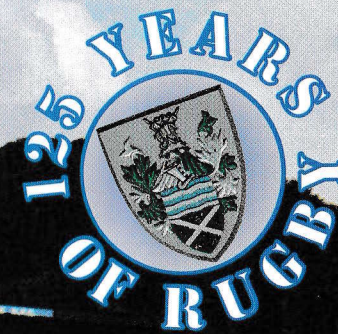


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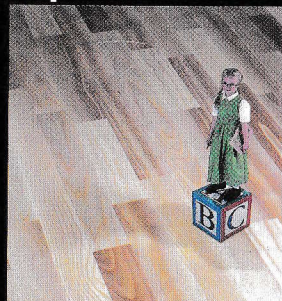
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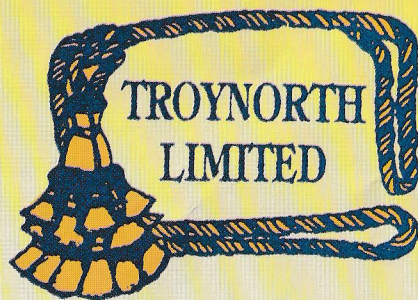


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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I would like to welcome you all to Tynedale Park during this, our 125th anniversary season. During our second season in the national leagues I hope that we will have the opportunity to host all the sides within the league and repay the hospitality that has been extended to ourselves. Unlike last season! We hope that you enjoy your visit to the heart of Northumberland.

As I write these notes we once again seem to be on the brink of disruption from foot and mouth disease. This time I fear that the impact will be far more dramatic than the events that saw an early end to last season. Our thoughts are with all of you who have been so badly affected by this scourge of the countryside.

An anniversary such as this gives us the chance to reflect on the great moments of years gone by. I am sure that we all have our own special memories of the past that will be rekindled by some part of these celebrations. Although it is always great to look back we must also look forward to ensure that the 150th anniversary is enjoyed by the next generation. One of the most important tasks of this season is the major review currently being carried out by the Management Committee. It is essential that as many members as possible are involved in this exercise. Please get involved.

The costs of maintaining rugby at this level continue to increase. Therefore the importance of our sponsors continues to increase. I would like to thank all our sponsors for their assistance. In particular I would like to thank Jim Little and Troynorth Ltd. for their continued support as main sponsors of Tynedale.

Whoever emerges from today's encounter victorious may the game of rugby be the ultimate winner. Enjoy the match.

John Austin,
President,
Tynedale RFC.

