



SEDGLEY PARK 2022/23 PLAYING SQUAD. A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT BY ALL ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON LAST TIME OUT.

On behalf of all the committee and all the playing and support staff, it is a privilege to welcome everyone, including our new friends from Taunton Titans, Somerset, to Park Lane today. This will be Taunton's first visit to Park Lane. Hope you enjoy your day with us today.





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Round 1 - 02.09.23	Round 14 - 16.12.23
Richmond	Birmingham Moseley
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Birmingham Moseley	RAMS
Round 3 - 16.09.23	Round 16 - 20.01.24
RAMS	Chinnor
Round 4 - 23.09.23	Round 17 - 27.01.24
Chinnor	Rosslyn Park
Round 5 - 30.09.23	Round 18 - 10.02.24
Rosslyn Park	Taunton
Round 6 - 07.10.23	Round 19 - 17.02.24
Taunton	Bishop Stortford
Round 7 - 14.10.23	Round 20 - 24.02.24
Bishop Stortford	Leicester Lions
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Leicester Lions	Darlington. MP
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Darlington MP	Sale FC
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Sale FC	Cinderford
Round 11 - 25.11.23	Round 24 - 06.04.24
Cinderford	Blackheath
Round 12 - 02.12.23	Round 25 - 13.24.24
Blackheath	Plymouth Albion
Round 13 - 9.12.23	Round 26 - 27.04.24
Plymouth Albion	Richmond
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TAUNTON TITANS

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A Tough day at the office. Rosslyn Park on fire at the Rock last week.

On behalf of all the committee and all the playing and support staff it is a privilege to welcome everyone today, especially our new, first-time visitors Taunton Titans Rugby Football Club to Park Lane today.

So, we welcome Taunton Titans Rugby Football Club to Park Lane for our first ever league game against us, we have never played Titans previously so this a very welcome event at Park Lane today and whatever the result today we hope Taunton will become most welcome old friends.

Just like buses, Taunton Titans, like Chinnor and Rams, become the third back-to-back game first time visitors to Park Lane and it's a great pleasure to have them here today.

We go into greater depth into Taunton Titans in the usual 'Spotlight on' article later in this online programme, with the season so far. The season statistics and the Taunton Tigers hot shots.

Don't let the early season form of Taunton Titans fool you as they are no one's fool as they come to Park Lane looking for and expecting their first win of the season. Yes, Titans have had a difficult start to the campaign although they have also shown plenty of flashes of quality during their five starts of the season.

Last season they finished on a high, having avoided relegation with some great wins on the road but most importantly 5 wins in the last five games at home making it fortress Veritas Park and finding form and points when under pressure. This season that fortress mentality has gone missing so far .

Their pre-season included a 28–19 reverse against Cardiff Met University and a victory against Chard, while they ended last season with five consecutive home victories in a row at Veritas Park.



AUnplayable. This sums up both Andrew Riley's and Sedge's performance against Chinnor in the last home game .





The 2023/24 season started off with a home game against newly promoted Blackheath in a game of nip and tuck with not a fag paper between them. Blackheath stole the day with a 33–36 win. But note that bonus points were achieved.

Next up an away derby-day 54-29 reverse at Plymouth Albion, which once again also earned a try bonus-point. Albion, as we know only too well, is not for the faint-hearted and on the day this was a good-performance.

Game number three saw them going down 29–15 at home to relegated Richmond, having been well in the contest and a point behind with 25 minutes remaining. Now that is tough. Their last away day against Birmingham Moseley saw Titans starting slowly, this would go on to cost them in final analysis with 35–22 defeat. Albeit, once again, the Titans picked up a try bonus.

The culmination of all this hard-fought effort by Titans battling to the end and pushing every opponent to the limit, saw last week what would have been the team of the week performance, as they came right back into the game against high flying Rams. Rams were hanging onto this win and came away from Taunton highly relieved. Watch this space

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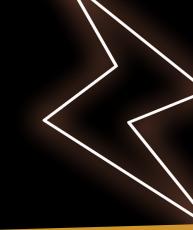
TA hard-fought well-deserved display by Sedge against Chinnor last home game.

Taunton Titans as a club were formed in 1875 in the rugby mad area of the Southwest of England, so before leagues began they had a very strong fixture list. Titans were promoted to National One as very worthy champions in 2019/20 season, the season that was disrupted by covid but no one could ever say they were worthy winners as that season they took the very last National Two South title (The two league format) by storm.

They were promoted to level 4
National League Two South back in
2010/11 season and after a sluggish
couple of first season starts to that
level they soon found what it took to
stay and survive at this level as from
2013 onwards to their promotion
season they were never out of the top
5 clubs.

They have the classic DNA of a strong modern rugby club, with a flag ship first XV playing at a high level in the structure being a beacon to all aspiring young rugby players within their area, giving them the option of good quality coaching to take a professional or if preferred a social pathway into rugby,





whatever the preference. All this is undertaken within great club facilities and a 'one family' 'one Team' approach to all.

A commitment and belief we passionately share too.

With that in mind, I think it may be true to say there are two likeminded clubs on show today. We will see how much the comparison holds up once we get them into the bar. This game today without doubt will be a great match up, two teams giving there all. I sincerely can't wait.

Also, later in this programme, we have the regular National League One Week 6 Review.

OK, that is enough on our visitors for today so let's catch up with all things Sedgley Park.



Tigers battle hard against a rampant Rosslyn Park Last week

A DOG'S DAY OUT DOWN IN THE SMOKE

Its been ten season since we last played a league game in London and Sedge rightly travelled down to the 'Smoke' with plenty confidence and belief in what has been so far an outstanding start to the season. We now all know the final outcome of the game but even after 20 minutes no one no matter your

colours on the day your wore on the day would have seen the size and the intensity of the defeat that was to come. Sedge started off as they have all season taking the game to the opposition making them work hard in defence. A first 4-minute onslaught saw just three points from that period from the boot of Warren Seals. This was due mainly to some really aggressive defence from the restart a mistake and sharp responsive work from the home side saw a quick riposte with an unconverted try by Max Trimble.

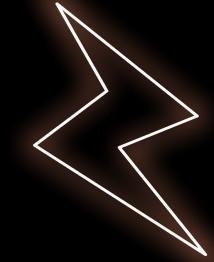
No panic from Sedge as the impressive George Bordill had the perfect response on 10 minutes with a converted try. Normal service resumed. Not a bit of it. The rest of the half saw a whirlwind effort by Rosslyn Park as breakaway converted try by Mathew Bolwell started the onslaught. A penalty try was awarded next and a ten-minute yellow card for Danny Maher also went with it. Smelling blood and exploiting the space Rosslyn Park turned on the afterburners with some high tempo rugby running three more tries by half time from Charlie Walker, Tom Wilstead and Arthur Ellis.

