



SEDGLEY TIGERS

2023 - 2024





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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 old friends from Sale FC, to Park Lane today. This will be Sale's first visit to Park Lane for a few years. Hope you enjoy your day with us today.





FIXTURES 2023-2024

NATIONAL 1



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Round 1 - 02.09.23
Richmond

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Round 2 - 09.09.23
Birmingham Moseley

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Round 3 - 16.09.23
RAMS

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Round 4 - 23.09.23
Chinnor

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Round 5 - 30.09.23
Rosslyn Park

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Round 6 - 07.10.23
Taunton

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Round 7 - 14.10.23
Bishop Stortford

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Round 8 - 04.11.23
Leicester Lions

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Round 9 - 11.11.23
Darlington MP

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Round 10 - 18.11.23
Sale FC

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Round 11 - 25.11.23
Cinderford

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Round 12 - 02.12.23
Blackheath

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Round 13 - 9.12.23
Plymouth Albion

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Round 14 - 16.12.23
Birmingham Moseley

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Round 15 - 13.01.24
RAMS

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Round 16 - 20.01.24
Chinnor

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Round 17 - 27.01.24
Rosslyn Park

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Round 18 - 10.02.24
Taunton

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Round 19 - 17.02.24
Bishop Stortford

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Round 20 - 24.02.24
Leicester Lions

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Round 21 - 09.03.24
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Round 22 - 16.03.24
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Round 23 - 23.03.24
Cinderford

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Round 24 - 06.04.24
Blackheath

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Round 25 - 13.24.24
Plymouth Albion

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Richmond

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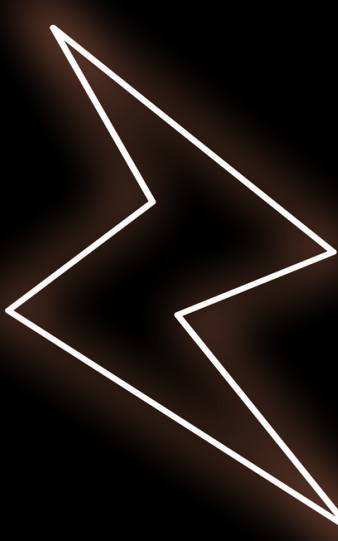
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On behalf of the committee and all the playing and support staff it is a privilege to welcome everyone today, especially our old friends from Sale FC to Park Lane today.

So, with league points and position on offer, with derby bragging rights for the winning team, not much on offer then today? There is a lot on the line for both teams. Certainly not for the faint-hearted that's for sure, as we head for a classic old school mash up. I can't wait!

So, we welcome Sale FC once again to Park Lane for our seventh league game against them. Will it be a lucky seven day for Sedge or Sale. No doubt we will find out at 17-00 hours later today.

We first met Sale FC back on the 28th of November 2015 at Park Lane in National League Two North following Sale's re-introduction into league structures and there resulting propulsion up the league levels. That first game we won 17-13 in a

tight typical derby game. In the game at Heywood Road, Sedge showed all their additional experience (in Modern day terms) of league rugby and won 15-30.

We continued to play Sale at this level, National League Two North, for another 2 more seasons going on to win one of the last 4 games.

Fixtures ended with Sale FC on the 23rd of December 2017 in tightly fought game on a mud bath of a pitch at Heywood Road. It was the proverbial slugfest of a game with Chris Johnson's boot being the difference. Great game, great day and a sadly missed fixture. What no one knew on the day was in the final reckoning that season, Sale finished top on 131 points to second placed Sedge on 126 points. Ouch!!!!

Alas, with Sale on the continuation of their upwardly mobile trajectory, they



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SALE FC

took the next step up to the dizzy heights of National One in their stride and last season they nearly went one better just missing out on promotion to Championship being gazumped by Cambridge.



Forward Power. Tigers Pack was in excellent form, despite the narrow loss at DMP last week

It seems strange talking about Sale FC as 'the continuation of their upwardly mobile trajectory' or 're-introduction of Sale FC to league rugby', when they have been one of the stalwarts of Northern rugby for many decades, and rightly so. On the formation of league rugby they were one of the highest placed teams in the very height of league rugby back in the mid-eighties.

Sale is a very old club (1861) hence the FC tag going back to the times when the rules / laws of the game were at best made up as they went along or very confused (It's good to see some consistency is still alive and kicking!!) and it wasn't until hacking was banned in football leading to the 'Rugby Football Club' qualification tag which now follows most club names.

It is fair to say, Sale had played a huge part in the development of the game up and beyond that earlier initial point. They were one of the originators of the rules of the game, with the early 10 rules to be followed by all players, which was recorded, documented and referenced in a club minutes book, written back in 1865.



Breaking Away. A trademark burst from Tom Ailes cutting through Lions lines in our last home game.

As the 19th century turned into the 20th Sale eventually found their spiritual home as they purchased a field in Heywood Road in 1905 and so beginning the development and evolution of one of the best rugby ground visits you can make.

Sale down through the years became a beacon of the game in the country and the north having a multitude of internationals wearing the famous blue and white hooped shirts. Cups and honours also followed over the years until there was a re-think and re-positioning for club during the mid-90s when the club established a



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fully professional outfit playing under the Sale Sharks banner to respond to the changing times in Rugby.

