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A Message from the President

I would like to welcome you to Warrington RUFC and I hope you enjoy your afternoon with us. This is my first year as president and I look forward to meeting new friends from the clubs in North 1 West.

Warrington has enjoyed some success over the past years, since our promotion to North 1 West but it doesn't get any easier. This year the competition looks to be even harder with clubs of great tradition such as Birkenhead Park, Broughton Park and Penrith returning this season. I must admit that I am sorry to see the departure of Altrincham Kersal and Rochdale as in life, changes offer new challenges.



Once again, it seems that there will be no such thing as an easy game but that also ensures a good level of entertainment for spectators and enjoyable, testing matches for the players.

We can all contribute in so many ways as those who have gone before us as Members of WRUFC have done. Players need to remember that it is not just about playing. Fund raising and making sure everything runs smoothly on match days and all the other small but essential tasks is not just the province of those of us who are at the age where sadly playing is no longer possible. The more people who volunteer and get stuck in, the stronger our Club will become.

Former players making a perhaps an infrequent visit to the Club are more than welcome we can always find something for you to do! You will have taken a lot out of the game. Please think seriously about what you can put back in, just as there were the "old farts" in your day who made sure that the baths were run, the tea made, the pitch marked, the game refereed, the raffle run and so on.

I would also take this opportunity to thank all spectators, and especially visiting spectators, for buying this programme. We are not a rich club and we must mainly rely on the income which we generate ourselves from sponsorships, events, raffles, occasional donations - and programme sales. So many thanks for your contribution, which helps to fund the playing side of our activities as well as helping us, enhance the outstanding facilities we enjoy at Warrington Sports Club.

So once again, a very warm welcome to all of you, Warrington supporters as well as visitors, match officials and players. We hope you will enjoy the rugby on offer and that you will also enjoy the beer and banter in the bar after the match.

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President, Warrington RUFC

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Welcome to Carlisle RUFC

Warrington RUFC extends a very warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators of Carlisle RUFC who are today's visitors. We look forward to an enjoyable game and hospitality afterwards.

Carlisle after a poor season last year have seen a transformation in fortunes and they currently lead North One West by some 12 points, Warrington after an excellent away win at Stockport last Saturday will want to consolidate on that performance but today's game will be a strong test against the league leaders to whom they lost narrowly back in October. May the best team on the day prevail.

Our visitors **Carlisle** was formed in 1873 – (next door neighbours, Carlisle United FC, didn't come into being until 1921)! The Club's original colours were black jerseys to which an Established white Maltese Cross was added in 1879. The black jerseys have been long gone but the Maltese Cross continues to be their official emblem but is now red. Their first match was a home game against near neighbours from across the border at Langholm Rugby Football Club. In the early years a variety of pitches were "home" before the Club moved to its present ground in 1895. Players did regularly gain County Honours and in those early years we produced three England internationals, C.E. Chapman (1884), W.M.B. Nanson (1920), and J.R. Morgan (1920). In 1923 the club's first grandstand was erected. The 1950's saw a huge fundraising effort, which included five floodlit games between sides representing the North of England and the South of Scotland at Brunton Park, the home of Carlisle Utd. AFC. These were, according to records, the first floodlit rugby matches to be played in this country. The result of this entire fund raising was the building of the present clubhouse, opened in October 1959. Less grand but just as practically important was the opening of new changing rooms, replacing 50 year old timber chalets.

