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Welcome to Old Northamptonians RFC 2019 / 2020

Today, we welcome our old adversaries Towcestrians to Billing Road to play both ONs 1st & 2nd teams. In the opening league encounter back in September despite losing 2 key players to injury in the first 5 minutes ONs led 21-5 after 30 minutes. Tows fought back strongly but 2 scores from lineout drives in the final 5 minutes clinched victory for the ONs & a try bonus point. However after a sluggish start to the season Tows are now in a rich vein of form having won their last 3 games so will provide a strong challenge today. Meanwhile ONs 2nds will be looking to bounce back from a very narrow loss to Kettering last Saturday, so we can expect 2 tough encounters today.

Our successful 3rd XV take on Bugbrooke 2s in a top of the table clash at Pilgrims Lane while the Academy travel to Buckingham in the Oceanic Trophy. A reminder the Academy will again play Buckingham in the National Cup last 32 at home next Sunday, a Midday kick off - support welcome.

It would be remiss of me not to reflect on the serious injuries sustained in an unfortunate collision between ONs & Syston players which caused the abandonment of the 1sts game last Saturday. Tyler Mills was knocked out, suffering severe concussion & skipper Alex Crofts broke his jaw in 2 places, fortunately both are now recovering well. They were very well cared for by the emergency services but special mention for the immediate actions of our physio Sophie Slope & coach Doc Cox, well supported by parent/supporter Geraint Evans. We greatly appreciate all of Syston RFC's help on the day & the many supportive messages received from members of the rugby family.



Our proud President Jack Doughty & Simon Collins, ONRFC Honorary Secretary, with the Gordon Bell trophy

On a happier note, it was my great privilege to be presented with the Gordon Bell trophy by Jon Hutton, chair of the EM Referee's Society at the President's Christmas lunch. This is the first time we have won this trophy in 30 years, which is awarded to the club that provides the best hospitality & support to East Midlands referees.

Today, Ben Ward of the Central Federation takes charge of the 1sts on his first visit to Billing Road whilst old friend Tony Neff looks after the 2nds. As always please afford them the full respect they deserve to preserve our hard-won reputation

.Finally, please enjoy your day - but most of all enjoy the rugby, whatever your colours.

***Peter "Jack" Doughty* Old Northamptonians RFC President**

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Old Northamptonians R.F.C.

Kieran O'Connor *	15
Fernely Simmonds	14
Rhys Evans *	13
Billy North	12
James Edmondson *	11
Rory Seymour *	10
Iestyn Scott	9
Drew Hudson *	8
Matt Parry *	7
Ash Fullthorpe *	6
Sam Howes *	5
Guy Holt	4
Craig Stewart	3
Dave Irvine	2
Zach Draper * (Captain)	1

Towcestrians R.F.C.

James Falvey
Adam Wilkinson
Paddy Falvey
Pepe Nanci
Dave Devlin-Jones
Ben Roe
George Speakman
Craig Holton (Captain)
Jack Wilson
Eugene Baxter
Callum Jones
Pete Gowler
John Causebrook
Harry Knibbs
Johnathan Sanders

Replacements:

OT Edwards *	16	Zac Osborne
Tom Rowlatt *	17	Rhys Williams
Jack Rose *	18	Horatio Austin

Head of Playing: Richard Blank *
Club Coach: Mark Kefford
Coaches: Doc Cox, Nabs Suma
Team Manager: Richard Bosworth
Match Physio: Sophie Slope *

Director of Rugby: Robbie George
Head Coach: Marc Yeates
Backs Coach: Steve Yuill
Team Manager: Paul Smith
Match Physio: Orlagh Fagen

** indicates M&J/Academy Graduate*

Today's Match Referee: Ben Ward, Central Federation

MIDLANDS 1 EAST 2019 / 20 SEASON

Results Saturday 4th January 2020

Derby	14 - 7	Market Harborough
Peterborough	12 - 39	Oundle
Rugby Lions	22 - 15	Olney
Syston	Abandoned	Old Northamptonians
Towcestrians	34 - 26	Oadby Wyggestonian
Wellingborough	15 - 33	Melbourne
West Bridgford	34 - 22	Lutterworth

