

OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1923

Old Northamptonians R.F.C. vs Kettering R.F.C.

Saturday 11th December 2021 2.15 p.m. kick off

MIDLANDS 1 EAST LEAGUE



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Welcome to O.N.R.F.C. from Jack Doughty, Club President

Welcome & Season's Greetings to everybody attending the Annual President's Christmas Lunch – it's terrific that we're able to gather in large numbers - in fact Pete & Pip have done a wonderful job in getting over 120 guests here today. Also, a warm welcome to all players, officials & supporters of Kettering RFC, our 1st XV opposition today. Kettering had a good start to the season, but recent results have seen them drop to 6th in the table, 3 places (but 12 points) above ONs.

ONs have had a mixed league season to date; the great win over previously unbeaten Bedford Athletic was followed by 3 disappointing results, giving sides too much of an early lead. However last Saturday's result belied a great team performance: having played up hill into the gale & sleet ONs limited Dronfield to a 19-0 first half lead. We then dominated the 2nd half but a series of injuries left us with just 13 men too again miss out on a deserved, at the very least, losing bonus point.

Our 2nds, 3rds and 4ths continue to prosper which is a great testament to the captains & team managers so that we have fielded 3 or 4 senior sides every Saturday this season to date. Have a great day with us, enjoy your rugby, respect the officials & of course wishing you all a Merry Xmas.

Programme notes from our Guest Columnist

The Old Northamptonians VPs Club started life in the late 1980s as the Over 35s Club, led by the founding members John Bull, Keith Napier & Tim Holt (who is still treasurer). In 1998 the founding members restructured to form a new organising committee with the result that Prof. Bill Ribbans, Pete Bason, Pip Parsons & the late Bob White joined the committee. The purpose was to increase the membership to include a broader range of members, not just confined to over 35s & have players of more recent vintage, as well as inviting non-playing supporters of the Club, including parents from the ever-growing Mini and Junior Section.

With this change of emphasis, it was decided to rename the Over 35s Club as the Vice Presidents Club. The aims were to provide regular social gatherings for members & partners, maintain/renew old friendships associated with the ONs & financially support the ONRFC. The intentions were to maximise playing potential at all levels within the Club, while focusing on the youth teams.

Over the years, contributions have provided new Colts kit, coaches for their many away forays in the National Cup & help with travel back from university to play for the senior teams. The VPs have also provided the "Captains Board" in the Clubhouse, assisted the purchase of the pitch surround & more recently, financial help for the boiler & new changing rooms with the associated balcony. We would like to thank the VPs who have supported us over so many years, especially those who travel vast distance to be with us. The success of the VPs over the years has not only enabled old friendships to be rekindled but provided essential extra funding for the rugby club.

Peter Bason, Old Northamptonians Legend

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Tyler Mills	Old Northamptonians Galacticos
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Rory Seymour	*	15
Lawrence Gilkes	*	14
Mikey Bellamy		13
Ben Rivans	*	12
Kieran O'Connor (captain)	*	11
Joe Heslop	*	10
Iestyn Scott		9

Ethan Wright		8
Brandon Tacticos		7
Luke Bond	*	6
Tom Heslop	*	5
Archie Buglass	*	4
Toby Wallace	*	3
Jake Diggin	*	2
Craig Stewart		1

Replacements:

Will Cave		16
Lee Seymour		17
Jed Jenkins	*	18

Kettering R.F.C.

Joe Daniel
Tom Porter
Jordan Butlin
Jean McCabe
Josh Luthayi
Matt Neild
Henri Styles
Steve Dysel
Dan Fay
Nathan Wilson
Archie Toseland
Dan Sims
Mark Watson
Steve Fraher (Captain)
Joe Gowen

Head of Playing: Richard Blank *

Head Coach: Phil Powell *

Asst. Coach: Alex Regan *

Team Manager: Richard Bosworth

Match Physio: Georgia Reed

DoR: Doug Bridgeman

Head Coach: Brett Sturgess

Asst. Coach: Dave Fraser

Team Manager: Greg Butlin

** Indicates ONs M&J/Academy Graduate*

Today's Match Referee: Richard Draper, East Midlands Referees Society

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MIDLANDS 1 EAST 2021 / 22 SEASON

Results & League Table after Saturday 4th December 2021

Belgrave	31 - 12	Peterborough Lions
Derby	15 - 25	Peterbrough
Dronfield	19 - 10	Old Northamptonians
Kettering	22 - 22	Oadby Wyggestonian
Lutterworth	Postponed (Covid)	Market Harborough
West Bridgford	20 - 15	Towcestrians

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	10	9	0	1	389	202	187	7	1	44
2 Peterborough	11	8	0	3	293	206	87	5	2	39
3 Derby	11	7	0	4	346	207	139	7	3	38
4 West Bridgford	10	8	0	2	275	211	64	4	0	36
5 Dronfield	11	7	0	4	260	219	41	4	2	34
6 Kettering	11	6	1	4	254	194	60	5	2	33
7 Oadby Wyggestonian	11	4	2	5	271	360	-89	5	1	26
8 Belgrave	12	4	0	8	257	322	-65	5	2	23
9 Old Northamptonians	11	4	0	7	219	234	-15	3	2	21
10 Lutterworth	9	4	0	5	176	236	-60	5	0	21
11 Peterborough Lions	10	3	0	7	172	290	-118	2	1	15
12 Market Harborough	10	2	0	8	203	279	-76	4	3	15
13 Towcestrians	11	1	1	9	165	320	-155	2	4	12

As we approach the halfway point of the season (excluding the 3 Covid postponements yet to be played) the league appears to have split into 2 halves with Ath still clear favourites for the title. 2nd placed Peterborough are stringing some good results together while Derby & West Bridgford also look strong, while of course today's visitors as ever are sure to be in the mix - though ONs will want to have a say in that this afternoon of course!

However, as I have bored you with in every programme this is still a tough league where anybody on their day can beat anyone else, so what is certain is there will still be lots of surprise results to come. Will that come today from the bottom 3, all playing at home against top 4 opposition? Also, how rusty will Lutts be having not played since being thrashed by Kettering 4 weeks ago, especially as they have a big local Leics Derby at Wyggs? Finally what effects could Omicron have on the league, who knows? (Certainly not Boris!)

Fixtures Saturday 11th December 2021

Market Harborough	v	West Bridgford
Oadby Wyggestonian	v	Lutterworth
Old Northamptonians	v	Kettering
Peterborough	v	Dronfield
Peterborough Lions	v	Derby
Towcestrians	v	Bedford Athletic

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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
Oct-23	Rugby Lions		Withdrawn from league		
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			
Dec-18	Market Harborough	A			
Dec-25/Jan-01	XMAS / NEW YEAR		Free League Weeks		
Jan-08	Oadby Wyggestonian	H			
Jan-15	West Bridgford	H			
Jan-22	Peterborough	A			
Jan-29	Peterborough Lions	H			
Feb-05	Daventry (Alliance Cup 1 st Round)	H	Free League Week		
Feb-12	Rugby Lions		Withdrawn from league		
Feb-19	Towcestrians	H			
Feb-26			Free League Week		
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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