

OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

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Old Northamptonians R.F.C. vs Derby R.F.C.

Saturday 27th November 2021 2.15 p.m. kick off

MIDLANDS 1 EAST LEAGUE



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

A warm ONs welcome to today's visitors from Derby who play our 1st XV, & Huntingdon 2nds taking on our 4ths. The 1st team, after a recent win over local rivals Tows & a very accomplished victory over previously unbeaten league leaders Bedford Ath, were rather bullied last week at Belgrave. I believe the score flattered the opposition & a good show of character by a very young side who managed to dominate & 'win' the second half - unfortunately, a poor start left too much to catch up. That same effort will be required to get something from the game against 2nd place Derby who, as expected, have started strongly in the league. The Ath certainly found out that our sides have a fortress mentality & the ability to grind out wins as well as playing fluent rugby.

Good to welcome back today's 1st team match official Paul Baynes, after a sabbatical from officiating, please as ever afford him the respect he deserves. Unfortunately I & President Jack won't be at the club today due to family commitments, have a good afternoon at Billing Road & let's hope, whatever the result, we have games of rugby that provide a spectacle for the crowd.

Programme notes from our Guest Columnist

As previously noted earlier by our Chair & Head of Playing, thanks to the great work done by our coaches, captains & managers to maintain engagement throughout the pandemic we have a thriving membership raring to go now full rugby can be played again. As a result at the ONs we are fortunate enough this season to date in having been able to select 5 Men's Senior & Academy sides on several occasions, as well as 2 Senior Ladies squads & a Ladies Academy team.

Throughout the pandemic, ONRFC was also fortunate enough to have members, sponsors & advertisers who continued to support the club financially, at a time when the normal operating costs of a rugby season were nowhere near what we would expect. The result was that we emerged from the pandemic with an accumulated war chest, allowing us to tackle an issue that had long needed sorting out: "the training lights". While we retain the ambition to light our main pitch, the more pressing need was to increase our training pitches lighting levels. After unanimous agreement at the AGM, I was personally nervous about how much difference would be made & represent good value for the Club's money? Being something of a geek, I learned the difference between lumens & lux, so invested in a light meter – the results of the initial measurements were clear: we fell a long way short of the RFU mandated 100 lux! Following a selection process, we contracted a professional sports lighting specialist company for the upgrade, & last week the training area was transformed! We now have a large area lit in excess of the 100 lux, which will allow our coaching teams to deliver more effective training throughout the winter months.

On behalf of the Exec Committee, I would like to thank all those members, sponsors & advertisers whose loyalty helped us achieve this transformational change to the Club's facilities which we shall hopefully then transfer within matches onto the field of play.

Simon Collins O.N.R.F.C. Honorary Secretary

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Old Northamptonians R.F.C.

Rory Seymour	*	15
Mikey Bellamy		14
Kieran O'Connor (co-captain)	*	13
Ben Rivans	*	12
Diogo Pina		11
Jed Jenkins	*	10
Joe Heslop	*	9

Ethan Wright		8
Brandon Tacticos		7
Luke Bond	*	6
Dennis Franklin		5
Zach Draper (Co-captain)	*	4
James De La Cruz		3
Owen Postlethwaite		2
Craig Stewart		1

Replacements:

Sam Donald	*	16
Guy Holt		17
Ollie Freeman		18



Derby R.F.C.

Andy Brown (Captain)
Ryan Milton
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Will Town
Lewis Hancock
Josh Tizard

Sam Tebbs
Rhondell Stabana
Tom Antrobus
Charlie Barker
Josh Ridley
Mike Johns
Jack Bates
Jeff Oldfield

Head of Playing: Richard Blank *

Head Coach: Phil Powell *

Asst. Coach: Alex Regan *

Team Manager: Richard Bosworth

Match Physio: Georgia Reed

Head Coach: Mike Bradley

Asst. Coach: Roxy Fearon

Match Physio: Jo Gregson

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Today's Match Referee: Paul Baynes, East Midlands Referees Society

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MIDLANDS 1 EAST 2021 / 22 SEASON

Results & League Table after Saturday 20th November 2021

Bedford Athletic	32 - 15	Peterborough
Belgrave	50 - 29	Old Northamptonians
Derby	40 - 17	Oadby Wyggestonian
Dronfield	45 - 31	Market Harborough
Kettering	33 - 5	Lutterworth
Towcestrians	27 - 12	Peterborough Lions

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 Derby	9	6	0	3	302	161	141	6	3	33
3 West Bridgford	9	7	0	2	255	196	59	4	0	32
4 Kettering	9	6	0	3	225	160	65	5	1	30
5 Peterborough	9	6	0	3	234	179	55	3	2	29
6 Dronfield	9	6	0	3	226	191	35	4	1	29
7 Old Northamptonians	9	4	0	5	188	186	2	3	2	21
8 Lutterworth	9	4	0	5	176	236	-60	5	0	21
9 Oadby Wyggestonian	9	3	1	5	231	323	-92	5	1	20
10 Belgrave	10	3	0	7	214	276	-62	4	2	18
11 Peterborough Lions	9	3	0	6	160	259	-99	2	1	16
12 Towcestrians	10	1	1	8	150	300	-150	2	3	11
13 Market Harborough	9	1	0	8	191	272	-81	4	3	11

After round 10 the league picture starts to look a bit clearer: Ath appear to be still walking the league (despite losing their unbeaten record to ONs) & the top 6 have created a gap over the 2nd half. Tows take a break this week after at last gaining a win, but they, Market Harborough & Lions need to string some results together to bring them up with the rest, yet only 2 bonus point wins separate them & ONs lying in 7th place.

As I've said previously this is a league where anybody on their day could beat anyone else; the young ON's side, still beset by injuries to senior players, proved this by ripping up the form book to give the leaders a shock, but then losing to lowly Belgrave whose 1st half performance belied their league position (though their more fractious & pugnacious 2nd half perhaps showed why they were there!). All of the top 6, bar Peterborough who host the large Belgrave side, are on the road today so yet again this might be a week of surprise results!

Fixtures Saturday 27th November 2021

Lutterworth	v	West Bridgford
Market Harborough	v	Kettering
Oadby Wyggestonian	v	Dronfield
Old Northamptonians	v	Derby
Peterborough	v	Belgrave
Peterborough Lions	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	H	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			
Dec-04	Dronfield	A			
Dec-11	Kettering (Vice Presidents Lunch)	H			
Dec-18	Market Harborough	H			
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	A	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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