Success followed success for this new entity, but members harked back and wanted to re-establish the community links and create an amateur pathway for all within the club. In strange quirk of coincidence, as the turn of the 20th to 21st century came, Sale FC, the amateur arm of the club, entered the lowest level of the pyramid to leap forward and make a rapid return the higher echelons of league rugby. I for one applaud and welcome the initiative that has seen the return of that great Sale FC moniker to league Rugby.



Flying High. Oscar Crowe had another great game last week against DMP

Sale's season so far to date has been one of strange early form to coming into this game (typically) arriving in red hot form. Sale FC lie currently 13th in league having played 9 games winning two and losing seven. They have amassed 12 league points with 139 for, 215 against having a negative 76-point difference.

The defeats came at the hands of Leicester Lions (A), DMP (H), Chinnor (A), Cinderford (A), Plymouth Albion (A), Richmond (H), and Birmingham Moseley (A).

The wins have come from games with Blackheath (H) and the most impressive of all was the win last week at Heywood Road beating the very highly fancied Rams Rugby 29-17.

As has been stated before the league this season is turning out to be one of most competitive leagues for some time, with teams capable of taking points from each other regardless of form or where you are in the league.

Sale last season just missed out on promotion. That squad is still intact this season. With the competitiveness in the league to date, you would be really misplaced to back against Sale to progress back up the league and to be pivotal player come the end of the season.

You can just hear the rallying call right now in Sale's changing rooms below at Park Lane as they prepare for today's game. Promotion starts here at Park Lane!!!! Well, it is a derby game!!

Enough about Sale, what about Sedge, I hear you say.



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On the road with Sedge

Last week, we travelled to Darlington Mowden Park to face an in-form side who are currently shooting up the league. This was only our second visit to the Darlington Arena and in the pre-match discussions during the week around the league, much was discussed and anticipated about this clash, between two teams who have a panache for free flowing aggressive running rugby. Boy, they were not wrong, in what turned out to be a very good game of rugby.

The home side, taking advantage of a Sedgley missed tackle straight from the kick off, camped out within the Tigers 22 for the first five minutes. This pressure finally brought points, when Callum Pascoe sniped through, for the home sides first converted try on 6 minutes.

Tigers during this opening period had to dig in deep as wave after wave came at the Claret and Gold line, but the line held firm. An exchange of penalties for both sides in this first quarter had the score at 10 – 3 for the home side with nothing really between the teams.

The force that came to the fore was the impressive Tigers pack, who started to turn the tide of the game with a very good, disciplined scrum and a withering line out. With Warren Seals returning to his old stomping ground, and with his kicking radar knowing the area well, he was soon kicking the Tigers pack into great areas for line out ball.

On 26 minutes a kick to corner was taken off the top by second row Bob Birtwell, which was then quickly followed up into a driving maul with hooker Adam Mallison going over for Sedge's first converted try.



Eating Dirt: Adam Mallison bottom of the pile going over for Sedge's first try last weekend

Tigers pack was now running amuck, breaking the home lines and finding willing runners to come through the gaps which saw number 8 Tom Ailes, who had just returned from his yellow card in 19th minute, returning with one of his trademark runs steaming over the line for Sedge second but unconverted try on 34 minutes.

Tigers kept up the pressure but could not force any more points even with DMP down to 14 following a yellow card for a high tackle, as the home side defence rallied and held firm until the break.

Halftime

**Darlington Mowden Park 10
Sedgley Park 15**

If the second quarter of the game was all Sedgley Park, the second half of the



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game was all Darlington as right from the re-start they went straight for Sedge's jugular. There were some top performances from DMP but the stand out performance, and most pivotal one was from their scrum half Callum Pascoe, as he took the game by the scruff of the neck.

It was his movement and momentum that got the home side moving with some brilliant snipes down the fringes causing chaos in the Tigers defence and in turn finding the likes of back row forward Oliver Hodgson, who had a top game, and also the dancing feet of the illusive second row forward Oscar Usher. Both players had a huge impact on proceedings, but it was the DMP inside centre Ben Franklin who took advantage as he ran in a well work try on 53 minutes.

Sedge seemed well in the contest but could not find the consistency they had in the first forty from the set piece nor was the tactical kicking as accurate as it lacked the hang time or depth to apply maximum pressure we had been used to. This resulted in the opposite effect, inviting pressure back onto ourselves as it came back over and over again.

However, despite this Tigers were still looking to turn the corner in the game but the crushing blow came in the 66th minute from an unfortunate second yellow card of the game, and with Sedge down to 14, DMP did not need a second invitation to take advantage as they quickly saw off their opposition with a

converted try from Yaree Fantini on 68 minutes followed by a penalty on 71 minutes.

A consolation penalty from Warren Seals on the last play of the game gave Sedge a deserved losing bonus point. On another day this could have been a tough hard-fought win, but this improving DMP side would not lie down and duly came out deserved winners in a hard fought contest.

Full-time

Darlington Mowden Park 25 (4)
Sedgley Park 18 (1)



Back on the manor: Warren Seals returns to a warm welcome from DMP faithful.

Around National League 1

With three of the top four sides all losing, the league has been shaken up with ferocity and becoming a very tight affair indeed. Rams Rugby, Chinnor and Sedge all lost respectively to our guests today, Sale FC, Plymouth Albion and DMP. It was in fact the game of the day, at the time as Chinnor in second and at home to Plymouth in third which saw Albion the only one out of the top four to win and to go top of the league.



