



Welcome to Wilmslow

A very warm welcome to players and spectators of Wilmslow. On this page, we also normally welcome officials of the club, However, today there are no Wilmslow officials, as the president is in Angola, the chairman is in Dubai, others are either unavailable or playing golf and the immensley likeable Nigel (Red Trousers) Day is turning out for the Wilmslow 3rd team - at 60!! Hopefully, one or two will make it for the game and can enjoy a pint with us afterwards.

Games against Wilmslow tend to be close run (apart from our last game of the 2014/2015 season, when we turned up with our third team and a sprinklng of colts. To date, the score-board shows that we each have won four times. Unfortunately, last season Wilmslow achieved the double over us. In November 2016, we lost 46-36, although it seemed that a gutsy 29 point second half display might have been enough to gain an unlikely victory. The return game in March 2017 was even closer, as we were mugged in broad daylight when Wilmslow kicked a penalty two minute from time to sneak a 10-8 win.

Currently Wilmslow lie one point ahead of us in the table, courtesy of an extra bonus point, as we have both won five and lost three. So there is everything to play for. May the better side win!

Dave Jervis.

Player Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>	Overall Points
Arnold	Tom	7+1	43	4	?	?
Beesley	Nathan	5+1	52	5	40	197
Brazendale	James	0+1	12		1	5
Byrne	Craig	0+1	?		?	
Caldwell	Max	5 + unused sub	44	3	18	90
Callander	Sean	9	83	1	4	20
Downes	Josh	5+1	24		1	5
Evans	Jonny	8+2	11	1	1	5
Fleming	Dan	6+2	150		9	45
Griffiths	Dan	2+1	30		5	36
Hockenhull	Ben	8	57		5	299
Hughes	Sean	9	127		4	20
Hughes	Kieran	10	92	10	97	485
Johnstone	Luke	0+1	132		28	90
Jones	James	6+3	10			
Lynch	Phil	10	62	1	3	15
Lythgoe	Zak	0+1	135	1	23	115
Morgan	Jack	5+4	11	2	?	
Norman	Darren	1+2	22		5	155
O'Rourke	Clement	8	78		2	10
Pilkington	Steve	9	81	2	35	190
Roberts	Andy	3	92		20	125
Sinclair	Fraser	0+1	1			
Smith	Mark	0+1	1			
Tickle	Steve	0+1	49		1	5
Thompson	Alex	1	?			
Thompson	Paul	9	257	2	23	115
Thompson	Jamie	8	21	4	9	45
Ward	Jon	0+1	35		1	5
White	Chris	6+2	52		14	70
Wood	Tom	10	147	2	52	448
Yoxhall	Shaun	0+3	70		3	15
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North 1 West - 4th November

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Vale of Lune	7	7	0	0	213	34	6
2.	Stockport	8	6	1	1	78	32	6
3.	Northwich	8	6	0	2	51	30	6
4.	Wilmslow	8	5	0	3	77	27	7
5.	Warrington	8	5	0	3	67	26	6
6.	Firwood Waterloo	8	4	0	4	95	25	9
7.	Carlisle	8	4	0	4	22	20	4
8.	Blackburn	8	4	0	4	-20	18	2
9.	Burnage	8	3	0	5	-24	18	6
10.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	8	3	0	5	-27	15	3
11.	Manchester	8	3	0	5	-54	14	2
12.	Altrincham Kersal	8	2	1	5	-111	12	2
13.	Rochdale	8	1	0	7	-135	6	2
14.	St Benedicts	7	1	0	6	-232	5	1

Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 4th November

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Blackburn 2	8	6	0	2	40	26	0
2.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	8	5	0	3	147	23	0
3.	Sandbach 2	7	5	1	1	48	23	0
4.	Broughton Park 2	8	5	1	2	116	22	-2
5.	Sedgley Park 3	8	4	1	3	16	21	0
6.	Warrington 2	8	4	1	3	-80	21	0
7.	Birkenhead Park 2	8	4	0	4	-15	20	0
8.	Fylde 3	8	3	1	4	60	18	0
9.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	7	4	0	3	18	18	0
10.	Kendal 2	7	3	0	4	40	16	0
11.	Burnage 2	8	2	2	4	-77	16	0
12.	Northwich 2	7	2	1	4	-49	14	0
13.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	8	2	0	6	-181	14	0
14.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	8	1	0	7	-83	11	0

