

## Fixtures and Results 2019 - 20

### Wolves North 1 West

September 7	BURNAGE	W
14	Stockport	W
21	NORTHWICH	W
28	Penrith	L
October 5	ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	W
12	Broughton Park	W
19	WARRINGTON	W
26	Douglas IOM	L
November 2		
9	BOWDON	W
16	Vale of Lune	W
23	WATERLOO	W
29	SANDBACH (Cheshire Vase)	L
30		
December 7	Birkenhead Park	W
14	KESWICK	W
21		
28		
January 4	STOCKPORT	L
11	Northwich	L
18	PENRITH	P
25		
February 1	Altrincham Kersal	L
8	BROUGHTON PARK	
15	Warrington	
29	DOUGLAS IOM	
March 7	Bowden	
14	VALE OF LUNE	
21	Waterloo	
28	BIRKENHEAD PARK	
April 4	Keswick	
11	PENRITH	
18	Burnage	
25		

### Vikings Sale Sharks Division 2 South

Anselmians	W
NORTHWICH	W
Altrincham Kersal	W
CREWE & NANTWICH	W
Lymm	W
LIVERPOOL ST HELENS	L
Holmes Chapel	W
Didsbury Toc H (Cup)	P
HELSEBY	W
Didsbury TOC H	W
LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE	W
Manchester	W
WIDNES	W
Moore	L
Northwich	W
ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	W
Crewe & Nantwich	W
LYMM	
Liverpool St Helens	
HOLMES CHAPEL	
Helsby	
DIDSBURY TOC H	
Liverpool Collegiate	
MANCHESTER	
Widnes	
MOORE	
ANSELMANS	



## Club President CHRIS GEORGE Welcomes BROUGHTON PARK



A warm welcome to Wilmslow Rugby Club for our match today against Broughton Park.

Today is our annual Former Players Reunion where over 100 former players reunite for lunch and many old rugby memories over a few beers and the odd bottle of wine. Sadly, four former players have passed away since the last reunion – Tim Holloway, Jonty Fallows, Mike Silcock and only last week my old friend of many years Mike Barltrop. They will be missed by us all, no doubt having a beer at the great clubhouse in the sky debating England's woeful performance against France last week!

Broughton Park gave us a tough game at their ground back in October where we came away with a 17-24 win. It was a great game where both teams played out a local derby in the truest spirit of the game that either could have won. Looking back at their season to date, I am surprised to see that after 16 games they have 5 wins and 11 losses, and they currently sit in 11<sup>th</sup> place in the league. They are a much better team than their league position would indicate. I wonder whether, like us, they have suffered with many injuries. Last week they were away at Penrith, beating the Cumbrians 10-15 putting to an end a losing run of 6 games, several of those within one score. Every Broughton Park game I have ever played in or watched has been close and I expect today to be no different. I assume that our coaches Jonah and Jenno have got the lads well prepared and I hope we can return to winning ways.

Meanwhile, the Wolves have had a nightmare start to 2020 losing three games on the trot, mainly due to player injuries and unavailability. Last week we were away at Altrincham Kersal, a team we usually do well against but despite turning around at half-time 19-17 down, we lost 37-24. More frustrating for all were the five dropped passes in try scoring opportunities. This run of poor form leaves us in 4<sup>th</sup> place after leading the league for most of the season to date, although we do have a home game in hand against Penrith on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This game was due to be played three weeks ago, but they cried off on the morning of the game as they didn't have a front row! Sadly, this is the nature of our great sport these days where injuries and shortages of replacements in key positions, especially front row, mean that games have to be cancelled and rearranged.

Meanwhile our Second XV, The Vikings, have had a fantastic season to date winning fifteen games and only losing two and are now fourteen points clear at the top of the table and with a points difference of 402, nearly four times the nearest opposition! Today the Vikings are away at Liverpool St Helens to play against their 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. We wish them well in what should be a close game as Liverpool St Helens are joint second in the table. I remember a game against the pre-merger St Helens club back in 1980 under the floodlights here, when we warned to watch out for the "clothes-line tackles". Whilst I escaped with only a fat lip, my old pal Richard Beaton lost a couple of teeth prompting him to say, "I'm going bald and have now lost my teeth – perhaps I should think about getting married!!"

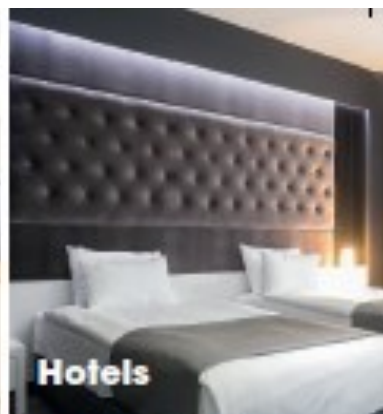
Vets organiser, Jason Sankey has managed to drag a number of players out from in front of the TV for one of rare Vets games this season. Today we have a game against our historical rivals, Sale FC up on the Jim Evison fields. It's a 1:00pm kick off so they will all join us for a drink or three from 3:00pm onwards.

### Halbro Senior U18 Colts : Senior League C

September 8	Caldy	W	February 2	Southport
15	LITTLEBOROUGH	W	9	CALDY
22	Sefton	W	16	
29			23	
October 6	ALDWINIANS		March 1	
13	Whitchurch		8	
20			15	
27			22	
			29	
November 3			April 5	
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17	SOUTHPORT		19	
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## BROUGHTON PARK

We haven't seen Park here in a competitive league match since September 2015. On that occasion it went the way of the Wolves by 50-25. The Wolves had three tries in the can after just fifteen minutes and scored eight overall. Ed Stobart was running riot from full back, the two Kiwis, Hotham and Tuipoluto, were no small influence on events. Walker and Barker were maybe the second choice the half backs but looking back, it was a decent enough Wilmslow side on the day.



Park hit back with three tries of their own from Jack Williams, Paddy O'Donnell and James Radford. Their forwards gave a good account of themselves all afternoon but where Park lost it was in their tactical kicking out of hand into the arms of the Wilmslow back three, Stobart, Cutts and Patch, none of whom required a second invitation to run it back with interest.

Wilmslow won the return 20 - 37 the following February and went on to finish the season in third place behind Kendal and Kirkby Lonsdale with 18 wins, a feat they equalled the following season to finish fourth. Ironically, their W/L record in 2017-18, when they finished second and got promoted for a season was down on the previous two seasons.

