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OUR VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Our Vision

To be an excellent independent sustainable amateur Rugby Union Club and a leading provider of sports facilities in the Orrell area, recognised as a valued contributor to the local community.

Mission Statement

To be a high quality, well run club, offering opportunities for all ages, genders and levels of ability; embracing the RFU core values by creating an environment and culture that promotes teamwork, discipline, respect and enjoyment- whilst maintaining respect for the club's history and retaining our links with the past; incorporating changes in society, new ideas and new technologies.

Values & Conduct

- To behave with integrity and in a manner, that is consistent with the principles of good teamwork, discipline, and respect for others.
- To promote the club and the sport of Rugby Union to those outside the club
- To demonstrate individual commitment in all activities and roles undertaken on behalf of the club
- To contribute in a positive manner to team activities and show respect to other team members
- To nurture and develop the skills of individuals
- To promote wider member participation in the Club and the community
- To carry out our duties or tasks for Orrell Rugby Union Club with pride and respect for the club values

The Club also follows the RFU Code of Rugby:

Everyone involved in rugby in England, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is expected to uphold the core values of our sport

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 participants
- Reject cheating, racism violence and drugs
- Value volunteers and paid officials alike
- Enjoy the game

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WELCOME FROM BILL LYON

PRESIDENT ORRELL RUFC



A warm welcome to all as we look forward to what we all hope will be a good entertaining game and the last one before the Christmas break.

We are now at the half-way mark for the season, which means we have 12 more games to play till the end of the season. We are analysing our results and assessing successes and failures and setting our targets for the rest of the season. The teams continue to develop, they are putting in the work, determination to succeed is a big factor and prospects remain very encouraging.

Training numbers are being maintained thus far with around 35 players training each week. We would still like to see more there, the coaches especially would like to see full complements representing the two teams, present on a Wednesday night-it can make a real difference.

Orrell lost a lifelong supporter and contributor earlier this year, The Mother of David Cleary (Mrs Edna Cleary) sadly passed away after a short illness in September. Her legacy to the club was two sons (David and Dennis) and four Grandsons Mark and John Lloyd along with Mathew and Christian Cleary all proud to wear the Orrell shirt at some time over the past 40 years up to the present day.



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Finally, may I take the opportunity to wish you and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. See you in 2018!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

TONY HAVLIN

As we reach the last match before the Christmas break, I would like to wish all players, members and visitors the compliments of the season and thank you for your efforts and support over the past 12 months. It has been a busy year and we look forward to an even busier and productive 2018.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the year, starting with our Sports Dinner on 8th March with a most impressive speaker, International Referee Nigel Owens. We are looking for sponsors for the event, so anyone who liked to get involved (or even just buy a ticket or book a table) then please get in touch with Dave Hewlett our Commercial and Sponsorship Manager.

You will find a full page of all the other events we have planned so far in the programme this week. I hope all of you will continue to support our events and spread the word to your friends and colleagues.

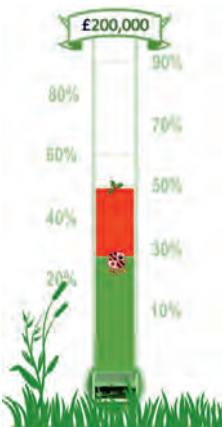
It has also been a busy year on the Land Project or our Field of Dreams as we like to call it. Hope you won't mind me reminding you where we stand – tis the season of good will and all that. You may remember that we need to raise £200,000 ourselves over the next 2 years towards the cost of phase 1. This will allow us to access grants for the remainder of the costs to level, drain and sow the pitches. The lead time for the pitches to mature means that we would like to start phase one as soon as we can, so any donation, big or small, will be gratefully received.

I quoted some numbers at the recent FOPs dinner and have since had more donations passed over from WPCC and from our membership secretary. We have a total of 98 individual donors this includes those members who have added a small donation onto their membership payment. All donors (names only) will be thanked in our next newsletter and will be carried forward into a more permanent recognition once we occupy our new ground. We are open to suggestions on what type of recognition you think would be appropriate.

In the 3 months since we sent appeal letters to all members and former members we have received donations and pledges totalling £55,000, if we add to that the potential gift aid associated with the pledges that takes the amount up to between £65,000 and £68,000. When we then add in the proceeds from the Dinner Dance that takes the total over £70,000.

The club also has a separate fund built up over recent years largely from the proceeds of the 200 club and some one-off donations which could add to that. We still need about a further £120,000. However, if we consider possible associated gift aid that brings our target down to £96,000. So, we are around half way to our total.

