



## **Welcome to Broughton Park**

A very warm welcome to players, officials and spectators of Broughton Park. It is over two years since we last met and we look forward to a game played in the usual competitive spirit which has always been associated with our clashes.

Broughton Park is one of the oldest clubs in the country, having been formed in 1882, just eleven years after the founding of the RFU. Over the years, it has nurtured many international players and more recent stars have included, Tony Neary, Tony Bond and Kevin O'Brien. (I must confess that I actually turned out for Park in my dotage, when I played in the twos and threes with people such as Arthur Light, a past president, who was also a professional wrestler, and a Swiss international, Hans-Peter Endress, who was also managing director of the global instrumentation company, Endress & Hauser.)

Games against Park have always been feisty and the result was often in favour of the home side, to the extent that we started to think of Hough End as our bogey ground. Our last four meetings show two wins for Park and two wins for Warrington. In season 2014/2015 Park notched up two good victories but in 2015/2016 we won both fixtures. In November 2015, we came back from being 19-13 down with just 12 minutes to go when Matt Connelly touched down under the posts and Darren Norman converted. The win in April 2016 was much easier and we won 34-8 and virtually condemned Park to demotion to South Lancs/Cheshire 1.

However, the Manchester side now seemed to have regained a lot of their old form and are now sitting proudly on top of their league, with five straight wins after an unexpected loss to Sefton by just two points in their first match.

After our difficult start to this season with five matches played away, we too seem to have regained lost form. So a good match seems in view. So, it's once more into the breach and may the best side win and go forward to the Trophy Final.

Dave Jervis

## Player Appearances

<b>Name</b>		Games Played This Year	<b>Total</b>	Tries this Season	<b>Total</b>
Arnold	Tom	3+1	39	2	?
Beesley	Nathan	2	48	1	36
Byrne	Craig	0+1	?		?
Caldwell	Max	4 + unused sub	43	3	18
Callander	Sean	5	79		3
Downes	Josh	1+1	20		1
Evans	Jonny	5	6	1	1
Fleming	Dan	3	145		9
Griffiths	Dan	0+1	28		5
Hockenhull	Ben	4	53		5
Hughes	Sean	4	122		4
Hughes	Kieran	5	87	6	93
Johnstone	Luke	0+1	132		28
Jones	James	3+2	6		
Lynch	Phil	5	57		2
Lythgoe	Zak	0+1	135	1	23
Morgan	Jack	3+2	7		
Norman	Darren	1	20		5
O'Rourke	Clement	3	73		2
Pilkington	Steve	4	76	1	34
Roberts	Andy	2	91		20
Sinclair	Fraser	0+1	1		
Tickle	Steve	0+1	49		1
Thompson	Alex	1	?		
Thompson	Paul	4	252	1	22
Thompson	Jamie	4	17	2	7
Ward	Jon	0+1	35		1
White	Chris	4	48		14
Wood	Tom	5	142	1	51
Yoxhall	Shaun	0+1	68		3
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### North 1 West - 14th October 2017

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Vale of Lune	6	6	0	0	189	29	5
2.	Wilmslow	6	4	0	2	58	22	6
3.	Stockport	6	4	1	1	34	22	4
4.	Firwood Waterloo	6	3	0	3	99	20	8
5.	Northwich	6	4	0	2	21	20	4
6.	Warrington	6	3	0	3	21	17	5
7.	Carlisle	6	3	0	3	17	15	3
8.	Burnage	6	2	0	4	-10	14	6
9.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	6	3	0	3	-22	13	1
10.	Manchester	6	3	0	3	-31	13	1
11.	Altrincham Kersal	6	2	1	3	-61	12	2
12.	Blackburn	6	2	0	4	-41	9	1
13.	Rochdale	6	1	0	5	-85	5	1
14.	St Benedicts	6	1	0	5	-189	5	1