League Table as at 10th January

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	TB	LB	Pts
1 Syston	13	13	0	0	571	191	380	13	0	65
2 Oundle	15	13	0	2	457	190	267	10	1	63
3 Derby	15	12	1	2	514	232	282	7	1	58
4 West Bridgford	15	9	0	6	475	356	119	10	1	47
5 Old Northamptonians	14	8	0	6	372	351	21	9	1	42
6 Oadby Wyggestonian	14	8	0	6	381	355	26	9	0	41
7 Rugby Lions	15	8	0	7	347	340	7	5	3	40
8 Lutterworth	15	8	0	7	363	313	50	4	3	39
9 Market Harborough	15	7	1	7	403	355	48	5	4	39
10 Towcestrians	15	5	1	9	360	499	-139	7	2	31
11 Peterborough	15	5	1	9	299	388	-89	4	3	29
12 Melbourne	15	3	0	12	288	394	-106	3	4	19
13 Olney	15	1	0	14	218	514	-296	3	3	10
14 Wellingborough	15	1	0	14	132	702	-570	0	1	5

Despite having 2 games in hand Syston are still unbeaten & lead the table, but their lead over 2nd placed Oundle is cut to just 2 points with Derby 3rd just 5 points below them, so still in contention for at least a play-off spot.

The middle pack is now some way adrift as 4th placed West Bridgford are 18 points off the leaders, yet they also have just the same margin above 11th placed Peterborough! Today's visitors Towcestrians, having won their 3 last games, seem to have returned to form thus steering themselves away from the relegation spots in 10th place - let's hope their recovery begins again next week.

Due to the withdrawal of South Leicester in the league above there are now only 2 relegation spots this season. This weekend the bottom 4 have tough asks playing 4 out of the top 6. Bottom side Wellingborough, who have not won a game since they beat fellow strugglers Olney back on 12th October, visit Oadby Wyggs who will be smarting from last week's defeat at Tows. Olney have an even bigger task at unbeaten leaders Syston, whilst Melbourne would be hoping to pull off a shock win in the Derby Derby game. Previously impressive Derby seem to have lost a bit of form since they lost their plastic pitch down the River Derwent!

Fixtures Saturday 11th January 2020

Market Harborough	v	Lutterworth
Melbourne	v	Derby
Oadby Wyggestonian	v	Wellingborough
Old Northamptonians	v	Towcestrians
Olney	v	Syston
Oundle	v	Rugby Lions
Peterborough	v	West Bridgford

O.N.R.F.C 1st XV Fixtures 2019 / 20

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

Date	1st XV League & Cup Fixtures	Venue	Result		Score	
					F	A
Sep-07	Peterborough	H	W		31	30
Sep-14	Rugby Lions	A	W		35	14
Sep-21	Syston	H		L	25	29
Fri Sep-27	Towcestrians (7.30pm KO)	A	W		35	17
Oct-05	Wellingborough	H	W		35	12
Oct-12	Derby	A		L	31	55
Oct-19	Lutterworth	H	W		22	15
Oct-26	Market Harborough	A		L	26	10
Thu Oct-31	Wellingborough (EMRU Cup)	A	W	Walkover		
Nov-09	Melbourne	H	W		29	19
Nov-16	Oadby Wyggestonian	A		L	14	24
Nov-23	West Bridgford	H		L	23	36
Dec-07	Olney	H	W		48	31
Dec-14	Oundle	A		L	8	22
Dec-21	Rugby Lions	H		W	26	19
Jan-04	Syston	A	Abandoned			
Jan-11	Towcestrians	H				
Fri Jan-18	Wellingborough (19.30 KO)	A				
Tue Jan-21	Mens Own (Alliance ¼ Final 19.30 KO H @ NSB)					
Jan-25	FREE LEAGUE WEEK – ONs XV v Mens Own in Lewis Shield (A)					
Feb-01	Derby	H				
Feb-08	Lutterworth	A				
Feb-15	Market Harborough	H				
Feb-22	Syston (rearranged from 4 th Jan)	A				
Feb-29	Melbourne	A				
Mar-07	Oadby Wyggestonian	H				
Mar-14	FREE LEAGUE WEEK					
Mar-21	West Bridgford	A				
Mar-28	Olney	A				
Apr-04	Oundle	H				
Apr-11	FREE LEAGUE WEEK (Easter)					
Apr-18	Peterborough	A				

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