Park for their part had a lousy losing run from the start of 2016 and eventually slipped down to the bottom for two seasons in SLC1. They finished third in 2016-17 and then decisively won it in 2017-18.



Last autumn when relations were resumed at The Hough, Wilmslow came away with a 17-24 win. Make no mistake, this had been a 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.



Since then Park have surprisingly been in the doldrums, losing narrowly at home to Stockport and even more narrowly away at Warrington. But they've also suffered some fairly heavy reverses along the way. Back in October, they didn't look a side that would now be in eleventh place with just five wins from sixteen outings and I guess they probably expected to be higher up the table themselves. They have no immediate prospects of climbing above tenth placed Vale of Lune, who are over ten points ahead of them and they'll be looking uncomfortably over their shoulder at Bowdon who in twelfth place are too close to them for comfort.



Last week, Park recorded a notable away win by 10 - 15 at Penrith, whom we know are going through something of a player availability crisis. Any win though on the artificial surface at Winters Park is a good one so the signs are that there may be a revival going on down at Hough End and looking at Wilmslow's recent record, they'll no doubt fancy their chances a bit this afternoon.

Pictures from Broughton Park v  
Wilmslow in October 2019

# Vikings and Colts

Division 2 South 2019-20

## 4th. January 2020

Northwich 12 - 41 Vikings

## 11th. January 2020

Vikings 44 - 19 Altrincham  
Kersal Cougars

## 18th. January 2020

Crewe & Nantwich 7- 29  
Vikings

## 19th. January

Senior League C  
Colts 19—10 Whitchurch

## 1st. February 2020

Vikings HWO Lymm Eagles

2nd. February

Senior League C  
Southport 39 - 14 Colts

The Vikings' march towards the Division 2 South title and a return to Division 1 next season has continued with four wins out of four since the turn of the year.

It took a few minutes to get the Christmas turkey and plum pudding out of the system against Northwich.as the Vikings coughed up possession at least three times in the opening minutes. They then turned over possession on their own line but the relieving touch kick was ruled to have been taken from over the dead ball line and from the scrum Northwich ran the ball wide to take a 5-0 lead.

'Start again' was the order from under the posts and Wilmslow did just that, retaining possession and putting the phases together as they had been asked to do. An equalising score soon followed. Now in full flow, two more tries followed by half time and three more came in the second half. Northwich then had the last say from an interception.

Overall, writes Mark Taff Bartlam, a good showing, it could have been more but that would be picky.

**The Vikings, despite losing so many players to the Wolves the following week, were still able to bring in decent replacements, many of them colts, to have much the better of it against AK Cougars on 11th. January. It was nip and tuck for the first fifty minutes but they then ran away with it, adding four tries in the last half hour.**

They were also given a much sterner test by Crewe & Nantwich than the final score would suggest. Off to a flyer, they scored three times in the opening quarter, two from Kerr and the other from Campbell to lead 17-0 at half time. A fourth try soon followed in the second half from Elliot Rowe but C & N then dominated for the next twenty minutes or so to pull one back. The final score though was made by a break from scrum half Chalk and a powerful run from your correspondent Taff Bartlam leaving the way clear for Giles Sumner to touch down. A robust defence was the key to a good win on the road.

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Wilmslow Vikings	17	15	0	2	583	181	402	1	78
Holmes Chapel 1	17	11	0	6	384	267	117	3	64
Liverpool St Helens 2	17	12	0	5	314	260	54	0	64
Moore 1	16	11	0	5	466	311	155	1	61
Didsbury Toc H 2	16	10	0	6	467	312	155	1	57
Altrincham Kersal Cougars	16	10	0	6	488	387	101	1	54
Widnes 2	15	8	0	7	389	290	99	2	49
Crewe & Nantwich 2	16	8	0	8	350	322	28	2	49
Manchester 2	17	7	0	10	502	421	81	3	47
Liverpool Collegiate 2	17	7	0	10	357	483	-126	1	46
Anselmians 2	17	6	0	11	297	448	-151	1	41
Northwich 2	17	5	0	12	277	525	-248	2	39
Lymm Eagles	16	4	0	12	374	648	-274	1	32
Helsby 1	16	1	0	15	157	550	-393	3	22

Concedes: Anselmians 1, Helsby 1, Crewe & Nantwich 1, Manchester 1, LSH 1, Lymm Eagles 1

## Senior Colts Conference League - C 2019 -20

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Southport	11	11	0	0	340	68	272	0	55
Whitchurch	11	6	0	5	225	139	86	2	36
Wilmslow	10	6	0	4	213	162	51	1	35
Aldwinians	9	4	1	4	132	220	-88	0	27
Caldy	11	3	0	8	164	275	-111	1	24
Littleborough	9	3	0	6	128	236	-108	2	23
Sefton	11	2	1	8	179	281	-102	4	23

Concedes: Whitchurch1



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#### Mike Silcock

I am sorry to report, writes Barry Fisher, that Mike Silcock died on 11th. January, succumbing after several months to cancer.

He joined the Club straight from Rydal School in 1968 and started in the back row. He was a big strong lad and was soon moved up to prop but retired far too soon, due to weak shoulder joints. His forte was in Sevens and in the final of the Manchester Sevens in 1969, he caught the ball from the kick-off and set off down the wing at great speed, to score. A Broughton Park spectator was heard to say, "If that's their prop, how fast is the winger?"

Mike's widow, Debbie, lives at: 5

#### Mike Barltrop

It's sad enough when one of your contemporaries dies but even sadder when I have to report the death of someone considerably younger.

