



### **Welcome to Northwich**

A very warm welcome to players, officials and spectators of Northwich. We at Warrington are a friendly and hospitable club. However, in the past few weeks there have been murmurings from visiting spectators, and even referees, that we can be less than friendly. On two separate occasions, the word “hostile” has been used to describe the Warrington crowd.

I believe that we have a very vocal crowd at Warrington and, indeed, this vocal support probably accounts for the fact that Walton Lea Road has become something of a fortress. Indeed, the encouragement the team gets from the touchline is probably worth five points to us in every home game. However, there is a difference between strong vocal support and abuse. Abuse will not be tolerated. It is perfectly OK to question refereeing decisions and to point out misdemeanours, knock-ons and offsides which the referee has missed. But it is not acceptable to deride an official and call him names. Similarly, banter between opposing spectators is something to be enjoyed, whatever the sport. But when banter becomes abuse, then a line has been crossed.

So enjoy the game but enjoy it in a spirit of fair play and friendliness. Referees and visiting spectators enjoy the game of Rugby just as much as we do. Let's enjoy it with them.

This is a important game for both teams, bearing in mind our respective league positions. Northwich came out on top in our fixture in September but it was a close thing. Today's rematch should be a cracker. (seeing that it's Christmas)

Dave Jervis

## Player Appearances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Arnold	Tom	11+1	47	5	?
Beesley	Nathan	9+1	56	9	44
Brazendale	James	0+1	12		1
Byrne	Craig	0+1	?		?
Caldwell	Max	6 + unused sub	45	3	18
Callander	Sean	13	87	2	5
Downes	Josh	8+1	27		1
Evans	Jonny	9+4	14	2	2
Fleming	Dan	9+3	154		9
Griffiths	Dan	2+1	30		5
Hockenhull	Ben	12	61		5
Hughes	Sean	12	130		4
Hughes	Kieran	14	96	13	100
Johnstone	Luke	0+1	132		28
Jones	James	9+4	14		
Kellett	Harry	0+2	2		
Lynch	Phil	13	65	1	3
Lythgoe	Zak	0+1	135	1	23
Morgan	Jack	8+5	15	3	?
Norman	Darren	2+4	25		5
O'Rourke	Clement	12	82		2
Pilkington	Steve	12	84	4	37
Roberts	Andy	3	92		20
Roberts	Pat	0+1	42		6
Sinclair	Fraser	0+1	1		
Smith	Mark	1+1	2		
Tickle	Steve	0+1	49		1
Thompson	Alex	1	?		
Thompson	Paul	11	259	2	23
Thompson	Jamie	10	23	4	9
Ward	Jon	0+1	35		1
White	Chris	9+3	56	1	15
Wood	Tom	14	151	2	52
Yoxhall	Shaun	0+3	70		3
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### North 1 West - 16 December 2017

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Vale of Lune	10	9	0	1	309	46	10
2.	Warrington	12	8	0	4	37	40	8
3.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	13	8	0	5	94	39	7
4.	Wilmslow	12	8	0	4	76	39	7
5.	Northwich	11	8	0	3	65	39	7
6.	Burnage	13	7	0	6	29	39	11
7.	Blackburn	13	8	0	5	85	38	6
8.	Stockport	13	7	1	5	3	37	7
9.	Firwood Waterloo	12	5	0	7	90	33	13
10.	Carlisle	12	4	0	8	-36	23	7
11.	Manchester	12	5	0	7	-122	22	2
12.	Altrincham Kersal	13	3	1	9	-170	17	3
13.	Rochdale	11	2	0	9	-136	12	4
14.	St Benedicts	11	1	0	10	-324	5	1

### Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 16 December 2017

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts
1.	Blackburn 2	12	10	0	2	167	42
2.	Sandbach 2	12	9	1	2	131	40
3.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	12	9	0	3	277	39
4.	Fylde 3	13	6	1	6	34	32
5.	Warrington 2	11	6	1	4	-31	30
6.	Kendal 2	11	6	0	5	160	29
7.	Birkenhead Park 2	11	6	0	5	45	29
8.	Broughton Park 2	11	6	1	4	102	28
9.	Sedgley Park 3	12	5	1	6	-66	28
10.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	10	5	0	5	-81	24
11.	Burnage 2	12	3	2	7	-101	23
12.	Northwich 2	12	3	1	8	-173	22
13.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	12	2	0	10	-120	18
14.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	13	2	0	11	-344	18

