

THORNTON CLEVELEYS RUFC NEWSLETTER

September 2021



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all players & social members.

Membership Fees are as follows:

PLAYER: £95

STUDENT: £60

SOCIAL: £40

SUPPORTER: £20

This new format of membership is to encourage a wider membership to engage with even more of the local and wider rugby community in general. Forms will be circulated around the club on match days and JJ McKinnon will handle enquiries.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

	4 th September 2021:	Sefton (Away)	47 - 35
	11 th September 2021:	New Brighton (Home)	14:15 Kick Off
	18 th September 2021:	Tyldeley (Away)	14:15 Kick Off
	25 th September 2021:	REST WEEKEND	

RECENT FIXTURE RESULTS

Fleetwood RUFC vs TCRUFC – Pre-season Friendly

Final Score: 31 -19



Other News

The Club would like to pass on condolences to the families and friends of both Bryan Moore and Greg Roscow. Bryan was a stalwart of TC and his effervescent wit will be sorely missed. He was still teaching A-Level Maths before his passing mid-last year at the fine age of 100. Greg was a larger than life character and had donned the Windmill jersey on many occasions but was sadly taken far too soon shortly after the pandemic broke out. A minutes silence will be held before the opening HOME game of the season v New Brighton on Sept 11th.

International Tickets

TCRUFC have an allocation of tickets for the upcoming Autumn Internationals.

Tickets are available for the following games:

England v Australia · Twickenham Stadium · Saturday, 13 November 2021 (17:30)

England v South Africa · Twickenham Stadium · Saturday, 20 November 2021 (15:15)

Max 2 tickets per member.

If you are interested, please email ian.potts@barsbank.com by 7th September 2021 to be included in a ballot (if we are oversubscribed).

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RECENT FIXTURE RESULTS

Sefton RUFC vs TCRUFC

Saturday 4th September

Match Report

A new look TC side travelled over to Sefton RUFC for an absolutely belting restart to rugby, in what turned out to be a 12 try thriller which was played in excellent spirit making it an amazing spectacle for all involved.

The sun was high, and the immaculate Sefton “Bowling Green” was absolutely on point for the occasion.

The match started rather cagey with TC making a few simple mistakes and Sefton working field position. This territory soon paid dividends for the hosts with 2 catch and drive tries from the lineout. Another quick try from similarly styled play saw Sefton way ahead early doors. Messages of “Trust the process”, from new Head Coach Steve Woodburn, rang loud in the ears of the TC men and with that, a totemic run from Captain Matt Ellis, swerving and stepping through opponents and diving over in emphatic style to the side of the posts.

This certainly set a precedent for what was expected of The Larks and it was again the Captain who ripped the defense to pieces off the set piece and in the loose to provide clean, front-foot ball for TC who began to take the ascendancy with another well worked try from Grant Blackshaw. A dominant period for TC was stunted by another couple of Sefton tries but the half time whistle blew and both teams felt they had an opportunity to close out the game.

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Again, the second half started in much the same vain as the first with mistakes from TC and Sefton capitalising with catch and drives and close quarters tries. TC once again rallied and began to run the structured, flowing rugby that has always been the identity of Thornton Rugby. Excellent tries from Jake Hodgkinson, Toby Holder-Williams & Stan Graham got the visitors within a converted score with just 5 minutes to go, however the spoils went to the hosts with a last minute try to put TC out of touch.

Full Time Result: 47-35

Thank you to Sefton for their hospitality and providing a fantastic spectacle to kick-start the season. We wish them the best of luck and can't wait for the return fixture in April.
