

OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

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MIDLANDS 1 EAST LEAGUE

Saturday 29th January 2022 2.15 p.m. kick off

Old Northamptonians R.F.C. vs Peterborough Lions R.F.C.



OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS V PETERBOROUGH LIONS

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Welcome to O.N.R.F.C. from Dave Howland, Club Chairman

Having experienced the highs & lows at Peterborough RUFC last weekend, we welcome the other Peterborough club, Lions, to Billing Road today. This should provide a similarly entertaining game of rugby, as the sides lie 8th & 9th in the table with Lions just 4 points behind ONs, we should expect an evenly matched game. The corresponding fixture earlier in the season was a close run affair with Lions edging the score at the end. Hopefully this result can be reversed with home advantage. We also welcome today's referee Gareth Langley, as ever please respect him & his decisions.

Elsewhere, the 2nds travel to Bedford Athletic hoping to continue their development as a fine young team under the management of Ash Nesbit. Rumour has it that Ash, despite a career ending injury at the end of last season, has now decided to pull his boots on again - legend! The 4ths/Vets host Oundle today, it will make an interesting day to see over 40s players at the club, hope all goes well.

The Men's Academy continues to thrive, Ben has included a resume of how they are faring below. As the Ladies game develops at the club, we now include their Academy in the Senior Club, last weekend's initiative to attract new players seems to have paid off with a number of new recruits. Onwards and upwards, have a good afternoon at the club, may the best team win!

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Guest Columnist: Ben Briddon O.N.R.F.C. Academy Head Coach

Firstly, I hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon watching today's games, good luck to those wearing the ON's colours! As you can see from today's 1st XV the majority are graduates of our brilliant M&J section & latterly the Academy, this is replicated throughout all of our senior teams. As a club we are very fortunate to have this conveyor belt of talent; recognition & thanks must be given to past & present M&J/Academy coaches including former Academy Head Coach Alex Regan, who is now Assistant Coach at the club. This is my 1st season as Academy Head Coach & I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute! We have a great crop of lads, not just in ability but attitude as well, training is regularly attended by circa 30 players in all conditions.

I believe that the Academy is currently in a very strong place with 40+ players registered, unfortunately we have only been able to select from our entire playing base on one occasion this season when we fielded TWO teams on the same day (8th January) against local rivals Old Scouts & Northampton Casuals – this is a great achievement when numbers at other clubs are sadly dwindling. Many of the lads within the Academy attend Northampton School for Boys & due to their impressive fixture list we have worked hard with Director of Rugby Phil Beaumont to ensure both club & school are able field teams; the relationship between both parties is in a great place.

Finally, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to the coaching team of Jamie Woolley, Rob Field, Dom Carlisle, Calum Brennan & Northampton Saints' James Grayson (another Old Northamptonian) & Team Manager Nadine Attwell. If you see one of them near the bar, please buy them a drink as they are ensuring the future of the club is a bright one!

Thanks Brid

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| 9 another surprise TBC | 10 Freddie, Annabelle & Isaac Civil | |
| 12 Carter & Franklin Crofts | 13 la Famiglia Seymour | |
| 11 also a surprise TBC | 14 RM Blank 2008-2012 | |
| 15 Aubrey Watson 26.06.1944 | | |

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| Sam Page | * | 15 |
| Mikey Bellamy | | 14 |
| Josh Bull | * | 13 |
| Ben Rivans | * | 12 |
| Diogo Pina | | 11 |
| Joe Heslop (Captain) | * | 10 |
| Lewis Barker | * | 9 |

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|------------------|---|---|
| Ethan Wright | | 8 |
| Brandon Tacticos | | 7 |
| Luke Bond | * | 6 |
| Guy Holt | | 5 |
| Sam Howes | * | 4 |
| Toby Wallace | * | 3 |
| Will Cave | | 2 |
| Dan Hughes | * | 1 |

Replacements:

| | | |
|-----------------|---|----|
| Craig Stewart | | 16 |
| Archie Buglass | * | 17 |
| Kieran O'Connor | * | 18 |

Head of Playing: Richard Blank *

Head Coach: Phil Powell *

Asst. Coach: Alex Regan *

Team Manager: Richard Bosworth

Match Physio: Georgia Reed

** Indicates ONs M&J/Academy Graduate*



Peterborough Lions R.F.C.

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| Reece Kenton |
| Manase Vincent |
| Roko Davni |
| Michael Kelly-Goburwang |
| Weir Filkitonga |
| Will Carrington |
| Sam Dumigan |

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| Chris Diamond (Captain) |
| Matthew Worrall-Clare |
| Charles Pendlebury |
| Josh Walker |
| David Arnold |
| Sisa Naqasima |
| Ben Wilkinson |
| Callum Jakes |

Director of Rugby:

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Head Coach:

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Today's Match Referee: Gareth Langley, ? Referees Society

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MIDLANDS 1 EAST 2021 / 22 SEASON

Results Saturday 22nd January 2022

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Bedford Athletic | 75 - 26 | Kettering |
| Belgrave | 17 - 22 | Dronfield |
| Peterborough | 34 - 36 | Old Northamptonians |
| Peterborough Lions | 31 - 24 | Oadby Wyggestonian |
| Towcestrians | 38 - 24 | Lutterworth |
| West Bridgford | 23 - 20 | Derby |

Week off for Market Harborough

League Table after Saturday 22nd January 2022

Note: due to Rugby Lions withdrawal from the league we now only have a 13 team league.