### Raging Bull North West Division 1 - 14th October 2017

	Team	Pl	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	6	5	0	1	174	21	0
2.	Blackburn 2	6	5	0	1	26	21	0
3.	Broughton Park 2	6	3	1	2	84	16	0
4.	Sedgley Park 3	6	3	1	2	33	16	0
5.	Sandbach 2	5	3	1	1	37	15	0
6.	Birkenhead Park 2	6	3	0	3	-23	15	0
7.	Fylde 3	6	2	1	3	48	13	0
8.	Liverpool Uni Vet Sch 1	5	3	0	2	20	13	0
9.	Burnage 2	6	2	1	3	-55	13	0
10.	Warrington 2	6	2	1	3	-89	13	0
11.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	6	2	0	4	-164	12	0
12.	Kendal 2	5	2	0	3	9	11	0
13.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	6	1	0	5	-39	9	0
14.	Northwich 2	5	1	0	4	-61	8	0

### North One West Fixtures 2007-18

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<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>		
21 Oct	<b>Altrincham Kersal (H)</b>		<b>Dave Jervis</b>
28 Oct	<b>Firwood Waterloo (A)</b>		
4 Nov	<b>Wilmslow (H)</b>		
11 Nov	<b>St Benedicts (A)</b>		
25 Nov	<b>Stockport (H)</b>		
2 Dec	<b>Vale of Lune (A)</b>		
9 Dec	<b>Rochdale (H)</b>		
16 Dec	<b>Northwich (H)</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 (H)</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>		

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## Warrington RUFC vs. Broughton Park RUFC

**Warrington RUFC**

*Colours:* Green, Scarlet & White

**Broughton Park RUFC**

*Colours:* Red, Black and White

*Kick Off 3:00 p.m.*

### TEAMS

<b>Clem O'Rourke</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Chris Waind</b>
<b>Paul Thompson</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Andy Wilson</b>
<b>James Jones</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Lawrence Cray</b>
<b>Josh Downes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Jack Williams</b>
<b>Jonny Evans</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Steve Edgar</b>
<b>Sean Hughes (C)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Paddy O'Donnell</b>
<b>Phil Lynch</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Campbell Thompson</b>
<b>Dan Fleming</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Joe Noone</b>
<b>Ben Hockenhull</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Matt Hodgkinson</b>
<b>Tom Wood</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Josh Hodgkinson</b>
<b>Nathan Beesley</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Adeyo Titaloyd</b>
<b>Steve Pilkington</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Angus McCall</b>
<b>Kieran Hughes</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Jack Kelly</b>
<b>Jack Morgan</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Andrew Telford</b>
<b>Jamie Thompson</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Ronan O'Brien</b>
	<i>Bench</i>	
<b>Chris White</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Jake Smith</b>
<b>Saun Yoxhall</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Chris Odonnell</b>
<b>James Brazendale</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Mark Flynn</b>
<b>Darren Norman</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Warren Duffy</b>
<b>Dan Griffiths</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Dave Hanby</b>
<b>Andy Roberts</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Coach: Andy Roberts</b>		<b>Coach: Dave Rodgers</b>

**Referee: John Pemberton, Manchester Society**

### My Mother Gave Me A Sick Note

A notable feature of this season has been the number of cry-offs - for first team, second team and the whole of the third team. Some of the excuses have been priceless and I am just waiting for someone to come along with a sick note from his mother. In my day, the rugby season was sacrosanct. Nobody got married in the season, went on holiday in the season or went shopping in the season on a Saturday. Consequently, I am compiling a list of all the excuses presented and these will be published in April and a vote will be taken to identify the best and the weakest excuse. You have been warned!!!

## **Carlisle 29 Warrington 27 - 7th October**

Warrington again found out how difficult it is to win in Cumbria when they conceded a penalty try deep into time added on just after they had taken the lead for the first time. Lapses in concentration led to a scrum 5 metres out and Carlisle took their opportunity to squeeze the Warrington scrum and a flustered referee awarded the penalty try at the fifth time of asking.

