



Welcome To Burnage

A very warm welcome to all the players, officials and spectators of Burnage. And a special welcome to today's referee.

We didn't have a good end to 2017. We suffered a resounding loss to a Vale side on top form and then lost a match to the weather (even though both sides were stripped and ready for play and the crowd had gathered but the ref decided the match couldn't go ahead.) We narrowly lost our final match of the year to Northwich and, again, the referee had significant influence on the result.

So now we are looking forward to a brighter start to the New Year. Burnage are always a difficult side to beat. Last season, they won two of the three fixtures between us although we did enjoy an exciting win with a nail-biting finish on their 3G pitch back in September. Burnage came back after being 22 points down after just 19 minutes but tries from Max Caldwell, Kieran Hughes, Nathan Beesley and Tom Arnold, with conversions and penalties from Ben Hockenhull and Max Cladwell and some superb gritty defence saw Warrington win their first away game and take the four try bonus point.

Currently, Burnage lie just two points below us in the league table, so it really is everything to play for!! So enjoy the game but still ensure that you show respect to the opposition and the ref at all times.

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season	<u>Total</u>
Arnold	Tom	12+1	48	5	?
Beesley	Nathan	9+1	56	9	44
Brazendale	James	0+1	12		1
Byrne	Craig	0+1	?		?
Caldwell	Max	7 + unused sub	46	3	18
Callander	Sean	14	88	2	5
Downes	Josh	9+1	28		1
Evans	Jonny	10+4	15	2	2
Fleming	Dan	10+3	155		9
Griffiths	Dan	2+1	30		5
Hockenhull	Ben	13	62		5
Hughes	Sean	12	130		4
Hughes	Kieran	15	97	13	100
Johnstone	Luke	0+1	132		28
Jones	James	10+4	15		
Kellett	Harry	0+2	2		
Lynch	Phil	14	66	1	3
Lythgoe	Zak	0+1	135	1	23
Morgan	Jack	8+6	16	3	?
Norman	Darren	2+5	26		5
O'Rourke	Clement	13	83		2
Pilkington	Steve	13	85	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	11	24	5	10
Ward	Jon	0+1	35		1
White	Chris	10+3	57	1	15
Wood	Tom	15	152	2	52
Yoxhall	Shaun	0+3	70		3

North 1 West - 6th January 2018

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Vale of Lune	10	9	0	1	309	46	10
2.	Northwich	12	9	0	3	67	43	7
3.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	14	8	0	6	89	41	9
4.	Warrington	13	8	0	5	35	41	9
5.	Wilmslow	12	8	0	4	76	39	7
6.	Burnage	13	7	0	6	29	39	11
7.	Blackburn	13	8	0	5	85	38	6
8.	Firwood Waterloo	13	6	0	7	95	38	14
9.	Stockport	13	7	1	5	3	37	7
10.	Carlisle	13	5	0	8	-27	27	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	12	1	0	11	-333	5	1

Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 6th January 2018

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Blackburn 2	13	11	0	2	174	46	0
2.	Sandbach 2	13	10	1	2	204	44	0
3.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	13	9	0	4	253	40	0
4.	Kendal 2	12	7	0	5	184	33	0
5.	Fylde 3	14	6	1	7	27	33	0
6.	Broughton Park 2	12	7	1	4	116	32	-2
7.	Warrington 2	12	6	1	5	-45	31	0
8.	Birkenhead Park 2	11	6	0	5	45	29	0
9.	Sedgley Park 3	13	5	1	7	-122	29	0
10.	Burnage 2	13	4	2	7	-45	27	0
11.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	11	5	0	6	-154	25	0
12.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	13	3	0	10	-58	22	0
13.	Northwich 2	12	3	1	8	-173	22	0
14.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	14	2	0	12	-406	19	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)	29-17 (W)	
11 Nov	St Benedicts (A)	8-17 (W)	
25 Nov	Stockport (H)	31-15 (W)	
2 Dec	Vale of Lune (A)	87-20 (L)	
9 Dec	Rochdale (H)	Postponed	
16 Dec	Northwich (H)	11-13 (L)	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)		

We Still Need Match Sponsors

As you can see from the table above, we still have all future home dates available for sponsorship. The Friends of Warrington lunch was a great success and many thanks to Paul Broadbent for putting it all together. However, it would be good to fill in some of the blank dates. If you are interested, speak to Nick Stafford or Lewis Nunn.

Warrington RUFC vs. Burnage RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Burnage RUFC

Colours: Black and Yellow

Kick Off 2:15 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	James Williams
Sean Hughes (C)	2	Ben Ahmed Hassan
Christian White	3	Ryan O'Hare (C)
Danny Fleming	4	Nicholas Scholes
Josh Downes	5	Andrew Ascroft
Jonny Evans	6	Luke Haidinger
Phil Lynch	7	Jurguen Moquete
Sean Callander	8	Ralph Lawson
Ben Hockenhull	9	Jordan Chappell
Tom Wood	10	Rhys Evans
Nathan Beesley	11	Joshua Miller
Steve Pilkington	12	Charles Bray
Kieran Hughes	13	Stuart Oldham
Tom Arnold	14	Keir Merrick
Jamie Thompson	15	Adam Knight
	<i>Bench</i>	
James Jones	16	Alexander Brooks
Jack Morgan	17	Henry Gong
Max Caldwell	18	Robert Wellock
<i>Coach: Andy Roberts</i>		<i>Coach: Scott Redmond</i>

Referee: Robert Sheard, Manchester Society

An Apology

This programme should have contained the erudite and well-informed opinions of Andy Roberts and Dave Broadbent on the season so far. The short articles have been supplied but unfortunately, because of work and holiday commitments, I have been unable to publish them in all their glory. They will appear in the next programme, which will also contain a long-overdue acknowledgement of the work of Alex Scott, our photographer. I bet you can't wait!

