	Fixtures and Results 2019 - 20									
	Wolves North 1 West			Vikings Sale Sharks Division 2 South						
September 7 14 21 28	BURNAGE Stockport NORTHWICH Penrith	W W W L		Anselmians NORTHWICH Altrincham Kersal CREWE & NANTWICH	W W W					
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Halbro Senior U18 Colts : Senior League C											
September 8 15 22 29		W W W		February 2 9 16 23	Southport CALDY						
October 6 13 20 27	ALDWINIANS Whitchurch			March 1 8 15 22 29							
November 3 10 17 24	SOUTHPORT Littleborough			April 5 12 19 26							
December 1 8 15 22 29	SEFTON Aldwinians										
January 5 12 19 26	WHITCHURCH										

The Cheshire Colts Cup for U18s gets underway on 10th. November when Wilmslow play Chester.
Only eight sides appear to have entered this year's competition.



Club President CHRIS GEORGE Welcomes WARRINGTON



A warm welcome to our friends from Warrington. Regrettably, I'm not present today to welcome them personally but I know that others will be standing in for me, providing they haven't all gone away for October's half term week.

We've had some good games against them in the fairly recent past and I expect that today's meeting will another be another closely fought encounter. Our guests today have had a difficult start to the season with only one point from the six games so far. Last week they were very unlucky to go down 22-25 to Altrincham Kersal, succumbing only in the last moments to a late AK penalty. Sometimes, as we have found out ourselves last season, things just don't go your way!! The match was played at the Monk Sports and Social Club, which is fairly close to Warrington town centre. It must be quite a large facility there because it already hosts football, Woolston Rovers RLFC, a large function room and licensed bar. Their web site shows that there's something on there every day of the week. Last week's Warrington match report states that this is now their new base. Rumours have been aplenty and I'm certainly not privy to why they've left Walton Lea. Whatever the reasons, we hope that they will continue as Warrington's premier rugby union club and that their new arrangements will work out well for them.

The Wolves may be sitting pretty at the top of the league for the moment, two points ahead of Birkenhead Park, but that just disguises how close and tough all the matches have been. They've had to dig in deep to keep their noses in front, no more so than last week at Hough End. It was a solid performance against Broughton Park overall, the Wolves created three very good first half tries and a fourth followed early in the second half when Sean Street broke down the narrow side from a scrum in his own half of the field and ran all the way to score. That made it 5 -24 for the Wolves but instead of a jolly autumnal romp to follow, they were pinned back in their own half for the rest of the game by a revitalised Park side, augmented by referee Robert Sheard's whistle. They pulled back two scores and the Wolves were relieved to have prevented them from tying it all up in the final moments. It was good to see Jonny Kennedy returning from injury and scoring two tries, but disappointing to see him limp off in the second half. I hope Jonny is back fit for todays game.

It was a match to show that there really isn't all that much between most of this season's North 1 West sides, so, I, for one, don't expect anything other than a tough challenge from our visitors this afternoon. They'll be very, very keen to start winning a few games to give themselves a chance of moving up the table before it becomes too late.

The Vikings, shorn of a few players to the Wolves, suffered heir first loss of the season, 11-20 at home to Liverpool St Helens. They remain, however, at the top of Division 2 South on points difference, sharing top berth with Didsbury Toc H, whom they meet next week at home! Good luck to the Vikings today away at Holmes Chapel, let's hope for a return to winning ways. Our colts have also lost their unbeaten record but still head the Colts Conference League C.

On the World Cup front, last week saw Scotland eliminated at the hands of a very intensive Japan side. It didn't help, of course, that they had such a short turn round from their previous game, that they had to do their training in their hotel function room, because of the typhoon, and there was so much doubt beforehand over whether the match would be played at all. Having said all of that, Scotland were on to an emotional hiding in front of a full house of home supporters and against a team determined to put the ravages of the typhoon behind them. Japan were magnificent and I don't think any team would have relished facing them in those circumstances. By now, we'll know whether England have managed to beat our 2003 World Cup Final opponents, Australia....or whether the "Chariot" is on its way home too!!