THE HISTORY OF TYNE DALE RFC

- 1876 As a result of a letter addressed to the non-existent "Captain of Hexham Rugby Club", Tynedale RFC was founded by a group of enthusiasts in Hexham Town Hall. Tynedale's first match against Elswick, who later became Northern FC, was played at Hexham on 30th December 1876.
The game was won by Tynedale by a goal and two tries to nil.
- 1880 Tynedale and five other clubs (Northumberland FC, Borough of Tynemouth FC, Northern FC, Gosforth FC and Percy Park FC) founded the Northumberland Rugby Union.
- 1883 Tynedale appear in their first Northumberland Cup Final but lose to Tynemouth by two tries to nil.
- 1883 The Club were invited to play in the first-ever Sevens competition held at Melrose.
- 1884 The Gala and Hawick Sevens Sports were won by Tynedale.
- 1887 Tynedale win the Northumberland Cup for the first time when they beat Northern in front of a crowd of 5000.
- 1887 Three weeks after their cup success, six other local teams (Hexham, Excelsior, Heart of All England, Hexham Wanderers, Tyneside Rovers, Parkend Rangers and Hexham Violets) merged with Tynedale.
- 1888 Three Tynedale men play for Northumberland in their 3-3 draw against the first-ever touring New Zealand side.
- 1890 Tynedale failed to fulfil a fixture with Percy Park and the Club Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary resigned.
- 1894 On Whit Monday, May 21st on the Seat at Hexham, Tynedale hosted, and won, the first ever Sevens competition to be played in England.
- 1901 Tynedale's First XV win only 2 of their 18 matches and the First Team is disbanded.
- 1902 After sojourns at the Seal, Tyne Mills and Brewery Field, a new ground is rented by the Club at Dene Park, Hexham.
- 1905 Tynedale puts out a side containing 5 sets of brothers.
- 1914 Tynedale beat Percy Park 9-6 to win the last Northumberland Cup Final before the First World War.
- 1918 Forty-nine Tynedale players, past and present, give their lives for their country in World War 1.
- 1919 The building of a new clubhouse at Dene Park, replacing the old ex-Army hut which had been used since the First World War was celebrated by a match against the County President's XV.
- 1926 Tynedale's Golden Jubilee is marked by a memorable match against Waterloo which Tynedale win 12-3.
- 1926 Tynedale buy Dene Park for £1550.
- 1927 The Northumberland Cup is again lifted by Tynedale and this is the prelude to the great years of the 'Thirties'.
- 1933 The Club carried off the Northumberland Senior Cup in four successive seasons from 1933 to 1936.
- 1936 A Northumberland, Cumberland and Durham side, containing 3 Tyneside players, only to lose 10-6 to the All Blacks at Gosforth.
- 1945 World War II ends and 27 Tynedale men have paid the supreme sacrifice
- 1947 The Club win the Northumberland Cup.
- 1951 The Club lose a commemorative 75 anniversary match 23-12 against a South of Scotland team containing a number of internationals.
- 1966 A new bar lounge was added to the Dene Park clubhouse.
- 1976 The Club celebrated their Centenary season.
- 1976 Tynedale moved from Dene Park, Hexham to a 35 acre site at Tynedale Park, Corbridge, which was brought from the Tyneside Agricultural Society and which cost £140,000 to acquire and develop.
- 1976 Tyneside play in the John Player Cup at Sale which they lose 15-16 to the eventual semi-finalists in a thrilling match.
- 1987 Rugby Union leagues were introduced in England.
- 1988 Tynedale win the Northumberland Senior Cup after a gap of 40 years.
- 1992 The Club's new stand is opened by Danie Serfontein, President of the RFU.
- 1994 The Centenary Sevens Competition is held at Tynedale.
- 2000 Tynedale win all 22 league matches (and the Northumberland Senior Cup) in the 1999-2000 season and are promoted to the National Leagues after 14 years trying to achieve this goal.
- 2000 Tynedale reached the 4th Round of the Tetley Bitter Cup for the first time but lose to a very strong Worcester side.
- 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease devastated Northumberland and Tynedale's season finishes in early February.
- 2001 Simon Clayton-Hibbott retired.

Since the competition's inception in 1882, Tynedale have played in 29 Northumberland Senior Cup Finals and have won the trophy on 16 occasions. In the past 16 years "Tyne" have appeared in 14 Northumberland Cup Finals and have won the cup 6 times.

Tynedale have a good record in the Tetley Bitter Cup and its predecessors, the John Player and Pilkington Cups. Sensational matches have been played against Coventry and Rugby and notable victories have been achieved against London Scottish, Vale of Lune and Wakefield. In 2000 Tynedale reached the Fourth Round of the Tetley Bitter Cup for the first time but get beaten by a very strong Worcester side.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Tynedale Rugby Club is hosting the third International Schools Tournament at Corbridge tomorrow starting at 10.30. At least 12 previous competitors will be returning including earlier winners Merchiston Castle from Edinburgh and Colston Collegiate from Bristol. Newcastle Royal Grammar School, Dame Allans School, Kings School, Tynemouth, and a Tynedale Schools XV will also be taking part. The rugby played last year was of a very high standard and this tournament is well worth a visit.

OBITUARY

The death occurred last week of Colin Fox who was captain of the First XV in 1957-58. Colin was versatile player who usually played at full back where he was very solid and reliable, or at centre or fly-half. Colin was a hard, straight runner who was a very astute and competent kicker and on or off the field he was a quiet, modest and unassuming character. In recent years Colin was a regular attender at Tynedale's games and was a knowledgeable supporter of the Club. Colin's son Graeme plays for Tynedale Grasshoppers. Our thoughts are with Colin's family at this sad time.

SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets which provide entry to all of Tynedale's home games except the Northumberland Cup Finals, and represent excellent value, are now available for £60.00 from Lindsay Hall on 0797-0000161. Rebated tickets of £40.00 are on sale for last season's ticket-holders.

