

WARRINGTON RUGBY UNION



OFFICIAL CLUB PROGRAMME





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.

GEOFF PERKS President, Warrington RUFC

















Welcome to Burnage RUFC

Warrington RUFC extends a very warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators of Burnage RUFC. We look forward to an enjoyable game and a convivial time in the bar afterwards

Burnage Rugby Club was founded as an old boys' club for ex-pupils of Burnage High School. In the 1970s they moved from one pitch site on Queensway in Burnage, Manchester, to a new site in Heaton Mersey, Stockport where they are today. They have had a fair share of difficulties, including two fires which destroyed the club house and its temporary replacement respectively. Like the best Burnage teams though, the membership clubbed together to work their way out of trouble. Hard work on and off the field paid dividends: they now have a comfortable and spacious club house, an artificial rugby pitch a 3G floodlit 5 a side football pitch, and 2 large, well-tended grass rugby pitches. The 2011/12 season marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of Burnage RUFC.

Playing in North One West for the last couple of seasons Burnage have had mixed success and last season finished 6th one point ahead of Warrington who were 8th. After a good win last time out over Northwich before Christmas and New Year Warrington will want to keep the momentum going and avenge a defeat against today's visitors Burnage in the middle of September at Battersea Road.

An exciting game is predicted may the best side win on the day.

Geoff Perks President Warrington RUFC



CODE OF RUGBY

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Teamwork · Respect · Enjoyment Discipline · Sportsmanship

Play to win - but not at all cost.

Win with dignity, lose with grace.

Observe the Laws and regulations of the game.

Respect opponents, referees and all participants.

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Enjoy the game.





Sportsman's Dinner

Friday 15th February 2019 - 7:00pm

Master of Ceremonies Malcolm Lord

Guest Speaker Paul Sculthorpe

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2 Course Meal - Auction - Raffle

Warrington Sports Club

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Warrington 1st XV 30 - 7 Northwich 1st XV

Warrington Defy Conditions to Achieve Double Over Local Rivals Northwich

Excellent second half display brings second consecutive five point win

In weather more typical of Murmansk than NW England, Warrington ended Northwich's run of seven consecutive victories with one of their best displays of the season. This was a victory of pragmatism. No champagne rugby but clinical execution of the tactics, dictated by the conditions. The five point win takes them to sixth place in North 1 West, just five points behind second placed Stockport.

Northwich opened the scoring in the first minutes of the game taking advantage of a string of penalties to gain a line out 5 metres from the Warrington line. The predictable catch and drive met surprising little Warrington resistance and the conversion put the visitors 7 points up.

Warrington responded with gusto, however, and patience and perseverance with crunching forward drives earning yards the hard way. With 20 minutes gone, a break from elusive centre Kieran Hughes on the half way line took Warrington deep into the Northwich 22 but the chance to put winger Max Caldwell over was declined. Fortunately, Warrington were still able to capitalise on the break when a few forward drives later skipper Downes crashed over from short range. Full back Darren Norman added the extras to equalise the scores.

A few minutes later Northwich conceded a penalty and were marched back a further 10 metres for dissent. Not content with this, further debate earned them a yellow and, 5 minutes later, a further yellow for persistent fouling. Warrington took advantage of Northwich's depleted state to put winger Max Caldwell over in the corner following a succession of well-controlled forward drives.

On the verge of half time, again on the end of patient forward driving, skipper Downes added his second try to give his team a 17-7 lead at the interval.

HT 17-7

Almost immediately from the restart Northwich were penalised for a high tackle and with the strong wind now at his back full back Norman stretched the lead to 20-7. 10 minutes later Norman was marginally wide with another penalty attempt but the subsequent 22 drop-out proved disastrous for Northwich. The ball, kicked high into the gale, was blown backwards over the Northwich try line and pounced upon by the ever-alert Josh Riley. Norman again added the extras. 27-7.

Midway through the half, taking more advantage of the strong wind, stand-off Tom Wood showed his expanded repertoire by dropping a superb goal from 35 metres out.

With 10 minutes to go a bit of fractiousness crept into proceedings after exception was taken to a tackle by winger Caldwell. The referee was unperturbed by this initial incident but did take exception to a retaliatory punch by Jack Hannon (red) and a high tackle by Sean Callander (yellow) which followed shortly afterwards.

