OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDED 1923

MIDLANDS 1 EAST LEAGUE
Saturday 8th January 2022 2.15 p.m. kick off
Old Northamptonians R.F.C. vs
Oadby Wyggstonian R.F.C.



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Welcome to Old Northamptonians Rugby Football Club

May I wish you all a Happy New Year & trust you all enjoyed the Festive season & the break from league rugby? Also, a very warm welcome to all the players, officials & supporters of Oadby Wyggstonian RFC, our 1st XV opposition today (unfortunately Wyggs 2nds are unable to provide opposition to our 2nds as scheduled – who that shall now be is not known at time of going to print).

In the first match back in September a strong 2nd half performance gave ONs a 32-18 bonus point win. The ON's match reporter's sketchy notes on the day say this early season match was error strewn from both sides with many aimless kicks back & forth along with "much toing and froing" as players were constantly replaced. What yet another wet midwinter's afternoon will bring who knows!

Wyggs, like ONs have had a mixed league season to date; it was surprising to see them languishing at the lower end of the league table. However, November was arguably their best month so far as 2 home wins & a draw at Kettering pulled them above ONs. Despite then losing their next 2 matches to Derby & Lutterworth they now lie 8th in the table, 2 places above ONs, – still 28 points short of leaders Bedford Ath, but 14 points clear of bottom side Towcestrians

After the great win over previously unbeaten Bedford Athletic a poor run of 4 defeats ONs are now 10th in the table. However, 4 wins from 12 do not tell the whole story: a chronic series of injuries, combined with senior players' unavailability, has meant that amazingly 51 players have already turned out for the first team. A common factor has been giving sides too big an early lead then coming back to "win" the 2nd half as the new combinations start to click. The positive side has been the early opportunities given to Under 20 players, most having developed through our extremely successful Junior & Academy set ups. The mature performances of this young talented side bode well for the rest of the season, as the enforced 4 week break has given players vital recovery time.

Away from the league a fighting win at Milton Keynes last Monday took ONs into the Lewis Shield semi-final. Playing with the wind ONs led at half time after a great start saw Joel Grayson* score with his first touch on his much-awaited debut since breaking his fibula 6 months ago. MK came back strongly to take the lead, but great handling saw ONs cross for a last-minute winning try.

* Congratulations to Joel's twin brother Ethan on his selection in the England squad for Under 20s Six Nations Tournament, hopefully another shirt from an ON's M&J graduate to go up on the wall!

Have a great day with us, enjoy your rugby, please respect the match officials, without their invaluable contribution there would be no game to enjoy. Regardless of the result I hope you can join us for a beer in the bar afterwards now that Dry January is over!

Dave Howland, O.N.R.F.C. Club Chairman

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Old Northamptonians R.F.C.

Oadby Wyggestonian R.F.C.

Rory Seymour * 15 Elliott Morris

Joel Grayson * 14 Alistair Lee

Josh Bull * 13 Matthew Potts

Ben Rivans * 12 Tom Bishop

Jake Johnson * 11 Guy Want

Joe Heslop (Captain) * 10 Jack Elliot (Captain)

Lewis Barker * 9 Joe Lunn

Ethan Wright 8 Lewis Jones

Brandon Tacticos 7 **Deane Laxton**

Luke Bond * 6 Harry Jinks

Sam Howes * 5 Tom Goad

Tom Heslop * 4 Ash Gleadhill

James De La Cruz * 3 Tom Gough

Jake Diggin * 2 Sam Allardyce

Dan Hughes * 1 Bryn Bolton-Waugh

Replacements:

Toby Wallace * 16 Joe Olzsewski
Lochie Brown * 17 Ben Jefferies
Diogo Pina 18 Harry Sturmey

Head of Playing: Richard Blank *

Head Coach: Phil Powell * Head Coach: Jon Lowden

Asst. Coach: Alex Regan *

Team Manager: Richard Bosworth

Match Physio: Georgia Reed

* Indicates ONs M&J/Academy Graduate

Today's Match Referee: Chris Rodwell, Exchange, Referees Society TBC

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MIDLANDS 1 EAST 2021 / 22 SEASON