It was great to see Hamish Watson at the last home game against AK on his crutches, home early from the World Cup with an MCL injury. Fortunately, there is no tear and he starts rehabilitation this week hoping to return to the international stage for Scotland later this season. Having worked so hard to get back after breaking his hand it was very sad to see Hamish leaving the field on the stretcher truck. His father and former Wilmslow Vets stalwart, Les has tickets for the latter part of the tournament and Scotland will not be there!! I wonder if they'll be sold to a lucky England supporter?

Finally, don't forget that the clubhouse will be open for tomorrow's world cup quarter finals from 8.30am, both the semi finals next weekend and then the final on Saturday 2nd. November, which is a blank weekend for the Wolves. There will also be some live rugby that afternoon to watch here, when the Vikings turn out against Helsby.







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Warrington RUFC

We have had some good matches in recent seasons against Warrington with most of them being closely contested and the honours going either way. In November two years ago Warrington held out at their place in the face of a last minute assault to deny Wilmslow even a losing bonus point. On the day, they took their chances to score five scintillating tries, all of them with their origins in their own half of the field and all of them scored by their guick silver backs. Nathan Beesley, Steve Pilkington, Kieran Hughes (2) and Ben Hockenhull all scored. In response, there was a debutant try for Elliot Rowe and Alex Taylor barged himself over for one from close range. The Wilmslow

forwards just about shaded the contest up front and at one stage it was only 19 -17 for the home side. But behind the scrum, the Warrington back line, with Kieran Hughes in imperious form, were masters of all they surveyed and they pulled away with two well fashioned tries. Wilmslow without the craft and the pace outside had to rely on their pack if they were going to get anything out of



The return game here had to be re-organised for a midweek floodlit match after the scheduled game was postponed because of frost. Both sides were in the chasing posse of eight clubs for second place behind Vale of Lune. Chris George in his match notes wrote that un his view whoever finished second would struggle if they got to the Northern Premier League and he was right, of course, although he didn't know then that it would be his own club. On the night, Wilmslow won 29-7 and moved up to second place. They scored through Tom Bull in the first minute, MacCallum kicked a penalty when Elliot Rowe was crudely taken out in mid air but although still shaken up by the experience he scored the second try to extend the Wolves lead to 15-0. Before half time though. Warrington were back in it with a penalty try when their winger Tom Arnold was high tackled. The second half was mainly Wilmslow, their defence was giving nothing away, but it took two late tries from Alex Taylor and Sean Street to make the game safe.



Pictures from Wilmslow v Warrington on 28th. March 2018

This season our visitors have not had an easy time of it. They have a side with a lot of new names, representing 'work in progress, says coach Andy Roberts. On the field, they have suffered six straight losses and lie just one spot off the bottom on the basis of a single losing bonus point won against Altrincham kersal last weekend. They went down narrowly by 22-25 against AK. at their new ground, which, I presume, they will be sharing with Woolston Rovers RLC.. After going seventeen points down, Warrington recovered in the second half to tie things up at 22 - 22 only to concede a late penalty which AK slotted for the points. Reports of our demise have been grossly exaggerated, their coach has been quoted

Since 2005, their home had been at Warrington Sports Club's Walton Lea ground. The lead club there has always been cricket but with hockey now played only on all weather pitches, the arrangement with Warrington RUFC seemed to work to the extent that both cricket and rugby could use the grass pitches there throughout the year. Hockey, although played elsewhere continued to use the clubhouse facilities along with archery, squash and tennis sections. It wasn't ideal because the clash between the end of the cricket season and the start of the rugby season prevented the rugby club from playing any home games until October and when the cricket season started up again in April, they had to find a ground elsewhere for any remaining home fixtures they still had to fulfil. Many of us will remember not so long ago playing Warrington at Sandbach. The clubhouse and facilities at Warrington Sports Club were fine and comfortable but the rugby club had no say in its management and no income from bar sales and so on.. It seems that their tenancy at Walton Lea has now ended for whatever reason. The cricketers may not have liked their outfield being churned up by rugby players or it may just have been something to do with money! Their home game against AK last week was played at the Monk Sports and Social Club ground, the home of Woolston Rovers Rugby League, and their latest match report suggests that this will now be their new regular home. With Rugby League running from February to September, there is on the face of it a potential for fixture clashes, particularly in the spring. To add to the mystery, their web site gives their address as Bridge Lane, Appleton on the south east side of Warrington. All in all, it seems to be a difficult time for our visitors but, in common with everyone in the rugby union family, we hope they will pull through.

