



Welcome to Kendal

A very warm welcome to the players officials and supporters of Kendal, who are very much in pole position for promotion. They are just two points behind Kirkby Lonsdale but have a game in hand, while they have two games in hand over third place Wilmslow, but lead them by three points. We are in fourth place but 18 points behind the league leaders.

As early as the last quarter of the 19th Century, South Westmoreland, now part of Cumbria, was a nationally known rugby stronghold. Almost all the villages ran their own sides and the three most famous Kendal clubs were the Hornets, the Cardinals and the Excelciors. Westmoreland was then a County Rugby body on its own and even the Maori touring side played in Kendal in 1888.

Kendal RUFC was founded in 1905 and in those early days, attracted crowds of 3,000 to 4,000. (Well, there was no telly and no internet in those days. A bit like modern day Wigton.)

The club became nationally-known in the 1930s and during the period September 1930 to April 1940, Kendal played 335 games, winning 335, losing just 54 and drawing nine. And these were games played against most of the best clubs in the north, such as Sale, Headingley, Halifax, Fylde, Northern and even the, then, high and mighty Broughton Park. This success was repeated in the 50s and in the 80s, when they finished second in League North One to...Winnington Park!

Kendal very much have the edge in games played between our two clubs. In our first meeting in North 1 West, in September 2013, they beat us 29-15 at Kendal and in the return fixture that season, they ended our record-breaking run of 25 consecutive home victories when they beat us 32-10 at Walton Lea Road. We enjoyed some measure of revenge when we beat them at home, 34-7, in November 2014, with veteran Kev Jones picking up two tries, but we lost gain on the away trip to Kendal in February.

Our away game this season, saw us well beaten on a rain-soaked pitch, although we picked up good tries from Luke Johnstone and Nathan Beesley. This loss also brought to an end our dream start to the season of eight wins on the bounce.

So a hearty welcome to our visitors. We have home advantage. You seem to have found your form. Let's hope it's a good game.

Apperances

<u>Name</u>		Games Played This Year	<u>Total</u>	Tries this Season
Beesley	Nathan	16+2	25	9
Bennett	Sam	4 + 2	6	
Brazendale	James	0+2	3	1
Caldwell	Max	5	12	
Callander	Sean	17	49	1
Connelly	Mat	14+1	76	3
Edwards	Pete	5+5	22	
Fleming	Dan	16 + 2	114	1
Fraser	Hayden	4+ 2	42	4
Green	Tom	2	3	
Griffiths	Dan	0+1	21	
Haddon	Mike	2 + 1	150	
Hannon	Jack	2	2	
Hockenhull	Ben	17	18	
Hughes	Sean	11 + 1	88	1
Hughes	Kieran	10+1	75	10
Johnstone	Elliot	11+5	72	3
Johnstone	Luke	9+2	105	2
Jones	Kevin	3	246	
Lynch	Phil	2+2	43	
Lyon	Phil	2 + 1	3	
Lythgoe	Zak	4	134	
Marland	Alex	3+4	7	
McGregor	James	5 + 3	8	
Nicholls	Sam	2+1	13	1
Norman	Darren	13+3	16	5
O'Rourke	Clement	15	43	
Pennington	Nick	0+1	1	
Pilkington	Steve	15+2	72	6
Preston	Ryan	0+2	22	
Riley	Josh	17	73	2
Rockey	Matt	3+2	157	
Smith	Jono	9	19	4
Thompaon	Paul	3	221	
Thompson	Jamie	6+1	13	3
Walker	Max	15+1	26	3
Ward	Jon	6 + 3	27	
Wood	Tom	18	106	8
Wright	Andy	3	3	1

What Happened to The Fun Bus?

The away trip to Penrith was supposed to be a Fun Bus outing. But what happened? First of all there were notable absentees (although we did get a few new members in Stu Lomas, Roy Potts and Max Caldwell's dad). Secondly, we had to be back in the village by 8, because a senior member was on parental duties. Thirdly, a few of the lads made their own way to Penrith. In fact, it was not so much a Fun Bus as a Boring Bus. So much so that Digger Barnes was asleep all the way back. (Mind you, he was sitting next to Roy.) So let's see all you Fun Busers on the trip to Kirkby Lonsdale next week. No excuses, no sick notes!!