MINI-JUNIOR RUGBY STARTS

Mini-junior rugby registration takes place at Tynedale tomorrow, Sunday, 2nd September from 10.30 to 12.00. All boys and Girls aged 6-15 are welcome.

HALF-TIME REFRESHMENTS

Bill Everitt is providing refreshments in the Clubhouse from 1.00 pm onwards. Pies, Pasties, Hot Dogs, Chips, Tea and Coffee are available at reasonable prices. The Food has been supplied by Nichol and Laidlow.

Sandwiches, with a variety of fillings, are now available from the Bar on match days. The Gail Special (which is a sandwich) is to be recommended.

THIS SEASON'S LAW CHANGES

At Tynedale we are particularly lucky because on each league Saturday we have about 200 supporters who understand the twenty-two Laws of the Game of Rugby Union better than the optically-challenged whistlers in black who are sent by the RFU to spoil the game for the thirty or so players and to raise the blood pressure of the spectators. We are doubly fortunate that the Tynedale *cognoscenti* also appear to be blessed with such acute eyesight that they regularly spot offences seventy yards away from the play which are missed by the referee right on the spot. It is with some trepidation, therefore, that I suggest that a summary of this season's important law changes may be useful to the Tynedale faithful.

Law 17 If the opposition stops a "a driving maul", the team in possession is allowed 5 seconds to restart the maul moving forward. Failure to do so will constitute a turnover and will result in a scrum to the opposition. Teams will be allowed only one attempt to re-start each maul; at the second stoppage of the maul, "use it or lose it" applies.

Law 15 A tackled player must not place or push the ball into touch. The sanction is a penalty on the 15 metre line.

Law 20 defines how scrum halves must put the ball into the scrum. The ball must be held in both hands, midway between ankle and knee, with its major axis parallel to the ground and thrown in "with quick speed, releasing it outside the tunnel". (So now we know the reason why Simon Clayton-Hibbott retired this year.) The provision that a scrum which is wheeled by more than 90 degrees shall result in a turnover, will continue as an Experimental Law Valuation this season.

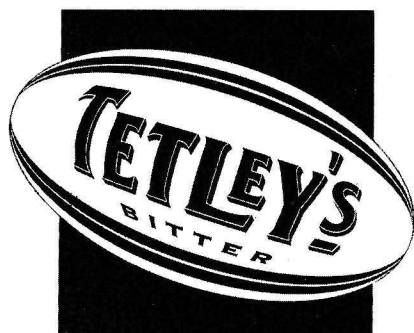
Law 21 Penalties and free kicks can again be taken with any type of kick, ie punt, drop-kick or place kick.

Contrary to the popular Tynedale view, refereeing is not easy. Referees have 22 complicated laws to interpret and to administer, 30 players and the ball to watch - and week-in, week-out they do very well; in every match they make hundreds of decisions and get few wrong. Referees need and deserve our support and it would be nice if we could all, once in a while, consider whether we might just possibly be wrong and the referee right.

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CLUB NOTES

Today we extend a warm welcome to Darlington Mowden Park and we hope that their players, officials and supporters have an enjoyable visit to Corbridge. After the premature end to Tynedale's last season, the home side's players and followers will be looking forward to today's game more than ever. It is seven months since rugby was played at Tynedale Park.

Mowden Park are one of those clubs who have carried all before them in the past few seasons. Promotion has been achieved regularly and the club has had considerable success in the Tetley Bitter Cup. In year 1999-2000 they lost only one league match and were promoted into North Division One. Last season they emulated Tynedale's feat of the previous year and were undefeated in the league. They now play in the National Leagues and their remarkable progress in recent years is a tribute to the commitment and competence of the club's players, coaches and administrators. They must be waiting with eager anticipation for this season to start.

Tynedale too cannot wait for the 2001-2002 season to begin but for a rather different reason. Our year came to a very disappointing end in early February when Foot and Mouth Disease hit West Northumberland. At that time Tynedale were just below half-way in the league. Using a complicated formula based on away results and early-season form, it was calculated that Tynedale were in eighth position in the league, which was perhaps slightly generous, but few members of the club thought that we would have finished much below this position in a full season. Our first year in the National Leagues was always going to be difficult. Player loss and a heavy injury toll meant an uphill struggle for most of the year and we should be satisfied with the team's overall performance last year. For many of our younger players, 2000-2001 will have been an important learning experience and they will be mentally and physically more robust this season as a result.