If you think for one moment Sedge had lost the plot and chasing shadows and lost causes they certainly were not.

The performance by Rosslyn Park was a once in a season performance as everything came off.

Evey ball went to hand and stay in hand as they went on a rampage playing on the edge and getting their just rewards. Tries from Matt Gorden,





Charlie Piper, Suni Jardine and two from Charlie Walker put the highest possible gloss on this outstanding performance from the home side.

Tom Ailes got a converted try back for Sedge but that was your lot. So, it was case of take your medicine lick your wounds as there is always next week. Message to diary though, using the Fulham Broadway and Putney bridge is not a quick way back to the M4. An hour and half later down a one-mile stretch of road is not what you need after a day like that!!! Brilliant bling coach though. The mood was about to change.

THE NIGHT SEDGE BECAME PROUD SCOTS

Sedgley Park has always been an exiles club and we are grateful that we have players former players members supporters who all have one thing in common the cause of Sedgley Park no matter the origins of the person. It was great to see the mood change on the coach home last weekend from all on the coach. A roar went up when former Tigers Hooker Johnny Mathews took to the pitch for his debut for Scotland against Romania. The roar and the smilesof joy took a new level when he scored his first try.

Brilliant and highly deserved Johnny.

Flying Scotsman.
Former Sedgley
Hooker Johnny
Mathews makes his
Scots debut last
week with a try



AND FINALLY

Ten season ago, and yes this story has been told previously, our very own 'Bro' Geoff Roberts went to Rosslyn Park. Flashing the cash as the big I am he tries to be, buys two of the world renowned Rosslyn Gourmet burgers. On that day he gave a twenty pound note just for the two burgers with the cater saying 'you still need a fiver' his reply 'I gave you twenty' was beautifully countered with 'Yes and you still need another fiver'. I am still laughing now.

You would think he had learnt his lesson, not a bit of it. I was invited to lunch at Rosslyn Park, and it was a lovely lunch indeed, but it was interrupted several times by my phone going off with a text from Bro. The message read 'Painey! It's happened again. Those burgers are even dearer. Can you do me a doggy bag from your lunch, I'm starving.!!!! Erm sadly, I didn't. It was an excellent cheeseboard as well Bro!!!

Once again welcome to Park Lane one and all. I hope you really enjoy the game today and don't forget, whatever the result and whatever the colours you wear, why not join us in the club house for the traditional pint and good craic after the game.

All the best

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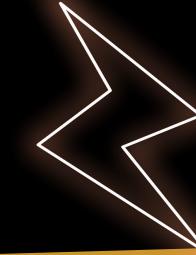
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SPOTLIGHT ON TAUNTON TITANS







Pushing highly fancied Rams hard last week. Titans came close to beating Rams last week.

THE STORY SO FAR

Can you believe it? We go years without meeting a new club then on three consecutive weekends we meet three. Just like buses, I hear you say. Taunton have never been a fixture for Sedge, and we welcome them today and hope by the end of the day, it will become a long-standing relationship. Don't let the early form of Taunton Titans fool you as they are no one's fool. They come to Park Lane looking for, and expecting, their first win of the season. Yes, Titans have had a difficult start to the campaign, though have also shown plenty of' flashes of quality' during their five starts of the season.

Their pre-season included a 28-19 reverse against Cardiff Met University and a victory against Chard, while they ended last season with five consecutive

home victories in a row at Veritas Park. Their season kicked off with an 36–33 home defeat against newly–promoted Blackheath, who have had a great start to life back at National League One. However, the closeness of Titans defeat becomes a common theme as we progress through the opening games of the season and the defeat does not tell the whole story.

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Flying High. Chinnor out leap the top of the league Rams recently

2023/24 NEXT 6 GAMES 07-10-23 Sedgley Park 14:30 Taunton Titans 14-10-23 Taunton Titans 15:00 Rosslyn Park 04-11-23 Taunton Titans 15:00 Chinnor 11-11-23 Bishop's Stortford Taunton Titans 15:00 18-11-23 Taunton Titans 15:00 Leicester Lions

25-11-23 Darlington Mowden Pk 15:00

2023/24 LAST FIVE RESULTS			
Taunton Titans	33 - 36	Blackheath	(LOST)
Plymouth Albion	54 - 29	Taunton Titans	(LOST)
Taunton Titans	14 - 29	Richmond	(LOST)
Birmingham Moseley	35 - 22	Taunton Titans	(LOST)
Taunton Titans	35 - 41	Rams	(LOST)

LEAGUE STATISTICS

League Position:	13^{th}
Total Points:	6
Played:	5
Games Won:	0
Drawn Games:	0
Games Lost:	5
Home Wins:	0
Home Draws:	0
Home Defeats:	3
Away Wins:	0
Away Draws:	0
Away defeats:	2
Points for:	133
Points against	195
Points aggregate:	-62.
4-point bonus points:	4
Losing bonus points:	2



Front Foot Rugby: Titans taking the game to Richmond earlier this season





SPOTLIGHT ON TAUNTON TITANS



ONES TO WATCH

TOP TRY SCORERS

Noah Fenton, Wing Charlie Right, Back Row Toby Clinch, Centre

6 Tries 30 Points 3 Tries 15 Points 2 Tries 10 Points



Francisco Diaz Dart

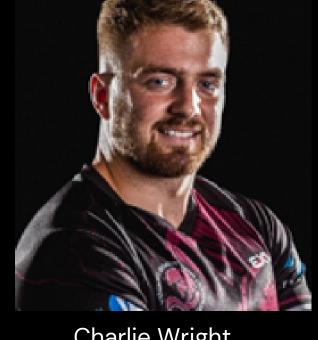
TOP POINTS SCORER Francisco Diaz Dart, Fly Half



Noah Fenton



Toby Clinch



Charlie Wright



Over they go. Titans go over for a try in a incredible performance against Rams last week

That's it for putting Chinnor under the Spotlight. I hope we know just a bit more about our visitors today. Whatever your colours and whatever the final result.Enjoy the game. It is going to be a cracker.