North 1 West League

#	Team	Pd	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Kirkby Lonsdale	19	17	1	1	257	80	10
2.	Kendal	18	17	0	1	363	78	10
3.	Wilmslow	20	15	0	5	289	75	15
4.	Warrington	19	12	2	5	98	62	10
5.	Vale of Lune	19	11	0	8	71	54	10
6.	Penrith	18	10	0	8	101	51	11
7.	Altrincham Kersal	19	9	1	9	16	45	7
8.	Rochdale	19	9	0	10	-43	41	5
9.	Eccles	20	8	0	12	-133	41	9
10.	Leigh	20	6	0	14	-148	31	7
11.	Carlisle	19	3	2	14	-173	25	9
12.	Blackburn	18	5	1	12	-224	24	2
13.	Broughton Park	19	4	1	14	-214	22	4
14.	Widnes	19	3	0	16	-260	16	4

Standish Media Services Division 1

#	Team	Pd	W	D	L	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Wilmslow 2	18	16	1	1	350	67	0
2.	Preston Grasshoppers 3	18	14	0	4	372	60	0
3.	Crewe & Nantwich 2	18	13	0	5	134	57	0
4.	Warrington 2	18	11	1	6	-1	52	0
5.	Wirral 2	18	11	0	7	284	51	0
6.	Rossendale 2	18	9	3	6	78	48	0
7.	Broughton Park 2	19	9	0	10	36	46	0
8.	Burnage 2	20	8	0	12	-130	44	0
9.	Blackburn 2	16	7	0	9	-31	37	0
10.	Altrincham Kersal 2	19	6	0	13	-277	37	0
11.	Liverpool Collegiate 2	18	5	0	13	-109	36	3
12.	Macclesfield 3	19	5	1	12	-52	34	0
13.	Bolton 2	18	5	0	13	-296	33	0
14.	Leigh 2	17	5	0	11	-358	21	-10

North One West Fixtures 2015-16

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	Sponsor
2015		Home Team 1st	
5 Sept	Wilmslow (Away)	W 30-45	
12 Sept	Blackburn (Home)	W 49-13	
19 Sept	Leigh (Away)	W 22-26	
26 Sept	Vale of Lune (Home)	W 45-23	
3 Oct	Rochdale (Away)	W 17-23	
10 Oct	Widnes (Home)	W 38-3	Emma & Richard Woodward
17 Oct	Carlisle (Away)	W 19-21	
24 Oct	Penrith (Home)	W 36-14	
7 Nov	Kendal (Away)	L 27-12	
14 Nov	Kirkby Lonsdale (Home)	D 12-12	Warrington Ladies
21 Nov	Broughton Park (Away)	W 19-32	
5 Dec	Eccles (Away)	L 24-20	
12 Dec	Altrincham Kersal (Home)	W 38-15	Steve Riley
19 Dec	Blackburn (Away)	D 19-19	
2016			
9 Jan	Leigh (Home)	W 29-22	
16 Jan	Vale of Lune (Away)	P	
23 Jan	Rochdale (Home)	L 10-22	Dave Cunningham
30 Jan	Widnes (Away)	L 24-10	
6 Feb			
13 Feb	Carlisle (Home)	W 26-21	
20 Feb	Penrith (Away)	L 60-12	
5 Mar	Kendal (Home)		Warrington Pals
19 Mar	Kirkby Lonsdale (Away)		
2 April	Broughton Park (Home)		Dave Jervis
9 April	Eccles (Home)		Dave Broadbent
16 April	Altrincham Kersal (Away)		
23 Apr	Wilmslow (Home)		Ross Thompson

Today's Sponsors

Today's sponsors are long-standing members and supporters of Warrington Rugby, who have decided to put their money where their collective mouths are. All of them will be attending the Past Players' lunch, and paying for it, but they have also contributed to this joint sponsorship. So thanks to Jim, Fred, Roy, the two Pauls, John, Brian and Steve. Enjoy your day!

Warrington RUFC vs. Kendal RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Kendal RUFC

Colours: Black and Yellow

Kick Off 3:00 p.m.

TEAMS

Clem O'Rourke	1	Glenn Chesher
Paul Thompson	2	Duncan Green (C)
Jon Ward	3	Jack Lashley
Josh Riley	4	Liam Hayton
Dan Fleming	5	Ben Leacock
Ryan Preston	6	Matty Houghton
Sean Callender	7	Josh Chaplow
Max Walker	8	Chris Downham
Ben Hockenhull	9	James Gough
Tom Wood (C)	10	Glen Weightman
Nathan Beesley	11	Mark Caruthers
Luke Johnston	12	Danny Barker
Kieran Hughes	13	Zane Butler
Max Caldwell	14	Chris Park
Darren Norman	15	Nathan Wooff
	Bench	
Elliot Johnston	16	Dom Musetti
Shaun Yoxhall	17	James Thompson
Andy Roberts	18	Rob Wightman
Coach: Andy Roberts		Coach: Chris Downham

Referee: Nick Taylor, Manchester Society

The Past Players' Lunch

Today we are holding the annual Past Players Lunch. We would love to be able to tell you how many times this has been held in the past but cannot do so as most present now struggle to recall such detail.