This effort was rewarded in the 1960's with arguably Carlisle's finest sides. The Cumberland Cup winning side of 1961 included Alan Briggs, who set a club try scoring record that season of 43, and five players who between them won 59 caps for the County; Graham Johnstone, Les Steel, David Burnett, and twin brothers Alan and John Tiffen. The side of 1967 – 68 produced the best ever record of played 40, won 33, drawn 3 and lost 4, scoring 687 pts. That side also included two of Carlisle's finest players. Wing forward David Robinson played 39 times for the County and along with Chris Wardlow was in the victorious North West side that beat the touring All Blacks at Workington on a memorable November afternoon in 1972. (It is worth noting that our own Dave Roughley played in that game.) In 1971 it was the year when the changing facilities were constructed and this was followed in 1974 by the erection of floodlights on the main pitch. The establishment of leagues in 1986 saw Carlisle placed in North West Division 2, but two successive title-winning sides saw them promoted to North 2. The 2004 – 2005 season will no doubt be remembered as a landmark season for the club. In January 2005 the 'Great Carlisle Flood' devastated the club premises with the clubhouse being under a minimum of six feet of water. With everything ruined, homeless, no equipment or kit, we led a nomadic existence for the remainder of the season. The senior side played most of their home games at Langholm, and with a couple at Wigton. The other sides were kindly accommodated by near neighbours at Creighton, and Penrith and elsewhere. However, thanks to the magnificent efforts of our recovery committee we returned to a rebuilt and refurbished clubhouse and new changing rooms in July of 2005 – a feat thought almost as impossible as the promotion of the 1st XV at the end of the following season. October 2007 saw the re-opening of the grandstand after a much needed renovation programme.

Geoff Perks
President Warrington RUFC

Perky's Paragraph on this date 48 years ago

Centenary Celebration Game

ORRELL v WARRINGTON played on January 26th 1971

In October 1970 Warrington RUFC invited Orrell RUFC to play a game to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the R.F.U. This is a record of that game which took place at Orrell RUFC.

Mutton chop whiskers, outrageously long hair, flowing beards, that is the picture most of us have of our rugby playing forefathers of a century ago. Yet what is so different from those pioneers to the so called way-out but sartorially elegant fashions of today's players. The shorts may be a little less baggy, the shirts may have buttons instead of laces, the differences are minor. We like to think too that the ideals of rugby men have changed very little in the past century. This was the sort of image Orrell and Warrington tried to recreate on the evening of Tuesday January 26th 1971, 100 years to the day since the advent of Rugby Union. There were probably no other games of club Rugby Union football played in Great Britain on that day and certainly none under the laws of the game as they were in 1871 as this game was. The gratitude of both clubs is extended to Rugby School who supplied a copy of Rugby's own original laws.

The match itself, amongst others was observed by Mr Clifford Webb of the Wigan observer and here follows his impressions of the event. The game performed by the light of electric flares, was the scene of noble, manly deeds of skill and bravery which set the many spectators in an uproar. The Warrington party was captained by worthy gentleman, Mr. Terence Critchley and that of Orrell by Mr. Norman Fairclough. But, there was no more handsome fellow afield than the Umpire, the well-known gentleman Mr. James Devonald. What a dashing figure he cut, wearing the blazer of his old school and sporting his tasselled honours cap upon his head above his impressively moustachioed and monocled visage. Each time one of the sides made a "touch down" and a goal was scored the teams changed ends. It was a most stirring sight to see scrummaging so resolutely for ball, even if there was a tendency for players of smaller stature to be hooked out first. The new-fangled game was indeed thirsty work, for many players had to retire to the line of touch where they were magically revived by copious draughts of ale.

In attendance were an ill dressed physician, who set broken bones and performed amputations on the spot, and the representative of the undertaker's establishment, who measured those fallen heroes beyond aid with unseemly haste. The match was marred by a number of deplorable "incidents", every time the Umpire rang his bell, play stopped while the two gentlemen captains conferred but there was foul play when the electric flares failed for a moment, alas, when illumination was restored, a dirty deed had been done, and one player had, as common people put it "been done in", the famous detective, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, was called upon to investigate and the culprit was led away with the gyves upon his wrists. Furthermore, one uncouth fellow had the temerity to play the ball between his legs when he found himself alone for an instant. The result was immediate pandemonium, with the villain being led off in disgrace, while the voice of the electric megaphone accused him* of the strange crime of starting a "Northern Union".