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THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome

On behalf of everyone at the club, can I extend a warm welcome to everyone for today's game at Park Lane. I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our opponents today, Taunton Titans, who are making their first visit to Park Lane. May you enjoy our hospitality and friendship and have a quiet drink with us in the bar afterwards, irrespective of the result.

This season sees the implementation of the new League structures at our Level meaning that there are 2 teams less in our League. This will mean 2 less home games this season. If you want to book a table at one of the games, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Looking forward

It has been a good start to the season for the First Team, with 3 wins out of 5, losing only to the unbeaten Rams and highly fancied Rosslyn Park. We are all really looking forward to this season with the 1st XV, going to many new grounds. It has also been a good start to the Season for the 2s and 3s. The 2nd XV sit 3rd in the Nowirul Premiership, having won 4 and lost 1 of their games, playing the exciting brand of rugby we have come to expect from the 1st XV. It has been a little harder for the 3rd XV, with 1 win out of 3 games, struggling a little against the St. Helens sides, West Park and Liverpool. A good win against Southport might bode a start to something better.

The new Player Pathway we introduced last year, detailing a route through the Youth Section, Colts and into Senior

Rugby is now starting to work, with 10 of last year's Colts playing Senior Rugby this year, including 1 at 1st XV level. We also have a great opportunity to shape young children with the work the Youth Section and Rugby College are doing in getting school children introduced to Rugby, with the support of our Director of Rugby development, Scott Barrow and Tryit Rugby.



Sedgley Park Youth Rugby





New players always welcome (Years 2 – 11)
No previous rugby experience is necessary
Boys and Girls are most welcome
Come and join us

Focus is on having fun and creating friendships





Please contact the Manager or Coach of your age group (on the back) for more details on training and matches.

Training: Wednesday Evening Matches: Sunday Morning



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THE CHAIRMAN



Although some areas of the Youth Section are thriving, others are struggling.

We do have a very strong Senior Colts this year and we are looking forward to them moving into open age to bolster the Senior Teams. Unfortunately, we have no Junior Colts this year and we are continuing our recruitment drive for players in year 8 (U13s) and above. It would be great if everyone could promote their club in the local community / schools.

The contact details for individual Coaches and Managers can be found at the back of the online Programme. We are also looking at getting more families watching the 1st XV games and being involved with the Club. We have some "Free" Tickets which will be distributed to schools before Christmas, with a view to getting families down.



Social Calendar

This year, we have tried to put together a Calendar of Events, to allow people to plan their Calendar, well in advance. We have focused on a few major events to try and maximise these instead of organising many poorly attended events.

At this stage, we have not booked a New Year's Eve party, due to the complete lack of interest from Members last year. If Members want a Party this New Year, we need a Volunteer(s) to organise this. If anyone wants to get involved with organising social events or has some ideas for an event. Please contact SocialEvents@sprufc.co.uk or myself, Steve Ward.

Tickets are now on sale, on the website (www.sedgley-tigers.com/events) for our first event, the Fireworks Night. Please promote this to all your friends and family and on your social media.



Autumn Events and Games		
7 th Oct	Sedgley Tigers v Taunton	14:30
	England v Samoa	16:45
14th / 15th Oct	World Cup Quarter Finals	20:00
20 th / 21 st Oct	World Cup Semi-Finals	20:00
28 th Oct	World Cup Final	20.00
3 rd Nov	Fireworks Night	17:00
4 th Nov	Sedgley Tigers v Leicester Lions	14:30
18 th Nov	Sedgley Tigers v Sale FC	14:30
2 nd Dec	Sedgley Tigers v Blackheath	14:30
16 th Dec	Sedgley Tigers v Birmingham Moseley	14:30
20 th Dec	Carol Concert	19:00
27 th Dec	Legends Game	14:00



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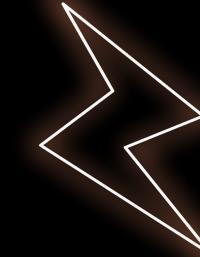
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DAVE'S DIARY





Sedgley's sobering defeat down at Rosslyn Park might have been the main event of last weekend, but the story that made the headlines was the demise of Jersey Reds. How and why? And who to blame?

At the end of last season Jersey were crowned Champions of the ... er ... Championship, but were denied promotion to the Premiership, even though that league was itself down to ten clubs, following the demise of Wasps, London Irish and the relatively Johnny-come-lately Worcester. If giants like these can fall, what price the rest of us? Or do we simply budget for what we've actually got, rather than for what we wish we had? Put not thy faith in sponsors, make good decisions, and continue making good decisions, because just one bad one can kill you. No pressure then!

In the case of Jersey, all is not lost. A professional team has gone, but the original club remains as Jersey Athletic, which was founded in 2022, as a separate entity to the professional Reds. They played their first season in Counties 1 Hampshire, which they won, and are now at level 6 in Regional 2 South Central.

They have won all five league games to date, and last Saturday they beat Chichester 31–8.

The equivalent clubs in Lancashire, at level 6, are (in order of current league) Waterloo, Burnage, Liverpool St Helens and Vale of Lune, so Jersey RFC are playing a decent standard of so-called recreational rugby. There is also another rugby club on the island, Royals RFC, who play at the lower levels of the Sussex leagues. Their 1st XV won 40-8 against Eastbourne 2s last Saturday. Let us hope that rugby on the island of Jersey will continue, relatively unharmed, to be enjoyed by all women, colts, boy and girl juniors, and the community. We also hope that the talented young professionals of Jersey Reds will find new clubs asap, and that funds will be made available to tide them through. Whoever was to blame, it wasn't them. They have been let down, and talent needs to be nourished, wherever it is found.

My own weekend was dominated by the Ryder Cup, which is the only sporting contest that keeps me glued to my screen hours on end, without break, for three days. I never got to Park Lane at all. If I had done, I might have seen our 2nd XV beat Hoppers 31–19. Elsewhere, Fylde 2s once again failed to fulfil a fixture, which in the light of the stuff above fills me with foreboding. Fylde 1st XV also lost, at home to newly promoted Lymm.