### North One West Fixtures 2007-18

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
<b>2017</b>		<b>Home Team 1st</b>	
2 Sept	<b>Douglas (A)</b>	<b>22-10 (L)</b>	
9 Sept	<b>Northwich (A)</b>	<b>33-23 (L)</b>	
16 Sept	<b>Burnage (A)</b>	<b>31-34 (W)</b>	
23 Sept	<b>Blackburn (A)</b>	<b>18-28 (W)</b>	
30 Sept	<b>Manchester (H)</b>	<b>32-0 (W)</b>	<b>Lewis Nunn</b>
7 Oct	<b>Carlisle (A)</b>	<b>29-27 (L)</b>	
14 Oct	<b>Broughton Park (H)LT</b>	<b>22-35 (L)</b>	
21 Oct	<b>Altrincham Kersal (H)</b>	<b>38-3 (W)</b>	<b>Dave Jervis</b>
28 Oct	<b>Firwood Waterloo (H)</b>	<b>21-10(W)</b>	
4 Nov	<b>Wilmslow (H)</b>	<b>29-17 (W)</b>	
11 Nov	<b>St Benedicts (A)</b>	<b>8-17 (W)</b>	
25 Nov	<b>Stockport (H)</b>	<b>31-15 (W)</b>	
2 Dec	<b>Vale of Lune (A)</b>	<b>87-20 (L)</b>	
9 Dec	<b>Rochdale (H)</b>	<b>Postponed</b>	
16 Dec	<b>Northwich (H)</b>		<b>Friends of Warrington</b>
<b>2018</b>			
6 Jan	<b>Burnage (H)</b>		
13 Jan	<b>Blackburn (H)</b>		
20 Jan	<b>Manchester (A)</b>		
27 Jan	<b>Carlisle (H)</b>		
3 Feb	<b>Altrincham Kersal (A)</b>		
17 Feb	<b>Firwood Waterloo (A)</b>		
3 Mar	<b>Wilmslow (A)</b>		
10 Mar	<b>St Benedicts (H)</b>		
24 Mar	<b>Stockport (A)</b>		
7 April	<b>Vale of Lune (H)</b>		
14 April	<b>Rochdale (A)</b>		
21 April	<b>Douglas (H)</b>		

### Unused Programmes From Last Week

Anyone who bought a programme last week for the postponed Rochdale game and is attending the Friends lunch today will receive a free programme and free entry to the Burnage game. Anyone who bought a programme last week and is **not** attending the Friends lunch will receive a free programme and free entry to today's game. Fair enough???

# Warrington RUFC vs. Northwich RUFC

## WARRINGTON RUFC

*Colours:* Green, Scarlet & White

## Northwich RUFC

*Colours:* Yellow and Black

***Kick Off 2:15 p.m.***

### TEAMS

<b>Clem O'Rouke</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ben Ridgeway</b>
<b>Chris White</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Mark Thompson</b>
<b>James Jones</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Callum Hulbert</b>
<b>Josh Downes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Chris Heywood</b>
<b>Danny Fleming</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Dave Farley</b>
<b>Phil Lynch</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>John English</b>
<b>Jonny Evans</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Martin Balshaw</b>
<b>Sean Callendar</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Sam Naylor</b>
<b>Ben Hockenhull</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Matthew Poste (C)</b>
<b>Tom Wood</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Nick Baldwin</b>
<b>Tom Arnold</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Hayden Skinkis</b>
<b>Steve Pilkington</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>James Reilly</b>
<b>Kieran Hughes</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Richard Dale</b>
<b>Max Caldwell</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Robin Houghton</b>
<b>Jamie Thompson</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Joel Barber</b>
	<b><i>Bench</i></b>	
<b>Alex Marland</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>James Underhill</b>
<b>Jack Morgan</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Conor Lapniewski</b>
<b>Darren Norman</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>James Montgomery</b>
<b>Coach: Andy Roberts</b>		<b>Coach: Mike Penny</b>