On a day when the Cumbrian weather behaved itself, on a lovely playing surface, the game fluctuated wildly. Carlisle moved into a 12 point lead within 15 minutes breaching a defence not as solid as usual, although Kieran Hughes had bundled over the line only to drop the ball. Warrington began to put some phases together and pulled a try back as Tom Wood crashed over after a fine break by full back Griffiths.

Carlisle's pack put some powerful rolling mauls together which were repelled well and the Warrington backs began to threaten.

The half time score soon became 17 – 5 as Carlisle forward pressure resulted in a try wide-out. Again the away side hit back through the electric winger Nathan Beesley, although, with no recognised goal kicker, Warrington were unable to convert their tries to add on the extra points.

Even when Carlisle were reduced to 14 men after a yellow card, Warrington made some basic errors and it was the home side who went further ahead with an excellent winger's try in the corner.

There seemed no way back for Warrington but their style of play always makes them dangerous when the game loosens up and three tries in the last 15 minutes put them into a five point lead. First the persevering Lynch found a gap in a tiring defence made it 22 – 15 and in the game's finest moments Steve Pilkington first ghosted, the scorched, his way over under the posts to level the scores. Then brilliant combined play up the left involving Kieron Hughes, Tom Arnold and Steve Pilkington found space for the lurking Jack Morgan to plunge over to put the away side in the lead for the first time.

With two minutes left Warrington needed to slow the game down. They failed to do so and Carlisle were awarded the try to give them a win. Warrington came away with two losing bonus points and the knowledge that steadier focus in the last few minutes will not go amiss in future games. In a strong performance, special mention should go to Sean Callender, Josh Downes and Steve Pilkington.

“We are pleased with most of our play just now,” commented coach Andy Roberts. “However, our concentration is lax at times but with a string of home games ahead we are confident of improving our league position”.

## **Warrington 32 Manchester 0 - 30th September**

The mantra that defence wins matches was comprehensively proved at Walton Lea Road on Saturday, where awesome defence provided the platform for four excellent tries and near-perfect goal-kicking. This outstanding win over Manchester gave Warrington their third bonus point win in three games and moves them to sixth in North 1 West.

Warrington were a little slow getting down to business. Although they were unlucky early on when Tom Arnold was tackled into touch feet short, Manchester then started to rule the lines and starve them of possession. However, midway through the half, there came a moment of pure brilliance. Keiron Hughes received the ball ten yards inside his own half. A little half step confused the would-be tacklers before he broke through the defensive line. He then threw two dummies to mystify the closing cover before changing gear to touch down under the posts. Ben Hockenhull converted.

The restart allowed Ben Hockenhull to show that he can kick just as well out of hand as he can convert place kicks when he put in a pin-point kick to the corner. Ten minutes later, Warrington came close to extending their lead when a scintillating Max Caldwell break saw him feed Kieron Hughes who then passed outside to

Tom Arnold. The winger then attempted to hand the ball back to his centre but a stray Manchester hand deflected the ball into touch when a try seemed inevitable.

Manchester then tried to clear their lines but, unfortunately, six players were adjudged offside and Ben Hockenhull had no difficulty kicking the penalty to take his side into a 10 point lead.

The final quarter of the first half saw Manchester constantly on the attack. However, the Warrington defence, led by Sean Hughes, Sean Callendar and Phil Lynch, with some bone-crunching hits from Josh Downes, stood firm, even under relentless pressure on their goal line and the first period ended with Manchester being forced into touch just a yard out.

Manchester began the second half as they had ended the first, pressurising the Warrington line. This pressure was finally relieved when Paul Thomson took a strike against the head at a five yard scrum and Tom Wood put in the clearance kick.