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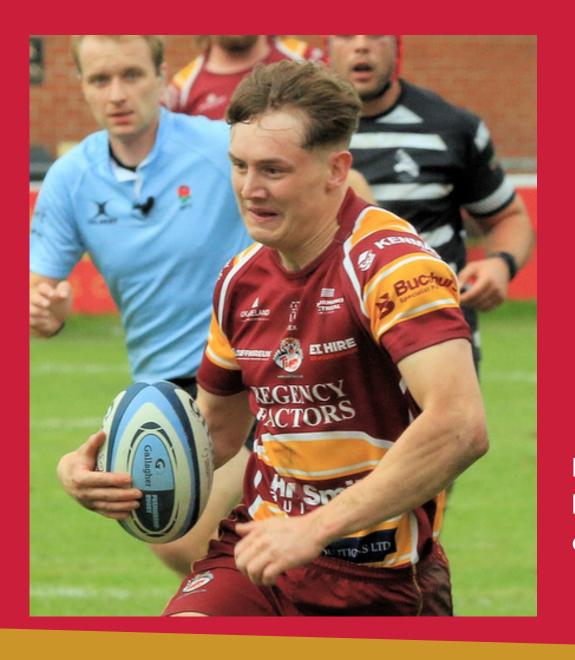
National 2 North is already looking like a straight shootout between Leeds Tykes and Rotherham, who are both still 100%.

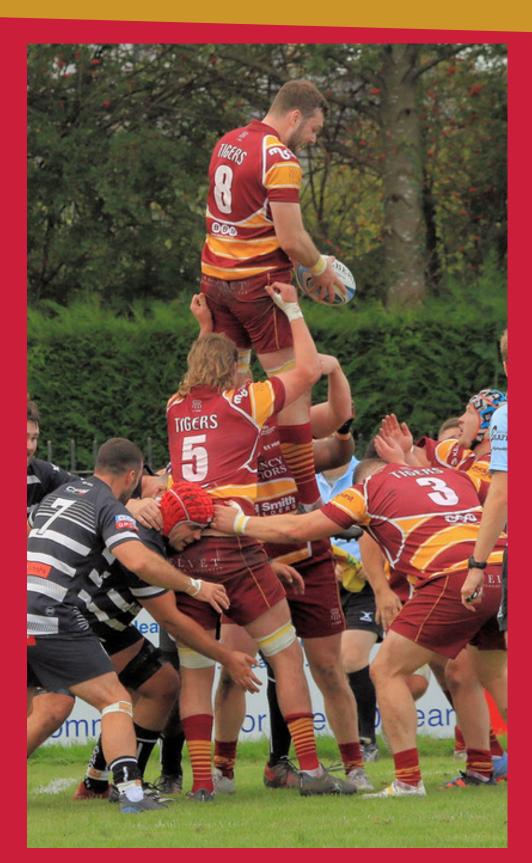
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Finally, a Law change from quite a few years ago has found a victim. Previously, if an attempt at goal was touched in flight by an opponent, the goal was void. This led to players claiming they had got a touch, which was nigh on impossible to referee. So they changed the law. If it crosses the bar, between the posts, it's a goal. Simples.

Last week, Hawick Youth were leading 33–26 when Gala scored a last–play try, so they had the conversion to draw the game. The kick fell woefully short however, knee high, until a Hawick player joyfully volleyed it over his own bar. I bet he was popular, with one team at least. It can be seen on Twitter.

Have a good day today, Dave







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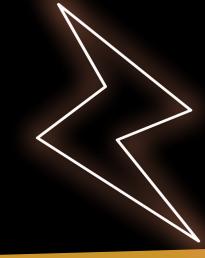
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COACH TALK



On Saturday we were on the road in our first long journey to South West London, to play Rosslyn Park. They are an experienced team who have played in national one for many seasons, and the championship, so we knew that this would be a stern test.

We had prepared well in the week leading up to the game and were looking forward to the challenge.

Conditions on the day were perfect for a wide open game of rugby. A sunny day, an artificial pitch and two teams who had made a good start to the season. However, none of us thought that the end result would be a 67–15 points win for the home side and the biggest defeat for the Tigers for almost ten years.

We started strongly, building phases in their twenty two and were rewarded with a penalty after four minutes. Fly half Warren Seales added the points to give us a 3–0 lead.

However Rosslyn Park hit back with a try two minutes later ,after a strong run down the right by their no 15. We hit back almost immediately with a lovely try for no 8 George Bordhill, who collected a little chip over from Oli Glasse to touch down near the posts. We were now 10–5 up after ten minutes and testing the home teams defence at every opportunity, but unnecessary penalties gave them position and territory from which they scored their

second try, after strong driving play through their forwards.

They were now in the lead 10–12 and looking to capitalise on our mistakes. Another driving maul by their big forwards on our five metre line led to a penalty try being awarded which was to prove crucial in the final outcome. Hooker Danny Maher was sinned binned and it was during that ten minute period that Rosslyn Park went on to score two more tries and seal our fate.



Another try just before the break meant that we were 10–38 down looking to play catch up rugby with the hope of picking up any bonus points for our efforts. second try, after strong driving play through their forwards.



COACH TALK



The half time score does not reflect the way we played in the first half, because for twenty five minutes we were well in the game 10–12 down and competing in all areas. However the momentum certainly shifted after the yellow card and energy levels seemed to drop significantly.

Despite the score line we started the second half well, looking to take the game to the home team at every opportunity. We made a number of changes and the players coming on gave us a big boost. However they scored first in the 41st minute and then an interception try seven minutes later put the game beyond reach.

Despite this, a well-worked catch and drive play by our forwards gave us our second try in the 58th minute and a hard earned fifteen points.

Unfortunately they went on to score another three tries including another interception which put any chance of us gaining a bonus point impossible.

The final score was 67-15 to the home side and the biggest defeat for the Tigers for many years.

Make no mistake Rosslyn Park deserved the win but the score line does not reflect the effort the players put in. We will learn many lessons from this defeat especially on how stay in the fight and manage the game. Special mention to wing forward Mark Goodman who time after time took the ball forward at pace.

This Saturday we are at home to Somerset team Taunton Titans and we know that there has to be a massive improvement in our performance if we are to take the points.

Cheers, Hazz







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SEDGE MEDIA TEAM

Few words from Vinny Morley



Welcome to Park Lane. Whether you are new to a Tigers game, a returning fan, or a Chinnor supporter, I hope you enjoy the experience at Sedgley Park this afternoon.

For returning fans, especially from last season, you may notice a bit more hustle and bustle in regard to our matchday social media team. This campaign I have been joined by Joe Barnes–Taylor and Tom Markham, two Manchester Metropolitan University graduates with a keen interest in sports broadcasting. Joe and Tom will be the faces of Sedge's match day output over the coming months.