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The top four stayed the same except for the change of Albion on top of course, but in fifth, sixth and seventh place Blackheath, Birmingham Moseley, and Rosslyn Park respectively all had good wins closing the gap on fourth placed Sedge to seventh placed Rosslyn Park down to just three points.

Last seasons relegated championship side, Richmond are still struggling to find consistent form and their loss last week to Blackheath sees them in eighth place. DMP are making up for lost time in ninth place and in my opinion, it will not be long before they will be elbowing their way into the top of the table as they look to be in red hot form now. (Now there's a kiss of death)

In the final pack of teams our visitors today Sale is in thirteenth place however there is not much in points difference between Sale and Cinderford in tenth who are on 21 points. Bishops Stortford and Taunton Titans sit in-between Cinderford and Sale with Leicester Lions in bottom place on 11 points.

Around the Club

The 'mighty twos' travelled to local club Rossendale in a NOWIRUL Bathtime Premier League fixture last weekend. It was third (Sedge) against fourth (Rossendale) in this hard-fought battle. The 'Mighty' were the dominant force and ended the game quite comfortably with a 14 -29 away day victory. This keeps the 'The Mighty' in the top three of the Bathtime Premiership with Caldý remaining top of the league and

Chester second, one point above Sedge who are in third place on 46 points.

'The Mighty' have a mighty big tussle this weekend on Lower Park Lane as they meet second place Chester in the battle of the league with the winner pushing on Caldý for top spot. If there was ever a place to be this weekend, especially for top class rugby it is right here, right now at Park Lane this weekend. You would be mad to miss it.

... and finally

I would like to end this article with an apology for condensing three usually in-depth articles into this one extended Welcome to Park Lane. Unfortunately, circumstances out of my control forced the situation and we will look to get this correct next time out. So finally, finally, 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, ST

Chairman's Note:

ST is going in for a major knee operation next week. He will be missing in action until the new year, so all at Sedge wish him the very best for his operation and speedy recovery



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MATT RILEY

'ONE CLUB' WONDER

At the last home game against Leicester Lions, Matt Riley became the player with the most appearances for a single Club in the Pro era. This extends to both sides of the English Channel. He has just passed Exeter's 'One Club Man', Richard Baxter. He is leaving behind some very exalted company, as can be seen from the list.

Today is Matt Riley's 426th game for the club. 400 games these days is unheard of, and with one club, bearing in mind the high intensity and the level of physicality in the modern game. This puts Matt in a group of only 4 who have made it past 400. In our club, and in modern terms, he is unique, as he is in a group of one.



Anglo-French 'One Club Men'

Top Appearances (350+)

Pos.	Apps.	Player	Club
1	425*	Matt Riley	Sedgley Park
2	423	Richard Baxter	Exeter
3	416	Rodrigo Capo Ortaga	Castres
4	410	Aurelien Rougerie	Clermont
5=	380	Julian Peyrelongue	Biarritz
5=	380	Jean Bouilhou	Toulouse
7=	379	Florien Fritz	Toulouse
7=	379	Gregory Lamboley	Toulouse
9	377	Aretz Iguiniz	Bayonne
10	372*	Henry Chavancy	Racing
11	371	Clement Poitrenaud	Toulouse
12	368	Maxine Medard	Toulouse
13	364*	Alex Goode	Saracens
14	362*	Alex Waller	Northampton
15	358*	Danny Care	Harlequins
16	351	Mike Brown	Harlequins

* Still playing for same club

ST tells me he can vividly remember back on the 9th December 2006, our Championship home game against Bedford Blues, at Park Lane. There had been some rumbling and whispers earlier in week, before the game, of something or someone special coming to the club via our links with Sale Sharks at the time.

And here he was, a young Matt Riley. Sale Sharks, England Under 20s representation, running out on a dark dismal day pouring with rain to make his debut at Fullback. It must have been a culture shock to him, and if it was, he never let on, as he soon got into swing of things. On that day we lost 8-10, but little did we know we actually had struck gold and we are still mining that rich steam to this day, 17 years later.



MATT RILEY

'ONE CLUB' WONDER



Stages of the 'Mighty Truck' running hard and coming through. For the opposition 17 years of hurt

While the other celebrated players on the list have reached the top of the game, Matt has been happy to stay loyal to Sedgley Park, a club that boasts numerous players with over 200 Appearances for the Club, including his brother, Andy Riley. Matt came to Sedge after a frustrating spell in pro-Rugby with Sale Sharks and found his home.

Matt told The Rugby Paper *"I loved the fact that at Sedgley there were some really good players and it was still a really good level. It was serious, but still not full on. You could still have a couple of beers after the game. You trained Tuesday and Thursday for a couple of hours and I loved that escape from the 'Rugby Bubble' and just going back to the old-school type of ways. Also the people there were great."*

ST says that in those early days he was known for not only his on-field ability but also for, as we would say back then 'Matt Riley's howitzer kick'. Personally, he remembers Matt in a very good and successful centre pairing of Matt and Chris Hall. They were an exceptional pairing. Those two against Launceston .

away, were unplayable on that day. Great Memories.

Instead of playing Leicester Lions in the wind and rain at Park Lane, he could have been enjoying the sun, sea and sand in Bermuda. Former teammate Paul Arnold had invited him to join the Lions squad that plays in the annual Bermuda Rugby Classic Tournament. Matt was in no doubt where his loyalties lie.