Yet, despite the display of passion and the fearsome deeds committed afield, the gentlemen of Warrington and Orrell are to be congratulated upon the enterprise. The result of the game which commenced at 8-10 pm. and ended at 8-55 pm. is uncertain but is recorded as a draw by captain's agreement for the purposes of rugby history.

The Warrington gentlemen players and their attendants on this historic occasion were as follows.
Players

T.A.CRITCKLEY (Capt.), D.G.WILLIAMS, C.WABURTON, G.KNOWLES, J.SKELETON,
B.WILLIAMS, B.SHAW, P.MANNION, R.HOWARTH, B.HODSON, J.NAYLOR, M.OSBORNE,
B.WILCOCK, D.TYLDESLEY, J.KELLETT, F.BURROWS, D.EVANS, G.HOWELLS, A.GARDINER,
G.PERKS, M.TAYLOR, M.LONDON, I.MILLINGTON, J.MURLAND, T.HARRINGTON,
W.SAVAGE, A.NORTON, E.MULLIGAN, R.HOWLETT, M.J.TAYLOR, K.FLETCHER, D.
BROADBENT,
R.EGAN, D.SHEPHERD, A.WALSH,

Attendants

P.GANDY, J.DEVONALD, E.MULGREW, C.GRAHAM, G.HILL

From the Warrington Guardian

No Strangling

The 30-a-side charity match to celebrate the centenary of the Rugby Union at Orrell on Tuesday evening when Warrington are the visitors will be previewed on television probably on Monday. The clubs, who will play in original dress, have also borrowed a copy of the original rules from Rugby School. One of them reads: "Thou shalt not throttle or strangle thy opponent" !

A DRAW – ‘BY AGREEMENT’

Despite the bad weather, a crowd of 1500 saw the match at Orrell RU FC against Warrington on Tuesday to mark the centenary of the Rugby Union. The match was played 30-a-side and to the original rules. Jennifer Lowe, the former Miss United Kingdom, from Whitley, kicked off. It ended in a 10-10 draw "by mutual agreement. Hospitals in Warrington, Leigh and Wigan will benefit by a considerable sum from the proceeds."



L to R Geoff Knowles, Alistair Gardiner, Peter Mannion



Sportsman's Dinner

Friday 15th February 2019 - 7:00pm

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Master of Ceremonies **Malcolm Lord**

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Guest Speaker **Paul Sculthorpe**

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Comedian **John Gillan**

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2 Course Meal - Auction - Raffle

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Junior Rugby Spotlight

This week we take a look at our ever improving Warrington Under 9s

Ahead of our first season of contact, pre-season started early at the back end of July to give the team as long as possible to safely learn all aspects of contact rugby. With a squad of above 30, we recruited three extra dads (Steve, Dan and Alastair) to join the existing coaching team (David, Nick, Alex and myself) and they've been a great help in marshalling the boys. Pre-season built gradually with the boys getting into full contact games 2 weeks out from the start of the season. Into the season we quickly picked up from where we left off in U8s by showing we're a strong, well-drilled team with a lot of excellent players. Obviously the step up to contact is huge and the boys are all learning this at a different pace. The challenge as coaches is therefore to make sure that the correct technique becomes second nature and that the boys are equally as comfortable tackling the biggest kids as well as the smallest. One of the most pleasing aspects so far this season is watching the development from the 'reluctant tacklers' who are now putting in correct 'cheek to cheek' tackles most of the time.

As well as learning contact rugby, the pitch size has increased considerably this season with the addition of only one player per side, so a lot of work is done to encourage the boys to spot and use space. Most of the rugby at this age is played with one up runners all close to the tackle area, so when you see the ball go through more than two pairs of hands that's practically champagne rugby and hugely satisfying to see.

