

## Boardman has the last laugh

**MITCH GREENS ..... 1**  
**FJSC BLACK ..... 0**

**MITCH FC Greens entertained Formby JSC Black in their second home game of the season.**

The goalkeeper was back after a finger injury had kept him on the sidelines last weekend and this put the team at full strength.

The first half kicked off and it was hard to separate the teams, with end to end football resulting in some heavy challenges from both teams.

The referee allowed the game to flow well and there were shots a plenty.

Kian was exceptional in goal and made the Greens look really tight at the back.

As they started to get possession the tackles were flying in and it was difficult for the home team to build up any momentum.

The first half ended goalless.

At the start of the second half Nathan switched with Bailey and he was able to use his strength to good effect and Mitch started to dominate the midfield.

Lots of clear chances went unconverted by the Greens until a powerful run from Owen Conteh.

He laid off a perfect pass to Joe Benford then got wiped out by the frustrated Formby full back.

The referee played the advantage and Joe delivered a sweet pass to Ben Boardman, who grabbed what turned out to be the winning goal for the Greens.

Next week the Greens play S&A Amateurs.

## Bowls AGM at Black Horse

THE Black Horse, Croston Crown Green Bowling team is holding its AGM on Thursday, December 4 at 8pm in the pub.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend, along with all current members.

Players are wanted for Thursday and Friday night's Mens' leagues and Ladies for a Wednesday night team.

If you wish to join but can't attend the AGM please contact Arthur or Rona Wade 01772 601080 for details.

# Meadows has a field day as Bank reserves go top

WITH Hesketh Bank first team's match at Lostock St. Gerards falling foul of the heavy overnight rain, the spotlight fell on Terry Meadows' reserve team who were looking for a victory which would send them to the top of the table.

Despite the rain there were no problems with

the pitch at the Centenary Sports Ground as the reserves entertained Lytham Town.

The manager welcomed back two former players with David Hogg and Josh Brierley who had been transferred from Croston Sports and Burscough Richmond respectively.

The first half was almost

completely dominated by the home team as they went about scoring two goals without reply.

Hogg bundled the ball over the line from close range to open the scoring after good work from striker John Ascroft who then added a second himself shortly after.

To their credit the visi-

tors upped their game in the second half and were rewarded with a goal early on which did appear to be a little fortuitous with keeper Marc Sergeant claiming he was fouled as he tried to claim the ball following a right wing corner which was eventually bundled over the line.

Ten minutes later he

was picking the ball out of the net when Lytham equalised from the penalty spot.

However with the game coming to a conclusion Brierley scored the winner heading home a free kick from his younger brother Jack Brierley.

The victory moved the reserves to the top of the

league a point ahead of their nearest rivals and a game in hand.

They have no fixture this weekend but the first team are at home with Euxton Villa the visitors which kicks off at 2pm.

For up to date information or the book a 3g pitch visit the website at [www.heskethbankafc.co.uk](http://www.heskethbankafc.co.uk)

# Kirk just yards from line in painful defeat



● Ormskirk Rugby Club vs Southport RFC earlier in the season

**ORMSKIRK FIRST XV .....21**  
**OSWESTRY .....22**

BY NORMAN HALL

THE visit of third place Oswestry to Green Lane was a chance for Ormskirk to put themselves back on the winning trail after last week's loss to Liverpool Collegiate.

The home side began the game with high intensity, pushing the visitors back into their own half with strong forward surges.

The ball was moved wide to the right only to be held up ten metres short of the line.

Quickly recycled ball by the forwards was moved to the backline where a delicate kick through enabled winger Joe Hodson to touch down unopposed.

Fly half Andy Croft added the conversion.

Ormskirk's clinical beginning continued when from the restart, back row Glyn Roberts turned an Oswestry ball over in the tackle and moving the ball right, winger Ben McCarthy went for the corner but the Oswestry defenders made a try saving tackle.

A poor defensive kick went straight to Joe Hodson who immediately attacked the right hand side again and quick hands gave Ben McCarthy another chance to score which he took convincingly, Andy Croft added the extra points for 14-0 lead after ten minutes.