The Sedge Media Team's mission is to increase the profile of rugby in our area as well as promote the Tigers and Sedgley Park RUFC with what we have to offer on and off the pitch on a game day, and more.

Over the past couple of seasons post-match interviews have been with Sedge players and officials. We will now be looking to get both teams points of view and giving the viewer/listener balanced thoughts on what happened during the match. You may have caught Joe's interview of Graham Steadman the Hull Ionians Head Coach and Tigers' Greg Morgan across our social media platforms a couple of weeks ago as an example of this.

The team will continue to provide Tigers match updates throughout the season to our local radio station Roch Valley Radio, an affiliation that now enters a third season. With our main local football team Bury FC returning to Gigg Lane and all the publicity that has been generated around that, match updates from Sedge's games to RVR during Shakers matches should reach a larger audience than in the previous two seasons and generate extra interest in rugby.

We will also focus on building our output to engage Tigers fans whether they live around the corner or around the world by looking at ways to innovate using the technology we have available. The team hope to be in a position to provide full audio match commentary from Park Lane within a couple of months with the ultimate target of video streaming a live match by the end of the season.

Social media may not be for all but it's a good cost-effective way of connecting with rugby supporters and encouraging new fans or players, mums and dads, boys and girls, to maybe head along and see what's on offer. The team posts to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter on the main Sedgley Tigers pages and we have our own Sedge Media Team page on TikTok for some background videos @sedgemediateam If you have not already done so, why not give us a follow. Remember a 'like' or a 'share' of one of our posts may be just enough to encourage someone to take up the sport!





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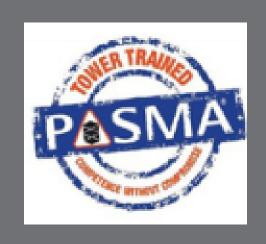


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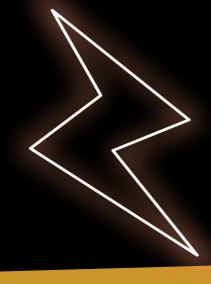
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SEDGLEY PARK LADIES TEAM



Lucy // Acting Captain // Ladies Team

Amidst the rolling hills of Sedgley Park, a team of strong and spirited women are preparing for a remarkable journey. With the upcoming season in the Inner Warrior League on the horizon, the Sedgley Park Ladies Team is extending an open invitation to Women of all ages and abilities to join them. In the heart of this picturesque setting, a unique opportunity awaits. The ladies of Sedgley Park gather to chase their passion on the rugby field. The call to unleash their inner warriors echoes through the air, a rallying cry to those who seek to forge their destiny on the green battleground. With September approaching, The Sedgley Park Ladies Team is poised for a season that promises thrilling battles, unwavering camaraderie, and unforgettable memories. This is not just a team; it's a sisterhood united by a shared love for the sport and an unyielding determination to conquer challenges together





No matter your background—whether you're a seasoned rugby pro or taking your first steps onto the field—there's a place for you here. Every Sunday, training starts at 11am until 12pm, and every Monday at 7pm until 8pm the field at Park Lane comes alive with the energy of dedicated women honing their skills, pushing their limits, and building lasting friendships. The journey ahead is not just about rugby it's about empowerment, growth, and writing a chapter of life's story that will be cherished forever. Sedgley Park Ladies beckons, inviting you to become part of their narrative, to seize the opportunity, and to embrace the thrill of the game. Will you answer the call? Join the Sedgley Park Ladies Team.











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BLACKHEATH FC

AND SO, IT BEGINS

Well, it has been just over 10 years since I wrote my last National League One Review and although the majority of the clubs we will meet this season are returning old friends or fleeting 'ships in the night' in the case of Chinnor RFC. We met in that incredible National Two North / South Play-off game at their place which we narrowly lost. They were incredible hosts that day and it will be great to have them here at Park Lane this season.

That just leaves just three clubs that we have not met and that is Rams RFC (although we did have a brief preseason games against them some years ago), Bishops Stortford and Taunton Titans RFC. We look forward, with great anticipation, to meeting them both over the course of the season.

In fact it goes without saying, the whole club are really excited about the new season ahead, not just re-acquainting ourselves with old friends, but as a club seeing how we measure up playing our brand of rugby at the higher level. I just cannot wait.

Normally here we look at the league 'who's in form', and who wins the team of the week, the results and fixtures of the previous week and the fixtures that week with a highlight feature of the game of the week.

That would be difficult to undertake this week, considering not a ball has been thrown or been tactically kicked. So below is a quick look at the opposition ahead this season and to re-acquaint ourselves with some familiar foes.

Ground: Well Hall, Kidbrooke Lane,

London SE38BU

Colours: Black and Red Hoops

Previous Games: Sincere old friends.

We at Sedge remember well the first encounter with them back in 1998/99 season when we met them in the National Cup. This game put Sedge on the National map and shone a light on our 'rise up' the structures after a great 21–22 victory at 'The Rec'. As hosts they were very warm and welcoming pre–game and incredible in defeat post–game. The memory lives long with all at Sedge, and we had 8 more wonderful fixtures at National Level 1. Last season: National League Two East Champions PLD26: PTS 114: WIN 23: LOSS 3:

Pre-season Games: Bury St Edmunds 36 – 33 Blackheath: Blackheath 31 – 12 Barnes: Canterbury 54 – 21 Blackheath:







BIRMINGHAM MOSELEY RUGBY

Ground: Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B130HN

Colours: Black and Red Hoops

Previous Games: We have met Moseley 6 times when they were just that club title, and this was back in the Championship. Always tough even games and no doubt they will be huge tussles again.

Last season: National League 1: 9th: PLD26: PTS 62: WIN 10: DRAWN 2: LOST

14:

Pre-season Games:

Birmingham Moseley 43 – 7 Luctonians: Birmingham Moseley 28 – 24 Darlington Mowden Park.

Birmingham Moseley 24–68 Coventry Rugby:



BISHOPS STORTFORD RFC

verified. I blame the G&Ts.