Mike Barltrop passed away on the night of Wednesday 29th. January. He had been unwell for many years with Parkinsons and subsequently cancer but he never complained and bore his problems with great fortitude

He was never the greatest rugby player, but he was a very enthusiastic third team captain in the 1980s, with scant regard for the off-side law, and a whole-hearted and excellent man manager, as proved by the coaching of his sons and young squad members from Under 7's to Colts; taking them to a National Final. A good number of them went on to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

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<b>Saturday 8th. February</b>	Ireland v Wales Aviva Stadium 2.15pm Scotland v England Murrayfield 4.45pm.
<b>Sunday 9th. February</b>	France v Italy Stade de France 3.00pm.
<b>Saturday 22nd. February</b>	Italy v Scotland Stadio Olimpico 2.15pm. Wales v France Principality Stadium 4.45pm.
<b>Sunday 23rd. February</b>	England v Ireland Twickenham 3.00pm
<b>Saturday 7th. March</b>	Ireland v Italy Aviva Stadium 2.15pm. England v Wales Twickenham 4.45pm.
<b>Sunday 8th. March</b>	Scotland v France Murrayfield 3.00pm
<b>Saturday 14th. March</b>	Wales v Scotland Principality Stadium .15pm Italy v England Stadio Olimpico 4.45pm France v Ireland Stade de France 8.00pm



19th. October 3.00pm  
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8th. November 7.45pm  
WASPS

21st. January 3.00pm  
NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

3 January 7.45pm  
HARLEQUINS

22nd. February 3.00pm  
LEICESTER TIGERS

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LONDON IRISH

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In days of yore, a gentleman liked to round off his dinner with a savoury and a glass of port. They then fell out of fashion as it became the custom to finish your meal with a piece of cheese instead. Savouries though are worth revisiting either as an alternative to cheese or as a tasty snack in their own right. Arguably, the most well known of these delicacies is Welsh Rarebit but there are others too. So here goes:

### IAIN'S SCOTCH WOODCOCK

200g marinated anchovies, 150g softened butter, 4 slices of toast, 6 eggs, chopped parsley.

Make an anchovy butter by blending the anchovies and butter into a smooth paste. Beat the eggs together and season. Cook them gently in a pan, stirring until you have just set scrambled egg. Spread the anchovy butter onto hot toast, cover with the scrambled egg and decorate with parsley

### RHODRI'S WELSH RAREBIT WITH STOUT AND CREAM

100ml Guinness stout, 1tsp corn flour, 1 tbsp fresh breadcrumbs, 400g grated cheddar (or caerphilly), 30ml double cream, 2 tsp English mustard, 1 tbsp Worcester sauce and or Tabasco, 3 large egg yolks, 4 slices of bread, butter

Take the top off a bottle of guinness and a splash to the corn flour and breadcrumbs. Mix into a paste. Heat about 90ml of the stout in a pan until on the verge of boiling, remove from the hob, add the cheese, corn flour paste, cream, mustard and Worcester sauce. Keep stirring, beat in the egg yolks and when, it's thickened, spread it on to hot buttered toast, top with a sprinkling of grated cheddar and bake in the oven until the cheese topping is golden. Enjoy with the rest of the Guinness.

### BRYN'S SMOKED HADDOCK RAREBIT

Butter, 200g smoked haddock skin off, 25g plain flour, 125ml milk., 50g grated cheddar, 1tsp English mustard, 2 beaten eggs, 2 slices of bread

Melt the butter, add the haddock and cook for about two minutes on each side, break it into chunks and set aside. Now, add the flour to the butter to make a roux, add the milk and then the cheddar and mustard. Heat on the hob and when you have a cheese sauce, stir in the beaten eggs and then the haddock. Spread the mixture on to hot buttered toast, drizzle some grated cheddar on top and brown under the grill.

### CRAB RAREBIT ON TOAST

25g butter, 25g plain flour, 200ml milk, 50g grated cheddar, 1tsp english mustard, 1tsp Worcestershire sauce, 200g crabmeat, chives

Melt the butter, add the flour and then the milk. Off the heat, add the cheese, mustard and Worcester sauce. Finish by adding the crabmeat and chives. Grill 4 slices of sourdough bread on one side until toasted. Spread the crab mix over the untoasted side and finish under the grill for 4 minutes until browned

### MASHED EGGS WITH ANCHOVIES, SHALLOTS AND PARSLEY ON SOURDOUGH TOAST

Boil 2 large eggs until semi soft. Soften 1 chopped shallot and 3 anchovies in butter. Add the parsley and seasoning. Drizzle the toast with garlic puree and olive oil. Chop the eggs, lay them on the hot buttered toast and cover with the anchovy mixture.

### MUSHROOMS ON TOAST

15g dried and soaked porcini mushrooms, butter, chopped shallot, 350g sliced portobellini mushrooms, thyme, chopped garlic clove, 2 tbsp crème fraîche, 2 tbsp grated parmesan, chopped parsley, lemon juice, toasted slices of sourdough bread

Soften the shallot in butter, add the portobellini mushrooms, garlic and thyme and fry for 5 minutes. Stir in the porcini with 100ml of the soaking liquid. Add the crème fraîche, parmesan and after 2 minutes fold in the parsley and lemon juice. Spread on hot toast.

### PISSALADIERE

Topping : Olive oil, 10 chopped onions, 6 cloves of chopped garlic, 120ml passata, basil leaves, anchovy fillets, black olives. Rolled out pricked puff pastry

Soften the onions and garlic in olive oil. Mix the passata with the basil leaves.

Spread first the onion mixture thinly onto the pastry and then the passata mix. Leaving gaps will ensure the pastry crisps up. Lay the anchovies on top in diagonal lines and scatter with black olives. Bake for about 20 minutes.



## NORTH 1 WEST 2019-20

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
<b>Burnage</b>	17	13	0	4	608	414	194	68	16	0
<b>Firwood Waterloo</b>	17	13	0	4	538	317	221	62	10	0
<b>Northwich</b>	17	13	0	4	459	331	128	61	9	0
<b>Wilmslow</b>	16	11	0	5	506	349	157	59	15	0
<b>Altrincham Kersal</b>	17	10	0	7	488	373	115	57	17	0
<b>Stockport</b>	17	11	0	6	471	381	90	56	12	0
<b>Birkenhead Park</b>	17	10	0	7	492	341	151	54	14	0
<b>Penrith</b>	16	8	0	8	433	398	35	47	15	0
<b>Douglas (I.O.M.)</b>	17	9	0	8	388	382	6	45	9	0
<b>Vale of Lune</b>	17	7	0	10	376	386	-10	40	12	0
<b>Broughton Park</b>	16	5	0	11	325	441	-116	27	7	0
<b>Bowdon</b>	17	3	0	14	328	591	-263	18	6	0
<b>Warrington</b>	17	2	0	15	243	503	-260	12	4	0
<b>Keswick</b>	16	2	0	14	174	622	-448	11	3	0

### THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

**Altrincham Kersal v  
Warrington**

**Birkenhead Park v  
Keswick**

**Burnage v  
Firwood Waterloo**

**Douglas (IOM) v  
Penrith**

**Northwich v  
Bowdon**

**Vale of Lune v  
Stockport**

### League Fixtures & Results - 2019/2020

HOME TEAMS	Altrincham Kersal	Birkenhead Park	Bowdon	Broughton Park	Burnage	Douglas	Firwood Waterloo	Keswick	Northwich	Penrith	Stockport	Vale of Lune	Warrington	Wilmslow
Altrincham Kersal		31-17	49-3	28/3	34-35	27-10	29/2	44-24	17-25	29-24	14/3	18/4	8/2	37-24
Birkenhead Park	15-24		35-24	44-7	4/4	14/3	31-21	8/2	35-20	29/2	36-3	43-22	50-7	22-24
Bowdon	15/2	14-25		18/4	24-35	38-15	14/3	36-5	12-38	12-31	28/3	35-14	15-23	7/3
Broughton Park	10-41	7/3	34-14		21-6	15/2	19-58	68-10	21/3	34-20	12-15	20-22	4/4	17-24
Burnage	40-37	29-15	59-29	14/3		57-27	8/2	45-21	26-19	28-18	29/2	28/3	57-22	18/4
Douglas	4/4	22-17	33-7	39-7	21/3		15-17	24-22	6-17	8/2	31-0	7/3	20-8	38-34
Firwood Waterloo	16-12	38-22	63-10	61-15	37-27	49-20		28/3	15/2	18/4	35-12	20-14	7/3	21/3
Keswick	7/3	5-36	21/3	P	15/2	0-36	8-25		12-52	10-39	18/4	3-24	12-6	4/4
Northwich	29-14	18/4	8/2	23-15	24-20	28/3	16-12	29/2		14/3	7/3	21-20	27-3	41-22
Penrith	21/3	37-30	4/4	10-15	7/3	17-27	43-22	19-26	29-39		31-29	15/2	29-10	32-27
Stockport	27-26	15/2	33-17	34-12	23-43	45-15	4/4	69-3	31-21	41-26		38-29	21/3	22-29
Vale of Lune	24-26	21/3	40-24	29/2	12-17	20-10	12-41	43-5	4/4	19-28	8/2		28-18	12-19
Warrington	22-25	13-19	29/2	20-19	12-52	18/4	7-17	14/3	22-33	28/3	7-32	18-21		15/2
Wilmslow	28-15	28/3	59-14	8/2	36-32	29/2	34-6	56-8	35-14	P	8-17	14/3	47-22	

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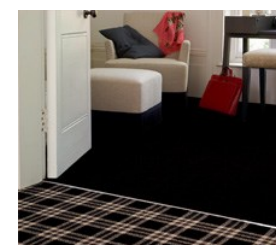
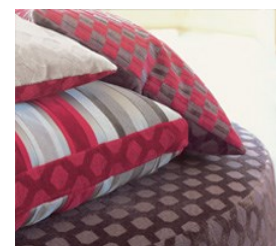
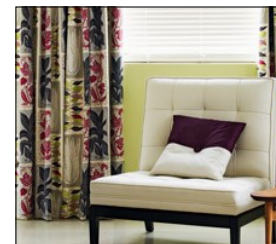
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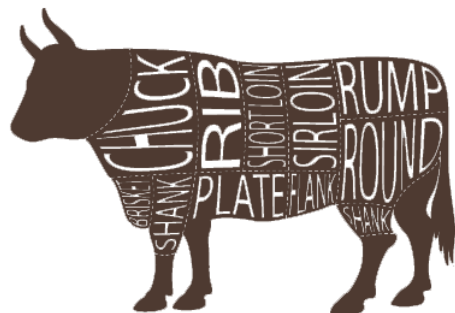
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The archives are a gift that keep giving and two episodes with pianos are, I think, worthy of a later audience.



After the Club Dinner in 1964, Mike Rhodes sat down at a piano in the bar. All was going well, until one David Wallace and some others decided to push the piano onto Mike, who jumped out of the way as the piano fell into bits on the floor. Sadly, the piano had been rented for another event and the Secretary, David Garner, wrote to David Wallace in the following vein.

"Dear Wallace,  
It is with regret that Mr. A.C. Gamble, of the music shop, is most displeased, having come to the Club to examine the wreckage of the piano, and is looking to the Club to pay the cost. We have, of course, pointed out to him that pianos of this type can be purchased quite freely for just a few pounds, but his reply was that this particular piano had been in his family for many years and was German made of very high quality.

To sum up, he valued the piano of something in the region of £40 to £50. As far as the committee are concerned, the cost should not come out of Club funds, but out of the pockets of members who like to entertain themselves by smashing other people's property. You know those concerned and I suggest you should start a collection. In passing, I feel I should mention that, due to the good offices of Murray, we have been able to obtain a piano from Ringway Golf Club for £2.00. I mentioned this to Mr. Gamble, but he is not interested.2.00"

Several years later, the Club Dinner was held in the Stanneylands Hotel. (Only the once). After the speeches, some members returned to the bars and some went outside to get some fresh air. Unfortunately, they spotted a piano in the exit to the car park and decided to take it outside. It fell over straight away and broke up in bits. For some reason, my brother and the rest of the gang decided to put the bits into his car. A futile effort, as the piano had an iron frame, so they decided to let it roll down the carpark into the stream at the bottom. Sadly, the piano had been rented out to the aforementioned, Mr. Gamble, and those involved had to take a collection again.