At the FOPs dinner the club was presented with a very generous cheque by one of our main sponsors Colin Ratcliffe of Brookhouse Construction which could take us over the half way total. So many thanks to Colin and his wife Michelle for their generosity and continuing support.



We are very pleased with the encouraging start to our fundraising and would like to say thank you to all our supporters and the donations we have received to date. There is still some way to go, so in the New Year we will also be launching several other fundraising initiatives, including our new Crowd Funding platform. We also have some ideas around a "Plant a Tree" fundraiser and a "buy a brick". Lots of ideas so keep an eye on the website and social media as we launch each new initiative.

As ever, if you have any business or personal contacts that you think would be interested in sponsoring or partnering with us on the project then let us know, we have lots of information that we can share with them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who work hard behind the scenes here at Orrell RUFC, making sure the ground is ready for the home matches, making sure the home & visiting teams have refreshments after the matches, the committee who keep the club running, our coaches and our players. Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Finally, I would like to wish all our sponsors and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a happy, health and prosperous New Year. We look forward to working/playing and fundraising with you all during 2018. Merry Christmas!

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COACHES CORNER PETE

Didsbury Toc H v Orrell 1sts Saturday 2nd December 2017

Starting line up was:

1. Finney 2. Davies 3. Statter 4. A Stott 5. Garner
6. Pegg 7. D. Huxley 8. Caldwell 9. Kieran Herbert
10. M. Stott 11. Thomas 12. Halsall 13. Farrimond
14. Dickinson 15. Owen 16. Anderson
17. Bramwell. C 18. Bramwell. T
19. Lee 20. Gannon

Toc H kept Orrell first team guessing pre-match by providing two potential venues for the game dependent on pitch conditions at their home ground. A phone call from Orrell just before setting off prompted the response that the match was to be played at Manchester Met University on an all-weather 3G pitch. This was met with some disdain and a lack of enthusiasm by Orrell. However, the most pleasing aspect of the game from a coaches' point of view was that we persevered and weathered early Toc attacks, with some typically first-rate defense, which is becoming a dogged trait of resilience and effort throughout the Orrell club.

Even with the advantage of two first half sin bins the home side were unable to grasp an advantage. Whichever Orrell player came onto the field through interchanges they all defended superbly, and the score

line of 0-0 until the 70th minute was testimony to that. Orrell also had chances of their own, and could easily have been 6-0 to the good, had Craig Thomas not chosen to hit the posts on two occasions rather than kicking penalties between them. Sadly on 70 minutes, Craig was forced to leave the field with a dislocated shoulder, which will keep him out of action until well into the New Year. Our best wishes are with him.

From the ensuing passage of play Toc H took the lead, but undeterred Orrell responded with some great forward support play, eventually releasing to the backs for Tom Halsall to score a great team effort wide left in the last minute. Replacement kicker Alex Gannon slotted the conversion with aplomb to give us a much deserved win.

Much thanks from Andy and myself goes to the lads who stepped up into the firsts, following cancellation of the second team game. It is nice to see the camaraderie which extends throughout the club.

Big thanks also go to Peter Anglesea, who gave up his time last Wednesday to provide a great training session for all, and fresh approach to the rucking and tackling aspects of the game.

This week we welcome Liverpool Collegiate and look forward to great home support.

**All the best to everyone and a very Merry Christmas,
Pete Carletti**

CAPTAIN'S CORNER DAN HUXLEY

Hello and welcome back St John Rigby College. Today's visitors are Liverpool Collegiate and yet again its going to be another tough game for us. Weather and pitch conditions may be a factor and both teams will have to adapt their game- lets hope its not too bad. Hopefully both teams will still be able to play some fluent rugby.

Our last game at Didsbury Toc H was a real tough and frustrating game for both sides. Played on a 4G surface I think it was fair to say both teams were expecting a high scoring, fast paced and exciting game. That wasn't the

case. In the end it worked in our favour as we were able to stop their main threats and force them to play a game they weren't comfortable with. In the end it finished 7-5 with us scoring our try right at the last minute and Alex Gannon kicking the winner from near enough the touch line! Of course the lads celebrated accordingly. A good win away from home and hopefully now we are back on track.

I hope you enjoy the game.