Results Saturday 18th December 2021

Belgrave	5 - 31	Bedford Athletic			
Kettering	29 - 26	Peterborough Lions			
All other fixtures postponed due to Covid precautions					

Results Saturday 11th December 2021

Market Harborough	32 - 3	West Bridgford
Oadby Wyggestonian	22 - 34	Lutterworth
Old Northamptonians	17 - 28	Kettering
Peterborough	19 - 19	Dronfield
Peterborough Lions	7 - 29	Derby
Towcestrians	9 - 22	Bedford Athletic Belgrave

League Table after Saturday 18th December 2021

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

Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	ТВ	LB	Pts
1 Bedford Athletic	12	11	0	1	442	216	226	9	1	54
2 Kettering	13	8	1	4	311	237	74	7	2	43
3 Derby	12	8	0	4	375	214	161	8	3	43
4 Peterborough	12	8	1	3	312	225	87	5	2	41
5 West Bridgford	11	8	0	3	278	243	35	4	0	36
6 Dronfield	12	7	1	4	279	238	41	4	2	36
7 Lutterworth	10	5	0	5	210	258	-48	6	0	26
8 Oadby Wyggestonian	12	4	2	6	293	394	-101	5	1	26
9 Belgrave	13	4	0	9	262	353	-91	5	2	23
10 Old Northamptonians	12	4	0	8	236	262	-26	3	2	21
12 Market Harborough	11	3	0	8	235	282	-47	5	3	20
11 Peterborough Lions	12	3	0	9	205	348	-143	3	2	17
13 Towcestrians	12	1	1	10	174	342	-168	2	4	12

Fixtures Saturday 8th January 2022

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

Week off for Kettering



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

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Date	1st XV League & Cup Fixtures	Venue	Result		F	Α	
Sep-04	Lutterworth	Α	Postponed		d due to Covid		
Sep-11	Market Harborough	Н	W		36	10	
Sep-18	Oadby Wyggestonian	Α	W		32	18	
Sep-25	West Bridgford (1.30 pm KO)	Α		L	16	24	
Oct-02	Peterborough	Н		L	6	9	
Oct-09	Peterborough Lions	Α		L	20	29	
Oct-16	Lutterworth (re-scheduled)	Α		L	15	22	
Fri Oct-29	Towcestrians (19:30 Kick Off)	Α	W		19	13	
Nov-06	Bedford Athletic	Н	W		15	11	
Nov-13	Towcestrians (Lewis Shield 1st Round)	Н	W	W 52		0	
Nov-20	Belgrave	Α		L	29	50	
Nov-27	Derby	Н		L	21	29	
Dec-04	Dronfield	Α		L	10	19	
Dec-11	Kettering (Vice Presidents Lunch)	Н		L	17	28	
Dec-18	Market Harborough	Α	Postponed due to Covid		Covid		
	XMAS / NEW YEAR BREAK		Free League Weeks			eeks	
Mon Jan-03	Milton Keynes (Lewis Shield 2ndt Round)	Α	W		27	23	
Jan-08	Oadby Wyggestonian	Н					
Jan-15	West Bridgford	Н					
Jan-22	Peterborough	Α					
Jan-29	Peterborough Lions	Н					
Feb-05	Daventry (Alliance Cup 1st Round)	Н	Free League Week		/eek		
Feb-12	Rugby Lions		Withdrawn from league			eague	
Feb-19	Towcestrians	Н					
Feb-26	Market Harborough (from 18/12/21)	Α					
Mar-05	Bedford Athletic	Α					
Mar-12	Belgrave	Н					
Mar-19			Free League Week				
Mar-26	Derby	Α					
Apr-02	Dronfield	Н					
Apr-09	EASTER		Free League Week			/eek	
Apr-16	Kettering	Α	A				
Apr-23	Lutterworth	Н	4				

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