As we enter the second half of the season we've welcomed 3 new recruits to the team and they're all doing brilliantly well picking up rugby from a standing start. The boys are an extremely close knit and supportive squad who all obviously love spending time together. This bond gets stronger each year with Tour and the U9s are this year linking up with the U8s and U7s to go to the Shropshire tour in April. Echoing the time honoured virtues of rugby; Tour is an amazing time when you see what will be life long friendships born out of running around in a field, or playing drinking games in the bar when the kids are out of the way. Lastly, I'd like to thank our parents; we have a great set of parents who turn up every Sunday to support not just our team, but the opposition too. Wherever we go on our travels, I often get texts from the opposition thanking and complementing both our kids and parents. It's also great to see that our parents have complete faith in what we do as coaches.

Another 8/9 years and you'll hopefully be seeing a good number of the U9s out there with the 1st, 2nd XV's and beyond.

The U9s Team.



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Huge Congratulations to Centre Steve Pilkington on reaching 50 1st XV tries, when he scored in last weeks outstanding victory against Stockport.



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Last weeks 1st XV league results & table.

| Saturday 19th January | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Carlisle | 27 - 12 | Anselmians |
| | Firwood Waterloo | 22 - 29 | Douglas (I.O.M.) |
| | Manchester | 13 - 13 | Broughton Park |
| | Blackburn | 32 - 12 | Northwich |
| | Burnage | 20 - 45 | Birkenhead Park |
| | De La Salle (Salford) | 24 - 21 | Penrith |
| | Stockport | 28 - 36 | Warrington |

| North One West | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
| 1 | Carlisle | 17 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 509 | 298 | 211 | 11 | 1 | 70 |
| 2 | Blackburn | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 398 | 288 | 110 | 10 | 2 | 58 |
| 3 | Douglas (I.O.M.) | 17 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 392 | 261 | 131 | 8 | 3 | 55 |
| 4 | Birkenhead Park | 17 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 459 | 358 | 101 | 9 | 1 | 54 |
| 5 | Stockport | 17 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 466 | 373 | 93 | 9 | 4 | 53 |
| 6 | Northwich | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 449 | 425 | 24 | 8 | 3 | 49 |
| 7 | Warrington | 17 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 439 | 365 | 74 | 6 | 4 | 46 |
| 8 | Penrith | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 480 | 530 | -50 | 11 | 3 | 46 |
| 9 | Manchester | 17 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 455 | 474 | -19 | 8 | 1 | 43 |
| 10 | Broughton Park | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 344 | 281 | 63 | 4 | 1 | 41 |
| 11 | Firwood Waterloo | 17 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 381 | 346 | 35 | 6 | 6 | 40 |
| 12 | Burnage | 17 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 428 | 469 | -41 | 7 | 3 | 38 |
| 13 | Anselmians | 17 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 255 | 509 | -254 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| 14 | De La Salle (Salford) | 17 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 191 | 669 | -478 | 2 | 3 | 9 |

Last weeks 2nd XV league results & table.

| Saturday 19th January | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| HALBRO North West Leagues | | |
| Birkenhead Park Wanderers (2nd XV) | 97 - 0 | Kirkby Lonsdale 2nd XV |
| Liverpool University Veterinarians | 0 - 8 | Glossop 2nd XV |
| Penrith A XV | 62 - 10 | Altrincham Kersal Cougars (2nd XV) |
| Sandbach 2nd XV | 77 - 0 | Sedgley Park 3rd XV |
| Warrington 2nd XV | 29 - 46 | Burnage 2nd XV |
| Broughton Park 2nd XV | 27 - 24 | Fylde Saracens (3rd XV) |