Thank you, Dan Huxley

1XV MATCH REPORT 25 NOVEMBER

ORRELL V HEATON MOOR



Orrell had lost to Heaton Moor, by 1 point when they had met 5 weeks before in the Quarter Final of the Lancashire Plate. Orrell were up against a heavier Heaton Moor pack and the game was played on a very wet pitch. Orrell kicked off, but in the opening minutes of the game, they gave away a penalty. Heaton Moor kicked for touch, then won the line out and drove the ball, and got another penalty 15 meters from the Orrell line, which they converted to give them 3 points lead after just 5 minutes play. Heaton Moor had the chance to extend their lead with another penalty kick at goal when they were awarded another penalty for Orrell being Off Side, but the kick when just wide. Fortunately, it was not just Orrell who were giving away penalties and 30 minutes into the half Orrell won a line out from a penalty inside their opponents 22 meters and after several pick up and drives Jonny Pegg touched down for a try. The conversion was missed, but Orrell had the lead 5 – 3. A few minutes later Orrell were down to 14 players when Hooker Lloyd Davies was Yellow Carded for coming into a ruck from the side. Heaton Moor were unable to take advantage of their extra player and the score remained Orrell 5 Heaton Moor 3 at Half Time.

In the opening minutes of the second half Orrell continued to give away penalties and 5 minutes into the half, when they were

back to full strength Heaton Moor won a line out from another penalty inside the Orrell 20 metre line and drove the ball over the line to score their 1st try. The conversion was missed but the visitors were back in front 5 – 8. When Heaton Moor tried to run the ball Orrell players produced some great tackles. Orrell had the chance of levelling the score with a penalty kick at goal, but the ball went just wide. Midway through the half Heaton Moor, after several pick up and drives, moved the ball out to their left centre who stepped back inside, to wrong foot the Orrell defence, and scored the visitors 2nd try, which was converted to extend their lead to 5pts to 15pts.

A few minutes later Orrell got well into their opponents and got a penalty and as they were 10 points behind, they took a tapped ball, but after several pick up and drives, they knocked on. 10 minutes from the end Heaton Park had a player Yellow Carded. Orrell tried to move the ball along their line, but as the ball became difficult to handle, due to the wet conditions, they were unable to take advantage of their extra players and at the final whistle the score remained at Orrell 5 Heaton Moor 15.

by Graham Winstanley



1XV MATCH REPORT 2 DECEMBER

DIDSBURY TOC H V ORRELL

Orrell would like to thank Peter Anglesey from Sale for taking a training session on Wednesday before Orrell's away game against Didsbury Toc H.

Didsbury's pitch was unfit, and they switched the game to an Astro turf pitch at Manchester University facilities.

Orrell set up an attack in the opening minutes of the game, but the last pass was knocked on. Didsbury then had a chance to open the scoring with a penalty, but declined the kick at goal, and kicked for touch. Didsbury won the line out, then got a scrum 10m from the Orrell line. Orrell's defence stopped Didsbury getting over the line. Then Orrell were awarded a penalty to take play back up field.

Just over 10 minutes into the game Orrell were reduced to 14 players when Andy Stott was yellow carded for a high tackle. Orrell again had to defend close to their own try line, but Didsbury were unable to take advantage of their extra player and the score remained at 0 – 0 when Orrell were back to full strength.

15 minutes from the break Orrell set up a good attack down their right wing, but were unable to score. 5 minutes later Orrell had a chance to take the lead, when they were awarded a penalty. Craig Thomas took a penalty kick, but the ball hit the outside post and bounced back into play.

3 minutes from Half Time Orrell were again reduced to 14 players, when Matt Farrimond was Yellow Carded. Orrell again had to defend close to their own line, but stopped Didsbury's attack when they forced them into touch and the score remained at 0–0 at Half Time.

Early in the Second Half Didsbury set up an attack and got a scrum 10m from the Orrell line. They were then awarded a penalty. They tapped the ball and moved it across the field, but then knocked on. The Home side again attacked the Orrell line a line out 10 m out, but again Orrell's defence withstood the attack and the score was still 0–0 when Orrell were back to full strength. 10 minutes into the half Didsbury again attacked, from a line out close to the Orrell line, but again Orrell's defence held out.

Midway through the half had the chance of opening the scoring with a penalty kick, but the ball again hit the outside post and bounced out. A few minutes later Craig Thomas had to be replaced after dislocating his shoulder.

With less than 15 minutes left in the game, Orrell gave away a penalty. Didsbury kicked for touch. They win the line out and after several pick up and drives they move the ball out to score. The conversion was missed, but the Home side now had a 5-point lead.

A few minutes later Didsbury elected to attempt a penalty kick to extend their lead, but the kick went wide.