**Referee: Ben Moore, Manchester Society**

### Today's Match Sponsors

We would welcome all of today's match sponsors - the Friends of Warrington. Once again, Paul Broadbent has done a superb job in bringing together an eclectic bunch of sponsors. Sitting down today will be supporters who have travelled from places as far apart as the metropolis of Chicago and the wilds of Latchford. This year, there will also be entertainment during the meal, kindly provided by Katie Hammond, one of the stars of our Ruck 'n' Roll event.

We hope you enjoy the afternoon and that perhaps some of you might even consider getting together to sponsor a match later in the season. (Every home game is still available)

So thanks to all of you for your support and thanks to Paul for bringing it all together

## **Vale of Lune 87 Warrington 20**

Although they suffered their worst-ever defeat, at the hands of Vale of Lune, Warrington still managed to cling onto second place in the league, as neighbours Northwich beat Stockport. Northwich will visit Walton Lea Road on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, for what should be a crunch match.

It was a much-weakened Warrington side which took the field against Vale, missing two first choice forwards and two first choice backs. In addition, stand-off Tom Wood bravely insisted on playing, even though he was suffering the effects of food poisoning, while the side lost speedy centre Tom Arnold mid-way through the first half, with a serious eye injury. Even so, even at full strength, Warrington would probably have been unable to contain a Vale side in magnificent form and the only difference would have been the magnitude of defeat.

Ironically, it was Warrington who opened the scoring when, against the run of play, they were awarded a penalty forty yards out and Ben Hockenhull made no mistake with a superb kick. However, this was to be the last time that Warrington troubled the scoreboard in the first half, as Vale ran in six tries through their exciting and enterprising backs.

The home side added two more second half tries before Warrington managed to cross the Vale line for the first time, when Sean Callendar finished off a powerful forwards' drive and Ben Hockenhull added the extras to make the score 54-10.

It was the forwards who created the second Warrington try, when Jonny Evans, industrious as ever, touched down from close range. Unfortunately, this turned out to be a slight blip on the radar, as Vale shifted back into top gear to score five more tries, four of which were converted. Warrington had the last word with a copy book effort, when quick ball from a set scrum saw the ball flash out to Nathan Beesley and the winger scorched over in the corner.

"A bad day at the office," was the verdict of coach Andy Roberts. "Every side has at least one poor game a season and this was ours, in spades!! ."

## **Warrington 31 Stockport 15**

A second half display of scintillating rugby saw Warrington gain yet another four-try bonus point win – and leapfrog opponents Stockport, to move into second place in the league. They now go to Vale of Lune next Saturday, where a win over the league leaders will see them go top.

From the start, this was going to be a contest between Stockport's well-drilled pack and Warrington's exciting backs. And for thirty five minutes, power beat pace. It didn't take long for the visitors to exploit the power of their pack, when they first forced a penalty at a scrum to take a three point lead and then demonstrated their mastery of the rolling maul before releasing the ball for their left winger to score in the corner.

Perhaps affected by the intermittent torrential rain and hailstone, the game then became stop and start, until Stockport executed another copybook rolling maul five yards out and rolled over for a second try, which was converted from the touchline to give them a 15 point lead.

Warrington had already shown a couple of glimpses of their attacking flair only to be denied re-

ward by final passes which went awry. Eventually, their persistence bore fruit. First, they forced a line-out five yards out and the immaculate Sean Callender provided good ball. The forwards went through three phases before their backs took over and a delicate kick from Kieran Hughes was picked up by Nathan Beesley, who crossed in the corner. Ben Hockenhull's touchline conversion meant that the teams turned around with Stockport leading 15-7.