With only 4 points separating teams two to eight in the table, a close game was to be expected between Warrington at two and Northwich at five. Although a close encounter was indeed the result, the game never really caught fire and Warrington suffered their second defeat in succession, and their first home league loss. The flowing rugby which has been a hallmark of Warrington's season so far was in short supply and, although they seemed to have snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat with a Ben Hockenhull drop goal with two minutes to go, they could only watch as Northwich kicked a penalty in the last minute to win by two points – and move ahead of them in the league table.

With Clem O'Rourke, Christian White and James Jones providing one of the biggest front rows Warrington has fielded in recent memory, Warrington dominated the set piece from start to finish and had the visitors on the retreat in this area throughout the game. In the seventh minute, after two scrum resets the referee finally awarded a penalty which scrum-half Ben Hockenhull duly converted, having narrowly missed an earlier attempt. For the next twenty minutes the game was played in the visitors' half but this territorial advantage reaped no reward, as slow ball and determined Northwich tackling took the edge of Warrington's attack.

In the thirty fifth minute, Northwich missed a penalty, but Warrington failed to find touch with their clearance kick. Northwich promptly ran the ball back in Warrington's 22 to gain another penalty which this time they did not miss. From the restart, Northwich moved the ball wide, brought their strong running full back into the line making 50 yards for a well worked try in the corner. The conversion was successful and Warrington turned round 7 points adrift.

Northwich started the second half pounding on the Warrington line but despite a yellow card to second rower Fleming for not rolling away, Warrington weathered the storm. Warrington punished the visitors severely at the set scrum, but the ability of the Northwich No8 to scramble the ball away and the leniency of the referee in resetting, rather than penalizing, when scrums broke up meant that Warrington rarely capitalized on this advantage. Northwich still retained the majority of possession as Warrington seemed unable to put more than half a dozen phases together without being turned over.

With ten minutes to go Warrington finally showed some of the tempo and slickness which had been lacking, when a bursting run from Number 8 Sean Callendar took Warrington deep into the Northwich 22. Quick recycle, a well-timed pass from stand-off Tom Wood, and an intelligent line from full back Jamie Thompson saw Warrington over for a try in the corner. Although the conversion was missed and Warrington were still 2 points adrift, the score seemed to galvanise the team. With 5 minutes to go Northwich were dealt a yellow card for a deliberate knock on and it looked like this extra edge might just be what Warrington needed. Unfortunately, the referee took exception to stand-off Tom Wood's view of the matter and he too received a yellow card.

Nevertheless, Warrington still looked a lot more business like and a minute later centre Kieran Hughes was held up over the Northwich line on the right. Warrington brought the ball left from the ensuing scrum and though the initial charges from the forwards were repulsed, the cool headed Hockenhull dropped a goal when the referee was playing advantage for a Northwich

foul. Jubilation as Warrington edged one point in the lead was cut short as, from the restart, the referee awarded a penalty, probably for the first time in the game, for holding on on the ground. Northwich made no mistake to close the game.

Coach Callander said, “We did not play our usual high-speed game today and gave away too many penalties but the leniency shown in the refereeing of the scrums was extraordinary. However, I was impressed with our defensive mettle which was impenetrable at close quarters. We now look forward to returning to winning ways in the New Year”



Jonny Evans leaps to claim a line-out

WARRINGTON 2ND XV 13 BROUGHTON PARK 2ND XV 27

Despite the final scoreline, this was a close game against a reinforced Broughton Park. The sides were level at half time and Warrington were very much in contention until a last minute try from the visitors put the result beyond doubt.

Full back Andy Almond opened the scoring for Warrington with an early try and stand-off Ben Dixon added the extras. Dixon then stretched Warrington’s lead with a penalty but Broughton Park came back with a penalty of their own. Ben Dixon quickly re-established the ten point margin with his second penalty but this was short lived as Broughton Park came back with their first try and another penalty to level the scores at 13-13 at the interval.

In the second half, despite an impressive display from the incredibly versatile Craig Byrne, playing at Number 8, Warrington were unable to trouble the score board again. Broughton Park scored a second converted try with fifteen minutes to go and, although Warrington came close on a number of occasions, a tendency to give away penalties blunted any attacking edge. However, they were still very much in with a chance right up to the closing minutes when the visitors closed out the game with their third converted try.

“Indiscipline cost us dearly today but I am happy with the way our younger players took to the game with particular mention for Kieran Jones and Billy Forrester,” was the summing up of skipper Shaun Yoxhall.

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

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!!!