| Sale Sharks Division 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|
| Pos | Team | P | W | D | L | PF | PA | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
| 1 | Birkenhead Park Wanderers (2nd XV) | 15 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 726 | 203 | 523 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| 2 | Sandbach 2nd XV | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 768 | 212 | 556 | 0 | 0 | 51 |
| 3 | Warrington 2nd XV | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 397 | 356 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| 4 | Burnage 2nd XV | 15 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 438 | 460 | -22 | 0 | 2 | 39 |
| 5 | Broughton Park 2nd XV | 15 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 384 | 417 | -33 | 0 | 1 | 39 |
| 6 | Kirkby Lonsdale 2nd XV | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 303 | 462 | -159 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| 7 | Penrith A XV | 15 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 507 | 420 | 87 | 0 | 1 | 33 |
| 8 | Fylde Saracens (3rd XV) | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 399 | 415 | -16 | 0 | 3 | 33 |
| 9 | Sedgley Park 3rd XV | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 240 | 593 | -353 | 0 | 2 | 33 |
| 10 | Liverpool University Veterinarians | 15 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 327 | 487 | -160 | 0 | 1 | 29 |
| 11 | Glossop 2nd XV | 14 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 264 | 397 | -133 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 12 | Altrincham Kersal Cougars (2nd XV) | 15 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 226 | 557 | -331 | 0 | 0 | 26 |

North One West Fixtures 2018-2019

| Date | Opposition | Result | Sponsor |
|------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| 01 Sept | Birkenhead Park (A) | 15-19 W | |
| 08 Sept | Northwich (A) | 10-20 W | |
| 15 Sept | Burnage (A) | 32-25 L | |
| 22 Sept | Blackburn (A) | 20-21 L | |
| 29 Sept | Stockport (H) | 23-17 W | Chairman's Carvery |
| 13 Oct | Carlisle (A) | 20-25 L | |
| 20 Oct | Manchester (H) | 48-22 W | |
| 27 Oct | Firwood Waterloo (A) | 31-3 L | |
| 3 Nov | De la Salle (Salford) (H) | 66-0 W | |
| 17 Nov | Penrith (A) | 22-20 L | |
| 24 Nov | Douglas (I.O.M) (H) | 26-22 W | |
| 1 Dec | Broughton Park (A) | 35-10 L | |
| 8 Dec | Anselmians (H) | 39-8 W | |
| 15 Dec | Northwich (H) | 30-7 W | Friends of Warrington RUFC |
| 5 Jan 2019 | Burnage (H) | 35-11 L | |
| 12 Jan | Blackburn (H) | 36-22 L | |
| 19 Jan | Stockport (A) | 36-28 W | |
| 26 Jan | Carlisle (H) | | |
| 9 Feb | Manchester (A) | | |
| 16 Feb | Firwood Waterloo (A) | | |
| 2 Mar | De la Salle (Salford) (A) | | |
| 9 Mar | Penrith (H) | | |
| 23 Mar | Douglas (I.O.M) (A) | | |
| 30 Mar | Broughton Park (H) | | |
| 6 Apr | Anselmians (A) | | |
| 13 Apr | Birkenhead Park (H) | | |

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Saturday 26th January 2019, Kick off 2:15pm

Referee: Jeremy Nesbitt, Warwickshire Society

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| Andy Roberts | | Coach | Matt Shields | |

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Stockport 1st XV 28 - 36 Warrington 1st XV

This Warrington win over promotion contenders Stockport can be described by just one word – magnificent!! Although the deserved victory, which even denied Stockport the consolation of a losing bonus point, was secured in only the closing minutes, the way that Warrington countered the power of the Stockport pack by resolute defence and often scintillating attack was something to warm the hearts of all Warrington supporters, and coaches, on a bitterly cold afternoon.

However, Warrington's start was less than auspicious, as Tom Wood uncharacteristically knocked on from the kick-off under his own sticks. The heavyweight Stockport pack swooped immediately and muscular power eventually paid off when a grubber kick was pounced on over the line and the conversion gave the home side a seven-point lead.

Warrington's reply came within five minutes when, first, a typical bustling run from hooker Craig Byrne, and then an elusive break from Tom Arnold saw Darren Norman on hand to take the final pass and reduce Stockport's lead to just two points. Warrington were then unlucky not to go ahead when an inch-perfect kick from Tom Wood was scrambled clear five yards out. But it was the home side who scored next when they once again used their awesome power up front to surge over from a line out. The try was converted.

