Nathan Beesley. The winger made fifteen yards before passing inside to Caldwell in close support and the centre returned the favour ten yards out to allow the speedster to coast over in the corner.

Altrincham reduced Warrington's lead to just three points ten minutes into the second period with a well-struck penalty and then took advantage of a Giles' sin-binning to score a lovely try in the corner and take a 22-20 lead. However, the lead was short-lived and the turning point came when Paul Thompson took a strike against the head to

dent Altrincham's scrum superiority and then Cam Lewis was twice stopped just inches from the line. Prop Elliot Johnston then put in a powerful surge and Cam Lewis picked up well to supply Sean Callendar who finished off in style. Ben Hockenhull again added the extras.

Warrington were now very much on top and a signature show-and-go from Tom Wood created sufficient space for Elliot Johnston to gain just reward for an excellent shift at the coal face to cross under the posts and allow Ben Hockenhull to take Warrington into a 34-22 lead. Elliot Johnston was then involved in Warrington's final score when he made the hard yards before the forwards worked well to provide Cam Lewis with just enough space on the left to squeeze over and cut inside to make it easier for Ben Hockenhull to convert. Altrincham had the last word and gained a well-earned four try bonus point with a try in the closing minutes but it was too late to affect the result.

Warrington 2nd XV 20 Sandbach 2nd XV 17

In a closely-fought, exciting match, Warrington eventually emerged victors over a strong Sandbach thanks to a hat-trick from Will Mawdsley, an inspiring performance from Paul Thompson and a late drop goal from Ben Dixon.

This was a win built upon Warrington's forward dominance against a heavier Sandbach pack. With the front row immediately assuming the dominance which eventually saw hooker Paul Thompson take seven strikes against the head, Warrington's young backs found the possession, space and time to pose a constant threat to the Sandbach defence.

The threat was soon turned into reality when Will Mawdsley showed his pace to finish off a backs move to score the first of his three tries. Sandbach responded with a rumbling try through their heavyweight pack and this was converted to edge them into the lead. The lead was short-lived when Mawdsley crossed for his second but this stimulated Sandbach into another powerful forward effort and the sides tuned round with the visitors 12-10 ahead.

Ten minutes into the second period, Warrington again went into the lead when Mawdsley again showed a clean pair of heels to the Sandbach cover. Ben Dixon converted. Again, Sandbach came back to level scores after an unstoppable forward drive and the sides seemed set to play out a draw. However, with ten minutes still on the clock, Warrington won clean ball at a line out and Paul Thompson drove infield to allow Ben Dixon the space and position to drop the match-winning drop goal.

"A superb win, based on a superb all-round performance," enthused captain Shaun Yoxhall

Warrington 3rd XV 34 Sefton 2nd XV 17

A young Warrington side managed to contain the strength of a much more experienced Sefton fifteen to run out eventual winners of an entertaining game at Walton Lea Road on Saturday.

Warrington soon showed that there is no substitute for pace when backs and forwards combined beautifully to run in two first half tries, the first from Dan Reid and the second from Jayesh Kerai. Both were converted by Pat Roberts. Sefton replied with a penalty and the sides turned round with Warrington 14-3 in the lead.

This lead was soon increased when Tony Fretwell forced his way over through a disintegrating line-out and Andy Little converted. Sefton responded with a converted try through their heavyweight pack but a signature 50 yard effort from Mark Tickle, converted by Andy Little restored the Warrington margin. This was further increased by an Andy Little penalty before Sefton came back again when they took advantage of a mix-up at a ruck and powered over. However, the result was sealed when Tony Fretwell took a crash ball to surge over and allow Andy Little his third successful conversion.

"Our young pack faced a big challenge today and didn't take one step back," said acting skipper Tony Fretwell.

Raging Bull North West - Division 2 South

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Glossop 2	8	7	0	1	314	29	0
2.	Northwich 2	8	7	0	1	105	29	0
3.	Uni of Liverpool Vets 1	7	5	0	2	45	21	0
4.	Bowdon 2	7	4	0	3	33	19	0
5.	Altrincham Kersal 2	6	4	0	2	53	18	0
6.	Aldwinians 2	8	3	0	5	-25	17	0
7.	Chester 3	7	3	0	4	-68	16	0
8.	Winnington Park 2	7	3	0	4	-135	16	0
9.	Didsbury Toc H 2	6	3	0	3	-62	15	0
10.	Warrington 3	5	1	0	4	-94	7	0
11.	Sefton 2	6	0	0	6	-141	6	0
12.	Caldy 3	5	0	0	5	-25	3	0
13.	Stockport 3 OUT	0	0	0	0	0	-8	-8

Who Is Lobby Ludd?

Some years ago, the Daily Mirror invented a character by the name of Lobby Ludd, who used to go, undercover, but carrying a copy of the newspaper, to holiday resorts in Britain. The idea was that holidaymakers could unmask him with the words, "You are Lobby Ludd and I claim my reward." (I think it was a fiver.) Well, it seems that Lobby Ludd lives. Or does he??

Two weeks ago we played Altrincham Kersal. It was a good entertaining game and we won 41-27. On the Monday, I received a telephone call from a man calling himself Curtis Allan. He said he was from the RFU and that he had received complaints of excessive violence and a braying crowd in the AK game. Consequently, there would be an undercover man at all our games for the rest of the season and any further complaints would result in our suspension from the RFU.

My first reaction was to laugh and I informed him that there were only two cards during the game: a yellow one to our Ollie Giles for tackling without use of his arms; and a red card to an AK player for a violent head butt. I also explained that there was the usual friendly banter met at all Rugby matches but nothing which could be in any way construed as "braying". This fell on deaf ears and I was told that the wheels had been set in motion. I asked "Mr Allan" for his telephone number and also requested that he send me an e-mail confirming all of this.

As soon as I put the phone down, I rang the number he had given me. "Number unobtainable". I did a 1471. "Caller withheld their number". I phoned a contact at the real RFU and was told that this was nothing to with them and, in any case, they struggled to find enough assessors for games, never mind sending in moles.

Obviously, I don't believe anyone from Warrington was behind this, which means that the finger of suspicion can point in only one direction. So keep your eyes open. If you spot anyone acting suspiciously, walk up to them and say, "You are Lobby Ludd and I claim my reward". The nature of that reward is entirely up to you!