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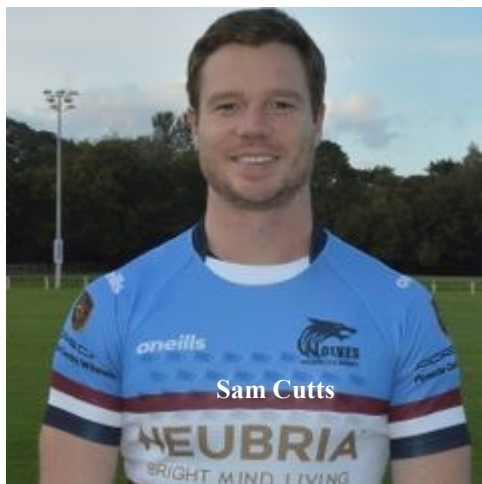


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Jonny Kennedy		Alex Taylor	<b>Iain Milne</b>
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Sam Lawton	<b>Nigel Day</b>	Jack Walmsley	<b>Bryn Lewis</b>
Ollie Lee	<b>Jon Hitch</b>	Ollie Wilkinson	<b>T15 Consultancy</b>
Will Lees	<b>Performance Acoustics</b>	Tommy Wilkinson	<b>M2 Recruitment</b>
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Sam Cutts



Jack Masters



## PENRITH

New date for the postponed match is 11th. April, writes Jon Hitch. The Penrith chairman was most apologetic for having to postpone the match three weeks ago. They had twenty players unavailable. On the morning one of their props, a fireman, had to go on call and one did not turn up! Their seconds were playing in the local Cumbria league and were on way to Workington with two front row veterans aged 50 and 57, who were not registered. They couldn't contact their second team to recall them so they had to make a decision. I chose to accept that! Also the previous week Keswick cried off at 12 noon for their game at Penrith. Their chairman died as he was getting into coach. I remember him, he was a nice fellow.

## LUNCH ON THE HOUSE

I could only smile when I heard the tale of a group of now elderly members of this club, all past players, who decided last season to have a day out at one of the Yorkshire clubs we were playing, a night out in the town and Sunday walking in either the Dales, Moors or Wold, wherever the unnamed club was located.

They set off in good time, no doubt lubricated themselves on the way, and arrived at our hosts in time for lunch. It had been some years ago that Wilmslow had visited any Yorkshire club so with no recent contact between the two clubs, it was assumed that they were the Wilmslow alickadoos.

They were hospitably shown to their table and offered whatever they wanted from the bar. They were so impressed by this hospitality that they willingly and generously contributed to the club's development fund by buying a couple of highly priced bricks.

They were well into their lunch when a few minutes later, the Wilmslow committee led by Chris George, Jon Hitch and Barry Fisher turned up. When their credentials as the real Wilmslow committee were established, a table was found for them to have their lunch.

The Yorkshiremen, however, were not pleased that Wilmslow members had enjoyed twice as many free lunches as budgeted for, regarding it, no doubt, as just the sort of underhand behaviour, you could expect from folk coming from west of the Pennines and so after doing their accounts reconciliation, they said they would be sending a bill to Alan Hill for the extra unpaid lunches, quite overlooking the purchase of the development fund bricks.

I understand the bill was either never received or was just kicked into the long grass and nothing more has been heard of it..

## A DIFFERENT GAME

I seem to recall learning in my youth that 'the referee is the sole judge of fact on a rugby pitch, regardless of whether his decisions are right or wrong according to law. That still applies in grass roots rugby but the principle is under increasing pressure at the highest levels. We are now used to TMOs and to television reviews but now I read a case being put forward for rugby to go in the same direction as cricket by allowing team captains to challenge a referee's

ruling and to allow for a review to see whether a decision should be reversed.

It's a hard enough game for referees to retain control of as it now is and it's in the nature of the game that decisions, particularly relating to the breakdown will always be questioned. Was he or was he not holding on or did he just hold on for a mite too long? Did he join the breakdown from behind the last foot or was it side entry? Regardless, their decisions have always been accepted by players, however contentious they may seem at the time.

Whether this proposal will be accepted by the authorities, I know not, but to invite team captains to legally challenge a referee's decision, even just once, represents a big change in the game's ethos. If adopted, it could turn out to be just the sort of can of worms that the game doesn't need.

## NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

Congratulations to Macc on moving to the top of the table with a resounding home win against second placed Harrogate. Add Blaydon and Billingham to the mix and there are now four sides within four points of each other. It looks set for an interesting few weeks.

At the bottom, Ilkley and Morpeth are some way adrift of Wirral, Alnwick, Rossendale and Carlisle, who are all within one point of each other.

In North 2 West, Manchester, Glossop and Rochdale are all clear of the chasing pack. Manchester though look the side to beat in that league.

## Saturday 11th. January 2020 Northwich 41 - 22 Wilmslow

A much depleted Wilmslow side ultimately did well to come away from Moss Farm with a losing bonus point for scoring four tries. Indeed they weren't so far away from snatching a second bonus point in the final minutes with a fifth try but their handling and passing wasn't sufficiently secure and the home side capitalised on a loose ball to earn a penalty to the corner and in the last move of the game to stretch their lead with a sixth try of their own.

Despite the undoubted commitment of the Wilmslow players, the side was, in truth, only a shadow of the team that was carrying all before it last November and December. Back then, they were clinical in taking their chances and their defence was near water tight. Against Northwich, there were nine enforced changes from the side that had turned out the week before against Stockport and another nine changes, not all the same, from the side that had played Waterloo last November. There were only occasional glimpses of the kind of play, they were then producing and the defence, back then so difficult to break down, has become a veritable leaking sieve which Northwich backs frequently ran through from one end of the field to another. Added to this, the Wolves failed far too often to protect hard earned possession, which was either coughed up in the tackle, passed waywardly or just dropped and conceded to an efficient Northwich team, themselves not at full strength.

Northwich's opening score came after only two minutes when Wilmslow dropped a pass at the base of a scrum and got offside trying to tidy up. From the ensuing penalty, Northwich took the lineout and a couple of thrusts later, they had their opening score, through flanker Chris Dale. They then missed a simple looking penalty for goal and when they fouled up an attacking scrum soon after, a long kick out and chase by the Wolves was the prelude to some crisp handling finished off by centre Kieran O'Rourke. Northwich went 14-5 ahead on the half hour with their second try from a five metre scrum involving their No.10 Nick Baldwin and centre Scott Davidson. Within five minutes the Wolves responded with their best play of the game which showed what they could be capable of. A powerful drive from a lineout by prop Ollie Stockwin, carried on by Chris Jones led to an incisive run by Sam Cutts who released left winger Jamie Kingdon for the touchdown. They then lost the ball at the restart and Northwich exposed the defence for a third try on the right, Naylor, and Poste combining to put lock Patrick Fray in. Immediately, Richard Dale broke the Wilmslow defence in midfield from the restart and raced away for Davidson to put winger Kyle Clarke away for their fourth try on the cusp of half time.

