



Welcome To Firwood Waterloo

A very warm welcome to players, officials and spectators of Firwood Waterloo. This is our very first meeting at league level, so it is very much a matter of meeting as strangers and becoming good friends.

Waterloo is one of the most famous names in Rugby Union, especially in the North. Founded in 1882 by brothers Sidney and Harry Hall and George Abercrombie, it has been based at Blundellsands, Crosby since 1892, before which it was known as Serpentine FC. Nicknamed the "Drummers", their badge features a Lancastrian red rose and a black griffin.

Many famous players have worn this badge, including that giant of the back row Alan Ashcroft, while both Dick and Will Greenwood played for Waterloo, as did Ben Kay, Andy Titterell, Kyran Bracken, Austin Healey and Paul Grayson. Other internationals to have graced Blundellsands were Colin Fisher (what a hooker), who played for Scotland and Ander Monroe and Chad Erskine, who represented Canada and the USA respectively in 2006. Waterloo competed in the top division of English rugby for the first two seasons after the league structure was introduced and in 2008, they won the Lancashire Cup for the 7th time.

But what of current form? Well they are one place ahead of us in the league, their only three losses being to Vale, Wilmslow and, strangely, Altrincham Kersal. It looks like an interesting afternoon

Player Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Arnold	Tom	6+1	42	3	?
Beesley	Nathan	4+1	51	4	39
Brazendale	James	0+1	12		1
Byrne	Craig	0+1	?		?
Caldwell	Max	5 + unused sub	44	3	18
Callander	Sean	8	82	1	4
Downes	Josh	5+1	24		1
Evans	Jonny	8+1	10	1	1
Fleming	Dan	5+2	149		9
Griffiths	Dan	2+1	30		5
Hockenhull	Ben	7	56		5
Hughes	Sean	8	126		4
Hughes	Kieran	9	91	10	97
Johnstone	Luke	0+1	132		28
Jones	James	5+3	9		
Lynch	Phil	9	61	1	3
Lythgoe	Zak	0+1	135	1	23
Morgan	Jack	4+4	10	2	?
Norman	Darren	1+2	22		5
O'Rourke	Clement	7	77		2
Pilkington	Steve	8	80	2	35
Roberts	Andy	3	92		20
Sinclair	Fraser	0+1	1		
Tickle	Steve	0+1	49		1
Thompson	Alex	1	?		
Thompson	Paul	8	256	2	23
Thompson	Jamie	7	20	4	9
Ward	Jon	0+1	35		1
White	Chris	6+2	52		14
Wood	Tom	9	146	2	52
Yoxhall	Shaun	0+2	69		3
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North 1 West - 28th October 2017

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Vale of Lune	7	7	0	0	213	34	6
2.	Stockport	7	5	1	1	77	27	5
3.	Northwich	7	5	0	2	36	25	5
4.	Firwood Waterloo	7	4	0	3	106	25	9
5.	Warrington	7	4	0	3	56	22	6
6.	Wilmslow	7	4	0	3	34	22	6
7.	Burnage	7	3	0	4	-4	18	6
8.	Carlisle	7	3	0	4	2	15	3
9.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	7	3	0	4	-26	14	2
10.	Manchester	7	3	0	4	-37	14	2
11.	Blackburn	7	3	0	4	-37	13	1
12.	Altrincham Kersal	7	2	1	4	-96	12	2
13.	Rochdale	7	1	0	6	-92	6	2
14.	St Benedicts	7	1	0	6	-232	5	1

Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 28th October

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
1.	Blackburn 2	7	6	0	1	50	25
2.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	7	5	0	2	150	22
3.	Sandbach 2	6	4	1	1	45	19
4.	Broughton Park 2	7	4	1	2	106	18
5.	Fylde 3	7	3	1	3	70	17
6.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	6	4	0	2	22	17
7.	Sedgley Park 3	7	3	1	3	11	17
8.	Warrington 2	7	3	1	3	-84	17
9.	Birkenhead Park 2	7	3	0	4	-25	16
10.	Burnage 2	7	2	1	4	-77	14
11.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	7	2	0	5	-176	13
12.	Kendal 2	6	2	0	4	1	12
13.	Northwich 2	6	2	0	4	-49	12
14.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	7	1	0	6	-44	10

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)		
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. Firwood Waterloo RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Firwood Waterloo RUFC

Colours: Red, Green and White

Kick Off 3:00 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	Andrew Adams
Paul Thompson	2	Scott Robson
James Jones	3	Liam Lauanders
Jack Morgan	4	Ryan McKie
Danny Fleming	5	Guy Byatt
Sean Hughes (C)	6	Wilbur Harris
Phil Lunch	7	Matt Tindall
Sean Callendar	8	Jack Weare (C)
Ben Hockenhull	9	Nick Dwyer
Tom Wood	10	Tom Booth
Nathan Beesley	11	Jacob Allen
Steve Pilkington	12	Scott Davison
Kieran Hughes	13	Tai Tupou
Tom Arnold	14	James Masters
Jamie Thompson	15	Brad Cave
	<i>Bench</i>	
Jonny Evans	16	Tommy Higham
Shaun Yoxhall	17	Alex Tenev
Mike Smith	18	Jimmy Muir
Coach: Andy Roberts		Coach: Steve Wood

Referee: Robert Sheard, Manchester Society

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.

Warrington 38 Altrincham Kersal 3

Prompted by a master class in kicking-out-of-hand from Tom Wood, a full strength Warrington returned to winning ways with a six-try demolition of an out-of-sorts Altrincham Kersal. The win moves the Walton Lea Road side up to fifth in North 1 West and is their four try bonus point win of the season.