The home side were keen to push on and add to their early successes but in doing so they began to be too eager at the breakdown and started to fall foul of the referee, giving away too many penalties.

This relieved the pressure on the Oswestry defence and they were able to gain breathing space with kicks to touch.

Ormskirk's eagerness also affected them in attack when a number of tries went begging, following good approach work the last pass was poor or not given allowing the Oswestry covering defence to make the tackle.

Ormskirk's frustration allowed Oswestry back into the game and following a ruck infringement they reduced the arrears with a penalty kick, 14-3.

Trying to force the play, Ormskirk tried to run the ball from a scrum just outside their own 22 only to lose the ball in a tackle.

With the home full back in the line there was empty space behind which the Oswestry backline exploited by chipping over the top for their winger to run on to and score a converted try, 14-10.

A more composed phase of the game followed for Ormskirk with their forwards using two well worked catch and drives at the line out to push the opposition back to their own line.

A poor defensive kick fell nicely for full back Andy Healy and shipping the ball wide winger Joe Hodson went on a mazy run but having only the full back to beat he passed to Glyn Roberts who unfortunately had a defender with him who made the tackle.

Missed chances came back to haunt the home side when from a lineout, following a penalty kick, the Oswestry prop forward rumbled unopposed to score under the posts to put the visitors in front.

A missed conversion left the score 14-15 at half time.

The second period of the game was played almost entirely in the Oswestry half of the pitch.

Ormskirk were doing the basics correctly, taking the game to the visitors and stretching their defence to its limit.

Winger McCarthy went close on two occasions as Ormskirk were able to counter attack from defensive kicks.

Signs of frustration began to creep into Ormskirk's play and despite all the chances they were creating, they were also making all the mistakes allowing Oswestry to relieve their lines.

The Oswestry back row number seven, Zach Baldwin, was everywhere, thwarting any Ormskirk breaks made.

As time ticked by, Ormskirk continued to batter away at the opposition defence.

Centre Jon Church and hooker Matt Tickle crossed the line in close succession only on both occasions to be held up by the determined defenders.

From a resulting five metre scrum Ormskirk tried to shuffle the ball to the blindside only for the Oswestry winger to intercept the pass and run the length of the pitch to score under the posts.

An easy conversion followed to increase the visitors lead to 14-22.

This body blow against the run of play could make teams give up, but Ormskirk are made of sterner stuff.

They immediately returned to attacking the Oswestry lines and from a scrum in the opposition 22 the ball was moved to centre John Curley who, exploiting a gap in the defensive line, cut through to score.

The conversion by Croft returned the score to a one point deficit, 21-22.

In their efforts to obtain the win, feelings became a little heated and winger McCarthy was red carded for retaliation.

With little time left Ormskirk tried in vain to find a chink in the Oswestry defensive chain and fittingly the game ended with them only three metres from the visitors line and losing by the single point.

A combination of poor decision making, final passing and great defensive work by Oswestry saw Ormskirk snatch defeat from the jaws of victory on a very frustrating afternoon of rugby.

# Nethermoss youngsters on target for Nationals

## ARCHERY

THIS weekend saw Nethermoss Archers travelling to Leasowe Leisure Centre in Wallasey to attend the annual Caldly Bowmen Portsmouth shoot.

As this venue is especially popular with beginner archers it is an opportunity for new archers to test their skills in an open and friendly competition.

The Portsmouth round consists of archers shooting 60 arrows at targets 60cm in diameter with the 10 score being no larger

than a 50 pence coin.

With nearly 200 archers attending this event up and coming archers Thomas Rice and Kieran Shirley again demonstrated the form that has seen their trophy collections rapidly expanding.

Both of these juniors put in an exceptional performance and were again placed first in their respective categories sending a clear message to their competitors at the upcoming Junior Nationals Tournament to be held in Coventry in December.

Following in their foot-

steps beginners Michael Rice and Logan Batt also put in a spectacular performance in their 1st competition against much older archers.

Not to be outdone by the junior members the shoot saw a return to the medals table for Club Secretary Tony Hoe and his wife Mel who won the Jack and Jill trophy which is given to the highest scoring couple on the day.

● Nethermoss Archers at the Caldly Bowmen shoot in Wallasey