With a stiff wind now behind them, the money was on Northwich to run away with it in the second half but the wind then died down and changed direction. Wolves scrum half Andy Rimmer took full advantage of a lapse in the Northwich defence to run away from halfway for the third try. The next twenty minutes or so was dominated by the home side,



which added a penalty through Baldwin and then decisively ran back a loose Wilmslow clearing kick for their fifth try, full back Tom Husbands shredding the defence and feeding Richard Dale for the score. At 36-15, the game looked over but Wilmslow finished with some panache as No. 8 Jack Masters powered through to reduce the deficit and for a handful of tantalising minutes there was an outside chance of the Wolves pulling back another score until mishandling, which had been their nemesis all afternoon, allowed Northwich to finish the game on the Wilmslow line with a final score from winger Jamie Wood.



Despite all the selection difficulties for Chris Jones and his team, there was still a sense of frustration that with just a bit more composure, patience and quite simply savvy, as to what may or may not have been on, the Wolves could have run Northwich closer. No doubt though that on the day, Northwich were the more accomplished side and thoroughly deserved their success. For Wilmslow, the challenge, despite all the enforced chopping and changing every week, is to restore some of the stability of last autumn.

## North 1 West

## Wolves Players, Appearances and Point Scorers 2019 - 20

	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	7	1				5
Nick Barker	1					
Sam Beckett	2					
Guy Colongne-Brooks	1					
James Coulthurst	14	8				40
Sam Cutts	14	3				15
Ben Day	12	5				25
Alex Donaldson	1					
Charlie Gardiner	7					
Sammy Graham	1	1				5
Ethan Harding	15	2			1	12
Adam Hewitt	14	1				5
Richard Hughes	3					
Mark Jennings	12	7			3	41
Chris Jones	2	1				5
Danny Kennedy	8	1				5
Jonny Kennedy	5	3			3	21
Jamie Kingdon	15	11				55
Sam Lawton	13	1				5
Ollie Lee	9					
Rhodri Lewis	6	1				5
Bob MacCallum	16	2		4	47	116
Conor McMurdock	8	1				5
Jack Masters	14	2				10
James Nicholson	3					
Matthew Norfolk-Clarke	5	1				5
Kieran O'Rourke	10	2				10
Harry Patch	3	1				5
Rick Parker	1					
Mike Parker	7					
Seb Pemberton	12	2				10
Andy Rimmer	5	1				5
Toby Rowe	1					
Matt Shufflebottom	9					
Loui Staples	1					
Ollie Stockwin	8					
Sean Street	14	14				70
Adam Taher	13	5				25
Alex Taylor	12	6				30
Robert Taylor	15	2				10
Tommy Wilkinson	3	2				10
George Witham	1					

## Mostyn's Walks.

### Moel Siabod, "an alternative route"

This is a route I took last September with friend and fellow hill walker Tim and as an alternative to the route on Moel Siabod I described in a previous article.

The walk, a pleasant variation, takes you through ancient oak woodland, across open moorland and through a dense pine forest before ascending to a lake and an easy scramble to the summit of Carnedd Moel Siabod. It is about 6.5 miles and has a total ascent of just under 2600ft.

Parking as before, a small carpark near Pont Cyfng on the A5 between Betws y Coed and Capel Curig, grid SH739 570.



From the car park, walk along the A5 towards Capel Curig, to the bridge over Afon Llugwy. Cross over the bridge and ascend along a tarmac road for a couple of hundred yards until the road descends and you reach a path on the

right, grid SH736 567. Take this path and climb up through delightful ancient oak woodland. This ends as open moorland is reached. Follow a distinct path and gravel track until the pine forest is reached, grid SH731 548; though a gate and into the forest, take the second right turn and along the forest track until you get to a T junction; grid SH726 543; turn right and you will soon exit the forest. Crossing a small footbridge follow the path to the right and begin ascending until a stream can be seen flowing between two ridges. Keeping the stream on your left an easy scramble takes you to the outlet of Llyn y Foel. Grid SH715 547. From here a great view of the ridge that is Daer Ddu and the summit of Moel Siabod will be seen.

Skirt the lake edge and head to the start of the main scramble. I've ascended this ridge on a number of occasions and there are many alternative paths to be found. These can be as difficult or easy as the reader prefers. The scramble is about a half mile and has an ascent of around 1000 ft.

On reaching the summit on a clear day, they do occur! Tremendous views are to be had. To the West, the Snowdon Massive and tracking around to the North, the Glyderau with the distinctive outline of Tryfan and the fantastic range that is the Carneddau. To the Southwest and South, the Moelwyns, the Rhinogs, Cadair Idris the Arans and Arenigs.

A lunch break now, there is a stone wind shelter a few yards from the summit, then the descent.

From the wind shelter take a North Easterly direction and the fun continues! Stay high on the ridge, take good care; even in dry weather some of the rocks can be slippery. The ridge continues for under a mile but remaining high, the walker maintains some great views on both sides. As the end of the ridge approaches a fairly distinct path may be seen; follow this down, you will come across quite a wet area of boggy ground, until on reaching a ladder style a gravel cart track will take you down to join the tarmac road just above the Pont Cyfng bridge.

Ordnance Survey sheets OL17 and OL18 will be required. As always the author takes no responsibility for the grid references which are approximate. If you'd like any info on this walk please feel free to ask me if you see me at the club!



## Saturday 1st. February 2020 Altrincham Kersal 37 - 24 Wilmslow

### North 1 West

The Wolves crashed to their third successive defeat of the year, resembling in name only the side that just six weeks ago was threatening to carry all before it. The team hadn't played for three weeks, some of the players for longer than that and in the meantime the edge to their game has just disappeared. There were fragments of enterprising play from their backs but starved of possession, in the second half particularly, what few chances they were able to create were squandered by inaccurate passing and poor ball retention. The Wolves' real problem though was up front where their pack, once again recast because of injuries, seemed to run out of steam, the longer the game went on. They just looked to have lost the edge to their fitness since their last win against Keswick in mid December.