In his time here, he has represented England Counties on many occasions, and I know all at Sedge felt immense pride as he is one of ours representing England, even though Widnes RUFC may try to claim that honour. Not a chance!!! Sedge through and through. He was always a constant selection for the county too, taking it seriously, as you should. That is Matt, someone who does take things seriously on the field, his preparation and commitment to the cause second to none. Off the field a great bloke, great Captain and noisy laugh on booming down the coach on away days.

Matt has stuck with Sedgley through thick and thin. From the glory days of playing the likes of Northampton and Harlequins in the Championship, to getting relegated to National 2.

"I could probably have left plenty of times earlier on and won titles with other clubs, but in all honesty, it wouldn't have meant as much to me as staying with my club" he revealed.



MATT RILEY

'ONE CLUB' WONDER

"I think what we did last year, in winning promotion from National 2 North, with a group of five or six of us who've been there a long time and the new breed coming through, means far more to me than winning something with a new club that I don't have feelings for."

So, how long can Matt keep going? *"I'll Play as long as my body allows me to."* he said.

In time, his brother Andy joined Matt at Sedge and the both of them have blossomed and are like an expensive wine, maturing with time and what a vintage they are becoming. Note they are becoming, still more to come yet.



SA Family Affair. Matt, with Dad Graham (Crack) and brother Andy.

The whole Club like to thank Matt, for his effort, passion, commitment and most importantly the memories he has given us all here at Park Lane. Well done Matt enjoy your 426th game and here's to the next 100.



That's my boy. Next generation Matt and son Jackson



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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, Sale FC, who are making their first visit to Park Lane for 5 years. May you enjoy our hospitality and friendship and have a quiet drink with us in the bar afterwards, irrespective of the result.

Charity Day

The last home game against Leicester Lions, was our Charity Day for SickKids, a charity very close to the heart of our Doctor, Jimmy Stewart. SickKids are a children's health charity currently working in North West England and Cambodia. The 1st XV are all wearing special shirts today and all these shirts have been sponsored. We have many of the sponsors with us today, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of them and hope that they enjoy their day with us.

The money is still being counted, but we feel we have raised in excess of £1500. A great effort by all those involved.

Our next Charity Day is the 27th January on behalf of Andy Mans Club, a Men's Mental Health Charity.



CHARITY DAY

Our second charity game of the season is in aid of Andys Man Club and is to be on the 27th January 2024, our fixture against Rosslyn Park. If anyone fancies sponsoring a jersey for £150 please contact me, which includes two match tickets including pre-match hospitality.



The jersey design is shown here together with where the sponsors name is inserted.

Please contact Geoff Roberts on **07793184818**

WHAT IS ANDYS MAN CLUB?

Andys Man Club is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to each help each other on a peer-to-peer basis, sharing advice on how they have dealt with difficult situations. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of Andys Man Club is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.



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Looking forward

It has been a good start to the season for the First Team, with 6 wins out of 9, leaving us in 4th place in the league. 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. The 2nd XV sit 3rd in the Nowirul Premiership, having won 7 and drawn 1 of their games, playing the exciting brand of rugby we have come to expect from the 1st XV.



THE CHAIRMAN



It has been a little harder for the 3rd XV, with 2 wins out of 7 games, leaving them in 8th place in the table..

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 (more of them later in the programme).



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.

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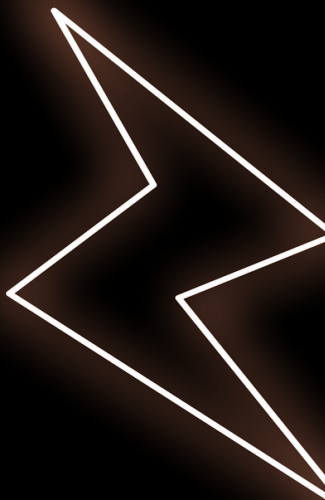
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THE CHAIRMAN



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.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed our Fireworks Night, despite the appalling weather. Nearly 2000 people attended the event this year. The event was extended and amended from the previous year to try and improve the experience we give not only to our Members and Guests, but also to our Sponsors. A new Food Court was introduced alongside more standing and seating areas.



The Rugby World Cup has now come to a close. We congratulate South Africa on becoming World Champions again.

Hopefully, our South African contingent will be drowned out by Tigers fans today.

Autumn Events and Games

7 th Oct	Sedgley Tigers v Taunton	14:30
	England v Samoa 	16:45
14 th / 15 th 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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As part of our look at bringing Sedgley Park into the modern era, we are reviewing how we dispense and pay for Beer, especially at events and on Matchday. As part of this process, we are going to trial a system where you can pay for and dispense your own beer, hopefully speeding up this process and reducing the need for Staff to 'man the Pumps'.


At today's game and the next home game on 2nd December, we are trialling a system called "App2Tap". The intention here is that you install an App on your phone and this will allow you to order, pay for and dispense your own Pint.

Initially, we will offer this outside for Lager only. We will then gauge the success of this trial and your management Team will decide whether it is worth moving forward with this. Why not give it a try at the next home game.