Whatever has been happening off the pitch, on it they've been tough opponents who've given Wilmslow the run round more than once. We have to be wary of the red and white wolves.

Vikings and Colts

Division 2 South 2019-20

Saturday 5th. October Sale Sharks League 2 South Lymm Eagles 5 - 50 Vikings

Sunday 6th. October Halbro Colts League Senior C Wilmslow 17 - 21 Aldwinians

Saturday 12th. October Sale Sharks league 2 South Vikings 11 - 20 Liverpool St. Helens

Sunday 13th. October Halbro Colts League Senior C Whitchurch 5 - 12 Wilmslow

Team	Р	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts	
Wilmslow Vikings	6	5	0	1	231	47	184	0	26	
Didsbury Toc H	6	5	0	1	236	115	121	0	26	
Altrincham Kersal Cougars	6	5	0	1	219	121	98	0	26	
Liverpool St Helens	6	5	0	1	137	83	54	0	26	
Crewe & Nantwich	6	4	0	2	145	112	33	0	22	
Manchester	6	3	0	3	190	173	17	1	19	
Moore	6	3	0	3	176	178	-2	1	19	
Widnes	6	3	0	3	185	154	31	0	18	
Liverpool Collegiate	6	3	0	3	123	129	-6	0	18	
Holmes Chapel	6	2	0	4	131	141	-10	2	16	
Anselmians	6	2	0	4	142	197	-55	0	14	
Helsby	6	1	0	5	68	151	-83	2	11	
Northwich	6	1	0	5	77	259	-182	0	10	
Lymm Eagles	6	0	0	6	115	315	-200	0	6	

Senior Colts Conference League - C 2019 -20

Team	Р	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Wilmslow	5	4	0	1	113	65	48	1	22
Southport	4	4	0	0	133	14	119	0	20
Aldwinians	4	2	1	1	72	76	-4	0	14
Whitchurch	4	2	0	2	84	53	31	2	14
Sefton	5	1	1	3	95	114	-19	2	13
Caldy	4	1	0	3	67	106	-39	1	9
Littleborough	4	0	0	4	15	151	-136	0	4

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Strength in Numbers

Here we are, just seven completed matches into the season, if we include the Cheshire Vase game back in August, and already thirty one players have turned out for the Wolves. Three guys have played at full back - Ben Day, Bob MacCallum and Mark Jennings, four at hooker Tommy Williamson, Robert Taylor, Sammy Graham and, last week, Alex Donaldson, and so it goes on. I guess that by the end of the season, it will be close to fifty.

All of which shows that if the management could get out our strongest side or possibly just a regular side, used to playing together every week, this season's Wolves could have the potential to become a very useful outfit.

Northern Premier League

A thumping win by 55-22 last week for Macclesfield against Carlisle will have had the other Jonah wreathed in smiles. There were wins also for Alnwick, Billingham on their plastic pitch, Harrogate, Sandal, Blaydon and Wirral. Billingham are still top, followed by Harrogate, Blaydon and Macclesfield, the only North West side to be making any kind of impact at this level. Come the end of the season, I'll be surprised if it isn't those four contesting the top spots. Blackburn and Lymm are still holding their own mid table but below them it's crowded and far too soon to be making any predictions.

Elsewhere, Driffield appear to be on the march again in North 1 East with five wins from six but Kendal are toiling with just two wins. The new Mint Bridge has clearly been built with much more than Level 6 rugby in mind, which all goes to show that a grand edifice of a clubhouse is no guarantee of success on the field. They won't be the first to find that out!

Below us in Level 7, the leaders are Glossop, Rochdale, Manchester and Leigh. I don't recall Glossop on a first team fixture list here but the other three are all well known to us. Manchester with over 60 league points last season were particularly unlucky to be relegated. Paradoxically Rochdale and Manchester both have a fine ground and

clubhouse, which wouldn't be out of place further up the

Match Reports

Readers of 'On the Trail' will know that I would normally include some kind of report from our recent opponents for their point of view of the previous week's game.. It's a shame therefore that neither Broughton Park nor Altrincham Kersal are currently posting any match reports on their respective web sites.

