



Welcome To Rochdale

A very warm welcome to all the players, officials and spectators of Rochdale.. Formed in 1921, Rochdale are now firmly ensconced in their magnificent facilities, which were officially opened in August 2005, and played in North 1 East the following season following promotion from South Lancs/Cheshire. They were North Division 2 champions in 2008/2009 (it became North Division 1 West after the league reorganisation) They transferred fro North 1 East to North 1 West last season, after finishing third in North 1 East, so that meant that old rivalries between our two clubs were only resumed last year..

Last season saw honours even; we won at Rochdale and they won here. In the first game, we were enjoying our splendid start to the season. Rochdale scored first through there pack but we came back well when Max Walker broke through tackles before handing on to Nathan Beesley, who crossed in the corner. A Darren Norman penalty took us into the lead before a flowing backs move, including a lovely back door offload from Josh Riley saw Kieran Hughes skip over.. An early penalty increased our lead but Rochdale came back with a second forwards try. Fortunately, Jamie Thompson sealed the win with a moment of magic but it was close.

Rochdale's visit to Walton Lea Road in January saw us lose for only the third time to date in the season, mainly due to the visitors' expertise at the turnover. This superiority saw them 17-0 ahead at half time and although we put points on the board through a Darren Norman penalty and a Steve Pilkington try, Rochdale scored again to earn a deserved victory..

You will have noted that many of the Warrington players mentioned above no longer figure on the 1st team teamsheet. Evidently, Rochdale, too, have had their problems, as shown by their current league position. But it would seem that current league positions count for nothing in this league. So let's look forward to a close, hard-fought game.

Dave Jervis

First Team Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Arnold	Tom	11	20	3	?
Beesley	Nathan	9	41	8	25
Bennett	Jon	0+ 1	5		
Bennett	Sam	0+ 1	9		
Brazendale	James	3+1	7		1
Byrne	Craig	1+ 5	?	1	?
Caldwell	Max	8+3	26	2	4
Callander	Sean	11	63	1	2
Dixon	Ben	0+2	2		0
Downes	Josh	8+1	10		0
Evans	Jonny	1	1		
Fleming	Dan	10+1	130	1	8
Fraser	Hayden	1	49		26
Giles	Oli	3	3		
Green	Tom	5+3	12	2	2
Gregory	Matt	0+1	1		
Griffiths	Dan	3+2	26	1	5
Haddon	Mike		150		5
Hannon	Jack		4		
Hockenhull	Ben	11	37	2	3
Hughes	Sean	10+1	104		4
Hughes	Kieran		82		87
Johnstone	Elliot	8	85	5	11
Johnstone	Luke	9	119		27
Jones	Kevin		247		72
Lewis	Cam	4+2	12	3	5
Little	Josh	3+2	5		
Lynch	Phil		43		2
Lyon	Phil		3		
McGregor	James	3+1	12		0
Nicholls	Sam		13		5
O'Rourke	Clement	10	58		0
Pennington	Nick	2	3	1	1
Preston	Ryan	2+2	27	1	1
Riley	Josh	10+1	91		3
Roberts	Andy	7	86	2	20
Rockey	Matt	1+2	160		52
Thompaon	Paul	6+4	238	1	21
Thompson	Jamie		13		5
Walker	Max	1	32		7
Ward	Jon	0 + 1	34		1
Wardley	Keith	7	7		0
Wilson	Joe		16		0
Wood	Tom	12	123	2	46
Wright	Andy		5		1
Yoxhall	Shaun		63		3
				Penalty	2

North 1 West - 3rd December 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale	11	11	0	0	378	55	11
2.	Birkenhead Park	10	10	0	0	196	48	8
3.	Wilmslow	12	10	0	2	132	46	6
4.	Northwich	12	8	0	4	140	40	8
5.	Blackburn	12	8	0	4	41	35	3
6.	Burnage	12	7	0	5	-21	35	7
7.	St Benedicts	11	5	0	6	-33	26	6
8.	Vale of Lune	11	5	0	6	-97	24	4
9.	Warrington	12	4	0	8	-104	24	8
10.	West Park SH	12	4	0	8	-109	22	6
11.	Altrincham Kersal	12	3	0	9	-104	19	7
12.	Leigh	11	2	0	9	-161	11	3
13.	Rochdale	10	2	0	8	-154	10	2
14.	Eccles	12	1	0	11	-104	9	5

Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 3rd December 2016

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Wirral 2	12	10	1	1	263	43	0
2.	Rossendale 2	10	10	0	0	301	40	0
3.	Sandbach 2	12	9	0	3	100	39	0
4.	Macclesfield 3	12	8	0	4	98	36	0
5.	Blackburn 2	12	7	0	5	120	33	0
6.	Warrington 2	11	6	0	5	-36	28	0
7.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	12	5	1	6	-138	28	0
8.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	11	5	1	5	-30	27	0
9.	Fylde 3	12	4	0	8	-87	24	0
10.	Burnage 2	12	4	0	8	-95	24	0
11.	Broughton Park 2	11	4	0	7	-7	23	0
12.	Whitchurch 2	12	3	0	9	-89	20	0
13.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	12	2	1	9	-213	19	0
14.	Birkenhead Park 2	11	2	0	9	-187	17	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)	L 36-46	
12 Nov	Blackburn (Away)	L 17-0	
19 Nov	Leigh (Home)	W 37-28	
26 Nov	Vale of Lune (Away)	L 29-24	
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)		



Warrington RUFC vs. Rochdale RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Rochdale RUFC

Colours: Red and White

Kick Off 2:15 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	T Callaghan
Sean Hughes	2	J Bradley
Elliot Jonhnston	3	H Hill
Shaun Yoxhall	4	R Wadsworth
Josh Downes	5	G Dasousa
James Brazendale	6	J Castree
Sean Callendar	7	R Hartley
Josh Riley	8	C Hodgkinson
Tom Wood	9	D Serridge
Andy Roberts	10	J Duffy
Nathan Beesley	11	A Burleigh
Luke Johnston	12	R West
Tom Arnold	13	J Filcroft
Max Caldwell	14	T Townsend
Ben Hockenhull	15	O Coldman
	<i>Bench</i>	
Jon Bennett	16	R Ward
Jack Hannon	17	T Helliwell
Pat Roberts	18	R Willets
Coach: Andy Roberts		Coach: Mike Gould

Referee: Damian Hamilton, 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. And we are still looking!!

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. 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

Vale of Lune 29 Warrington 24 26 November

Too much spilled ball and shaky defence combined to condemn Warrington to losing a game they could easily have won against a lively Vale of Lune. Nineteen points behind with ten minutes to go, Warrington came back magnificently with two late tries, and could quite easily have notched up two more. But it was too late and the home side claimed the spoils, although Warrington did manage a losing bonus point.

The opening exchanges saw Warrington exerting pressure on the Vale defence but they went unexpectedly behind when the home side stole the ball in their own half and their speedy left winger had a clear 70 yard run to the try line. Warrington nearly equalized within minutes when a typical mazey run from Max Caldwell was halted just five yards short.

However, Vale increased their lead when their forwards combined well before releasing their backs and their left wing again scored in the corner. Warrington replied just before half time when Ben Hockenhull punished a Vale misdemeanour with a well struck penalty from forty yards.

Vale collected the four-try bonus in the first fifteen minutes of the second period, first with a converted try under the posts and then with a driving forwards' try, which was not converted. At this stage, Warrington were struggling to make any impact on the game, conceding as many turnovers as Greggs sell on a busy Saturday.

It took a moment of brilliance from Andy Roberts to give Warrington an glimpse of hope when the stand off chipped exquisitely to the wing and the ball was seized by Nathan Beesley who then kicked ahead and showed his exciting pace to win the foot race to the line. Ben Hockenhull converted.

Vale regained their nineteen point lead virtually from the restart, when they once again exploited poor Warrington defence to touch down for another converted try but Warrington now started to play to their potential and, right up to the final whistle, it seemed Warrington might yet achieve another Lazarus revival.

First another delicate chip from Andy Roberts again found the safe hands of Nathan Beesley and the speedster left the Vale defence for dead and touched down near the posts. Ben Hockenhull converted. Beesley seemed to have claimed a hat trick minutes later but was adjudged to have stepped in touch inches from the line. Continuous Warrington pressure then appeared to have set up another try but scrum half Tom Wood was tackled just before he could have passed to Tom Arnold, who had a clear run to the line. Eventually, the pressure bore fruit as a short pass from Tom Wood saw prop Elliot Johnston burst over from five yards. Ben Hockenhull added the extras but it was too late to affect the result.

“This was a game of “if onlys”, said coach Andy Roberts. “Our ball retention for sixty minutes was not good, which meant we played much of the game on the back foot. However, the way we came back to score fourteen unanswered points shows what we are really capable of.”

Warrington 37 Leigh 28 19th November

Warrington gained their best points difference win over Leigh for three years but, at just nine points, this was the usual closely fought encounter between the two sides, with players, and spectators, on tenterhooks until the last minute.

It took just five minutes for Warrington to open their account when fullback Ben Hockenhull kicked a penalty from the Leigh 22. Warrington's forwards then began to get into their stride, and this attacking pressure eventually provided space for Paul Thompson, lurking on the left wing and the hooker was unstoppable as he drove over for Warrington's first try.