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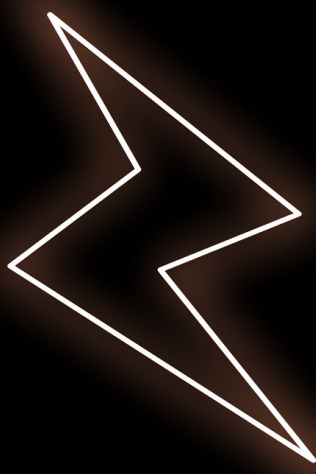
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DAVE'S DIARY



You must admit, there are few things in life better than a good algorithm. No? The RFU think so, because they have introduced a 'Grassroots Team of the Month' award for levels 3 to 12, and the rankings are calculated from the Electronic Match Card data.

"Electronic Match Card allows everything from tries and points scored to best defensive performance and kick percentage record to be viewed for every team from level three to 12."

I find my excitement bubbling over as I scroll down to discover the October men's results. Here they are:

- Levels 3 & 4 Leeds Tykes
- Level 5 Rossendale,
- Level 6 Ludlow
- Level 7 London Scottish Lions,
- Level 8 Redruth 2s
- Levels 9-12 Harbury (a midlands club).

Each team gets a photo and interview prominently displayed on the RFU website, which is a good thing, of course, and living proof that the RFU does give a damn about the community game.

When a 1st XV hooker and an eleven-year-old ball-boy come into contact, there can be only one winner. Or no winner, in this case. The boy fell over and cried, and the hooker has been given a ban. The game was the Championship encounter between Ampthill and Cambridge, and what seems to have happened is this (gleaned from the minutes of the disciplinary hearing)...

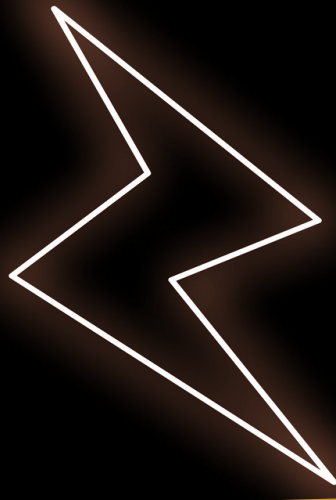
The ball went into touch and the Cambridge 2 approached the boy, who kicked his ball away. There was another ball-boy nearby, so the hooker approached him, but the first boy intervened again, to prevent the Cambridge man from getting that ball either. The hooker pushed the nuisance boy away, he fell over and cried, and that's where we came in.

It does raise a few questions, though. I have considerable experience of eleven-year-old boys – too much! – and I know they can be horrible and brattish, in a group; worse than older teenagers. Put them on their own, in an adult context, and they are almost invariably as good as gold. So what could possibly have possessed this particular boy to behave like this?

I can think of only two possibilities. Either this boy was an unusually horrible specimen; or that the Ampthill club had instructed its ball-boys not to aid the opposition. I suppose it is feasible that



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the boy, wrongly, thought this behaviour was required of him. I have to say, I feel more sympathy for the player, who got a six week ban, than I do for the boy, or for his club.

There is a problem in rugby, compared with other games, in that a ball which goes into touch is still 'live', and that no one (not ball-boys, nor replacement players, nor medical staff) should touch it until the players have had their chance. You would not necessarily expect a youngster to know this, so ball-boys need to be briefed. I would hope that the briefing would include the need to present a dry ball to the hookers of both teams, helpfully, fairly and quickly.

I understand that Steve Kay (SKalpy) is i/c ball-boys at Park Lane, and I have never seen anything other than perfect behaviour from any of them. Long may this continue, our touchline a brat-free zone.

Have a good day today,
Dave



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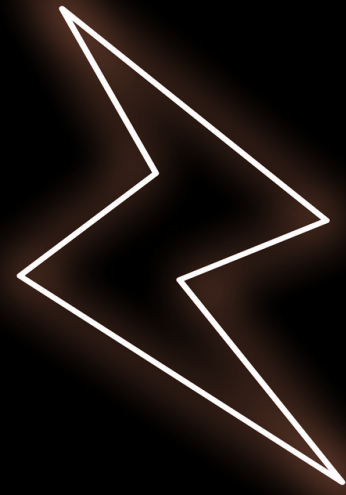
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COACH TALK



Two weeks ago, it was back to league action after a two week break, at home to old rivals Leicester Lions. They, like us, had gained promotion into National League one and had recorded some good wins, especially against top team Rams the week before. Conditions on the day were poor with a very wet, heavy pitch which would make open, fast rugby difficult.

Leicester started strongly putting us under pressure in our half and it was from this that they scored first. A charged down kick gave them a line out close to our line. They kept possession well and touched down under the posts. 0-7 up after just three minutes. We hit back, almost immediately, with a well taken try for hooker Adam Mallinson, after a powerful catch and drive from the forwards. Warren Seales added the conversion to level the scores.

We were playing good, controlled rugby varying play between backs and forwards and it was only unnecessary penalties from us that allowed them to relieve the pressure and give them territory and possession. A sharp line break, from flanker Lewis Bradley, took us up to the Leicester 22. The ball was moved quickly right for No 8 Tom Ailes to burst through and score our second converted try. 14-7 up after 20 minutes and looking to extend the lead.

Another penalty for them took play deep into our 22. They went through a number of phases, building momentum

and eventually scored out wide on the right to reduce the lead to 14-12. At this point we lost fly half Warren Seales to the sin bin for ten minutes but managed to keep them out. Indeed, a lovely penalty from full back Oli Glasse from 38 metres saw us go into the break 17-12.