In the dying moments of the game Orrell were awarded a penalty. They kick for touch and have a lineout 15 m from the Didsbury line. They win the lineout and move the ball across the field and Centre Tom Halsall touches down to level the scores. The kicking duties were taken over by Andy Cannon. His conversion kick went over the bar to give Orrell the lead 5 – 7 and immediately the referee blew his whistle for the end of the game.

by Graham Winstanley

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RESULTS, TABLE AND FIXTURES



South Lancs & Cheshire League 2 Results Saturday 9 December 2017

Liverpool Collegiate	10- 32	Heaton Moor
Oldershaw	7- 17	Dukinfield
Winnington Park	90- 0	Port Sunlight

South Lancs & Cheshire League 2 Results Saturday 2 December 2017

Congleton	P	Oldershaw
Didsbury Toc H	5- 7	Orrell
Heaton Moor	24- 11	Wigan
Liverpool Collegiate	22- 5	Dukinfield
Marple	15- 38	Winnington Park
Port Sunlight	10- 19	Aspull
Vagabonds (I.O.M.)	0- 41	Oswestry

South Lancs & Cheshire 2 League Table									
Teams	Games	Results			Points Scored			Total	
	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adj
Winnington Park	12	12	0	0	487	102	385	57	0
Liverpool Collegiate	13	10	0	3	546	184	362	52	2
Heaton Moor	13	10	0	3	509	155	354	52	3
Aspull	11	10	0	1	315	195	120	45	0
Dukinfield	13	8	0	5	311	250	61	36	4
Oswestry	12	6	0	6	284	199	85	34	4
Didsbury Toc H	11	6	0	5	355	208	147	33	2
Orrell	12	6	0	6	321	228	93	30	2
Wigan	12	4	0	8	265	243	22	24	4
Congleton	11	4	0	7	198	290	-92	23	3
Marple	11	4	0	7	241	256	-15	22	1
Port Sunlight	13	3	0	10	273	466	-193	17	1
Oldershaw	12	1	0	11	133	570	-437	6	1
Vagabonds IOM	12	0	0	12	45	937	-892	0	0

South Lancs & Cheshire League 2 Fixtures Saturday 16 December 2017

Congleton	vs	Winnington Park
Didsbury Toc H	vs	Oldershaw
Dukinfield	vs	Aspull
Heaton Moor	vs	Oswestry
Orrell	vs	Liverpool Collegiate
Vagabonds (I.O.M.)	vs	Port Sunlight
Wigan	vs	Marple

South Lancs & Cheshire League 2 Fixtures Saturday 6 January 2018

Aspull	vs	Heaton Moor
Liverpool Collegiate	vs	Wigan
Marple	vs	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)
Oldershaw	vs	Orrell
Oswestry	vs	Didsbury Toc H
Port Sunlight	vs	Congleton
Winnington Park	vs	Dukinfield



ORRELL RUFC 1XV

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER APPEARANCES

Player	Appearances	Starts	Bench	Red Card	Yellow Cards
Thomas Craig	14	13	1	0	0
Davies Lloyd	13	13	0	0	4
Gardner Brad	13	13	0	0	1
Huxley Dan	13	13	0	0	0
Stott Andrew	13	13	0	0	1
Owen Chris	13	12	1	0	0
Caldwell Michael	12	12	0	0	1
Pegg Jonathan	12	12	0	0	0
Huxley Max	12	11	1	0	1
Herbert Kieran	11	11	0	0	0
Presho John	11	10	1	0	0
Halsall Tom	11	9	2	0	0
Statter Jonathan	10	10	0	0	0
Farrimond Matthew	9	5	4	0	1
Bramwell Carlton	9	4	5	0	0
Stott Matthew	8	7	1	0	0
Anderson Brad	8	4	4	0	0
Rowley Phil	7	6	1	0	0
Nicholson Gary	7	5	2	0	0
Worley Adam	6	5	1	0	0
Wynne Christopher	6	3	3	0	2
Herbert Kyle	5	1	4	0	0
Astin Scott	4	3	1	0	0
Pearson James	4	0	4	0	0
Long Sean	3	3	0	0	0
Gleeson Martin	3	2	1	0	0
Finney Richard	3	1	2	0	0
Gannon Alex	3	1	2	0	0
Price David	3	0	3	0	0
Dickinson John	2	2	0	0	0
Gaskell Alex	2	2	0	0	0
Bramwell Tom	2	1	1	0	0
Dutson Jack	2	1	1	0	0
Glover James	2	1	1	0	0
Martindale Lewis	2	1	1	0	0
Lee Robert	2	0	2	0	0
Cleary Matt	1	0	1	0	0
Daley Andrew	1	0	1	0	0
Dowling Jack	1	0	1	0	0
Potts Steve	1	0	1	0	0
Rowe Steve	1	0	1	0	0

