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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- COVID-19 ADVICE

BY OLIVER THOMAS

No doubt you may have already received some advice regarding the Coronavirus from your employer or place of study, but I would just like to re-iterate the following:

1. You should not attend training sessions, matches or social functions if you are unwell.
2. If you are concerned about the possibility of Coronavirus infection (due to recent travel or contact with others that have travelled or are unwell) you should not come down to the club and should instead check 111 for advice via either:

- A very simple to use website: <https://111nhs.uk/covid-19>
or the 111 phone number

3. You should be fastidious with regards to hand hygiene and follow Public Health England Advice:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport, using the toilet and before/after eating. Using a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Avoid shaking hands with other people
- Cough/sneeze into the inside of your elbow rather than your hands. If using a tissue - dispose of the tissue immediately and clean your hands.

Advice from the government is changing on a regular basis - there is not currently any advice to cancel matches, but this may come soon. Please just be sensible and inform the club if you have any concerns.

Kind regards Oliver Thomas, Club President

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FIGHT TO FINISH 2ND

BY HARRY RIGBY

The 1s came into the new year with some good momentum off the back of a solid winning streak, including a triumph over close rivals Aldwinnians in the cup to progress to the Semi's where they will face Fleetwood in April. A close loss and a heartbreaking last minute draw against Widnes and Oldham respectively threatened to trip up Toc's form, however the side swiftly rallied in subsequent weeks as they eased to high scoring wins against Fleetwood, L'Pool St Helens and Heaton Moor. Toc also ground out some closer calls against West Park and L'Pool Collegiate in adverse conditions, which have helped solidify their current position in 2nd place in the league. With Widnes running away with it at the top, 2nd place and a Cup victory is the target for Toc as they roll into the business end of the season equipped with a full strength, healthy (for now...) squad, with the help of a newly onboarded Physio and plenty of prospective headaches for the selection committee.

- 14th March Trafford MV
- 21st March Aldwinians (away)
- 28th March Wigan
- 4th April Fleetwood (away)



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+	-	LB	Pts
Widnes	16	8	0	0	8	0	0	16	0	556 256 300
Didsbury TH	18	6	1	2	6	1	2	12	2	494 257 237
LSH	17	7	0	2	5	0	3	12	0	592 352 240
Fleetwood	19	4	1	4	7	1	2	11	2	451 478 -27
West Park SH	16	5	0	3	3	1	4	8	1	436 328 108
Oldham	15	3	1	3	4	1	3	7	2	342 327 15
Ormskirk	18	4	0	5	2	1	6	6	1	378 494 -116
Wigan	18	2	1	6	5	0	4	7	1	296 441 -145
Aldwinnians	18	3	0	5	4	0	6	7	0	377 428 -51
Liverpool Collegiate	18	2	2	5	3	0	6	5	2	384 433 -49
Heaton Moor	15	4	0	5	0	1	5	4	1	294 454 -160
Trafford MV	18	0	0	9	2	0	7	2	0	281 633 -352



2S PUSH FOR A TOP 3 FINISH

BY CONOR CROWE

With seven games to go in the season the 2s are in a great position to secure a top three finish in Division 2 South. In a really competitive league we've been at, or near the top of the table since day one which is a fine effort from all the boys.

A tough run of fixtures since the turn of the year has seen some of the early season momentum slowed but with winnable games to come, combined with players returning from injury, a strong finish is on the cards.

The highlight so far has been the contribution from so many new faces to the club as evidenced by Dan Witter and Sam Ward claiming player of the month honours recently. With further additions in the off-season there is a solid foundation to build on for 2020/21.

A big thanks to coaches Peacock, Phillips and Beardmore for their continued support and encouragement. Special mention also to Ian Mass for keeping the grounds playable during a treacherous few months weather-wise.

Upcoming fixtures:

- Anselmians 2s (h) 14/03/2020
- Northwich 2s (a) 21/03/2020
- Altrincham
- Kersal 2s (h) 28/03/2020
- Liverpool Collegiate 2s (h) 04/04/2020

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+	-	LB	Pts
1 Wilmslow 2nd XV	21	19	0	2	723	186	537	1		98
2 Holmes Chapel	21	15	0	6	556	308	248	3		84
3 Moore	20	13	0	7	520	366	154	2		74
4 Didsbury Toc H 2nd XV	20	13	0	7	499	359	140	1		73
5 Altrincham Kersal Cougars (2nd XV)	21	13	0	8	647	468	179	2		72
6 Liverpool St Helens 2nd XV	21	13	0	8	329	372	-43	0		72
7 Crewe & Nantwich 2nd XV	21	11	0	10	449	362	87	2		65
8 Widnes 2nd XV	19	10	0	9	427	376	51	2		61
9 Manchester 2nd XV	21	8	0	13	618	484	134	4		56
10 Anselmians 2nd XV	21	8	0	13	358	487	-129	2		54
11 Liverpool Collegiate 2nd XV	21	8	0	13	381	626	-245	1		53
12 Northwich 2nd XV	22	7	0	15	376	699	-323	3		53
13 Lymm Eagles	21	5	0	16	448	808	-360	2		41
14 Helsby	20	2	0	18	213	643	-430	3		30

DOWN TO THE FINAL 3 GAMES

BY DAVE RUSSELL

It's been a soggy period and we have struggled for game time recently. BUT when we have played we have played well.