In contrast Altrincham Kersal have developed into a far better side than the one which started the season. They mightn't be the most exciting team in the league to watch but they've tightened up across the field. Their pack ended up the better of the two on display. Steady reliable scrummaging, an organised lineout and solid driving as a forward unit proved effective on the day in wearing down their opponents. Three of their six tries came from their forwards, No. 8 Andrew Dauncey, flanker John Waffle and hooker Paul Mallaband. The growing dominance of the AK pack then opened the way for stand off Steven Daldry and his two wingers Ryan Barratt and John Colson to all touch down in the second half from close in play. Their defence too gave little away. They looked as though they knew their limitations and how they wanted to play.



AK opened the scoring after just four minutes when they set up a lineout close to the Wolves line from a penalty and when they recycled the ball, they held off some indecisive Wilmslow tackling to score.

Wilmslow then had the better of most of the first half in terms of possession and territory and a steady penalty count in their favour but their play was still ragged, chances were missed and after twenty minutes MacCallum decided to take three points from a thirty five metre penalty instead of trying to set up another close in lineout for a pack that was clearly misfiring. AK responded immediately with a well placed kick to the corner and when Wilmslow duly lost the ball on their throw, they scavenged the loose ball and after several drives touched down for their second score. Wilmslow then had something of a purple patch on the half hour when first James Coulthurst made a scything break from full back and then from a scrum on the AK line MacCallum fed Day, playing in the centre for a powerful run to score. This was followed by No. 8 Danny Kennedy surging through from midfield to score the Wolves second try for a brief 12 – 17 lead. They then failed to clear their lines from the restart, got penalised and from the resultant penalty lineout AK drove over again to restore their lead at half time.



There was still everything to play for but AK grabbed the initiative, preventing the Wolves from having much sight of the ball, forcing them into penalties and most importantly taking their chances. All three of their second half scores came from their backs, the first two from go forward possession their pack was winning for them and their final try from a length of the field

run against a tiring defence. The Wolves were forced into chasing the game but much as though Street, Harding, Coulthurst and Kennedy caught the eye, it never looked like their day. Eventually a late try came from flanker Matthew Norfolk-Clarke but even then AK plundered a final three points from a penalty as they ran the clock down.

Quite where coach Chris Jones and his coaching team go from here is an open question. The Wolves are on the slide. So many of their players have lost form and fitness and are carrying niggling injuries and the newcomers have still to show that they can be a force at this level. It's going to be a challenging few weeks.



## Northwich 11th. January



### WHAT THEY SAID AT NORTHWICH

With Wilmslow riding high at the top of the table one could have expected this to have been a very difficult encounter. However, Wilmslow have suffered with a significant number of injuries and proved to be no match for a strong Northwich outfit. With Chris Heywood missing Martin Poste was pleased to call on the services of Chris James and a versatile squad to affect a reshuffle that proved to be up to the task.

With just 3 minutes gone the blacks launched an attack that ended with a long pass from Baldwin that was collected by Dale. With plenty to do Dale forced himself over the line for a try that was converted by Baldwin. Ten minutes later With Northwich attacking they failed to secure a scrum and the Wilmslow clearance kick wasn't dealt with and the visitors opened their account with an unconverted try. Although the home side was in control the next ten minutes proved to be a stalemate. That was until a Northwich scrum was moved wide.

Baldwin made a half break and a neat offload was collected by Davidson for a score close to the posts which Baldwin converted. As the half drew to a close there was still time for three more tries. This first was for the visitors when they went on the attack following a lineout. Some smart handling provided them with another unconverted try. The blacks response came almost immediately. From an attacking scrum Naylor picked up and fed Poste, whose beautifully delayed pass put Hard working Fray into the gap and his strength proved too much for Wilmslow and another try was converted by Baldwin. From the restart Richard Dale made a fantastic break and went almost the length of the pitch he then provided an inside pass to Davidson who moved the ball wide for Kyle Clarke to score. The extras were missed and the half came to a close with the blacks 26-10 to the good.

The half started badly for the blacks as Wilmslow received the ball and went on the offensive. Following a superb build up the visitors were rewarded with a third unconverted try. A Baldwin penalty steadied the ship. With the match well into the final quarter, Tom Husbands collected a clearance kick and carried it deep into the Wilmslow half. A great inside pass was collected by Richard Dale and he had the easiest of run ins to score a try that was converted by Baldwin. The match entered the final five minutes when the resilient visitors threw everything at Northwich resulting in a converted try and earning them a deserved bonus point. However the last word went to the blacks when they were awarded a penalty. From the scrum Poste went on a blind side run and fed Jamie Wood to score in the corner for what proved to be the last action of the match.



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## League Round Up

It's all change at the top. **Burnage** are the new leaders, six points clear of the field, from **Firwood Waterloo** with **Northwich** in third place. **Wilmslow** have slipped back to fourth place and **Birkenhead Park**, who were second in early December are now down in seventh and **Penrith**, the early leaders in September and October are down in ninth. What is clear is that **Burnage**, **Waterloo**, **Stockport**, **Altrincham Kersal** and **Northwich** have just got better as the season has advanced whilst the early pacesetters are all stumbling badly.

No change at the bottom where **Keswick**, despite their unexpected win in the rearranged game against Penrith, Warrington and **Bowdon** already look cast adrift.

The only question is that with just one feeder league to North 1 West from North 2 West, will it be two up and two down or three up and three down? This season's decision to admit the winners of the Cumbrian league straight into North 1 West, bypassing North 2 West altogether, probably amounts to a step too far for clubs like **Keswick**, **St. Benedicts** and others in the hinterland of West Cumbria.

### Penrith 19 - 26 Keswick

It was a second week of misery for Penrith, after failing to travel to Wilmslow the week before. Under Friday night floodlights in front of a decent sized crowd they succumbed at home to Keswick, who won only their second game of the season. Keswick had several players back fit again, they turned up clearly well motivated and played well. Penrith on the other hand played with little guile, seeming only to want to use the blind alley battering ram approach, and gave away far too many penalties.

Keswick took an early lead from a penalty, but Penrith hit back with a seven pointer from Ross Jackson and although they now looked the more dangerous of the two sides, Keswick goaled two more penalties to lead 7 - 9 at half time. A good third quarter for Keswick saw them add a converted try and penalty before the home side took charge to level it all up with two tries. They still looked the more likely but in added time, Keswick's right winger got his chance and raced away to give the visitors a famous local derby win.