A second Hockenhull penalty increased Warrington's lead but they were still very much under the cosh. Eventually Sean Hughes gained a turnover in the red zone and drove forward. A Manchester misfield was pounced upon by Nathan Beesley and the winger showed his pace before handing onto fellow winger Tom Arnold who touched down in the corner. Ben Hockenhull's laser-guided boot ensured the conversion.

Ten minutes later, a 40 yard break from Hockenhull took Warrington deep inside Manchester territory. Manchester averted the danger but the clearance kick went straight to Jamie Thompson 20 yards inside his own half. The full back scythed through the Manchester cover before passing to Steve Pilkington and the centre finished off in the corner. Once again, the Hockenhull boot added the extras.

Warrington were now playing champagne rugby and were unlucky again when Beesley was forced into touch. However, they had the last word, and claimed the four try bonus point, when a copy book effort saw the ball flash across the back line from a five yard scrum and Jamie Roberts finished off.

"I have run out of superlatives to describe our defence today," said coach Andy Roberts. "And the way we took our chances was nothing short of excellent. That's fifteen points from our last three games. Can't be bad."

## **Warrington 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 17 Sandbach 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 15 - 7th October**

As the score line suggests, this was a hard fought, evenly balanced game where the result was in doubt until the final whistle. On a day when it rained throughout the game, the conditions could be said to have favoured Warrington as dominance in the set scrum was a real advantage when the slippery conditions inevitably lead to mistakes.

The visitors opened the scoring with penalty in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute after a slick backs move took them deep into Warrington territory. Warrington struck back 10 minutes later when they gained a 5m after scrum half Matt Rockey had been held up over the Sandbach line. The solid front row of Tom Horrocks-Patten, Sam Bennett and Alex Marland, ably assisted by the not inconsiderable bulks of Matt Oatway and Phil Lyons in the second row had the visiting pack retreating and captain Shaun Yoxall at No8 secured the touchdown which went unconverted.

Warrington were unable to secure the restart, however, and Sandbach almost immediately re-established their 3 point lead were with a try wide on the left. Intelligent kicking from standoff Ben Dixon put Warrington back on the front foot pinning Sandbach deep in their own half. With 30 minutes gone Warrington were again looking for a push over try but after two attempts were thwarted an impatient cross kick handed the ball back to Sandbach who scampered the length of the park to score wide on the left. The conversion stretched their lead to 10. (See Over Page)

Just before the interval Warrington bounced back. A beautifully weighted kick from Ben Dixon crossed the try line and hard-working centre Steve Pennington won the race to the touchdown.

The third quarter of the game was played in the Sandbach half with Warrington having the majority of possession. Good defence from Sandbach, who counter-rucked aggressively and were quickly up on the Warrington back line, kept their line intact until centre Craig Byrne broke the stalemate. After a typically rumbustuous run, he appeared to be held up over the line by three defenders but managed to wrestle himself to the ground for Warrington's third try. Rocky converted to edge Warrington 2 points clear.

With 10 minutes to go, scrums reverted to uncontested through an injury to the Sandbach front row and although Warrington continued to press, their most potent weapon had been effectively decommissioned. With a minute to go the Sandbach winger under extreme pressure on his own line got the ball away to his centre inside and the visitors back line, who had always looked threatening when not nipped in the bud, stormed up to the Warrington 10m line. The tackle ending the move was judged high giving the visitors one last opportunity for victory. The unsuccessful kick brought the game to a close and a well-earned victory to Warrington.

Captain Yoxall ruminated “ Quicker ball from the rucks might have made our life easier but we played well to the conditions and deserved the win.”

## Photo Gallery



The little magician dances through



Phil Lynch in a typical tackle-bursting run

## The Season So Far

After losing the first two games, both away because of cricket, Warrington have started to recover their true form. With away wins at Burnage and Blackburn, a home win over Manchester and a narrow defeat at Carlisle (in which we still managed to score 5 tries), we now are sixth in the league with a creditable 17 points. It's a long season ahead but, at the moment the outlook is bright.