World Cup

Last weekend's typhoon in Japan threatened for a while to devalue the whole event but not for long. Japan's scorching second win against a so called tier one side to win their group was well deserved and clearly no fluke.

It opens up the interesting prospect of a quarter final against South Africa, whom they beat, of course, four years ago by 34 - 32. Who would place money against them repeating that result again and marching on to a semi final place. I'm sure that's what all neutrals would want to see

England's recent record against Australia has many more pluses than minuses in the ledger. Eddie Jones' men must have gone into that one this morning as favorites.

Ireland's recent record against the All Blacks is pretty good as well, two wins from their last three meetings, so they know they can beat the All Blacks. This is the big one though, the one that really counts. We'll all know the result of that one as well by kick off time here this afternoon.

It would be quite something if all three of these southern hemisphere giants were to be knocked out and if Wales beat France tomorrow there could be three home nations and Japan in the semi finals. Now fancy that!

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Australia 39 - 21 Fiii Wales 43 - 14 Georgia Fiji 27 - 30 Uruguay Georgia 33 - 7 Uruguay Australia 25 - 29 Wales Georgia 10 - 45 Fiji Australia 45 - 10 Uruguay Wales 29 - 17 Fiji Australia 27 - 8 Georgia

France 23 - 21 Argentina England 35 - 9 Tonga England 45 - 7 USA Argentina 28—12 Tonga France 33 - 9 USA England 39 - 10 Argentina France 23 - 21 Tonga Argentina 47 - 17 USA **England C France**

New Zealand 23 - 13 South Africa Italy 47 - 22 Namibia Italy 48 - 7 Canada South Africa 57 - 3 Namibia New Zealand 63 - 0 Canada South Africa 49 -3 Italy New Zealand 71 - 0 Namibia South Africa 66 - 7 Canada New Zealand C Italy





19th. October 3.00pm GLOUCESTER

8th, November 7,45pm WASPS

21st. January 3.00pm NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

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5th. June 3.00pm WORCESTER WARRIORS















On the way back from Penrith, three weeks ago. I stopped off at the Tebay farm shop, where thay

have an excellent butchery. You're spoilt for choice there so amongst other things, and not just meat, I bought a pack



of diced venison, which I made into a stew for after the AK game. It was a really good tasty meal so here's the recipe. You don't have to go to Tebay, of course to get venison. At this time of year it's often available at both Big Fish, Little Fish in Chapel Lane and at the Cheshire Butcher on the road to Mottram St. Andrew.

Venison is a very lean meat with a very low fat content and a flavour somewhere between lamb and beef. Just be careful that it doesn't dry out too much during cooking.

VENISON STEW WITH ROOT VEGETABLES. RED WINE AND REDCURRANT JELLY

750g diced venison, 20ml sunflower oil, 3 peeled and diced red onions, 2 peeled and diced white onions, 60g lardons, thyme, 100g diced carrots, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 1tbsp tomato puree, 30g plain flour, 750ml chicken stock, 30g diced turnip, 50g button mushrooms, 20g redcurrant jelly. Glass of red wine,

Dust the venison pieces in seasoned flour. The easy way to do this is to just throw the flour and venison pieces into a freezer bag and shake it all about until the pieces are nicely coated.

In a hob proof casserole or saute pan, brown the venison in hot oil,, add the onions, lardons, thyme, carrots and seasoning. Cook until the colour is on the turn, add the garlic, tomato puree (I use an Italian tomato pasta sauce, such as Dolmio) and cook for a further 2 minutes. Stir in a bit more flour, the stock, redcurrant jelly and red wine. Braise for 1 hour in the oven. To finish, fry the mushrooms in butter and add to the casserole just before serving. You could also sprinkle over some chopped parsley.