The nine-point lead was short-lived. A short pass to Phil Lynch from the restart saw the dynamic wing forward, who was heroic throughout in a team of heroes, make twenty yards before handing onto Nathan Beesley. The winger used his dazzling pace before kicking ahead and Luke Gilooly, who had slotted in seamlessly at stand-off, won the race to the line and touched down. Darren Norman converted to make the score 14-12 to Stockport at half time.

The second period was a see-saw affair, with the lead changing hands four times. First of all, Warrington scored when they showed great patience in the Stockport 22 before Nathan Beesley crossed in the corner. Darren Norman converted. Then Stockport finally realised that their best weapon was their forward pack and a prolonged series of pick-and-goes saw them crash over for a converted try.

At this stage, Warrington were taking quick penalties at every opportunity putting the Stockport defence under constant pressure. This strategy paid off when Kieran Hughes picked up a loose pass and handed onto Nathan Beesley, who scorched over for his second try. The Norman conversion made the score 26-21 to Warrington. Stockport came back with another forwards' try and the conversion took them into the lead with just two minutes to play. However, a superb Darren Norman penalty nudged Warrington back in front and the game was decisively settled when Kieran Hughes pounced again and kicked ahead. The alert Steve Pilkington followed up and touched down under the posts to allow Darren Norman a simple conversion and Warrington had gained an unexpected five point win away at Stockport.

"I was proud of every member of the squad today," enthused coach Andy Roberts. "Most of all, I was proud of their self-belief, as they refused to surrender to a side, which, on paper, should have beaten them. We play league leaders Carlisle, at home, next week. If we show the same belief, I know we can win again."



Player Appearances

| Name | | Games this year | Career total | Tries this season | Career total |
|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Arnold | Tom | 4 + 1 | 65 | 1 | 30 |
| Barker | Joel | 8 + 2 | ? | | |
| Beesley | Nathan | 14 + 1 | 83 | 11 | 68 |
| Byrne | Craig | 2 | ? | | ? |
| Caldwell | Max | 4 + 4 | 65 | 1 | 21 |
| Callander | Sean | 14 | 112 | 1 | 6 |
| Dixon | Ben | 4 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Downes | Josh | 13 | 54 | 3 | 6 |
| Emmitt | Luke | 3 + 2 | 5 | | |
| Evans | Jonny | 12 + 4 | 33 | | 2 |
| Fleming | Dan | 12 + 2 | 181 | | 9 |
| Gilooly | Luke | 4 | 14 | 1 | 2 |
| Green | Tom | 1 + 3 | 25 | | 4 |
| Griffiths | Dan | 1 + 7 | 38 | 1 | 6 |
| Hannon | Jack | 10 | 20 | | 1 |
| Hughes | Kieran | 15 | 121 | 9 | 116 |
| Kellett | Harry | 1 + 1 | 12 | | |
| Lynch | Phil | 14 | 93 | 2 | 6 |
| Maudsley | Will | 1 + 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| McEniff | Tom | 12 + 3 | 18 | 4 | 5 |
| Norman | Darren | 11 | 37 | 2 | 7 |
| O'Rourke | Clement | 10 + 4 | 108 | 1 | 3 |
| Povey | Nick | 3 | 3 | | |
| Pilkington | Steve | 17 | 114 | 7 | 50 |
| Riley | Josh | 13 + 1 | 128 | 1 | 6 |
| Roberts | Andy | 3 | 97 | | 21 |
| Stewart | Alex | 7 + 6 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| Thompson | Paul | 9 + 1 | 272 | | 23 |
| Ward | Jon | 1 + 2 | 38 | | 1 |
| White | Chris | 16 + 1 | 84 | 4 | 22 |
| Wood | Tom | 16 | 181 | 4 | 57 |

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Carlisle 1st XV 25 - 20 Warrington 1st XV

The oppositions take on our last encounter with Carlisle.

