

Kirk don't have to wait long for revenge over Waterloo

ORMSKIRK 52
WATERLOO 22
JULIE LANG

A FANTASTIC win for Ormskirk RFC Under 13s last Sunday against Waterloo.

After playing and being beaten by Waterloo last time the two teams met just before Christmas, last Sunday's match was always going to be a challenge for the Ormskirk team away at Waterloo.

With only a 15 man squad and an icy chill in the air, it was going to be a cold, tough and possibly tiring game for the team.

The match started with Waterloo kicking off with the wind behind them.

The defence in the Ormskirk squad was strong but not strong

enough to stop Waterloo scoring the first unconverted try of the match.

This gave the Ormskirk team the jolt they needed to pull themselves together and start working as a team.

This obviously worked well as Andy D charged through Waterloos defence line to run at least a half pitch length to score the first try for Ormskirk, this was skillfully converted by Jack K.

The game continued with both sides playing their hardest,

Waterloo scored again, closely followed by fantastic long pitch runs from Alex L and Fin D with more conversions by Jack.

The first half ended Ormskirk 21 Waterloo 12.



● Ormskirk RFC Under 13s team

The second half started and Ormskirk had the wind behind them, which they thought

would be an advantage, but the Ormskirk team seemed to have dropped their guard and

weren't giving their all in the rucks and scrums which gave Waterloo an advantage and allowed them to score two more unconverted tries.

Once again Ormskirk got a jolt and realised that all the hard work they'd put in during the first half could be lost.

They regained their composure and Ormskirk started once showing some excellent defence and attacking from all the team which gave Andy, Alex and Fin the opportunity to score another five tries between them, three of them once again converted by Jack.

Much to the delight of the enthusiastic and over excited Ormskirk spectators, the final whistle went with a match score of 52-22 to Ormskirk.

Even though the team only

had a 15 man squad and no subs, at the end of the match there wasn't a tired looking Ormskirk player in sight and the team looked like they could continue play on all day.

Well done to all the players who demonstrated how rugby should be played and the well deserved Man of the Match went to Alex.

Thanks go to Waterloo for their hospitality.

A fantastic match was played and great sportsmanship was displayed by both teams.

If you are aged between 6 to 18 and would be interested in playing rugby or would like any more information regarding Ormskirk Rugby club, please contact Julie Lang 07540 884955 or visit the clubs website at www.ormskirkrugby.com

Bank balance out survival hopes with priceless win

FOOTBALL

BY PAUL SERGEANT

HESKETH Bank took a vital step forward towards Premier Division survival with a 4-2 win at fellow strugglers Eagley F.C.

Manager Evergreen was forced to make changes with four of last week's defensive unit unavailable.

Henry Heighton replaced the Rory McDaid in goal who was ill and brought in Kevin Cox and partnered him with Ian Dickinson at the centre of the defence who was transferred from Charnock Richard, with both of them from last year's double winning team.

He also brought in Josh Dunroe at right back for only his second start of the season and Lewis Saunders at left back completed the back four.

Despite the recent bad weather there was no snow on the pitch which was in reasonable condi-

tion.

Eagley were quick out of the blocks and Heighton was forced to make a brilliant one handed save in the second minute as the home side threatened to overrun the visitors.

However five minutes later with their first attempt on goal striker Yves Zama's shot took a wicked deflection off a defender and looped over the despairing goalkeeper Tom McDonald to open the scoring.

Two minutes later the score line was doubled with McDonald completely missing a through ball from skipper Neil Hulme and Jake Connolly tucked the ball into an empty net from a tight angle.

On 31 minutes the visitors added a third when a deep cross from a Lewis Saunders free kick was clipped back at the far post by David Hogg for Dickinson to head home from four yards out.

A shell shocked Eagley looked for a goal back before the interval but

found Heighton in particular and the defence in fine form.

They did pull one back on 59 minutes when a long ball from the back saw substitute Ashley Watson outpace Cox to tuck the ball under the advancing Heighton.