The same recipe can be used for venison pie. In which case, transfer the venison from the saute pan after half an hour in the oven to an ovenproof pie dish and top it with puff pastry, which you can get ready rolled at either Tesco or Sainsburys. Just cut it to shape, crimp at the edges on the dish, pierce in a few places and brush with a beaten egg. Bake for 30 minutes or until the pastry has risen and is golden in colour.

As an accompaniment, try some skirlie, which goes well with game.

SKIRLIE

Soften two or three finely chopped scallions in olive oil and butter for 5 minutes, add thyme leaves and old fashioned rolled porridge oats. Cook on a low heat for up to five minutes until the oats become toasty. Add a splash of water and continue to cook for a further three minutes. Stir in some spinach, allow to wilt. Season and serve.

And now the wine! Venison is quite a rich meat so at this time of year a richer full bodied red is what you want. Try an Argentinian Malbec, a good Cote de Rhone, Minervois or Corbieres. Don't be tempted to go for the cheapest at around a fiver as inevitably they'll be a bit thin and will disappoint.

NORTH 1 WEST 2019-20

	Р	w	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
Wilmslow	6	5	0	1	179	132	47	27	7	0
Birkenhead Park	6	5	0	1	194	98	96	25	5	0
Penrith	6	4	0	2	182	149	33	21	5	0
Douglas (I.O.M.)	6	4	0	2	144	80	64	20	4	0
Burnage	6	3	0	3	230	175	55	19	7	0
Vale of Lune	6	3	0	3	178	131	47	19	7	0
Firwood Waterloo	6	4	0	2	178	145	33	18	2	0
Northwich	6	4	0	2	148	122	26	18	2	0
Stockport	6	3	0	3	192	135	57	18	6	0
Altrincham Kersal	6	3	0	3	151	156	-5	17	5	0
Broughton Park	6	3	0	3	180	163	17	16	4	0
Bowdon	6	1	0	5	131	211	-80	7	3	0
Warrington	6	0	0	6	70	202	-132	1	1	0
Keswick	6	0	0	6	33	291	-258	0	0	0

THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

Altrincham Kersal v Bowdon

Birkenhead Park v Stockport

Burnage v Keswick

Douglas (IOM) v Broughton Park

Northwich v Firwood waterloo

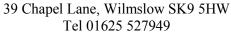
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Altrincham Kersal		31-17	19/10	28/3	11/1	14/12	29/2	9/11	17-25	23/11	14/3	18/4	8/2	1/2
Birkenhead Park	4/1		18/1	9/11	4/4	14/3	31-21	8/2	35-20	29/2	19/10	23/11	50-7	7/12
Bowdon	15/2	14-25		18/4	1/2	38-15	14/3	23/11	12-38	14/12	28/3	11/1	26/10	7/3
Broughton Park	7/12	7/3	34-14		16/11	15/2	4/1	68-10	21/3	34-20	18/1	26/10	4/4	17-24
Burnage	40-37	14/12	59-29	14/3		23/11	8/2	19/10	4/1	9/11	29/2	28/3	18/1	18/4
Douglas	4/4	16/11	4/1	19/10	21/3		15-17	18/1	7/12	8/2	31-0	7/3	20-8	26/10
Firwood Waterloo	26/10	1/2	16/11	61-15	37-27	11/1		28/3	15/2	18/4	14/12	20-14	7/3	21/3
Keswick	7/3	5-36	21/3	11/1	15/2	0-36	7/12		26/10	10-39	18/4	1/2	16/11	4/4
Northwich	18/1	18/4	8/2	23/11	24-20	28/3	19/10	29/2		14/3	9/11	14/12	27-3	11/1
Penrith	21/3	26/10	4/4	1/2	7/3	17-27	43-22	4/1	16/11		31-29	15/2	7/12	32-27
Stockport	16/11	15/2	7/12	34-12	26/10	1/2	4/4	69-3	7/3	11/1		38-29	21/3	22-29
Vale of Lune	24-26	21/3	40-24	29/2	7/12	9/11	18/1	43-5	4/4	19/10	8/2		28-18	16/11
Warrington	22-25	11/1	29/2	14/12	12-52	18/4	9/11	14/3	1/2	28/3	23/11	14/9		15/2
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Saturday 5th. October 2019 Wilmslow 28 - 15 Altrincham Kersal

North 1 West

The Wolves were made to work very hard by a competitive Altrincham Kersal side for this win. Four tries from Adam Taher, Adam Hewitt, Sean Street and Sammy Graham earned them five league points which sent them to the top of the league. AK will count themselves unfortunate to have come away without even a losing bonus point.