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | +/- | TB | LB | Pts |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Bedford Athletic | 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 594 | 289 | 305 | 12 | 1 | 69 |
| 2 West Bridgford | 15 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 357 | 302 | 55 | 6 | 1 | 52 |
| 3 Derby | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 470 | 289 | 181 | 10 | 4 | 50 |
| 4 Peterborough | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 384 | 297 | 87 | 6 | 3 | 49 |
| 5 Kettering | 15 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 347 | 328 | 19 | 8 | 3 | 45 |
| 6 Dronfield | 15 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 341 | 310 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 41 |
| 7 Oadby Wyggestonian | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 358 | 471 | -113 | 6 | 3 | 33 |
| 8 Old Northamptonians | 15 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 327 | 342 | -15 | 5 | 3 | 32 |
| 9 Peterborough Lions | 15 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 284 | 396 | -112 | 5 | 3 | 28 |
| 10 Market Harborough | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 264 | 307 | -43 | 5 | 3 | 26 |
| 11 Towcestrians | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 248 | 391 | -143 | 3 | 4 | 25 |
| 12 Belgrave | 16 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 296 | 458 | -162 | 5 | 3 | 24 |
| 13 Lutterworth | 13 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 244 | 334 | -90 | 6 | 0 | 21 |

The only consistent thing about this league is that Ath still look clear favourites for the title, as below them lower sides continue to surprise by beating sides above them. Just 11 points separate 2nd & 6th, then after an 8-point gap only 12 points are between 7th to 13th. Intriguingly 8th play 9th here today while Harborough in 10th host improving 11th placed Tows. Those games could be pivotal as to how the season may end up. Lutterworth, having been docked 5 points, drop to bottom, but have 2 games in hand over most other sides – could resurrection start today in their mud vs Ath?

Fixtures Saturday 29th January 2022

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|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Dronfield | v | Derby |
| Kettering | v | Belgrave |
| Lutterworth | v | Bedford Athletic |
| Market Harborough | v | Towcestrians |
| Old Northamptonians | v | Peterborough Lions |
| Peterborough | v | West Bridgford |

Week off for Oadby Wyggestonian

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O.N.R.F.C 1st XV Fixtures 2021/22

Saturday Kick offs: 3.00 pm Sept/Oct/Mar/Apr, 2.15 pm Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb

| Date | 1st XV League & Cup Fixtures | Venue | Result | | Score | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|------------------|-------|----|
| | | | | | F | A |
| Sep-04 | Lutterworth | A | Postponed due to Covid | | | |
| Sep-11 | Market Harborough | H | W | | 36 | 10 |
| Sep-18 | Oadby Wyggestonian | A | W | | 32 | 18 |
| Sep-25 | West Bridgford (1.30 pm KO) | A | | L | 16 | 24 |
| Oct-02 | Peterborough | H | | L | 6 | 9 |
| Oct-09 | Peterborough Lions | A | | L | 20 | 29 |
| Oct-16 | Lutterworth (re-scheduled) | A | | L | 15 | 22 |
| Fri Oct-29 | Towcestrians (19:30 Kick Off) | A | W | | 19 | 13 |
| Nov-06 | Bedford Athletic | H | W | | 15 | 11 |
| Nov-13 | Towcestrians (Lewis Shield 1 st Round) | H | W | | 52 | 0 |
| Nov-20 | Belgrave | A | | L | 29 | 50 |
| Nov-27 | Derby | H | | L | 21 | 29 |
| Dec-04 | Dronfield | A | | L | 10 | 19 |
| Dec-11 | Kettering (Vice Presidents Lunch) | H | | L | 17 | 28 |
| Dec-18 | Market Harborough | A | Postponed due to Covid | | | |
| XMAS / NEW YEAR BREAK | | | Free League Weeks | | | |
| Mon Jan-03 | Milton Keynes (Lewis Shield 2nd Round) | A | W | | 27 | 23 |
| Jan-08 | Oadby Wyggestonian | H | W | | 25 | 18 |
| Jan-15 | West Bridgford | H | W | | 32 | 26 |
| Jan-22 | Peterborough | A | | L | 34 | 36 |
| Jan-29 | Peterborough Lions | H | | | | |
| Feb-05 | Daventry (N&DR Alliance Cup 1 st Round) | Walkover WIN | | Free League Week | | |
| Feb-12 | Rugby Lions | N/A | Withdrawn from league | | | |
| Feb-19 | Towcestrians | H | | | | |
| Feb-26 | Market Harborough (originally 18/12/21) | A | | | | |
| Mar-05 | Bedford Athletic | A | | | | |
| Mar-12 | Belgrave | H | | | | |
| Mar-19 | | | Free League Week | | | |
| Mar-26 | Derby | A | | | | |
| Apr-02 | Dronfield | H | | | | |
| Apr-09 | EASTER | | Free League Week | | | |
| Apr-16 | Kettering | A | | | | |
| Apr-23 | Lutterworth | H | | | | |

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