North One West Fixtures 2007-18

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
2017		Home Team 1st	
2 Sept	Douglas (A)	22-10 (L)	
9 Sept	Northwich (A)	33-23 (L)	
16 Sept	Burnage (A)	31-34 (W)	
23 Sept	Blackburn (A)	18-28 (W)	
30 Sept	Manchester (H)	32-0 (W)	Lewis Nunn
7 Oct	Carlisle (A)	29-27 (L)	
14 Oct	Broughton Park (H) LT	22-35 (L)	
21 Oct	Altrincham Kersal (H)	38-3 (W)	Dave Jervis
28 Oct	Firwood Waterloo (H)	21-10 (W)	
4 Nov	Wilmslow (H)		
11 Nov	St Benedicts (A)		
25 Nov	Stockport (H)		
2 Dec	Vale of Lune (A)		
9 Dec	Rochdale (H)		
16 Dec	Northwich (H)		Friends of Warrington
2018			
6 Jan	Burnage (H)		
13 Jan	Blackburn (H)		
20 Jan	Manchester (A)		
27 Jan	Carlisle (H)		
3 Feb	Altrincham Kersal (A)		
17 Feb	Firwood Waterloo (A)		
3 Mar	Wilmslow (A)		
10 Mar	St Benedicts (H)		
24 Mar	Stockport (A)		
7 April	Vale of Lune (H)		
14 April	Rochdale (A)		
21 April	Douglas (H)		

Match Sponsorship

We still have nine dates open for match sponsorship. Naturally, we would like to fill these as soon as possible. So if you fancy having a pre-match lunch with friends, relations or colleagues, please get in touch with Nck Stafford, Lewis Nunn or Andy Kellet. It's just £200 and that includes the lunch, a pint and a programme.

Warrington RUFC vs. Wilmslow RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Wilmslow RUFC

Colours: Blue,, Maroon and White

Kick Off 2:15 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	J Ayrey
Paul Thompson	2	A Donaldson
James Jones	3	R Taylor
Josh Downes	4	M Wortley
Danny Flemming	5	C Gardiner
Sean Hughes (C)	6	A Hewitt
Phil Lynch	7	C Levings
Sean Callendar	8	A Taylor
Ben Hockenhull	9	S Street
Tom Wood	10	B MacCallum (C)
Nathan Besley	11	T Rowe
Kieran Hughes	12	E Harding
Steve Pilkington	13	R Hughes
Tom Arnold	14	J Coulthirst
Jamie Thompson	15	E Rowe
	<i>Bench</i>	
Chris White	16	A Taher
Jack Morgan	17	J Masters
Darren Norman	18	C Loomans
Coach: Andy Roberts		Coach: Richard Jones

Referee: Andrew Ashwell, Notts, Lincs and Derby Society

We extend a warm welcome to Andrew and hope he enjoys the game and the hospitality.

Friends of Warrington Sponsored Match

As mentioned in last week's programme, Paul Broadbent is organising a Friends of Warrington pre-match lunch. This is open to any spectator, parent or passing Rumanian who wishes to support the club financially - and enjoy a convivial pre-match lunch and a pint. The cost is just £25 and for that attendees will also be offered unlimited access to Paul Broadbent, who will no doubt amuse them with his views on refereeing (his style), rugby today, steam railways and Brexit. He will be ably supported by his brother, who will continue the boredom on all these topics (apart from steam railways).

This not-to-be-missed event will take place on 16th December. See Paul for more details.

Last Week's Games

Warrington 21 Firwood Waterloo 10

In probably their best performance of the season, Warrington beat strong opposition to achieve a well-earned victory over Firwood Waterloo. This was a match where Warrington fired on all cylinders with immaculate line-out control, solid scrummaging against a heavier pack, aggressive scavenging at the breakdown and gritty defence all combining to provide a platform to free the side's talented attacking potential.

The opening quarter saw the teams engaged in a combative arm wrestle, which at times could have erupted into open warfare, had it not been for the masterly control of referee Robert Sheard. Eventually, Warrington broke the deadlock, when a Waterloo misdemeanor allowed Ben Hockenhull to slot a penalty goal.

Although by this time it was Warrington who were playing all the rugby, it was the visitors who scored next when their mobile hooker Scott Robson made a delicate break in the Warrington 22, which resulted in a good try in the corner.