Only six points separated the teams as the game entered its final quarter but the Wolves had been mounting up the pressure for most of the preceding guarter without being able to finish anything off. Once again, their defence and aggressive tackling was forcing their opponents, stuck in their own twenty two, into hopeful clearing box kicks, which were just swallowed up by the Wolves back three, in particular full back Ben Day. Day knows a thing or two about how to initiate a counter attack and twice just after the hour mark, he got the Wolves on the front foot with his powerful running, which eventually released open side flanker Ollie Lee into space. On the first occasion, he passed inside to Sean Street, just as he had done the week before at Penrith for the scrum half to race away and score under the posts. Five minutes later in a very similar position, Lee took the ball after a marauding run from No. 6 Danny Kennedy, made ten or so metres and then released hooker Sammy Graham for the fourth try. There were still nearly fifteen minutes on the clock but at 28 - 8 the Wolves were just about out of sight. Another couple of scores in the closing stages would have been the icing on the cake.

AK though were far from beaten and weren't having any of that. Helped by a surfeit of penalty decisions in their favour, they set up camp deep in the Wolves twenty two. The Wolves set about eating up the remaining time by defending their line vigorously but persistent offending eventually cost them Yellow Cards for captain Robert Taylor and centre Ethan Harding in quick succession. With only thirteen Wilmslow players now still on the pitch, AK's prop Nathan Bailey was able to burrow his way over from close range for a scruffy try in the corner, converted by Andrew Daldry. There was only a minute left as AK set off from the restart for a final score which would have got them a losing bonus point. Wolves lock Adam Hewitt then tried a brain dead kamikaze one handed interception which didn't impress referee Daniel Taylor one bit as he brandished his Yellow Card again to reduce the Wolves further to just twelve players. Fortunately Adam Taher is anything but brain dead and from the ensuing penalty lineout, he covered across into midfield to steal the ball in a maul and a couple of passes later, he had the wit to put the ball out of play for no side

Earlier, the Wolves had made a bright start to the game but handling errors in midfield gave AK the opportunity to grab the loose ball and to put their left winger John Coulson away for the opening score after ten minutes. Wilmslow were still their own worst enemies as they continued to mishandle and to get turned over at the breakdown. They then had a lineout throw close to the AK line, which they won but their body positions were so high that they couldn't get any kind of drive on. Forced to release the ball, play went across to the far side, where it was recycled for the chunky difficult to stop prop, Adam Taher, to barge over. The next fifteen minutes were spent in Wilmslow territory as AK tried to batter their way through the Wilmslow defence to not much avail. They should really have had more than the single penalty kicked by fly half Daldry after thirty five minutes. AK were then forced to box kick out of defence from the restart. The Wolves are never more dangerous than when fielding high kicks and in a very similar play from the one which had got them their first try, they spun the ball from a close in lineout and when it was recycled a determined run from Hewitt brought their second try. The Wolves then handed AK free possession when they failed to take the restart and the half had ended with AK pummelling away again at the Wilmslow line. One had to appreciate though the commitment and organisation of the Wolves defence throughout

Coach Chris Jones allowed himself a glimmer of a smile afterwards. His side were now league leaders, Penrith having fallen at Broughton Park. 'Our play is still work in progress and there's plenty for us to improve on. he said. Ollie Lee ran well late on especially when the game started to break up, Danny Kennedy carried well throughout, Sammy Graham at hooker seemed to add some solidity to both the scrum and lineout and Jamie Kingdon on the left wing had his best game yet. If we can put everything together and cut out the mistakes, we'll become a real threat to all the other sides in this league. But nobody can afford to ease up, he added, because there are guys playing well on the Vikings, challenging for first team places.