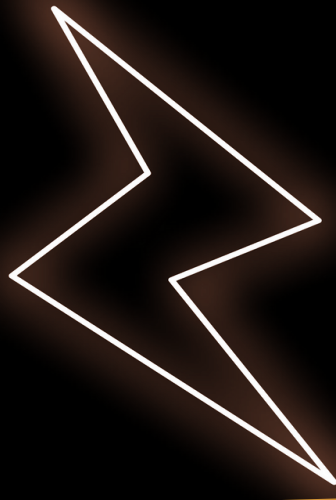
Playing down the hill in the second half, we scored first with a penalty from Warren to give us a bit of breathing space 20-12. Leicester looked to move the ball every time they got possession but our line speed and collisions were immense from all the players, pushing them back 40 metres at a time. They got a penalty on 58 minutes but we replied with another from Warren giving us a 23-15 lead going into the last ten minutes.

Another huge defence set from the Tigers saw the Leicester ball turned over for scrum half Jacob Tansey to dive over in the bottom left hand corner and give us our third try. They did score again deep into injury time but the game ended 28-20 to the Tigers and a well deserved four points and our sixth win of the campaign, putting us into fourth place just two points behind Plymouth and Chinnor in second place and six behind the leaders Rams.

This was a solid performance from all of the squad especially after the two week break. We won the collision battle, our line speed was excellent



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and our game management was spot on against a good team.

Loose head prop Jonny Blanchard was immense and probably deserved MOM. However the day goes to our inspirational captain Matt Riley, who on Saturday played his 424th game for the Tigers. This is the highest for any player in the professional era both here and in France. What an unbelievable achievement !

There is more on this elsewhere in the programme.

Last week, we were away to Darlington Mowden Park in our ninth game of the season. The last time we played them was when we were in National one back in 2015. They had a mixed start to the season but had recorded a good win the previous Saturday against top team Rams, so we knew that this would be a hard, physical contest against a well organised outfit and so it proved to be.

They started well taking the game right to us with powerful surges into our twenty two, keeping possession well and building the phases which tested our defences continually. They scored first with a well worked converted try after seven minutes and we had hardly touched the ball at this point. We did manage to get a penalty which fly half Warren Seales converted but they went further ahead with a penalty and we



Picture courtesy of Glen Hutton

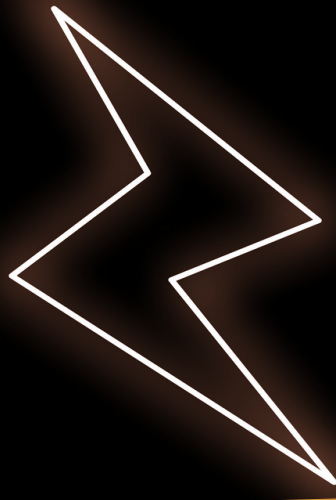
were now 3-10 down and looking to get a foothold in the game with twenty minutes gone.

We started to play with momentum and continuity and a penalty deep in their 22 saw hooker Adam Mallinson drive over. Warren added the conversion and we were now back in the contest 10-10 going into the last fifteen minutes of the half.

We put together some really good passages of play with big second row Oscar Crowe driving through to get us on the front foot. A scrum five metres out saw us drive the home team backwards for no 8 Tom Ailes to touch down and put us in the lead 15-10 going onto the break.



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It was a difficult first half with a lot of indiscipline, which didn't help, especially as we were down to 14 players for ten minutes following a yellow card. Despite this we were pleased with the scoreline but looking to improve and build a score in the second half.

However this was not to be, as Darlington came out with all guns blazing, looking to pressure us every time they had possession. They scored their second try with a lovely handling move wide out on the left to level the scores 15-15.

Another unnecessary penalty by us saw them gain territory and possession deep in our twenty two from which their No 6 dived over giving them a 15-22 lead with fifteen minutes to go.

We received our second yellow card of the afternoon which put more pressure on us and they extended the lead with a penalty to put them 25-15 up with eight minutes to go.

We did get a penalty with the last play of the game which Warren converted but the game ended 25-18 to the home side and well deserved four point win for them.

We did get a losing bonus point but this was a very disappointing performance from the Tigers. We gave away too many penalties, too many poor kicks and poor kick chases meant that we could not get

into the game for large periods and could not stay in the fight. However one relatively poor performance does not make us a bad team. Darlington deserved the win and we have plenty to work on during the week before we play Sale FC at home next Saturday.

This is a big local derby and we are aiming for a much better performance, especially as they had just beaten Rams at home. Please come down and support the Tigers in what should be a great game.

Cheers, Hazz





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SEEDGE MEDIA TEAM

Few words from Vinny Morley



Welcome to Park Lane. Whether you are new to a Tigers game, a returning fan, or a Sale FC 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 will catch Joe's Interviews with Players and Coaches on our Social Media platforms

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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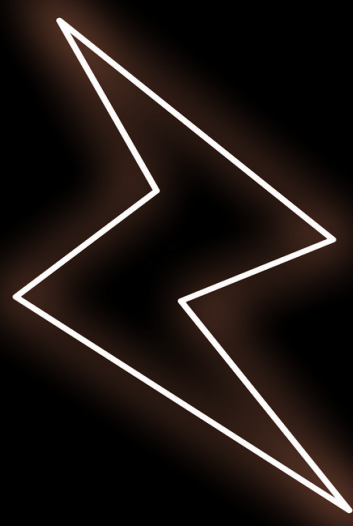
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Lucy // Acting Captain // Ladies Team

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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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NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW

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 pre-season 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.