Warrington's thirteen men defended stoutly for the rest of the game to deny Northwich any further score. FT 30-7

Coach Andy Roberts was impressed by the victory. "These were extremely difficult conditions for the lads today and dictated that we play more of a forward game than we usually do. We are fortunate to have had our front row squad strengthened by the arrival of new recruit Nick Povey and the return of Tom Green from Guatemala, where he has been getting the local youth involved in Rugby League.



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Statistics Correct as of 15/12/18

North One West

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Adj	Recent Form
1.	Carlisle	14	6	0	0	6	0	2	12	0	2	447	264	183	59	11	w w w w
2.	Stockport	14	6	0	0	3	0	5	9	0	5	375	295	80	46	10	L W W W L
3.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	14	7	0	1	2	0	4	9	0	5	324	206	118	45	9	W W L L W
4.	Blackburn	14	5	0	1	3	1	4	8	1	5	311	248	63	44	10	w w w u
5.	Northwich	14	4	1	1	4	0	4	8	1	5	379	339	40	44	10	L w w w w
6.	Warrington	14	6	0	0	2	0	6	8	0	6	370	268	102	41	9	W W L W L
7.	Birkenhead Park	14	5	0	3	3	0	3	8	0	6	333	304	29	39	7	W L W L L
8.	Penrith	14	6	0	2	1	0	5	7	0	7	391	400	-9	39	11	L L W L W
9.	Manchester	14	4	0	2	3	0	5	7	0	7	349	407	-58	36	8	W W L L W
10.	Firwood Waterloo	14	5	0	2	1	0	6	6	0	8	300	281	19	34	10	LLLLW
11.	Broughton Park	14	6	0	2	1	0	5	7	0	7	308	235	73	33	5	L L W W W
12.	Burnage	14	5	0	2	1	0	6	6	0	8	359	389	-30	33	9	W L L W L
13.	Anselmians	14	1	0	7	1	0	5	2	0	12	220	423	-203	11	3	
14.	De La Salle (Salford)	14	0	0	8	0	0	6	0	0	14	160	567	-407	5	5	

Division 1

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	А	Diff	Pts	Adj	Recent Form
1.	Birkenhead Park Wanderers (2nd XV)	12	5	0	0	6	1	0	11	1	0	489	177	312	46	0	w w w w
2.	Sandbach 2nd XV	11	5	0	0	5	0	1	10	0	1	608	157	451	41	0	w w w L w
3.	Warrington 2nd XV	12	3	0	1	4	0	4	7	0	5	294	286	8	35	2	W L L W L
4.	Burnage 2nd XV	12	2	1	4	4	0	1	6	1	5	332	342	-10	32	1	W W L L W
5.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2nd XV	12	4	0	3	1	2	2	5	2	5	238	298	-60	30	1	W L W D W
6.	Fylde Saracens (3rd XV)	12	4	0	3	1	0	4	5	0	7	316	303	13	28	2	W L W L L
7.	Broughton Park 2nd XV	12	3	0	2	2	0	5	5	0	7	291	355	-64	27	1	L W L L W
8.	Liverpool University Veterinarians	12	3	0	3	2	0	4	5	0	7	298	320	-22	26	1	L L W L W
9.	Penrith A XV	12	4	0	3	0	0	5	4	0	8	379	335	44	24	1	L W L W L
10.	Sedgley Park 3rd XV	12	2	1	3	1	0	5	3	1	8	172	511	-339	24	2	L L W D L
11.	Altrincham Kersal (2nd XV)	12	4	0	1	0	0	7	4	0	8	197	431	-234	23	0	L W L W L
12.	Glossop 2nd XV	11	2	1	4	1	0	3	3	1	7	233	332	-99	21	0	L L W L D

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)		
12 Jan	Blackburn (H)		
19 Jan	Stockport (A)		
26 Jan	Carlisle (H)		
9 Feb	Manchester (A)		
16 Feb	Firewood 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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Warrington RUFC vs. Burnage RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC Colours: Green, Scarlet & White.

BURNAGE RUFC Colours: Black.