Warrington enjoyed the better of the early exchanges and it didn't take them long to open their account. The creative Warrington backs made good use of the possession won by the pack and moved the ball quickly from right to left across the field. Right wing Nathan Beesley then joined the line on the far left and showed his electric speed to scorch over in the corner.

The following twenty minutes saw Warrington in total control but unable to convert pressure into points and. Ironically, it was Altrincham who scored next with a magnificent penalty kick from the halfway line. However, this was to be their only contribution to the scoresheet.

Five minutes later, Warrington again claimed possession at a ruck and the industrious Paul Thompson spotted a gap in the Altrincham defence and scurried over from 15 yards. Ben Hockenhull converted. Five minutes before the break, Warrington showed alertness with a quick tap penalty and Jamie Thompson showed his usual guile from full back to cross in the corner.

Warrington's fourth try came immediately after the restart. An attempted clearance kick by Altrincham was fielded by Jamie Thompson in his own half and the full back made ground before handing onto Tom Arnold. The winger then used his considerable speed to outpace most of the defence before handing on to Sean Candler and the ever-present flanker strode over in the corner. Ben Hockenhull converted from the touchline.

With the game all but won, Warrington started to play champagne rugby. Tom Wood put in a couple of long range kicks for territory but then changed tactics with a clever chip over the Altrincham defence and Kieron Hughes won the foot race to the line. Ben Hockenhull added the extras. The scoring was completed with yet another Wood kick and this time the stand-off took advantage to touch down himself and allow Ben Hockenhull to take Warrington's total to 38.

"Given the atrocious weather, we played some very good rugby today," was the summation of Warrington coach Andy Roberts. "Our defence prevented Altrincham from crossing our line and our attack was clinical in its finishing. Next week we face probably the hardest test of our season so far when we meet Firswood Waterloo, at home, a team which is currently just one place ahead of us in the league table."

Crewe & Nantwich 2nd XV 12 Warrington 2nd XV 17

For the second game in succession, Warrington enjoyed victory over South Cheshire opposition by out-scoring Crewe & Nantwich by three tries to two. The win was largely inspired by the game management skills of Nick Roberts, Ben Dixon and Mark Smith, who took control of the game from the opening whistle.

Warrington opened the scoring after ten minutes when aggressive forward rucking provided sweet possession the ball was shipped across the back line for Ian Fraser-Sinclair to finish off.

The lead was increased with a typical touch of genius from Mark Tickle. The versatile back first put in a judicious chip kick over the opposition, ran through and picked up the ball, side-stepped two players and then cut inside. He was halted inches short but still had the strength to reach out and touch down. Ben Dixon converted. Crewe replied just before half time when they exploited some weak defence to score in the corner.

Half way through the second period, the home side leveled the scores when they gratefully accepted a free

pass at a line out and converted the try. Fortunately, Warrington still had gas in the tank and they snatched victory when Ben Dixon and James Brazendale combined well to feed Jayesh Kerai, who showed exceptional footwork to touch down for the winning try.

“We played smart rugby today,” said captain Shaun Yoxhall. “We used the strength of your pack to dominate possession and then the kicking skills of our backs to convert that possession into territory. Hopefully we can continue this next week when we meet the University of Liverpool Veterinary School at home.”

Let's Hear It For The Under 11s On Their Way To Twickers



So it seems that the threes have disappeared. It appears that we find it hard to raise a second team every week. But the future is bright!! In the shape of our Minis and Juniors. whose Under 11s are now counting down the days until the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final, when they will play a curtain-raiser against Macclesfield. in their final of the Land Rover Trophy.

Paul Flannery, the coach of the side, hailed the unique set up at the Land Rover event, claiming it was the perfect platform to celebrate grassroots rugby.

“It’s absolutely amazing. I’m made up for everyone at the club and the difference an outing to Twickenham will make for the boys will be incredible – we’ve never been as a team before,” said Flannery.

This is just one of the many successes of our Mini and Junior teams and we will feature an article in next week’s programme to celebrate their success.

Sponsor a Player

Why don't you sponsor a player? You can do this as an individual or as a company., to show support for the club and to help promote your company if you are a corporate sponsor.

So what do you get out of it? Photographs of sponsored players, together with brief playing biographies, will be displayed on the website and in the match programmes. Alongside will be the relevant sponsor, with company details, including logo, if relevant. In addition, sponsors will be invited to a pre-match lunch towards the end of the season, to enjoy a pie and a pint and mix with other sponsors.

Sponsorship is for a year, at a low cost of £150 plus VAT.. We need to get as many sponsors as we can, as soon as we can so that we can put together the artwork for the programmes and organise printing.

If you are interested in player sponsorship (or any other sponsorship, match day, web site, programme advertising or pitch-side board) please have a word with Sean Hughes, Josh Riley or Nick Stafford. Let's get behind the club!!!

Milestones



Nathan Beesley



Danny Fleming



Kieran Hughes

It's only right that we should celebrate when some of our players reach milestones in their careers. So here are three to start with and well-done to all three.

Nathan Beesley (Bezzie) played his fiftieth game for the 1st team last weekend. In those 50 games, he has scored 39 tries and amassed 197 points, (includes one conversion) so it will soon be time for another milestone.

Dan Fleming will be making his 150th 1st team appearance today.

And the little magician, Kieran Hughes is fast closing on 100 tries for the club. Currently, he is on 97 tries in just 91 games!!