BLACKHEATH FC

Ground: Well Hall, Kidbrooke Lane, London SE38BU

Colours: Black and Red Hoops

Previous Games: Sincere old friends.

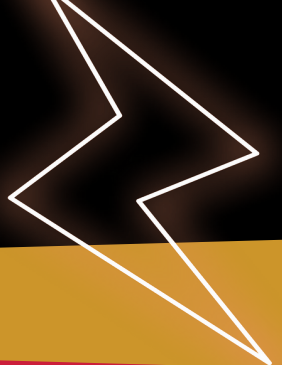
We at Sedge remember well the first encounter with them back in 1998/99 season when we met them in the National Cup. This game put Sedge on the National map and shone a light on our 'rise up' the structures after a great 21-22 victory at 'The Rec'. As hosts they were very warm and welcoming pre-game 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:





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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

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 verified. I blame the G&Ts.

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 13:

Pre-season Games:

Chinnor 67 – 12 Wimbledon:
Cambridge 19 – 33 Chinnor:





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TAUNTON TITANS RFC

Ground: Veritas Park, Hyde Lane,
Bathpool, Taunton: TA2 8BU
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:
PLD26: PTS 57: WIN 9: LOST 17:
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 Exeter 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:



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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 pre-season tournament at Priory Park,

Macclesfield in a 4 x 20-minute match which also included Caldry.

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

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elite club rugby in England here at little

old Park Lane. Here was a not so long-

ago 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.



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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 pre-leagues, 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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That's quite a bit of legacy building. Impressive? You bet.

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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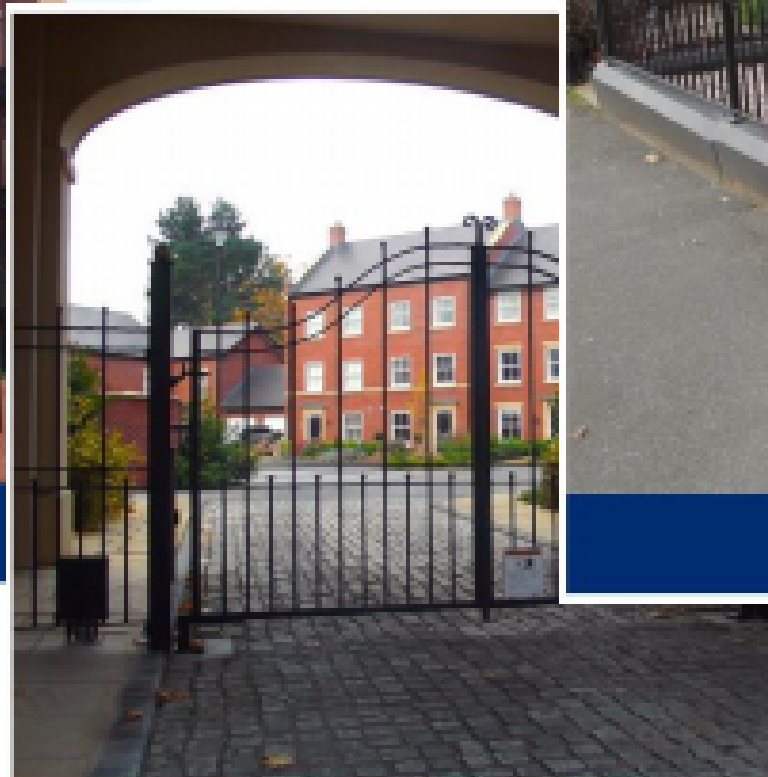
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WEEK NINE, ROUND UP:

Bishop's Stortford	38 (5) – 29 (4)	Taunton Titans
Blackheath	21 (3) – 17 (2)	Richmond
Chinnor	17 (2) – 22 (3)	Plymouth Albion
Cinderford	14 (4) – 34 (5)	Birmingham Moseley
Darlington Mowden Park	25 (3) – 18 (2)	Sedgley Park
Leicester Lions	23 (2) – 32 (4)	Rosslyn Park
Sale FC	15 (0) – 24 (4)	Rams

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Sale FC



Not a single one of the so-called pundits called this result, as Rams have been the outstanding team of the early season with some breathtaking Rugby. Their position at the top of the pile was well deserved and highly merited. With regards to Sale FC, their season has been mixed with just one win from eight before last week's result.

However, if you look closely at Sale results, this win was coming as they have only been narrowly losing games, both home and away.

Remembrance Day saw the league leaders head to Heywood Road to take on a Sale side propping up the league table.

The first quarter of an hour saw both teams testing each others defence with several scrums apiece, but the Dogs took the lead in the 16th minute when Tom Curtis nudged a penalty kick through the posts from 30m. **3-0**

Rams opened their account seven minutes later as they won a 5m lineout and mauled to the line for Max Hayman to crash over; Fraser Honey added the extras. **3-7**

The remainder of the half saw Sale with plenty of possession and territory but the swarming Rams defence held firm until the clock was in the red. The hosts went through phase after phase near the whitewash before Cal Ford surged over for the try.