Saturday 5th January 2019, Kick off 2:15pm

Referee: Micheal Ince, Manchester Society

15	Darren Norman	Sponsorship Available	James Clarke	15
14	Tom McEniff	Sponsorship Available	Joe Wriggley	14
13	Kieran Hughes	Sponsorship Available	Stuart Oldham	13
12	Steven Pilkington	H G Wood Ltd	Rhys Evans	12
11	Nathan Beesley	The Specialist Artwork Co.	Josh Miller	11
10	Andy Roberts	Sponsorship Available	George Oakley	10
9	Ben Dixon	Sponsorship Available	James Hodder	9
8	Danny Fleming	Sponsorship Available	Ralph Lawson (capt)	8
7	Jonny Evans	Sponsorship Available	Freddie Wilson	7
6	Phil Lynch	Blue Group	Andy Ashcroft	6
5	Josh Riley	3M Technologies	Sam Hunter	5
4	Josh Downes (capt)	Simple Solutions Ltd.	Jamie Warwick	4
3	Nick Povey	Sponsorship Available	Ryan O'Haire	3
2	Christian White	Fiona Kellett Physiotherapy	Henry Gong	2
1	Tom Green	Sponsorship Available	Alex Brookes	1
16	Alex Stewart	Sponsorship Available	Jim Williams	16
17	Daniel Griffiths	Sponsorship Available	Rory Kearns	17
18	Max Caldwell	Sponsorship Available	Tom Posniak	18
Andy Roberts		Coach	Dave Muckalt	

Warm welcome to today's guests, opposition and referee, We hope a great day and game is enjoyed by all.

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Warrington 2nd XV 17 – 14 Liverpool Uni. Vets. Sch.

Warrington brave the conditions to edge the students in a tough fought defensive thriller

In conditions as bad as you could possibly hope for, Warrington and the Liverpool Uni Vets served up a game where passion and defensive resilience were in far more supply than attractive running rugby. With the tally between the sides this season standing at won one - lost one, it was the Vets who started the game in flying fashion, scoring in the first minutes. As is proving to be the case more often than not this season, it takes Warrington listening to captain Craig Byrne under the posts before they start playing and they replied almost straight after. Strong work through the middle from the Warrington pack set Byrne off on a trademark run 45 yards out. Byrne powered through the first two defenders before a swerving run and a swivel of the hips did for the full back as he dotted down to level the scores.

As conditions worsened Byrne bundled the home side ahead when excellent support play mauled him over the line to give Warrington a 14-7 lead. Byrne then had to leave the field with a leg injury, Dan Griffiths stepping into skipper the side and also take on the kicking duties with Ben Dixon also being forced off. The Vets leveled up the score when their stand off collected a loose pass in front of a Warrington defence who stopped playing as the ball hit the ground allowing the Vet's 10 to walk through and score by the posts and take the game into half time level at 14 all.

The 2nd half started in freezing rain but with a massively lifted tempo from both sides. Both packs were running hard at each other and after several phases of quickly recycled ball, Warrington were awarded a penalty to the left of the sticks on the Vets 22. Stand in skipper Griffiths took the responsibility and nudged Warrington ahead with a sweetly struck shot at goal and what was to be the last score of the game with more than 25 minutes left. The rest of the game saw Warrington's green wall giving every drop of energy that they could muster up as the Vets continually hammered at the Warrington line with a lot of pick and go work from the rucks. As time wore down the Vets got closer and closer to the Warrington line when a combination of excellent tackling and strong scrummaging saw Warrington taking one against the head and able to clear their lines to hang on for a memorable 17-14 victory.

Special mentions go to; the whole of the Warrington front row who all put in a full shift and didn't give an inch all day in the scrums which set a platform for the joint MoMs Tom Heaps and Andy Buck to tackle and tackle everything that came their way.

Captain Byrne commented that "This was a truly team performance with every single player giving their absolute all. This now takes us into the new year 3rd in the table (which having made all of the big away trips) gives us an excellent platform for the 2nd half of the season".

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Joel Barker Front Row Back Row





Sean Callander Back Row





Josh Riley 2nd Row Back Row

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Perky's Paragraph

At well attended "Friends of Warrington RUFC" lunch on the 15th December to which a vote of thanks must go to Paul Broadbent and his organising committee for staging the event.

The Lunch also saw a presentation of a certificate and tie to Brian McLoughlin from the RFU to mark his outstanding Volunteer work for Warrington RUFC, Brian received a similar award from Lancashire back in 2012 – Congratulations, Brian has been involved with Warrington RUFC for over 50 years.