Leigh, however, always looked dangerous when any one of their back three had the ball in hand and a kick and chase from the full back caught the Warrington defence out of position and gained Leigh their first try. The conversion reduced Warrington's lead to a single point but when a scintillating run from winger Max Caldwell ended in a penalty on Leigh's ten metre line, Hockenhull's boot stretched the lead to four points.

Five minutes later a clever cross kick from centre Tom Arnold was knocked back inside by winger Nathan Beesley into the arms of Hockenhull who went over for a try, which he then converted to stretch the home side's lead to eleven points.

Leigh responded with a foray deep into Warrington territory sparked by their nippy full back but the last pass was adjudged forward. Warrington countered with well-weighted kick from stand-off Andy Roberts collected by centre Luke Johnston, who was bundled into touch in the Leigh 22. With line-out possession secured by the spring-heeled Josh Riley, second rowers Downes and Brazendale combined to make the hard yards, before prop Elliot Johnston finished off the job with Warrington's third try. With the Hockenhull conversion Warrington turned round with a comfortable 25-7 lead.

Fourteen of this eighteen point cushion were quickly removed in the first 10 minutes of the second half when Leigh stormed right back into contention with two tries under the posts from a good combination of backs' half breaks with forwards' support. With the game going from end to end Warrington's four point lead looked precarious and a well-timed pass from Riley to put winger Beesley in for Warrington's fourth try in the twenty fifth minute only eased concerns slightly. Five minutes later with a try under the posts Leigh reduced the margin to 2 points. With 5 minute to go, prop Tom Green eased Warrington's tensions again with a try under the posts, converted by Hockenhull. But it was not until an 89th minute penalty attempt from Leigh went wide that Warrington could breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Coach Roberts said " We had an excellent first half but lost the plot a bit in the second period. However we were much improved over last week and I am obviously pleased to have secured the win and the bonus point."

Warrington 2ND XV 29 Liverpool Collegiate 1ST XV 5 26th November

Warrington secured their fourth consecutive victory with a polished performance over a Liverpool side which threatened the Warrington line only late in the game when the result was beyond doubt.

Warrington were quick out of the blocks when, in the seventh minute, full back Nick Roberts picked up a loose kick ahead from Liverpool and gained good ground down the right wing. A quick recycle and great pace from centre John Gillooly switched the ball across the pitch to left winger Will Maudesley who touched down for the first of his three tries. Showing their determination to play open attacking rugby, Warrington declined two easy penalty goals in the next ten minutes and continued to camp in the visitors' half.

Livewire scrum-half Jack Hannon was next on the scoreboard finishing off a succession of forward drives on the Liverpool line, after the bulky benefits of prop John Bennett and Number 8 Craig Byrne had laid the foundations. Stand-off Pat Roberts added the extras.

Warrington's line speed in defence lead to Maudesley's second try. Centre Danny Griffiths intercepted a pass from his opposite number in the Liverpool twenty two, sprinted for the line but selflessly fed the winger when a try for himself looked the obvious option.

Starting 17 points adrift at the turn, Liverpool began to play a mauling game and, although this did give them considerable yardage, determined tackling from the whole pack kept the visitors at bay. After fifteen minutes the elusive Hannon popped up in midfield to feed Luke Ferguson on the right. The burly winger shrugged off two tackles and grounded the ball to stretch Warrington's lead to 22. Five minutes later, an astute cross kick from Griffiths dropped beautifully for Maudesley who touched down unchallenged under the posts. Roberts converted.

With twenty minutes remaining Liverpool reverted to their mauling game and, after a period of intense pressure on the Warrington line, secured a try as just reward for their efforts.

" This was an excellent team performance. " commented Warrington captain Shaun Yoxhall. "Although all the tries were scored by the backs, there was a lot of heavy lifting to be done upfront and I am happy with the way everybody got stuck in."

Raging Bull North West - Division 2 South 3rd December

#	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Glossop 2	10	9	0	1	357	37	0
2.	Northwich 2	9	8	0	1	137	33	0
3.	Uni of Liverpool Vets 1	8	6	0	2	78	25	0
4.	Bowdon 2	9	5	0	4	37	24	0
5.	Altrincham Kersal 2	9	5	0	4	35	24	0
6.	Aldwinians 2	9	4	0	5	12	21	0
7.	Chester 3	9	4	0	5	-72	21	0
8.	Winnington Park 2	10	3	0	7	-149	19	0
9.	Didsbury Toc H 2	8	3	0	5	-50	17	0
10.	Sefton 2	9	1	0	8	-240	12	0
11.	Warrington 3	8	1	0	7	-145	9	0
12.	Caldy 3 OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Stockport 3 OUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Photo Gallery



A star in the making? (No, it's not Yox)



At work in the press box