Ground: Silver Leys, Hadham Road,
Bishops Stortford, CM232QE
Colours: Blue and White Hoops
Previous Games: We have never met
Bishops Stortford at any level although
I have vague memory of a fixture
against them. However, this cannot be

Last season: National League 1: 6th: PLD26: PTS 77: WIN 13: DRAWN 1: LOST 12:

Pre-season Games:

Worthing Raiders 10 – 52 Bishops Stortford: Old Albanians – Bishops Stortford: Bishop Stortford – Shelford



CHINNOR RFC

Ground: Rectory Pavilion, Kingsey Road, Thame. OX93JL

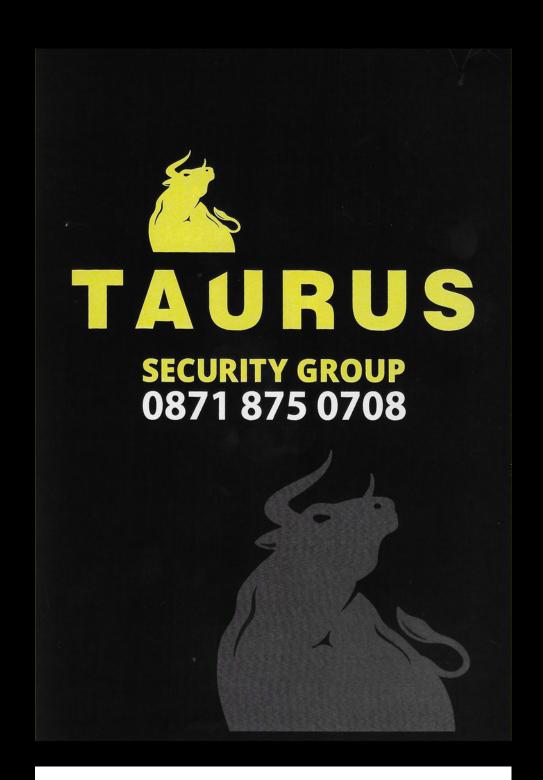
Colours: Black and White Hoops
Previous Games: Our only game
against Chinnor was in the National
League Two play-off game in 2018/29
Season. Unfortunately, we lost the
game that day. However, they were
brilliant hosts pre- and post-match,
and we sincerely look forward to the
traditional home and away fixture.
Last season: National League 1: 8th:
PLD26: PTS 71: WIN 12: DRAWN:1 LOST

Pre-season Games: Chinnor 67 – 12 Wimbledon: Cambridge 19 – 33 Chinnor:

13:





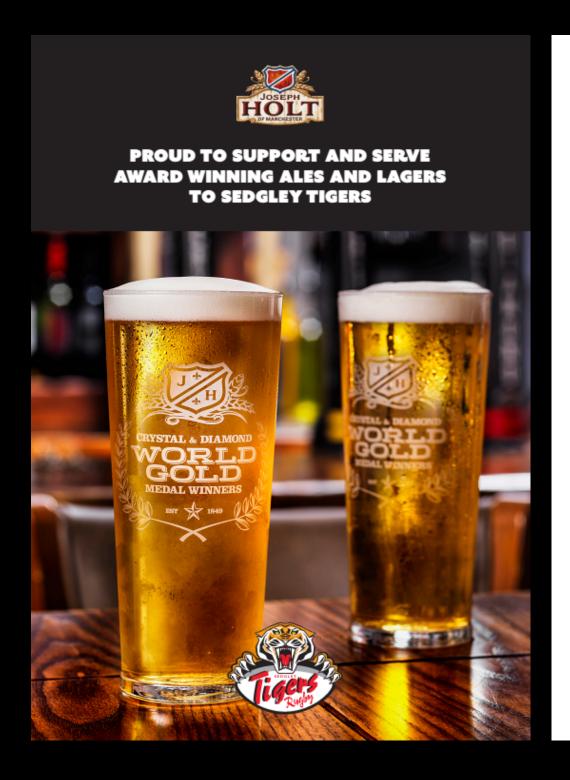












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TAUNTON TITANS RFC

Ground: Veritas Park, Hyde Lane,

Bathpool, Taunton: TA2 8BU

PLD26: PTS 57: WIN 9: LOST 17:

Colours: Black with Red and Blue Trim Previous Games: This is another club we have never met as a league fixture. We are very much looking forward heading to the south west this autumn. Last season: National League 1: 11th:

Pre-season Games:

Taunton Titans - Cardiff Met University



DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK RFC

Ground: The Darlington Arena, Neasham Road, Darlington. DL21DL Colours: Blue and White Hoops and

Black Trim

Previous Games: We first met DMP in a National cup game at Park Lane which was more like a battle on the day which DMP won. In League fixtures we have met them twice in National League Two North. That season DMP were promoted but were without doubt the most outstanding team in the league. I would go further to say that they gave one of the best performances I have seen at Park Lane, including the likes of Wasps, Harlequins, Northampton Saints, Bristol, and Exter Chief's games whilst in the

Championship. It was an absolutely breathtaking fast, hard running, tight game of rugby. Very much looking forward to renewing this fixture. If it was anything like the first at Park Lane. Get your tickets now for the game. Last season: National League 1: 9th: PLD26: PTS 114: WIN 23: LOST 3: Pre-season Games: Birmingham Moseley 28 – 24 Darlington Mowden Park: Darlington



LEICESTER LIONS RFC

Ground: Westleigh Park, Lutterworth

Road, Blaby LE8 4DY

Colours: Purple and White Hoops, Black

Trim

Previous Games: We have met the Lions in 10 fixtures all in National Two North with the majority games favouring Sedge in the outcome. The timing of the re-structuring at National Level Two was perfect for Lions as Leicester Lions were without doubt the outstanding team last season in National League Two West. A bit of a dark horse this season. Watch this space.

Last season: National League Two West Champions PLD26: PTS 122: WIN 25: LOSS 1:

Pre-season Games: Coventry 33-21 Leicester Lions: Leicester Lions 45 v 12 Hinkley:





PLYMOUTH ALBION RFC

Ground: Brickfields Recreation Ground, Damerel Close, Plymouth. PL14NE Colours: White Green and Red Hoops Previous Games: We first met Albion back in 2001-02 season at level 3. It was blip for Albion that season to be at that level and they bounced back to Level 2 as Champions. These first two encounters were tough indeed. We then met them on a regular basis for 10 fixtures from 2005 to 2009 at level 2, The Championship. The encounters were still tough but we had our moments. Bizarrely one season in this period this fixture was our New Years game. We had to travel. The FDR were not the brightest organisation at the time for the promotion of rugby!!!! Last season: National League 1: 5th: PLD26: PTS 78: WIN 14: LOST 12: Pre-season Games: Cornish Pirates 45–5 Plymouth Albion: Plymouth Albion 7 – 31 Cornish Pirates:



RAMS RFC

Ground: Old Bath Road, Sonning,

Reading. RG46TQ

Colours: Dark Blue and Light Blue Previous Games: We have never met Rams in any form of league Rugby. We did however meet them in a preseason tournament at Priory Park, Macclesfield in a 4 x 20-minute match which also included Caldy.