Half-Time Sale FC 8 – Rams 7

In the 47th minute, Rams second row, Dan Swain, was shown a straight red card for a high tackle and Sale took immediate advantage with a try from skipper, Andy Hughes; Curtis converted. **15-7**

Undaunted by going down to 14, the visitors hit back with a repeat of their opening score, Hayman grabbing his second try of the game and Honey kicking the two. **15-14**



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Rams regained the lead in the 65th minute with a 40m penalty from Honey but the Dogs were back in front four minutes later, Josh Brown the beneficiary of a strong catch and drive; Curtis on target again with the kick **22-17**

Sale put the game to bed in the 78th minute with a superb try from Connor Doherty, the ball having passed through several hands at speed; Curtis made no mistake from the tee.

Full-Time Sale FC 29 – Rams 17

A brilliant game of rugby and a return to form for the Dogs to earn a bonus point win against the high flyers from Berkshire.



Sale come good beating table-topping Rams.

WEEK 7 SUMMARY

Well, it's back to league action this week but what a game changer of a week, week 9 was. It is clear the league is going to be very tight this season. Usually after 8 or so games you can start seeing the runners and riders both for the bottom slots and the important top slots. Not this season, I'm afraid, as it looks like anyone can beat anyone and form means nothing.

Top of the table **Rams** got beat 29-17 by bottom club **Sale FC** with Sale moving off the bottom and Rams dropping to 2nd in the table. **Chinnor** dropped to 3rd in the table after losing 17-22 to **Plymouth Albion**, who move top. **Cinderford** had a big setback losing to **Birmingham Moseley** 14-34 at home. Cinderford drop to 10th and Moseley climb to 5th..

Sedgley Park let a lead slip to lose 25-18 at **Darlington Mowden Park**.

Sedgley Park remain in 4th place and DMP move up to 8th. Last season's relegated Championship team **Richmond** lost away at London rivals **Blackheath** 21-17. Mond drop to ninth and Blackheath move up to 6th place..

Bishop Stortford got back to winning ways with a well-deserved home win over **Taunton Titans**. Bishop remain in 11th place with Taunton one behind them in 12th place.

Finally, **Leicester Lions** lost at home to **Rosslyn Park**. Lions are now at the foot of the table, whilst Rosslyn Park move up to 7th.

As we talked about in previous programmes, everyone is capable of beating everyone in this league. There is not a runaway leader or a rubbing rag. Expect much of the same today.

THIS WEEKS GAMES, WEEK 10

Birmingham Moseley	15:00	Blackheath
Bishop's Stortford	15:00	Chinnor
Rams	15:00	Cinderford
Richmond	15:00	Plymouth Albion
Rosslyn Park	15:00	Darlington Mowden Park
Sedgley Park	14:30	Sale FC
Taunton Titans	15:00	Leicester Lions



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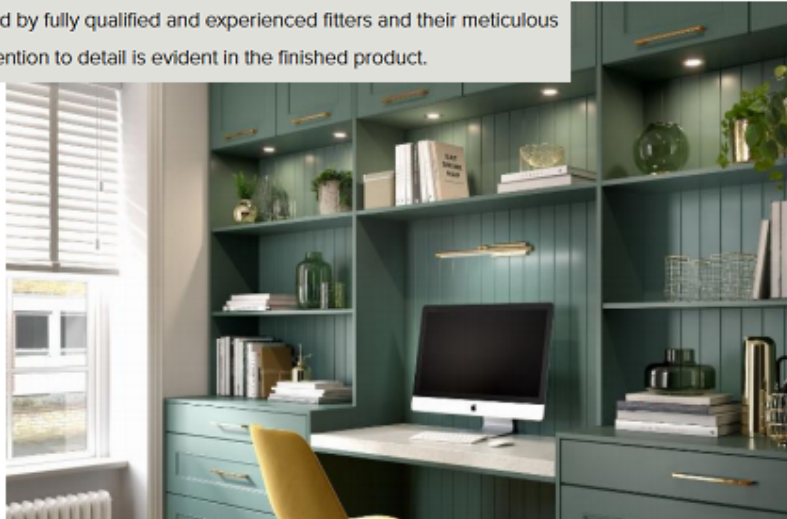
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TRYIT RUGBY



Tryit Rugby is a dynamic rugby business that has forged a successful partnership with Lancashire RFU, with the shared mission of promoting rugby among children and fostering the growth of mini and junior rugby sections. Operating from the premises of Sedgley RUFC, Tryit Rugby has taken on the essential role of aiding in the recruitment efforts for the club's mini and junior rugby section.

One of the cornerstones of Tryit Rugby's approach is its collaboration with the College of Rugby, a strategic partnership aimed at nurturing the development of young coaches. These aspiring coaches undergo specialized training through the College of Rugby, with the ultimate goal of funneling their expertise back into Tryit Rugby's initiatives. This interlinked network ensures a continuous cycle of growth, skill enhancement, and knowledge within the rugby community. Tryit Rugby's multifaceted approach to recruitment encompasses various avenues. The business uses school programs funded by the club or Lancashire RFU, which not only introduces children to rugby but also strengthens ties between local educational institutions and the sport. Moreover, Tryit Rugby's innovative rugby camps and coaching services provide an opportunity for kids to engage with the sport in a fun and instructive environment.

By focusing on both grassroots engagement and coach development, Tryit Rugby is contributing significantly to the expansion of mini and junior rugby sections. Its collaboration with Lancashire RFU and Sedgley RUFC, as well as its partnership with the College of Rugby, showcases the organization's commitment to building a robust rugby ecosystem that benefits young players, coaches, and the sport as a whole. Through its initiatives and dedicated efforts, Tryit Rugby is playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of rugby in Lancashire !






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