We had a difficult loss against a good Stockport 2s team (where we had a prop playing centre), an excellent win against Wythenshawe 1s (with a variety of 2nd rows and flankers playing centre), and an incredibly close loss against AoM 1s with the last kick of the game.

These games alongside a series of low scoring draws and wins, thanks to the pools, have put us in a rather good position in the league. Shout out to Brooko and Jake Molloy for their player of the month performances, both have been consistent throughout the season but have had an excellent period recently.

Big push until the end of the season, hopefully with more games

21st March Burnage (a)

18th April Bowden

25th April Marple 2s (a)



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	LB	Pts
1 Marple 2nd XV	20	17	1	2	753	198	555	2	92
2 Ashton-on-Mersey	20	16	2	2	491	232	259	0	88
3 Macclesfield 4th XV	20	15	0	5	590	277	313	0	79
4 Hope Valley	21	13	2	6	387	322	65	1	74
5 Didsbury Toc H 3rd XV	21	9	3	9	355	418	-63	2	65
6 Old Bedians 2nd XV	20	10	1	9	410	374	36	1	62
7 Burnage 3rd XV	20	8	3	9	404	442	-38	3	60
8 Bowdon 3rd XV	20	7	2	11	405	410	-5	3	53
9 Glosop 3rd XV	20	6	3	11	445	498	-53	2	52
10 Stockport 3rd XV	21	8	0	13	298	390	-92	2	52
11 Ashton-Under-Lyne 2nd XV	20	7	1	12	301	409	-108	2	51
12 Wythenshawe	20	5	0	15	383	684	-301	1	41
13 Marple 3rd XV	21	2	0	19	111	679	-568	4	31
14 Crewe & Nantwich 3rd XV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

OLIVIA BALL

Due to the extreme weather, the ladies team have had a lot of games to rearrange.

They showed true team spirit against a very strong Crewe side and really pulled together after a bad injury in the first two minutes. Last week the ladies put in a massive team performance to beat a very strong Sunderland ladies team, 27-5. The ladies have a few more games before the end of the season, so are still hoping for a strong finish. They have been working hard at training to build on the successes from the previous games.

15th March Manchester Ladies (Away)

29th March Birkenhead Ladies (away)



Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	PD	Pts
1	Sefton Ladies	13	11	1	1	314	57
2	Crewe & Nantwich Women	13	9	4	0	208	44
3	Manchester Ladies	11	6	3	2	124	35
4	Darlington Ladies	9	5	4	0	1	24
5	Eccles Ladies	13	5	8	0	-171	24
6	Didsbury Toc H Ladies	9	4	5	0	-59	20
7	Birkenhead Park Ladies	10	2	8	0	-160	12
8	Sunderland Ladies	12	1	10	1	-257	9



THIS GIRL CAN

SOCIALS A PLENTY

BY DAN GREENWOOD

Welcome one and all to the year 2020 A.D. – the lengthening of the days and the thawing of the frosts can only mean one thing... Tour and the 96 th End of Season dinner.

This years' Tour promises a return to more traditional rugby values than that on offer in Magaluf as we are bound for Ireland. For those attending from May 7 th – 10th the time is coming to

pay up remaining balances, make ready your provisions and prepare for a real treat. To those foolhardy enough to attempt Tour for the very first time, May He go with you.

Another important date for the diary is May 16 th – the end of season dinner. Please do join us for an evening of celebration for what has been another successful year for Didsbury Toc H. Your

social committee are working hard to make sure the event is even better than last year, if you couldn't make it ask Mark Williams.

The Social Committee





UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY TOC H R.F.C. OLIVER THOMAS AND DIDSBURY TOC H INVITE YOU TO DIDSBURY TOC H R.F.C.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCH

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH
1ST XV VS TRAFFORD MV
2XV VS ANSELMIAN 2S

DRINKS AT 1300 AND SERVICE BEGINS AT 1330
2 COURSE MEAL @£20PP
TO BOOK YOUR SPOT PLEASE CONTACT
WILL LUFFMAN -07786734736

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Will on 07786734736

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£25/Each, please contact mattgoodley@gmail.com to arrange delivery, once you have paid <https://www.didsburyrfe.co.uk/payments>

IMPORTANT DATES

14th March Presidents Lunch

4th April Fleetwood vs 1st XV
Semi Final of the ADM CUP

10th April Vets VS Trafford MV
1730 KO

1st May Wilmslow Vs Vets

7-10th May TOUR 2020

16th May- End of Season Dinner



2019/20 SPONSORS

