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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 new friends from Rosslyn Park, to Park Lane today. After the thrashing we received down at 'The Rock', let's hope we can be a little less hospitable on the pitch today. However, off the pitch, we hope you enjoy your day with us.





FIXTURES 2023-2024

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Round 1 - 02.09.23
Richmond

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Round 2 - 09.09.23
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Round 3 - 16.09.23
RAMS

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Round 4 - 23.09.23
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Round 11 - 25.11.23
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Round 12 - 02.12.23
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Round 13 - 9.12.23
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Round 14 - 16.12.23
Birmingham Moseley

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Round 15 - 13.01.24
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Round 16 - 20.01.24
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Round 17 - 27.01.24
Rosslyn Park

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Round 18 - 10.02.24
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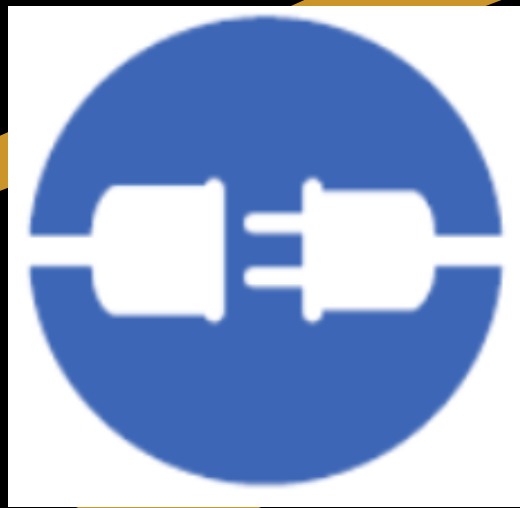
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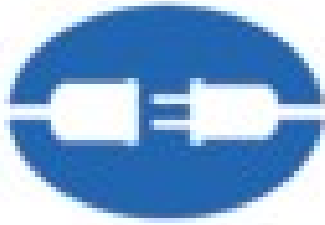
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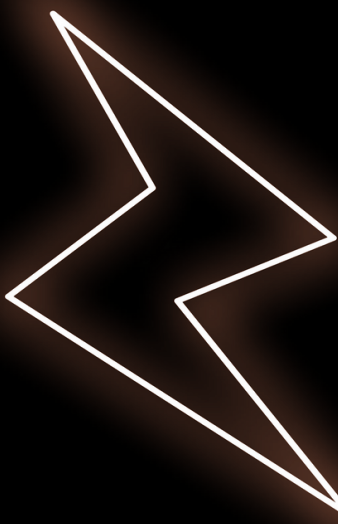


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ROSSLYN PARK



On the Hoof: Jacob Tansey at base, bringing into play Lewis Bradley in our last home game against Blackheath

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

It only seems like yesterday, when on a lovely hot September afternoon last year, we met Rosslyn Park at the Rock. It may have been ten years since we last visited them, but the reception was warm and welcoming and the hospitality excellent. Just as it should be when old friends re-unite. We sincerely extend the same warm welcome to our guests today.

Not many rugby clubs have come to be such an integral institution as Rosslyn Park has to our sport. The mere mention of the club's name automatically makes you think of; the benchmark world sevens tournament and an illustrious who's who list of former internationals. But personally as a youngster, the memory of the wonderful sportsman Andy Ripley, an English International

number 8, a truly inspirational character well ahead of his time sadly taken far too early in life. Rosslyn Park, a club with an illustrious past but still has a major part to play in the future of the game and for all sports for all, right in a heart of the community.

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Here is the bad news. Our final game against Rosslyn Park was earlier this season when we were taken apart by an aggressive 'Park' who romped home with 67-15 win at the 'Rock'. Well worth the win on the day.

Their season so far mimics most of the other clubs outside the top two with a mixture of great away day victories followed by some not so great home defeats. It is the curse of this level, in relation to the standards and the high competition of the league, which makes this the most entertaining league in the rugby structure.

Their efforts against the top three clubs have been impressive. A good early home victory against Plymouth Albion and some very close games against

Rams and Chinnor, including the one that got away last weekend, when Rams nicked victory from Park on the last play of the game. Great effort though.

Anyway, that's your lot for Rosslyn Park here, If you want to find out more on today's visitors with regards to The season so far, Playing statistics, Ones to watch, and Previous games against Rosslyn Park, you will find all this and more in the article 'Spotlight on Rosslyn Park later in this on line programme. OK so let's talk Sedgely Park.



Reaching for the sky. Oscar Crowe under great pressure does enough to retain the ball against Rams recently.



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ROSSLYN PARK

On the road with Sedge

It's been a tough old start to the 2024 for the Claret and Gold as our first three games of the year has seen a return on those games of two defeats and one postponement. The first of those games was the home defeat at the hands of Blackheath when they came to Park Lane with a well-crafted game plan. They executed this brilliantly nullifying our natural game then going tactical through their fly half, Tom Ffitch, who gave an impressive man of match performance.

Our last game was on the road, and a first time visit to Old Bath Road, the home of Rams Rugby. On the day it was top versus fourth in the league. In the first game at Park Lane, Sedge lost a very tight affair. The scoreline did flatter the visitors a tad, but you would be very one eyed to think the final result, 20-41 to Rams was not merited. It was merited, and Rams have since laid out the competitive test to the rest of the league for the standards required, setting the levels of intensity and focus over the whole 80 minutes needed.

With the above in mind Sedge started brightly and had an early chance to take the lead, Warren Seals pushing a 40-metre penalty wide after Rams were penalised for going off-side, having grabbed an interception from the back of a line-out. In these opening phases it was a nip and tuck type of game.