Last season: National League 1: 2nd:

PLD26: PTS 114: WIN 22: LOST 4:

Pre-season Games: Rams 33 – 12

Bracknell: Rams 33 – 19 Aberavon:

Lansdowne 17 – 7 Rams: Cork Constitution 24 – 12 Rams:



RICHMOND RUGBY

Ground: Richmond Athletic Ground, Twickenham Road, Richmond, London.

TW92FS

Colours: Old Gold, Red and Black

Hoops

Previous Games: We first met
Richmond Rugby at Park Lane on 22nd
September, 2012 and we won that first
encounter 37–17. This was the period of
Sedge's demise or realignment period
from its heady days in the
Championship back to ultimately
National League Two North.
Richmond on the other hand were on
an upward trajectory having had a bit
of demise and re-alignment
themselves, having been demoted to
the bottom of the pyramid by a once
tougher governing body.
You had to pinch yourself on that first

home game of 2012/13 season at Park Lane. Here was this true bastion of elite club rugby in England here at little old Park Lane. Here was a not so longago Premiership juggernaut. For all the big hitters that had graced Park Lane during our Championship days none had the bigger impact on the professional game than Richmond.



To cap off that first game, we won! it was a very bright highlight in a season which turned out to be a relegation year for Sedge, whereas the 'Old Gold' would go on to get promoted back to the Championship.

I reflect then as I do today on the spirit and tenacity of the Richmond Club. In all the club's history and glory preleagues, and its impact as a winner in those formative years of professional rugby era. For me surely the club's finest hour was that march back to the top. Outstanding.

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Last season: Championship: Relegated: PLD22: PTS 23: WIN 3: DRAWN 1: LOST 18:

Pre-season Games: Neath RFC 14 – 31 Richmond Rugby: Richmond Rugby 7-50 Jersey Reds



ROSSLYN PARK FC

Ground: The Rock, Roehampton, Upper

Tooting, London. SW155JA

Colours: Red and White Hoops, Blue

Trim

Previous Games: We have met Rosslyn Park on many occasions in fact 12 fixtures and all at level 3 National One status. The early games, when Sedge were in the ascendancy, favoured Tigers whilst the latter tended to go the opposite way.

I have two very fond memories of the 'The Rock' the home of Rosslyn Park. The first was when Sedgley Park Club stalwart, Alan 'Two Bob' Taylor acted as conductor in chief encouraging the whole main stand at the Rock to sing happy birthday to me on my 50th. Embarrassing but appreciated. Secondly, our very own Bro! Geoff Roberts experiencing Rosslyn Park gourmet burgers for the first time and buying, himself and me one, handing over a £20.00 note. On receiving no change his face was a picture.!!! My turn for the burgers this this season me thinks.

Last season: National League 1: 5th:
PLD25: PTS 83: WIN 16: LOST 9:
Pre-season Games: Rosslyn Park 69-14
Tonbridge Juddians



SALE FC

Ground: Heywood Road, Sale. M33 3WB

Colours: Blue and White Hoops
Previous Games: Since their welcome
re-introduction back to the leagues,
we have met Sale FC 6 times. Always a
favourite ground to visit. Our Local
derby has always lived up to the
occasion with some great clashes and
close fought games. Heywood Road a
proper rugby ground. I can't wait for
this game.

Last season: National League 1: 9th: PLD26: PTS 114: WIN 23: LOST 3:

Pre-season Games: Sale 12-14 Caldy: Fylde 14 - 10 Sale: Hawick 35 - 19 Sale



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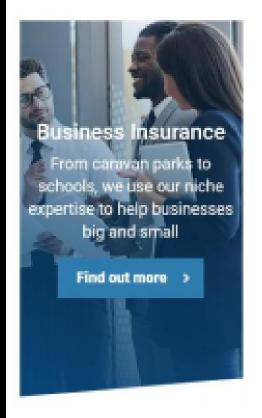


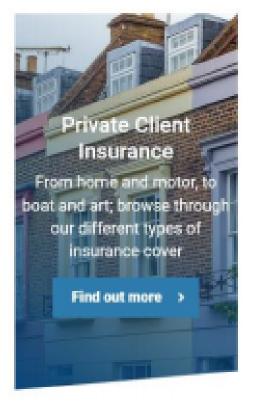
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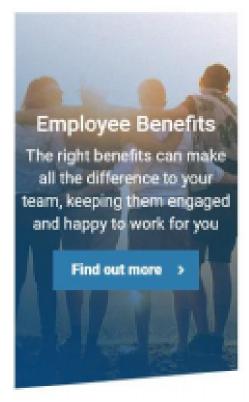
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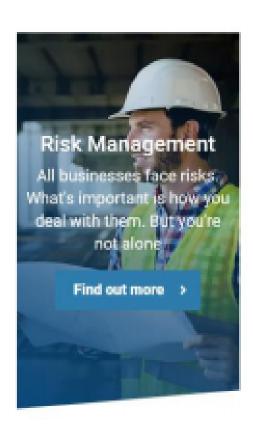
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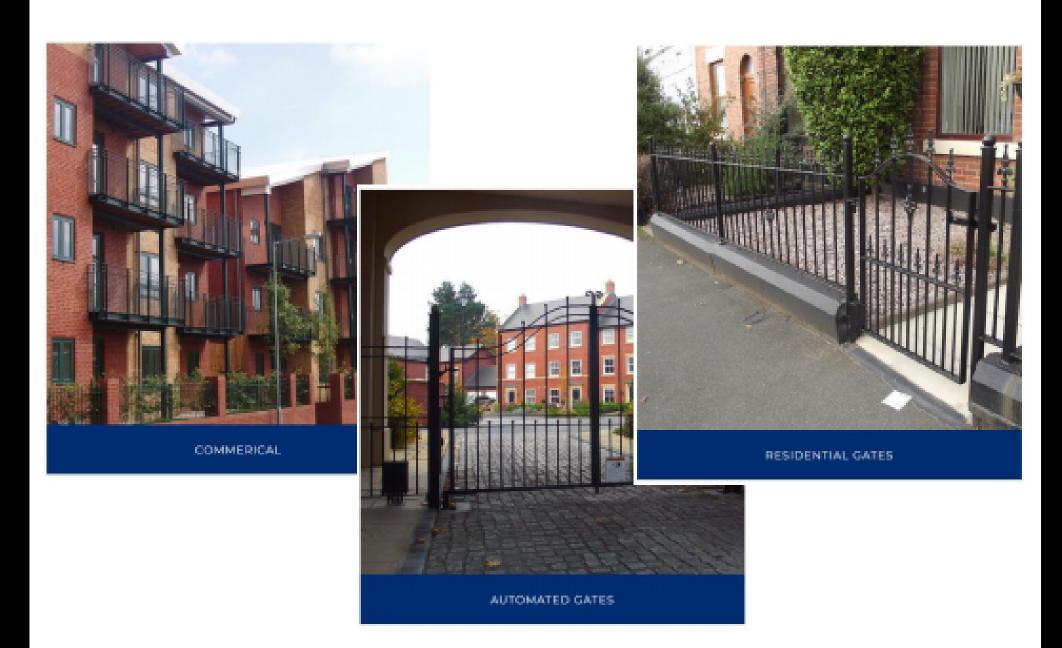