As a player in the 1st and 2nd XVs, and latterly as captain, Brian took immense pride in his personal performance and appearance. He was a professional in his approach before such a term had entered the rugby union lexicon. He could not understand how some of us warmed up for a match by a Friday night on the town until the early hours and with a pre-match fag in the changing room! Notwithstanding this, Brian still had a successful period as 1st XV coach

Following a spell away from the Club to attend to his business interests but on his returned Brian stuck by his principles of pride in appearance and performance in his role heading up the team who deal with all match day activities. This season 2018/19 Brian has stepped away from the role and left it younger members of the club.

Brian arrived at the club several hours before kick-off and arranged for the pitches to be set out. Brian was then the first person who visiting teams and referees saw when arriving at Warrington. Brian ensured they reached the appropriate changing facilities and that they were aware of pitch allocation and warm up area details.

Not content with taking a rest after the game, Brian kept going. All equipment safely stored, visiting teams fed and referees are looked after with food drink and expenses. It is a matter of amazement that Brian saw the time to sell raffle tickets round the club for the weekly bottle draw. Only then did he allow himself time to relax and talk with friends.

It is people like Brian who quietly ensured that players got their weekly fix of rugby but, as with many, Brian did not ask for thanks. Simply his reward was a job well done. He certainly deserved this award. – Well done and many many thanks.



Sportsman's Dinner

Friday 15th February 2019 - 7:00pm

Master of Ceremonies Malcolm Lord

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Warrington 3rd XV 22 - 12 Moore 2nd XV

On the bleakest of winter days the brutal weather couldn't deter players and spectators alike from arriving on mass to witness a festive feast of rugby.

The Gentlemen of Moore stepped in at the eleventh hour to ensure a game would be played so a huge thank you to them, with the late notice they arrived needing a few and in true rugby spirit lads stepped up to even the sides, messers Turner, Morgan, Yeadon & Stevenson all pulled on the Moore jersey and gave a decent account of themselves, Turner in particular was a thorn in the side all game.

So to the kick off, with a sideways gale, that was regularly accompanied with ice cold rain, Matty Drinkwater sent the ball skyward and we were off. It was apparent from the start that the conditions were going to play a huge part as cold fingers and a slippy ball meant there were one or two knock ons. After the first 10 minutes of play things started to tidy up, some probing darts from the Warrington scrum half Dave Nichols, former captain Neil Sullivan showing he still has a 1 yard of pace from the base of the scrum all showed that the game was there to be won. It wasn't till the 23rd minute when a defensive line out on the Warrington 22, with Wheatley chucking in the ball sailed into the hands of Harry Kellett, the ball was then dispatched to the back line where some intricate, convoluted tomfoolery from Drinky and Millo, released Josh Little from the unfamiliar position of full back, Josh scythed through the gap to stretch his legs to scorch home from 50 yards. We won't talk about dinky conversion attempt. 5-0 The next score was all about the old adage forwards do all the work, the backs get all the glory, after some terrific drives and ball retention, Warrington were in the centre of the park 10 metres off the line, then in a flash the ball found its way the scrum hat sporting Millo, who powered over on the corner, this conversion was attempted by Josh Little, a spectator commented "he looked like he'd get that, up until he kicked it!" 10-0

Moore struck back almost instantly it's a great breakaway try in the corner the conversion was made albeit with the help of the crossbar $10-7~\mathrm{HT}$

The second half started very much as the first ended some strong play from Moore kept Warrington in their 22, some resolute defence & some strong carries from Peter "37 degrees on Cambodia" Holce, pressure relieving kicks from the educated boot of Drinky. After the initial onslaughts from Moore, Warrington found themselves inside the Moore 22, where from the line out Harry Kellett popped up on the short side to outpace the defence and stride over untouched, kick missed 15-7.

With the light and bodies fading rapidly, Warrington started to lose players firstly Chris Sterling knee, then Stu Beeley limped off holding his hamstring. All this made the last quarter of the game a little disjointed but despite that there were more tries from this game, the first for Moore after a speculative kick down field the foot race was won by the Moore stand off, kick missed 15-12.

The final score was one of the best team tries witnessed today, phase after phase Warrington steadily made progress up field then after a probing dart and some sublime interplay in the backs the ball found its way back into Drinky's hands and the 22 yards left to the line seemed to be too far when the Moore number 10 caught up with him just short of the line only for Drinky to despatch the handoff of his career and strode over to score, finally a kick was made! 22-12. The teams then played out the last few minutes before sprinting to the sheds to defrost.

A great thing to see some old mates players back and a special mention goes to the referee today Andy Kellett, despite reffing without a watch not knowing the score for most of the game his contribution was unmeasurable.



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