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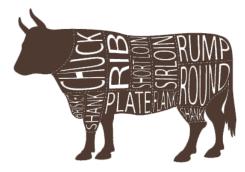
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Fisher is absent this week, there's very poor reception wherever he is, so he's said 'b******, they'll have to do without one!

Vets Rugby

Following the success of the last Vets' game against Rochdale a further fixture has now been arranged for Friday 22nd. November against Bowdon.

Further details to follow.

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Semi Final Friday 29th. November 7.30pm Wolves v Sandbach

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Saturday 12th. October 2019 Broughton Park 17- 24 Wilmslow

North 1 West

Make no mistake, this was another stern examination of Wilmslow's top of the table credentials. The previous week, Park had despatched Penrith, then league leaders, and there was considerable interest amongst a decent crowd to see whether they could repeat the trick. Come the final whistle, Wilmslow had to thank their defensive organisation and commitment for keeping Broughton Park at bay. The closing minutes were particularly fraught with Park launching wave after wave of assaults on the Wilmslow line, which eventually yielded them a third try, with time for just one more play left on the clock. For their part, the Wolves had created three classy first half tries for right winger Sam Cutts and two for centre Jonny Kennedy. Shortly after the break, they scored their fourth try when scrum half Sean Street broke down the narrow side from a hastily retreating Wilmslow scrum in his own half. Finding the Park defence awol, he was off like a hare and ran seventy metres down the touchline for what turned out to be the match winning score.

The initial exchanges saw both sides testing the other's defensive formations and both sides conceding possession in promising field positions. The opening score came after six minutes when Wilmslow's Mark Jennings kicked a penalty into the Park twenty two for a lineout from which the wolves' forwards and backs combined for a bout of excellent passing, which released right winger Sam Cutts with all the space he needed to run in. It was a beautifully executed move, probably the most satisfying try of the season yet, and showed just what these Wolves are capable of at their best.

Park now had a period in the ascendency and after twenty minutes they were awarded a five metre scrum from which they eventually forced a touchdown.

The second quarter was Wilmslow's best of the match. A decently judged clearing kick by Park was taken by Jonny Kennedy in one of those fifty/fifty situations. He counter attacked and Park suddenly found themselves stretched on both sides of the field. Mark Jennings and Alex Taylor were both held up on the Park line in quick succession during this period but from a second five metre scrum, the ball was released, recycled in front of the Park posts and Jonny Kennedy was on hand to scythe through for the coup de grace. The Wolves continued to press but lacked the composure and accuracy at least twice to add to their score before left winger Jamie Kingdon fielded a box kick on the stroke of half time, ran infield and suddenly there was No. 10 Ethan Harding breaking the Park line with an electrifying run for a simple off load to Jonny Kennedy on his right and a third try under the posts. It couldn't get more clinical than that!

Shortly after the break, came Street's decisive virtuoso effort. That though was the last to be seen of the Wolves as an attacking force. Park seized control. The whole momentum of the game shifted. What possession Wilmslow still got was slow and cumbersome, their passing became laboured and ball retention poor. Their scrum was consistently shunted back and it took some stirring tidying up from No. 8 Alex Taylor and flanker Danny Kennedy to hold back the tide. Wilmslow's defence still showed how hard it was to break down but there was still plenty of time on the clock when Park eventually made their pressure count with a score far out on the left touchline in front of their supporters in the stand. They remained in charge for the remaining twenty five minutes or so but couldn't find a way through that obdurate defence until with a minute to go the Park No. 14 Adidayo Titiloye, who has scored a few tries against Wilmslow in his time, came off his wing to break through the centre for Park's third score. In the final play, they tried everything they knew but when the ball went loose and out of play, it was all over.