TOP SCORERS

Player	Total Points	Try	Penalty	Conversion
Thomas Craig	113	15	4	13
Long Sean	43	1	8	7
Huxley Max	30	6	0	0
Worley Adam	29	1	0	12
Owen Chris	25	5	0	0
Pegg Jonathan	20	4	0	0
Presho John	20	4	0	0
Caldwell Michael	10	2	0	0
Davies Lloyd	10	2	0	0
Halsall Tom	10	2	0	0
Nicholson Gary	10	2	0	0
Stott Andrew	10	2	0	0
Stott Matthew	10	2	0	0
Wynne Christopher	10	2	0	0
Herbert Kieran	7	1	0	1
Gaskell Alex	5	1	0	0
Gleeson Martin	5	1	0	0
Huxley Dan	5	1	0	0
Martindale Lewis	5	1	0	0
Gannon Alex	2	0	0	1



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Here we are at the final game of 2017, Christmas round the corner and a New Year beckoning – how time flies! The Club has made big strides forward in the last 12 months both on and off the field. Success on the field, from the Minis right through to the 1st XV, goes hand in hand with increasing the profile of Orrell RUFC within the local community.

Success does not have to be measured in the form of trophies. Increasing the number of people playing rugby for the Club, growing the membership and increasing the number of people involved with Orrell is the measure of success for the Club at this stage of its development.

From a Commercial and Sponsorship perspective the Club has increased its profile with local businesses as you can see from the list of sponsors/advertisers on page 25. In total 27 new companies and individuals have sponsored the Club,

a player or advertised in the Match day programme so far this season with the second half of the season still to come.

This season has seen the introduction of two new forms of sponsorship. On the back page of the programme between the team sheets are Orrell shirts numbered 1 to 15 which can be sponsored. Up to press 9 out of the 15 now have sponsors.

Also the players have been provided with dress shirts to wear after the matches and they have been asked to try and find a sponsor to be embroidered on the left sleeve. So far 9 players have achieved this as well as both 1st XV coaches.

It is very heartening to see members sponsoring the Club in various ways. However, as you can see on page 20, Match Day Sponsors, there are still a number of gaps to fill. It would be great to be able to fill them and bring some more funds into the coffers. Please get in touch if you can fill one of those gaps or if you wish to sponsor a shirt number or an individual players dress shirt. Can that figure of 27 new sponsors become 50?

The first home game of 2018 is against Oswestry and from that date the price of the programme will rise to £2.50. The extra 50p will help cover our production costs. I hope you have enjoyed the new look programme with the different features and articles that appear in each addition. Our aim is to produce the best amateur programme in the North West. Any comments and suggestions you may have please contact either myself or Tracy Monckton.

Finally, my thanks go to Mark Lloyd and Hesketh Engineering for their sponsorship of the Match, Match Ball and the Referee today.

Enjoy the game and support the players as they push for a home win and another 3 points.

I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Look forward to seeing you all next year.



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14 October 2017	Heaton Moor (Cup)	JOHN HUYTON AND FAMILY		
21 October 2017	Port Sunlight	PAUL HOBSON	A BAXENDALE	A BAXENDALE
04 November 2017	Congleton	ABH LAW	HILLS FLORIST	FINCH'S STONE & MARBLE
25 November 2017	Heaton Moor	PHIL HALSALL	AUSTIN WILKINSON	MR S HEWLETT
09 December 2017	Marple	M SHORE	ADM	
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What can we say but a heartfelt thank you to Colin and Michelle and Brookhouse Contracting. Our 1XV and the Club are very proud to have your support and thank you for your generosity.

As some of you may already know, **Colin & Michelle** are passionate sports fans and are very big hearted when it comes to grass roots community support of local sports clubs and charities which include, not only Orrell RUFC but also Spring View cricket club, Lancashire BARLA amateur rugby league and of course the wonderful Joining Jack Charity

In addition, they are also season ticket holders at Sale Sharks rugby union and are player sponsors. Recently Colin very kindly facilitated our recent training and Q&A session for our mini and junior section with Sale Sharks's very own Josh Charnley and Mike Forshaw, two former Wigan RL legends, so we are very grateful, not only for their sponsorship of our club but also for their continued support and time.