However, Warrington continued to apply the pressure and when they were awarded a penalty after a Waterloo player was sin-binned, Ben Hockenhull took his side into a one point lead.

From the restart, full back Jamie Thompson showed great pace to take the ball well into Waterloo territory before combininig with Tom Arnold but an excellent move came to an end with an unfortunate knock-on. The home side were now applying continuous pressure on the Waterloo line and it was almost inevitable that the visitors should have to react illegally, resulting in another sin-binning and a third penalty for Ben Hockenhull, which saw the sides turn round with Warrington 9-5 ahead.

The opening minutes of the second half saw Waterloo applying pressure on the Warrington line but the defence stood firm before Tom Wood cleared the line with a fifty yard clearance kick to touch. A Tom Wood kick almost provided Warrington's first try but the Waterloo defence managed to scramble the ball into touch just feet from the line.

However, the try was not long coming. After a scrappy period of play in mid-field, Kieron Hughes picked up a loose ball, jinked his way out of trouble and then handed onto Tom Arnold. From forty yards out, the speedy winger accelerated away from the cover, before sidestepping one tackler and swerving inside the full back to touch down under the posts. Ben Hockenhull made no mistake with the conversion.

With an eleven point cushion, Warrington continued in their attacking vein and were rewarded with a copy book try. Yet another superb line-out take from Sean Callendar saw Warrington go through two forward phases before releasing the ball to the backs, who showed slick hands to create space for left wing Nathan Beesley to show his exceptional pace and score his fortieth try in just 51 first team games.

By this time, Warrington were home and dry but Waterloo had the last word with a try in the final minute of an absorbing match.

"An excellent all-round performance," was the verdict of coach Andy Roberts. "I just hope we can maintain these standards and this passion when we meet Wilmslow, who are just one point ahead of us in the league table, on Saturday. It should be some game!"

Warrington 2nd XV 18 Liverpool University Veterinarians 14

Led by their inspirational captain, Craig Byrne, Warrington's second team won their third game in succession to beat a young and pacey Liverpool University Vets School and move to sixth place in the league. This after a dismal start to the season when they could manage only one win in five starts in September.

Warrington set out their strategy from the kick-off, using their experienced pack to minimize the threat of the visitors' pace. With their front row quickly gaining dominance in the set scrums and with Glenn Howson wreaking havoc in the loose, Warrington starved the opposition of exploitable possession and used the ball they created to good effect.

After twenty minutes this strategy bore fruit and a well-worked backs' move was finished off by the ubiquitous Mark Tickle who touched down under the posts. Darren Norman converted. A penalty from Darren Norman then increased the Warrington lead to ten points but the students struck back just before half time when continuous pressure eventually gave them the converted try they deserved.

Warrington increased their lead twenty minutes into the second period when Matt Rockey showed that he had lost none of his guile by ghosting through the defence before feeding Darren Norman and the full back drifted over in the corner.

Liverpool came back almost immediately to close the gap with a breakaway try but Darren Norman sealed the victory with a well-struck penalty from close to the touchline.

"Once again it was smart rugby that saw us through," explained coach Shaun McBriers. "We applied SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) thinking to maximize our strengths and minimize their threats. We now look forward to our testing visit to Fylde next week"

Milestones - Nearly



Tom Wood



Ben Hockenhull



Paul Thompson

Three of our regular first teamers are nearing important milestones in their playing careers at Warrington.

Tom Wood has played 147 first team games and has so far amassed 448 points

Ben Hockenhull in just 57 games has contributed 299 points and, hopefully, today will pass the 300 mark

Paul Thompson has turned out in Warrington colours 257 times. He wishes to point out that he "scorched over" for a try against Altrincham rather than "scurried", as was reported in the Guardian

Saluting The Under 8s



Our Minis and Juniors continue to go from success to success and our Undee 8s once more raised the Warrington flag when, they won the Rochdale Festival for the second year in succession. In the pool games they saw off challenges from Broughton Park, Rochdale “B” and Cleckheaton before beating Stockport in the semi final. However, they saved the best until last when they claimed victory over Rochdale “A” with a try in the very last minute of the final. Well done boys!!

Photo Gallery



A Great Line Out Take



Another copybook kick from Tom Wood



Yox tells Griff to stop messing about



Clem seeks divine inspiration