Hesketh Bank hit back quickly to disperse any signs of a comeback as minutes later Jake Connolly raced clear before drilling home his second goal of the match.

Eagley pushed men forward and could have got one back but the big centre half Tom Neary saw his header crash against the bar from a corner.

With the referee indicating six minutes of injury time Hulme was brought down in the area and Connolly was given the chance to record a hat trick but McDonald saved well only for the referee to indicate the kick to be re-taken for encroachment.

This time Hulme stepped up but McDonald also kept him out and the rebound which fell to the feet of

Hogg.

In the final minute Neary completed the scoring for the home side heading home a corner.

Over the next four Saturdays Bank are at home and will need to repeat this performance starting with Coppull United with the kick off times reverting back to 3pm.

Meanwhile the reserves mouth-watering match at the Centenary Sports Ground saw them leap frog visitors Ladybridge winning 3-1 to go top of the table.

Coming from a goal behind centre half Chris Howarth grabbed a couple and second half substitute Abdulla Ahmadi completed the scoring.

They have no scheduled fixture this weekend but return to action the week after with a trip to Slyne-with-Hest.

For up to date information on Hesketh Bank or the book a 3g pitch visit the website at www.hesketh-bankafc.co.uk



● Hesketh Bank centre forward Yves Zama who opened the scoring

Frustration as Kirk drop league points in home draw with Moore

ORMSKIRK 17
MOORE 17

ORMSKIRK dropped more league points at home this weekend, only managing a 17 all draw against The Gentlemen of Moore.

'Kirk started the game well and made numerous line breaks in the first 10 minutes and looked like they would record a comfortable victory.

Unfortunately, as has been the case far too often this season, chances came and went and the stalemate wasn't broken until the twelfth minute.

Quick thinking from fly-half Andy Croft saw him take a tap penalty 15 yards out from the Moore try line and scamper past retreating defenders before listing to his left and ambling past the full-back to

score beside the posts.

Alex Lambie added the extras and 'Kirk led 7-0.

Moore fought back well and the remainder of the half was keenly contested, 'Kirk's pack had the upper hand but the visitor's midfield backs looked a constant threat.

A Moore try just before half-time got them back in the game at 7-5.

Ormskirk had the wind at their backs in the second half but it was the Warrington side who started stronger and were rewarded with two tries both orchestrated by breaks from their impressive stand-off.

The second of which was made possible by Ormskirk losing possession due to the referee getting in the way of a pass.

One of Moore's try's was con-



● Andy Healey breaking through the line

Mike McFall

verted to put then 17-7 to the good with 20 minutes left.

'Kirk came back fighting and piled the pressure on the visitors.

After kicking to the corner

from a penalty, the lineout was taken by Phil Davis and the resulting driving maul powered 10 yards to the line for Martin Rothwell to touch down.

The conversion was missed but the hosts now had their tails up and could sense the chance to steal the comeback victory.

Ormskirk were soon back deep in Moore's territory and only strong midfield defence was keeping them out.

After a series of pick ups from the back of the breakdown sucked in the defenders, Ryan Purcell saw the chance to smash his was over the line from close-range to level the scores at 17-17.

'Kirk finished the game in the ascendancy but couldn't notch the winning score that would have put an end to the current poor run of results.

This Saturday Ormskirk travel to Ashton-on-Mersey looking to do the double over the Mancunians after taking

the spoils from a tight game back in October.

Don't forget that on Friday evening the Rugby World Cup trophy won by England Ladies will be on display when the newly refurbished Ormskirk RFC clubhouse is opened by Scotland and British & Irish Lion Nathan Hind.

The clubhouse will open its doors from 5pm when the RWC trophy is placed on display.

Nathan Hind will arrive at 6pm to meet members and guests, to answer questions and sign autographs.

He will then officially reopen the club at 7:30pm, followed at 8:05pm when the 2015 6 nations tournament kicks off with Wales v England shown on the big screens. Both members and non members are cordially invited.