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In January 2012, Nigel boosted his popularity by addressing Treviso scrumhalf Tobias Botes after protesting with the words "This is not Soccer!" leading to fans of the sport praising him for his bold and quick-witted control of the situation. As a sports speaker, Nigel combines humour and anecdotal tales of his times



refereeing decisive games as well as some of the funnier sides of the game the cameras do not always catch.

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ORUFC MINI AND JUNIOR SECTION MATCH REPORTS 10 DECEMBER

West Park RUFC 12 - ORUFC Lions 22

Orrell Lions roar in the snow and finish the year unbeaten in the Lancashire Cup.

Our under 15 Lions travelled to St Helens to play in what promised to be a tough derby cup game, and as ever it didn't disappoint!

Orrell travelled with a squad of 20 but unfortunately our hosts could only start the game with 13 players, declaring no front row so uncontested scrums - disappointing for us as we had a much bigger and more experienced pack.

The Referee declared 8-man uncontested scrums leaving four backs on a very wide pitch. We struggled to adapt for the first 15 minutes of the game and edged out a gritty half 7-5 up.

The boys regrouped at half time and adapted the game plan to 'up your jumper' phases of forwards play against an inexperienced home set of forwards. Wednesday night training sessions are paying off. They were rewarded with momentum and go forward rugby, unsettling the West Park defence. The tide quickly turned resulting in Orrell playing most of the second half in their opponent's territory. Forward of the match - Tom Campbell. Ripped the ball like a true back rower and turned over possession at key moments of the game. Carried the ball strongly and defended his line well. Well done Tom.

Back of the match - Zac Houghton. Started at 10

and finished the game on the wing. His partnership with Gabe Mault who kicked the ball well into space was a joy to behold but he is awarded for his finishing prowess today. Fantastic pickups off a number of cross field kicks resulted in 2 try's that would grace Twickenham.

Player of the match - Tom 'man mountain' Dutton. His strongest ball carrying performance yet. Such a powerful front rower who spent the whole morning getting his team over the gain line and on the front foot. His work effort was breath-taking.



U8s Sale Sharks Tournament 9 December

Our U8s attended the Sale Sharks Tournament on Saturday, 9th December. The guys worked very hard and did themselves proud!

ORUFC MINI AND JUNIOR SECTION MATCH REPORTS 10 DECEMBER



Orrell RUFC Mini & Girls Sections Santa Dash, Sunday 10 December

What a great morning at the Santa Dash in Mesnes Park on Sunday. Everyone seemed to have a great time! Thanks to all our Minis and Girls players who took part. Thanks also to all the mums and dads and brothers and sisters who also took part or supported everyone along the way! Special thanks to Jason Lloyd for organising. Well done everyone!



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PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER APPEARANCES

Player	Appearances	Starts	Bench	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
Maguire Andy	10	10	0	0	0
Dickinson John	9	9	0	0	1
Harber Pete	9	9	0	0	0
Kelly Andy	9	9	0	0	0
Gregory Chris	7	6	1	0	0
Smith Tom	7	6	1	0	0
Huxley James	7	5	2	0	0
Wood Richard	7	3	4	0	0
Davies Pete	7	7	0	0	0
Anderson Brad	6	6	0	0	0
Bramwell Tom	6	6	0	0	0
Joice Martin	6	6	0	0	0
Finney Richard	6	5	1	0	0
Gannon Alex	6	5	1	0	0
Williams Andy	6	5	1	0	0
Dutson Jack	5	3	3	0	0
Lee Robert	5	5	0	0	0
Statter Jonathan	5	5	0	0	0
Astin Scott	4	4	0	0	0
Worley James	4	4	0	0	1
Johnson Matt	4	3	1	0	0
Price Dave	4	3	1	0	0
Rowe Steve	4	3	1	0	0
Ryan Dayne	4	3	1	0	0
Stafford Matt	4	3	1	0	0
Walsh Phil	4	3	1	0	0
Rowley Phil	3	3	0	0	0
Pearson James	3	2	1	0	0
Robinson Scott	3	2	1	0	1
Farrimond Connor	3	1	2	0	0
Walker Mike	3	1	2	0	0
Dowling Jack	2	2	0	0	0
Farrar Rob	2	2	0	0	0
Herbert Kyle	2	2	0	0	0
Kitching Paul	2	2	0	0	0
Owen Tom	2	2	0	0	0
Potts Steve	2	2	0	0	0
Garner Brad	2	1	1	0	0
Lynn Olly	2	1	1	0	0
Morley-Samuels Dante	2	1	1	0	0
Povall Aaron	2	1	1	0	0
Gaskell Alex	1	1	0	0	0
Hanson Chris	1	1	0	0	0
Jones Connor	1	1	0	0	0
Loughran Bryan	1	1	0	0	0
Rouke Steve	1	1	0	0	0
Stott Matt	1	1	0	0	0
Thomas Craig	1	1	0	0	0
Wane David	1	1	0	0	1
Wilson Steve	1	1	0	0	0
Worley Adam	1	1	0	0	0
Glover James	1	0	1	0	0
Grundy Matt	1	0	1	0	0
Hyland John	1	0	1	0	0
Jones Rob	1	0	1	0	0
Pocall Gary	1	0	1	0	0
Stott Andrew	1	0	1	0	0