The second half saw Warrington in total control. With good possession from the lines, scrums, and especially, from rucks and mauls, the Warrington backs, orchestrated by stand-off, Tom Wood, began to threaten to score every time they touched the ball. When Nathan Beesley made ground and then kicked ahead, Warrington found themselves in an attacking position at a line out five yards from the Stockport line. The possession was recycled by the pack, before Sean Callendar twisted his way over to score. Ben Hockenhull's conversion reduced the visitors' lead to just one point.

Warrington then took the lead for the first time with a well-struck Hockenhull penalty but they surged back again from the restart when a Stockport knock-on in their own 22 gave Warrington an attacking scrum. They used the possession to free their backs and good handling saw centre Steve Pilkington finish off the move with a try, again converted by the unerring boot of Ben Hockenhull.

At this stage, Warrington threatened to run riot and could have scored a further two tries. However, the fourth try eventually came after a break from Tom Wood took play deep into Stockport territory. When the ball found the safe hands of Kieran Hughes, the elusive centre danced his way over to notch up the try securing the bonus point – and his 100<sup>th</sup> try in a Warrington shirt. Ben Hockenhull had no trouble with the conversion and Warrington had secured their fifth win in succession.

“I had complete confidence in the lads even when we were 15-0 down,” said coach Andy Roberts. “We showed great ambition even when we were 15 points down and I knew everything would click in the second period. .”

### **Liverpool Collegiate 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 15   Warrington 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 33**

A five try first half blitz proved more than enough for Warrington's second team to earn a deserved win at Liverpool Collegiate and maintain their position in fourth in the league.

Josh Whitely began the try-scoring bonanza with a se move try from a set scrum, converted by Ben Dixon, and the forwards then started to assume total control, led by Jayesh Kerai, Tom Woodward and Sam Bennett. This gave the space for the backs to show their talents and when defensive pressure forced Collegiate into an error, Tony Fretwell picked up and off-loaded to Will Maudsley passed to Gavin Hastings and the winger sprinted 60 yards for a try, which Ben Dixon converted. From an attacking scrum elusive stand-off Ben Dixon then dummied his way over and converted his try. Collegiate were stung into a reply and managed a converted try but Tom Woodward ram-paged fully 70 metres to increase Warrington's lead. A Collegiate penalty reduced this lead but

Warrington finished off the first half 33-10 ahead when slick handling sent Will Maudsley over.

The second half saw Collegiate turn on their defensive powers and prevent any further Warrington scores while they managed a push-over try. But the game had already been won by Warrington's impressive first half display.

### **Sponsor A Player**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Clem O'Rourke</b>	<b>Nigel Bradford</b>
<b>Chris White</b>	<b>Fiona Kellett</b>
<b>Danny Fleming</b>	<b>Brian McLoughlin</b>
<b>Josh Riley</b>	<b>3M (Steve Riley)</b>
<b>Max Caldwell</b>	<b>Paul Hockenhull</b>
<b>Jonny Evans</b>	<b>Richard Buck</b>
<b>Sean Callendar</b>	<b>Lignum Recruitment</b>
<b>Phil Lynch</b>	<b>Blue Machinery Group</b>
<b>Sean Hughes</b>	<b>Graham Hughes</b>
<b>Ben Hockenhull</b>	<b>Howell &amp; Company</b>
<b>Tom Wood</b>	<b>H G Wood</b>
<b>Tom Arnold</b>	<b>John Arnold</b>
<b>Steve Pilkington</b>	<b>H G Wood</b>
<b>Kieran Hughes</b>	<b>Graham Hughes</b>
<b>Nathan Beesley</b>	<b>Dave Broadbent</b>
<b>Jamie Thompson</b>	<b>Quantum (Dave Jervis)</b>

### **Player Sponsorship**

Although we have now had a couple of additions to the current list of sponsored players and their sponsors,, there are still quite a few names missing. For example, nobody, as yet, has sponsored Thommo or James Jones or Jack Morgan, to name just a few regular first teamers. So, why don't you step up to the plate and sponsor a player, either 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.

Sponsorship is for a year, at a low cost of £150 plus VAT.. When we have enough sponsors 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, 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.

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!!!