What they can remember of course is how well they played and how today's players really do not know what it is all about. Dave Jones will deny dropping the ball over the line in one important cup tie while Dave Roughley now always catches Mike Gibson at Twickenham. Brian McLoughlin cannot believe how wrong the referee was when dismissed for some minor misdemeanour. Fred Clarkson still has the roll of carpet in his kit bag which he used to protect his opposite number in a high tackle. Rocky Turner is still in his mid twenties while Roy Potts may be saying the same thing but his accent defeats his listeners. Steve Hennessey continues to deny that he ever verbally wound up the opposition but many a scrum half is now deaf as a result of the 80 minute barrage. Ah well! Memories.

Penrith 60 Warrington 12

A weakened Warrington suffered its heaviest defeat of the season against a very much in-form Penrith. The Cumbrian team proved to be too strong in all forward phases and this provided the platform for their speedy, talented backs to score 38 unanswered points in a one-sided second half.

Ironically, it was Warrington who scored first, when they forced a penalty at a scrum and Tom Wood unwrapped his kicking boots for the first time this season to put his side ahead. Unfortunately, the lead was short lived as Penrith quickly replied with a try from a driving maul begun at a line-out ten yards from the Warrington line.

This was the first of the home side's four first half tries. Each of the other three saw the forwards and backs combining well, while the third try included a superb pick up off his toes by the Penrith right winger. Only the fourth try was converted and it seemed that Warrington might even stage a come-back, when Tom Wood kicked three good penalties, one from 40 yards, to make the half time score 22-12.

However, Penrith had other ideas. Within five minutes of the restart, they claimed a second drive-over try and then started to release their backs. Although Warrington's weakened scrum continued to compete heroically and Josh Riley and Sean Callender provided good line-out possession, while Jack Hannon and Max Walker tackled like demons, there was no way they could stem the Penrith rip tide, which saw them notch up a further five tries against an increasingly tiring Warrington.

Warrington 26 Carlisle 21

Warrington returned to winning ways against Carlisle but, as is usual in games between these two teams, only a few points separated them at the final whistle. In fact, Carlisle could have snatched a draw at least with the very last action of the match, only for the right wing to step into touch and then knock on over the line.

The opening 20 minutes of the game saw both sides trying to search out defensive weaknesses in the opposition. Warrington played some good rugby but failed to capitalize because of too many unforced errors. One particularly strong attack saw them threatening the Carlisle line but a loose pass was intercepted and the play switched quickly to the Warrington 10 metre zone and Carlisle eventually forced their way over in the corner. Ten minutes later, the visitors added a further three points to their score when they kicked a penalty.

Warrington came back just before half time when a typical surging run from Max Walker brought within reach of the Carlisle line and, after a number of forward phases, Jonno Smith picked up a loose ball and hustled over to make the half time score 5-8.

The first quarter of the second half saw Warrington regain some of their old form. After applying five minutes of pressure in the Warrington 22, particularly through a superb driving maul which was only halted inches from the line, the ball was eventually released to the three quarters and an exquisite pass out of the back door found Haydn Fraser, who took an excellent line to cross near the posts.

Warrington continued virtually from the re-start. Winger Maz Caldwell used the touch line well before putting in a kick ahead which was followed up by centre Andy Wright who claimed the touch down. Jonno Smith converted.

Carlisle came back in contention, first through a penalty and then with a try, totally against the run of play, when they pounced on a loose pass in their 22 and kicked ahead to score an unconverted try. Again, Warrington quickly replied when their forwards drove the ball up-field and, from 40 yards out, Jonno Smith stepped inside and then outpaced the cover to touch down under the posts, to allow him a simple conversion.

But it was the visitors who were last to set the tins rattling on the scoreboard when they elected for a scrum at a penalty five yards out and powered over in the corner.

Macclesfield 3rd XV 18 Warrington 2nd XV 56

A well-drilled Macclesfield third team could find no answer to Warrington second string's pace and guile and, after competing well in the first period, they were totally destroyed by the visitors' second half blitz.

Warrington opened the scoring within two minutes when a well-worked back's move saw Haydn Fraser drift over in the corner. Macclesfield replied with a penalty but Warrington increased their lead when winger Matt Grimshaw scored his first try for the club, after good approach work from the forwards. Macclesfield cut the deficit with another penalty but Craig Byrne once again stepped up to the mark by shrugging off three tackles to touch down under the posts, allowing Shaun McDermott an easy conversion.