There is little empiric information for use in predicting today's game. The last time the teams met was 1998 in the First Round of the Tetley Bitter Cup at Darlington. Tynedale won a very tight match by 12 points to 8 but even the most partisan Tynedale supporters thought that we were fortunate to win that game against very competitive opposition. Today's match is important to both sides. Mowden Park will be measuring themselves against a National League side and the result today will indicate to them whether or not promotion is again possible this year. After three slightly artificial but useful, warm-up games, Tynedale's Coach, Steve Olivier, will see his side in action for the first time in the heat and pressure of National League rugby.

We look forward today to a hard, keenly-contested match played in the right spirit.

Keith Laidler

Communications at Tynedale

Any self-respecting organisation must continually review its system of communications; few clubs or institutions have good communications and the best organisations are usually those who have *the least bad* communications. Perhaps the only good thing about the old Tynedale Management Committee of ten years ago was that when you stood in the bar after the game, you would invariably be next to one or two of the forty Tynedale Committee members and had the chance to express your appreciation of the excellent way in which the Club was being run or exceptionally, voice a mild criticism of some minor and unimportant issue. Administration of the Club is today more complicated and there are fewer Officers involved in the decision-making process. A constant theme around the Club now is that members do not know what is happening at Tynedale Park. Tynedale RFC is now administered by a system of sub-committees and a Communications Sub-Committee sits to deal with this important issue.

The Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference are "To maintain or put in place procedures and systems which will ensure good two-way communications within the Club which will benefit the members, the Tynedale community and our sponsors."

In the past three years Tynedale RFC has made enormous strides in improving communications. Wallace Cousin has built, and maintains, the superb Tynedale Website which is imaginative, humorous and informative, and Huw Mainwaring, almost single-handedly, produces the excellent Newsletter which manifests the consummate professionalism behind Creative Edge. Unfortunately all Tynedale members do not have access to the Internet and some professional individuals in the Club (particularly Chartered Accountants) cannot cope with this technology. Incredibly, a small minority of Tynedale players are unable to read - at Steve Olivier's last Bleep and Reading Test, three players in the First XV squad were found to be very fit but illiterate. There are, however, other ways of disseminating information; the Club maintains a comprehensive notice board and our match programmes provide details of forthcoming events and of any Club scandal which John Shotton happens to divulge to the Editor.

All good communications systems must be two-way. Members who want to know what is going on in the Club or hope to influence the important decisions made by the Management Committee, have a personal responsibility to improve communications. Individuals must be prepared to read notice boards, browse the Tynedale Website, read the Newsletter, and to express their views to Committee members.

The Tynedale Management Committee meets every third Tuesday in the month to discuss multifarious Club activities and to make decisions on a wide range of issues. Bill Stewart, our Secretary, manfully produces minutes of these meetings and this record of the Committee's discussions will now be displayed on the Clubhouse notice-board and in the Internet (Website www.tynedalerfc.co.uk). If you are suffering from insomnia or hyperactivity, or have run out of sedatives, (or want to know what is going on in the Club), I would suggest that your condition could be temporarily cured by reading the minutes before you go to bed.

If you think that communications can be improved at Tynedale Park, please contact any member of the Communications Sub-Committee. They are Keith Laidler (01434-632139), Mike Coulson (01434-633058), Wallace Cousin (01434-608193), Gail Everitt (01434-672367), Lindsay Hall (01661-832306) and Huw Mainwaring (01434-609027).

Keith Laidler,
Chairman,
Communications Sub-Committee.

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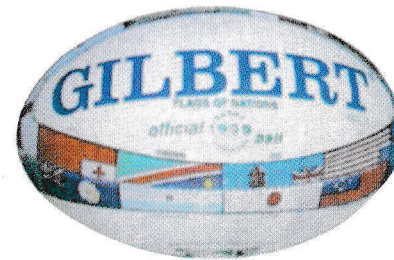
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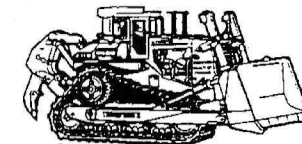


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