TOP SCORERS

Player	Total Points	Try	Penalty	Conversion
Gannon Alex	43	1	4	13
Lee Robert	30	6	0	0
Robinson Scott	19	1	0	7
Dickinson John	2	2	0	3
Farrimond Connor	16	2	0	3
Farrar Rob	15	3	0	0
Worley Adam	12	0	4	0
Loughran Bryan	10	2	0	0
Morley-Samuels Dante	10	2	0	0
Rowley Phil	10	2	0	0
Ryan Dayne	10	2	0	0
Walker Mike	10	2	0	0
Dowling Jack	10	1	1	1
Huxley James	10	1	1	1
Bramwell Tom	5	1	0	0
Dutson Jack	5	1	0	0
Gregory Chris	5	1	0	0
Johnson Matt	5	1	0	0
Jones Connor	5	1	0	0
Kelly Andy	5	1	0	0
Lynn Olly	5	1	0	0
Owen Tom	5	1	0	0
Stafford Matt	5	1	0	0

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RESULTS, TABLE AND FIXTURES



Raging Bull League Division 4 North Results Saturday 9th December

Tyldesley 3	Postponed	Hawcoat Park 2
Blackburn 3	Postponed	Leyland Warriors 1
Bury 2	Postponed	Sedgley Park 4
Clitheroe 2	Postponed	Leigh 3
Rochdale 3	Postponed	Fylde 4
Vale of Lune 4	L-W	Thornton Cleveleys 2

Raging Bull League Division 4 North Fixtures Saturday 16 December 2017

Tyldesley 3	vs	Orrell 2
Hawcoat Park 2	vs	Bury 2
Fylde 4	vs	Blackburn 3
Sedgley Park 4	vs	Clitheroe 2
Thornton Cleveleys 2	vs	Rochdale 3
Leigh 3	vs	Leyland Warriors 1

Raging Bull Division 4 North

Teams	Games	Results			Points Scored			Total	
	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adj
Leyland Warriors 1	10	9	0	0	355	45	310	37	0
Thornton Cleveleys 2	10	6	0	3	325	144	181	31	0
Orrell 2	10	6	1	3	211	157	54	29	0
Leigh 3	11	5	0	5	152	150	2	29	0
Hawcoat Park	10	5	0	4	268	132	136	28	0
Rochdale 3	10	5	0	4	165	202	-37	28	0
Blackburn 3	9	6	0	0	243	116	127	27	0
Fylde 4	9	5	1	0	211	206	5	25	0
Clitheroe 2	10	4	0	5	104	244	-140	21	0
Vale of Lune 4	11	4	0	5	138	285	-147	21	0
Sedgley Park 4	11	3	0	7	210	251	-41	19	0
Bury 2	11	2	0	9	90	499	-409	17	0
Tyldesley 3	10	1	0	9	20	61	-41	13	0

Raging Bull League Division 4 North Fixtures Saturday 23 December 2017

Hawcoat Park 2	vs	Orrell 2
Clitheroe 2	vs	Blackburn 3 Sat

Raging Bull League Division 4 North Fixtures Saturday, 6 January 2018

Leyland Warriors 1	vs	Fylde 4
Rochdale 3	vs	Hawcoat Park 2
Blackburn 3	vs	Sedgley Park 4
Vale of Lune 4	vs	Tyldesley 3
Orrell 2	vs	Leigh 3
Clitheroe 2	vs	Thornton Cleveleys 2