### Keswick 3 - 24 Vale of Lune

Davidson Park has an imposing backdrop of Cumbrians Hills and Fells, scenery that has inspired poets, painters and those who have indulged in numerous pastimes on land and water; over the centuries, writes the inimitable Stuart Vernon. Keswick has been a much treasured beating heart within the Lake District but alas for the visit of the Vale of Lune low grey clouds shrouded the hills, heavy showers were whipped along by a strong wind and conditions were far from ideal for out of doors pursuits. Nevertheless both sides put on a decent show which was applauded by the large body of supporters sheltering in the stands

Vale celebrated their second double of the season with a bonus try victory to end a worrying run of below par performances against a Keswick side, who were up for the challenge after only their second win of the season the preceding week just along the road at Penrith

Vale though had a crop of returnees in their team and this was reflected in a whole hearted, clinical performance in particular from their forwards where prop, Vittorio Bianchin, lock Harry Fellows, number eight, James Robinson, flanker, Jack Ayrton all made massive contributions. After ten minutes, centre Alex Briggs bustled over for Vale's opening score. The second try came late in the first half when Harm Dokter emerged from a tangled pile up to claim the score. Andy Powers added the third shortly after half time and on the hour Billy Swarbrick sold the sweetest of dummies for their fourth try. Keswick continued to search for openings but as the conditions eased, Vale ended the game with a final flourish. Cumbrian hospitality and generosity was in abundance at Davidson Park, proving that there is more to rugby than the final score.



### Firwood Waterloo 38 - 22 Birkenhead Park

With the benefit of a strong first half wind behind them, Park scored two tries to lead 12 - 5 at half time. 'Loo then got into their stride with four second half tries whilst Park stuck to it to score a third themselves. As you would expect, it was a feisty game with plenty of excellent rugby from both teams despite difficult gusty conditions.

Coach Stuart Turner positively purred after the match but accepts he has a dilemma in team selection. "I have to keep faith with the players who continue to perform at such a high level, but also need to be mindful of the number of players who turn up to training and compete for places. I am delighted with the collective mind set of the whole squad who work hard in training and replicate this on the pitch."



### Penrith 10—15 Broughton Park

With a near gale force wind behind them, Park went 3-0 ahead from an early penalty for a high tackle and soon after they rumbled over from a scrum for 0—10. They then attempted a repeat with a long siege and series of penalties on the Penrith line but a change of personnel in the Penrith front row stabilised their scrum and it was still only 10-0 at half time. Penrith hit back with a seven pointer and with the elements in their favour, it looked game on for them. But Park seized a bit of possession at the restart and rumbled their way up the field to eventually create an overlap for a try in the corner. There was still twenty minutes to go but

Park monopolised possession, slowed down the game and frustrated the home team to the extent that they could only pull back three of their eight points deficit.



## Saturday 4th. January 2020 Wilmslow 8 - 17 Stockport

## North 1 West

The new decade started with Wilmslow's bubble being well and truly burst. Several of their most influential players were still side lined and they then suffered a plague of on field injuries, which by the end had reduced them to just thirteen players on the pitch. It became mission impossible as the short handed Wolves were forced to concede a plethora of penalties at the breakdown against a well organised much improved Stockport side.

Three tries by the visitors to just one from Wilmslow was a fair reflection of the balance of play on the day. Wilmslow's fast running game was made to look pedestrian as it stalled against the steel like immovable object, which was Stockport's defensive line. The Stockport pack also held the upper hand in broken play. Their scrum and lineout was generally solid and around the field, they played as a close co-ordinated unit, driving forward, retaining possession and being first to the breakdown in numbers. The Wolves were just shut out of the game, particularly in the second half when they hardly emerged from their own twenty two.

Yet, it all started with so much promise. Stockport were forced to concede a lineout from the opening kick off and for ten minutes or so the Wolves pummelled at their defence. Stockport were caught offside three times in quick succession but their defence held and one felt that the Wolves should have had more than just the three points kicked by Bob MacCallum. It was during this early period that the dangerous Ben Day had to leave the field with a serious looking knee injury.

From the restart, Stockport started to put some phases together and it was against the run of play after nearly twenty five minutes, when Wilmslow stole a lineout and counter attacked down the right. When centre Ethan Harding was pulled down off the ball, MacCallum set up a catch and drive situation from which prop Robert Taylor eventually touched down for an 8 - 0 lead.

Thereafter, for the best part of an hour, Stockport were in the box seat. The penalties against the Wolves began to mount and from a lineout 'port scrum half Rory Austen took a recycled ball to get their opening score. Only desperate Wilmslow defence and a pair of forward passes prevented them from adding a second try before the break.



They then dominated the second period and could well have had more than the two tries they got, the first after just five minutes when full back Callum Owen made the extra man in the Stockport line and the second just five minutes from no side when centre Nick Coupland took the final pass. Both tries had their origins in penalty awards at the breakdown, a solid lineout and forward drive sucking in the shorthanded defence, which eventually had to give. For the intervening thirty minutes or so, the pressure on the Wolves defence was relentless. Four Wilmslow forwards, Alex Taylor, Adam Taher, Conor McMurdock and Sammy Lawton all had to leave the fray during this period. You would have to give credit to those remaining for denying Stockport anything more and for their tenacity in trying to make something out of not very much.



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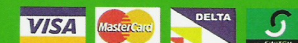
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## Saturday 8th. February 2020 North 1 West Wilmslow v Broughton Park

### Wilmslow

15. Ben Day
14. James Coulthurst
13. Mark Jennings
12. Ethan Harding
11. Sam Cutts

10. Bob MacCallum
9. Sean Street

1. Ollie Stockwin
2. Robert Taylor (capt.)
3. Mike Parker
4. Adam Hewitt
5. Matt Shufflebottom
6. Matthew Norfolk-Clarke
7. Seb Pemberton
8. Alex Taylor

### Subs

Rhodri Lewis  
Jack Masters  
Richard Hughes

### Broughton Park

15. Marcus Eaton
14. Ian Butler
13. Josh Maddocks
12. Tom Hurst
11. Rory Blake-Edwards

10. Matt Hodgkinson
9. Josh Hodgkinson

1. Tom Dewland
2. Andy Wilson
3. Alfie Sherman
4. Steve Edgar
5. Loz Tuoly
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