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NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 6

WEEK FIVE: ROUND UP:

Leicester Lions 22 (0) - 35 (5) Richmond Bishop's Stortford 29 (5) - 22 (1) Birmingham Moseley Chinnor 48 (5) - 17 (0) Cinderford Darlington Mowden Park 17 (0) - 27 (5) Plymouth Albion

Sale FC 19 (4) – 14 (1) Blackheath

Taunton Titans 35(2) - 41(5) Rams

TEAM OF THE WEEK Rosslyn Park



Blown Away. Everything came together for Rosslyn Park last week as they dinted Tigers pride a top performance.

Sometimes in this wonderful sport of ours you can be faced with an opponent who on the day are just simply unplayable. Last Saturday Rosslyn Park was team of the week with a performance to match, as they delivered a whirlwind performance, high tempo effort that had all on their feet in total admiration and deservedly they become team of the week.

There are no excuses from Sedge no additional caveats to explain how this result happened. In the first quarter of the game, it was hard to tell who of the two clubs would get the upper hand as they both grappled with each other.

A break away third try for the home side started the downwards proceedings followed by a penalty try and a yellow card for Danny Maher which was fully exploited by the home team who exploited the space and ran in some subline tries.

Halftime: Rosslyn Park 38–10 Sedgley Park

If the break was meant to be a respite and regroup for Sedge, Park had other thoughts. No taking the foot of the gas in fact hard down it went as Park ramped up the pressure the tempo and the points on the scoreboard A further six more tries followed to make it eleven on the day. Sedge did not capitulate at all as they tried to force something from the game, alas this was not Sedges Day, a day of reflection is required and another hard test to come.

Fulltime: Rosslyn Park 67–15 Sedgley Park

ROSSLYN PARK

Tries: Trimble (6'), Bolwell (16'), Penalty (28'), Walker (30', 47', 64'), Wilstead (34'), Ellis (39'), Gordon (42'), Piper (53'), Jardine (78')
Conversions: Wilstead (17', 35', 40', 48',

Conversions: Wilstead (17, 35, 40, 48, 54')



NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 3

SEDGLEY PARK

Tries: Bordill (10'), Ailes (62')

Conversions: Seals (11') Penalties: Seals (4')

Yellow Cards: Maher (30')

WEEK 5 SUMMARY

The league moved into its fifth week last week with another great set of fixtures which has gone on to show just how close this league is with teams able to take points against others at will and against the odds. The top two luck even at this early stage unstoppable but that is a silly early comment as all clubs start to show the long term form for the rest of the season.

It's all about Rams Rugby at the moment as another excellent win on the roads against today's visitors to Park Lane Taunton Titans kept Rams in top spot in what looked from afar, a closely fought game. A five try to six advantages to Rams spread evenly throughout the 80 minutes certainly suggests it was hard fought as Titans pushed top of the pile Rams all the way. Rams stay top whilst Titans are in thirteenth place.

Pushing hard on the heels of Rams
Plymouth Albion stay in second place
with a very good away win at
Darlington Mowden Park. Not many will
travel to the northeast and come say
with a bonus point win whilst keeping
Park to no points. Very Impressive
from Albion. DMP are in eleventh place
in the league.

Pre-season favourites for the title and last seasons relegated championship team Richmond, move into the third place after a very good away but tight high scoring win against bottom placed Leicester Lions.

Blackheath remain fourth even though they succumbed to Sale FC at Heywood Road who recorded their first win of the season. Sale moved into twelfth place and in a hurry to catch up. Into the middle cohort of the league sees a very tight group with Chinnor in fifth place following a good win at home against Cinderford who remain in ninth place.

Last weeks game of the week and the resulting team of the week Rosslyn Park are next in sixth after their very big home win against Sedgely Park who are in seventh. Bishops Stortford moved into eighth place following a very close a very close game against Birmingham Mossley, who remain in tenth in what is becoming a very tight and competitive league.



NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 3

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GAME OF WEEK 6 Rosslyn Park v Chinnor





This should be a real good game. Watch this space.

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 'HOTSHOTS'

Top Points Scorer

Noah Fenton, Taunton Titans, Wing	6 Tries
Max Hayman, Rams, Hooker	5 Tries
Morgan Passman, Chinnor, Centre	5 Tries
Alexander Post, Richmond, Hooker	5 Tries
Harry Wilkinson, Plymouth Albion, Hooker	5 Tries
Benjamin Atkins, Rams, Hooker	4 Tries
Sam Daly, Plymouth Albion, No.8	4 Tries
Chris Smith, Bishop Stortford, Wing	4 Tries
Zachery Clow, Rams, Fullback	4 Tries



Charles Walker, Rosslyn Park Wing, 7 Tries, 35 Points

Top Points Scorer

Joshua Ree, Darlington Mowden Park, Fly Half:	58 Points
Joe Winfield, Cinderford, Fly Half	50 Points
Thomas Putt, Plymouth Albion, Full Back:	47 Points
Tom Ffitch, Blackheath, Full Back	45 Points
Thomas Jack Wilstead, Rosslyn Park, Winger:	44 Points
Fraser Honey, Rams Rugby, Fly Half:	40 Points
Tighe Maxwell-Whiteley, Birmingham, Fly Half:	38 Points
Daniel Lewis, Leicester Lions, Fly Half:	36 Points
Francisco Diaz Dart, Taunton Titans, Fly Half:	33 Points



Warren Seals, Sedgley Park, Fly Half 61 Points



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