The Macclesfield forwards then enjoyed a brief moment of glory as they rumbled over close to the sticks and the conversion put just four points between the sides. However, this soon became nine points as Haydn Fraser scorched over for his second try to make score 13-22 at half time.

The second period saw Warrington completely outclass the opposition with the gule of Shaun McDermott and the pace of Keiron Hughes and Haydn Fraser, supported with a powerful forward platform. This saw two two tries from the twinkling toes of Hughes, a third try from Haydn Fraser, two powerful touchdowns from Gary Jackman and a surging forwards' effort from Josh Downes. Macclesfield managed a single reply from a chip and chase from their right centre but it was all to no avail as Warrington strode through to an unstoppable victory.

"This game produced some of the best rugby we have played all season, with excellent individual performances from the likes of Haydn Fraser and Shaun Yoxhall" said player/coach Paul Thompson, who claimed four strikes against the head. "We are now fourth in the league and well set for a top three finish."

Chester 3rd XV 12 Warrington 3rd XV 19

In a game, which is in no way reflected by the scoreline, Warrington's third team completely outclassed a strong Chester outfit but were unable to find the clinical finishing which would have made their win more emphatic. The win sees them in sixth place in the league but still challenging for a top four finish, especially as they have a game in hand over all the sides above them.

The first half saw Warrington, enjoying the advantages of a following wind and the slope of the pitch, well on top in all areas. A superb break from Max Caldwell, playing unaccustomedly at stand off, was halted inches short. A rare Chester incursion into Warrington territory saw them awarded a penalty but the kick hit the post, was fielded by Phil Lyons and superb hands saw the ball carried up-field before Caldwell finally cleared the danger with a well-judged kick to the corner.

Taylor Wheat then broke the defence but, he too, was held up short of the line. Eventually, the stalemate was broken when Tom Hockenhull took a quick tap penalty and the ball found the safe hands of Tony Fretwell. The veteran centre took a superb line to outwit the defence and strode over under the posts to allow Darren Norman an easy conversion.

Chester soon came back when they were awarded their sixteenth penalty of the half and went wide to score in the corner. Fortunately, the two point gap between the sides was short-lived when Warrington gained good possession from yet another James Brazendale turnover and the forwards went patiently through six phases before Tom Green found a sizeable gap and shuffled over. Darren Norman's conversion on the stroke of half time made the score 5-14.

The second half saw Chester using the slope to their advantage and their pressure soon paid off when their forwards drove over, the conversion bringing within two points of Warrington. However, the visitors stood firm and the victory was sealed with a superb individual effort from Darren Norman, who fielded a speculative Chester kick in his own half, evaded the chasing pack and then outpaced the cover, using the touchline cleverly, to score.

Punchlines

Unclean! Unclean!

Now we all know Dave Broadbent as the epitome of sartorial elegance. You never see the remains of his latest meal on his well-worn overcoat or a beer stain on his tie. (Well, hardly ever.) However, the other week he totally surpassed himself when he turned up for the Carlisle game with a pair of white socks on his hands! I must admit that my first thought was that he had contracted leprosy as I gazed with horror at the two bandaged stumps sticking out of his anorak. But what's next? Underpants on his head?



Tonto Rides Again

Many of you older readers will have fond memories of the Lone Ranger and his faithful Indian companion, Tonto. If you remember, Tonto was played by a native American by the name of Jay Silverheels. Well, it seems that he had a brother. Tony Fretwell recently visited Fiona for some physio. Evidently, he was suffering from hot heels. So welcome, Tony Scorching Heels!

New Zaks for Old

It would seem that Zak Lythgoe has finally made up his mind and has decided to return the Dark Zone of Lymm. But don't despair, as it would seem that he left behind two clones. These two look-alikes (a.k.a. Tom Green and Phil Lyons) recently turned out for the threes against Chester. Does anybody know a bearded milkman in the Warrington area?



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1.	Whitechurch 2	18	16	0	1	306	65	0
2.	Christleton 1	18	15	0	3	299	63	0
3.	Winnington Park 2	19	11	0	8	-67	52	0
4.	Bowdon 2	18	9	0	9	145	45	0
5.	Glossop 2	18	9	0	9	-25	45	0
6.	Warrington 3	17	10	0	6	7	44	-2
7.	Sefton 2	17	9	0	8	-32	44	0
8.	Stockport 3	16	9	0	5	98	41	0
9.	Northwich 2	17	7	0	10	-107	38	0
10.	Caldy 3	19	7	0	9	19	37	0
11.	Liverpool St Helens 2	17	7	0	8	63	34	-2
12.	Chester 3	17	6	0	10	-101	34	0
13.	Didsbury Toc H 2	17	5	0	12	-281	32	0
14.	New Brighton 2	18	3	0	14	-324	26	0