Robert Sheard is one of the more lenient of the referees on the circuit but even he found cause to penalise the Wolves far too often. This is a major reason why the Wolves are spending so much time bottled up in defence in their own twenty two. Referees tend to favour the side in possession which puts the other side under increasing pressure as they attempt to recover the ball and are judged to have infringed. The whole cycle then just continues until the attacking side either makes a mistake or scores. One of the answers is to be more secure in retaining the ball in all phases of the





Wolves Players, Appearances and Point Scorers 2019 - 20

	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	6					
James Coulthurst	6					
Sam Cutts	5	1				5
Ben Day	5					
Alex Donaldson	1					
Sammy Graham	1	1				5
Ethan Harding	6	2				10
Adam Hewitt	6	1				5
Mark Jennings	7	6				30
Danny Kennedy	4					
Jonny Kennedy	2	3				15
Jamie Kingdon	6	3				15
Sam Lawton	6					
Ollie Lee	4					
Rhodri Lewis	1					
Bob MacCallum	6			2	22	50
Jack Masters	4					
James Nicholson	1					
Kieran O'Rourke	3					
Mike Parker	3					
Seb Pemberton	6	2				10
Andy Rimmer	3					
Matt Shufflebottom	5					
Loui Staples	1					
Sean Street	7	7				35
Adam Taher	7	4				20
Alex Taylor	6	1				5
Robert Taylor	7					
Tommy Wilkinson	3	2				10
George Witham	1					

League Round Up

5th. October

Northwich 27 - 3 Warrington

The Blacks were able to field a number of returnees for this one Nevertheless, Warrington started well by taking the game to Northwich, earning three points for an early penalty when Northwich were penalised for side entry. It was then an arm wrestle for the first half with Northwich's response being limited to a Baldwin penalty. In the second half, Northwich added twenty four points without reply. Matt Ensor made some very strong carries to get his side behind the Warrington defensive line. Tom Husbands scored their opening try from a scrum, which Baldwin converted before adding a second penalty to his tally. Two more tries followed from Chris James and Sam Naylor.

Birkenhead Park 31 - 21 Waterloo

Park are now emerging as league title challengers. Their win at Keswick by 5-36 last weekend was probably about par, given the Cumbrians's record this season so their success against Waterloo is more likely a measure of where they're at.

Waterloo's Daragh O'Brian and Park's Dave Hall exchanged early penalties but Waterloo were looking the more likely early on. Their back three of O'Brian, Roberts and Allen all looked a threat but it was poor Park defence in midfield which opened the door for Waterloo lock Jack Weir to get the opening try. Park's response was some sustained pressure from which flanker Sean Mooney scored to tie things up at half time.

Waterloo then went ahead with a try from Roberts, Ollie Jacques pulled one back for Park, O'Brian restored Waterloo's lead with a penalty and Jack Ashcroft then put Park in front. O'Brian pulled it back with a third successful penalty but the game was made safe for the home side with a second Jacques try.

Park's Martin O'Keefe thought it a good contest with his side eventually getting on top and deserving the spoils.



12th. October Penrith 17 - 27 Douglas (IOM)

A young Penrith side, fielding four teenagers, was simply outgunned by the Manx men, who were worth every bit their ten point win.. The visitors scored a penalty and two ries to go 7-15 ahead, before Penrith clawed it back with a catch and drive try for a three point deficit at half time. It got even better for them when winger Brook Birley out paced everyone for Penrith's third try. Douglas though scored again from a scrum in the Penrith twenty two, held their line when Penrith came back at them and when the home side's discipline started to waver, they finished things off with a catch and drive from a penalty lineout.. They were a strong athletic looking outfit the better side on the day said the Penrith correspondent. They deserved their five points..



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game in the first place but that could adversely impact on the Wolves game, which is based on fast adventurous but slightly risky movement which can produce both some spectacular moments and equally an early loss of possession. It's a conundrum for Chris Jones and his coaching team to attempt to solve. Nevertheless, it was a good result for Wilmslow. Any kind of a win at Hough End will do. no doubt about that! They had been missing both the little master Bob MacCallum and full back Ben Day but Ethan Harding, standing in at No. 10, was outstanding. The Kennedy brothers, both the smoothly head shaven Danny on the flank and the more stubbly shaven Jonny in the centre, were highly influential with both Mark Jennings and Sean Street playing a full part. The pack, although on the back foot for much of the last forty minutes, stuck to its task and one can only commend the whole side for its refusal to bend the knee when under the cosh.

Questions, though, still remain to be answered in the upcoming testing fixtures still to come against the other pace setters of the league Douglas (IOM), Vale of Lune, Birkenhead Park and Waterloo, in particular. We shall know soon enough the real worth of this side.

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