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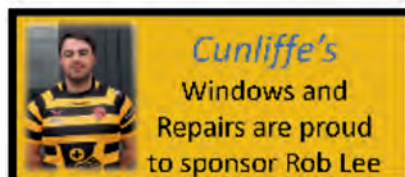
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- 8 March 2018** Sportsman's Dinner: Nigel Owens will be our guest speaker at the Annual Sportsman's Dinner at Houghwood Golf Club. See Page 20 for full details.
- 18th May 2018** Thank you to our Sponsors: Orrell RUFC will be saying thank you to all our sponsors and supporters with a Hog Roast on 18th May at Winstanley Cricket Club.
- 30 May 2018** Annual General Meeting: The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on 30 May 2018 in St Luke's Church Hall, Orrell. All members, supporters, sponsors & friends of Orrell RUFC are welcome to attend. Nomination of officers and annual reports will be presented.
- 8 June 2018** Orrell RUFC Annual Golf Day: Following a very successful golf day this year, we have booked the 2018 Golf Day for 8th June 2018. We will once again be holding the Golf Day at Houghwood Golf Club. Teams of 4, stableford competition.
- June 2018** Beer Festival: Also in June, we will be hosting a beer festival event with our JV partners, Winstanley Par Cricket Club. Further details to follow.
- September 2018** Memorabilia Exhibition: We hope you can wait this long but our first Memorabilia Exhibition will take place in September 2018 at Winstanley Cricket Club.
- October 2018** Annual Dinner Dance: Our Annual Dinner Dance will be in October 2018. Dates and further details will follow in the New Year.

Our Minis and Junior Section will also be hosting many fundraising events through out the season. Please keep in touch with all our fundraising and events via our website www.orrellrugbyunion.com and Facebook and Twitter.

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Home Games Kick Off 2.30pm						
1XV Opposition				2XV Opposition		
02-Sep-17	Wigan	H	41-27 W	02-Sep-17	Leyland Warriors 1	A 30-10 L
09-Sep-17	Liverpool Collegiate	A	38-0 L	09-Sep-17	Broughton 2	H 0-0 W
16-Sep-17	Oldershaw	H	85-5 W	16-Sep-17	Leigh 3	A 19-24 W
23-Sep-17	Oswestry	A	20-24 W	23-Sep-17	Vale of Lune 4* CUP	H 47-11 W
30-Sep-17	Aspull	H	25-31 L	30-Sep-17	Fylde 4	A 19-19 D
07-Oct-17	Winnington Park	A	28-0 L	07-Oct-17	Bury 2	H 40-7 W
14-Oct-17	Heaton Moor (CUP)	H	19-20L	14-Oct-17	Bury2 (Cup)	A 24-26W
21-Oct-17	Port Sunlight	H	22-7W	21-Oct-17	Sedgley Park 4	A 20-22W
28-Oct-17	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)	A	0-74W	28-Oct-17	Rochdale 3	H 10-17L
04-Nov-17	Congleton	H	18-27 L	04-Nov-17	Thornton Cleveleys 2	A 12-22L
11-Nov-17	Dukinfield	A	25:20 L	11-Nov-17	Clitheroe 2	H 22-12W
25-Nov-17	Heaton Moor	H	5-15 L	25-Nov-17	Hawcoat Park 2	A Cancelled
02-Dec-17	Didsbury Toc H	A	5-7 W	02-Dec-17	Blackburn 3	H Cancelled
09-Dec-17	Marple	H	P	09-Dec-17		
16-Dec-17	Liverpool Collegiate	H	0-0	16-Dec-17	Tyldesley	A 0-0
06-Jan-18	Oldershaw	A	0-0	06-Jan-18	Leigh 3	0-0
13-Jan-18	Oswestry	H	0-0	13-Jan-18	Vale of Lune 4	A 0-0
20-Jan-18	Aspull	A	0-0	20-Jan-18	Fylde 4	0-0
27-Jan-18	Winnington Park	H	0-0	27-Jan-18	Bury 2	0-0
03-Feb-18	Port Sunlight	A	0-0	03-Feb-18	Sedgley Park 4	H 0-0
17-Feb-18	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)	A	0-0	17-Feb-18	Rochdale 3	A 0-0
03-Mar-18	Congleton	A	0-0	03-Mar-18	Thornton Cleveleys 2	H 0-0
10-Mar-18	Dukinfield	H	0-0	10-Mar-18	Clitheroe 2	A 0-0
24-Mar-18	Heaton Moor	A	0-0	24-Mar-18	Hawcoat Park 2	H 0-0
07-Apr-18	Didsbury Toc H	H	0-0	07-Apr-18	Blackburn 3	A 0-0
14-Apr-18	Marple	A	0-0	14-Apr-18		
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