We'll start first with the plaudits for the Warrington players, who had no bus, and had to get on a train to Carlisle. Then after the game had to somehow get back to Warrington after the line south was blocked by a landslide. They certainly made life difficult for Carlisle, and going home with a losing bonus point, was small consolation for all their efforts in fulfilling the fixture. For their part Carlisle managed to find their get out of jail free card to end up winners when they neither started or finished well in this match. For those hardy(mad) individuals who braved Storm Callum to watch this game, they must have wondered where the real Carlisle side was in the first 20 minutes. Although the home side had the upper hand in the scrum, Warrington were much sharper and handling the conditions better. Carlisle were guilty of committing too many penalties, and the Warrington fullback converted two of them to go 6 points clear with nearly 15mins gone.

Then on 18mins with Carlisle seemingly on the point of winning a scrum with the visitors front row popping up, the ball squirted out, and Warrington pounced on it. They quickly made good use of it, with their outside centre showing the home defence a clean pair of heels to score their first try, converted from the touchline by their fullback. Things got worse for Carlisle when flanker Josh Holmes was yellow carded for tackling a Warrington player in the air for a high ball, leaving the Cumbrians with 14men. However Carlisle weathered this part of the match well enough, and fullback Jason Israel, was just wide and short with a long range penalty just before the half hour mark. Carlisle were making the most of the ball being in the Warrington half, and after a series of scrums inside the Warrington 22m resulted in too many penalties, the referee awarded a penalty try to get Carlisle kick started in this match. Jason Israel narrowed the gap 5 minutes later with a long range penalty effort, and although the Warrington fullback attempted one of his own from just inside the Carlisle half, it was Jason Israel who converted another, from in front of the posts, to end the half 13-13.

The second half saw Carlisle again give too many penalties away, and were fortunate when a penalty well within the Warrington fullback range, just drifted wide of the post. Carlisle gradually started to build some field position and were dominating scrum ball, to the extent that from a scrum against the head, as the Carlisle front row appeared through the visitors pack, scrum half James Telford took advantage of the melee, to sprint wide off the back of the scrum for a try, putting Carlisle into the lead for the first time after 55minutes. Just 5minutes later from another scrum 10m out from the visitors try line, Carlisle pushed the visitors pack over their line for Captain Henry Wainwright to dive on the ball for Carlisle's third, extending the lead to 25-13 on the hour mark. Shortly after the nature of the game changed as Warrington lost too many front rows to injury and the game went to uncontested scrums. Although the visitors were now down to 14men, Carlisle had lost an important part of their game, and from the back of their scrum, the Warrington side looked dangerous, probing for gaps in the Carlisle defence. The sides were evened up then on 73minutes, when Josh Holmes received a red card for a second yellow card offence, as he made contact with a Warrington players head as the Warrington player slipped down into the tackle. A real soft offence, although clearly officials are being told to police this area strictly.

Warrington now seemed to have the upper hand and looked lively at the end of the match, even though there was a veritable monsoon driving across the pitch. They made short work of some poor cover defence tackling and the ball was worked across the park, for the right winger to go round and put the ball near the posts. Fortunately the up to now reliable Warrington fullback missed the easiest chance of the day to convert the try, leaving 5 points the difference between the two sides. There then followed a couple of minutes of harem scarem rugby as Warrington tried to break out of their territory, and Carlisle had to defend vigorously. Eventually Warrington committed a penalty at the breakdown, and from the resulting scrum, fly half Max Cannon booted the ball out to end the match.

Not the most convincing of performances by Carlisle, yet it was another win, against a side coming off the back of a good win against Stockport, with 4 points to maintain their position at the top of the league. Warrington will feel they should have got closer, yet the Warwick road side did well to recover from such a poor start, gifting 13 points to the visitors from a lack of discipline and concentration. They'll need to work on this for their next game away to Northwich next week, who although not having the best of starts this season, are always difficult to beat at home. Lets hope it's a touch drier.



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| 2 | France | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Ireland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Italy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Scotland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 | Wales | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Fri 01 Feb



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