However, as the game headed to the end of the first quarter Rams gradually built into the game, especially at scrum-time,

and they took a deserved lead when hooker Max Hayman burrowed over at the back of a maul on 14 minutes. The conversion was added by Fraser Honey.

The game went back to an attritional attack-defend-attack by both sides. Finally the deadlock was broken again on 33 minutes, as blind-side flanker Micheal Hoyt broke the Tigers defence then undertaking a majestic back-of-the-hand pass to send the supporting player racing down the right. Hoyt was then on hand to take the return pass before diving under the posts for a converted second try.

HALF-TIME

Rams 14 – Sedgley Park 0

The second half started as the first half ended with Sedge giving as good as they got as the game went back to a nip-and-tuck affair. Sadly, on 55 minutes captain Matt Riley was yellow carded for a high tackle. You would have thought the flood gates would open, but Sedge regrouped and repelled Rams attacks whilst still taking the game back to Rams.

After digging in for ten minutes and on Matt Riley's return from the naughty step, a bizarre series of Sedgley alleged ill-discipline set out the ultimate outcome of the game. On 65 minutes following an earlier team warning, Tigers number eight, Tom Ailes was sin-binned because of



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successive penalties in the Tigers' 22. Rams could now taste blood as wave after wave of driving mauls hit the Tigers line. A penalty try was awarded to Rams on 66 minutes when tight-head prop, Danny Rylance brought down a surging maul heading towards the line and a potential try.

So down to thirteen, and well into the final quarter Sedge had it all to do. Hanging on was the obvious watch word. An underpowered scrum, even on our ball was not the option Sedgley wanted at this point of the game, however after forcing an error on Rams just outside our 22 a scrum was awarded in our favour. Even with fringe numbers making up the pack you are dammed if you do and dammed if you don't commit, meaning supporting the underpowered pack, which you must do. Sadly with lack of weight and experience in the pack and once doing so leaving numbers very short in defence if you should lose the scrum it becomes a mad scramble to get the ball away or you lose it against the head. It is a poisoned chalice.

No prizes for what happen next. Rams winning the scrum against the head stormed into our 22 with very little cover defence Ollie Monye broke through and dotted down between the posts for Rams bonus point and converted try on 71 minutes.

Once restored back our full complement of fifteen, Sedge did make progress and did find opportunity and in the 77 minute when replacement loose-head prop Austin Downham's went over for

Sedgley's late consolation try. It was converted by Warren Seals.

FULL-TIME

Rams 28 – Sedgley Park 7

Once again well played Rams.

Words from 'The Mighty'

Elsewhere in this online programme, Mr Morton in his wonderful article 'Dave's Diary' brings us up to speed with the endeavours of all our mini and junior sections and the incredible journey our colts are currently on.

In this last section I would like to remind us on the exploits of our second team 'The Mighty' two's who are currently in second place behind Caldys twos in the Northwest Intermediate Premier League.

With Caldys running away with the league having won fifteen from fifteen games, 'The Mighty' captain Alex Bembattouche, has been driving the team in the chase for top spot and maintaining second place in a highly competitive league. Chasing Caldys might be a tough ask but with three games in hand at least we can at least make it awkward for them.



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The twos are currently on 62 points from 12 games having won 9, lost 2 and drawn 1. They have amassed 530 points with 204 against giving them a positive 326 advantage.

The two defeats have come recently, and both were away games. The first against Fylde losing 40–19, on the last fixture of the year, and recently against Preston Grasshoppers in a very close game indeed, losing 29–26. The good news is, like all second teams should do, they interchange smoothly with the first team and support the club. When this has happened, the lads have stepped up and performed very well indeed as we have all seen first-hand.

I am sure like most good teams they will take defeat in their stride, learn from it and move on. Their next fixture is one we all like to see at Park Lane and it's a very good way of consigning those two losses to history as we welcome Caldy second team in a first verses second encounter.



Leading by example, captain Alex Bembattouche

This game is usually a terrific contest and is always well attended so make sure you put the date into your diary Friday the 9th of February, kick of 19–30 (please check beforehand).

What a way to start your weekend.

Come on The Mighty

... and finally

You may be wondering why on the official table at the pre match meal today there is something on this table that is not on the one you maybe on. No, it's not a bunch of old blokes in bizarrely coloured ties or blazers. No not all. You may note that Rosslyn Park have made a request (a rider) of having a pre-starter, starter of a single tangerine. I know! It must be a southern, London-centric thing!!!!. We must thank our friends from Blackheath Rugby who reminded us to ensure we provide this addition to the to the starter. On behalf of Rosslyn Park, all I can say is with friends like that from Blackheath who needs enemies.

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
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CHARITY DAY

ANDYSMANCLUB



Today's home game is our 2nd Charity Day of the Season, in aid of Andy's Man Club a men's mental health charity.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ROSSLYN PARK



In the ascendancy. Park climbing high and beating highly fancied Birmingham Moseley at Billesley Common recently.

The story so far

No strangers to this level, having played most of their league fixtures at this status. When league rugby began, they were placed at the very top of the game to match the illustrious history of the club.

This season mimics most of the other clubs outside the top two with a mixture of great away day victories followed by some not so great home games. It is the curse of this level of the standards and the high competition in the league which makes this the most entertaining league in the rugby structure. There real big day when Park turned it on, was

unfortunately against Sedge at the Rock.

There efforts against the top three have been impressive. A good early home victory against Plymouth Albion and some very close games against Rams and Chinnor, including the one that got away last weekend when Rams nicked victory from Park in the last play of the game. Great effort.

The previous week was a great last minute single point victory away to Birmingham Moseley which is no mean feat, and this shows the capability of this Rosslyn Park outfit. In the last six games its 3 wins and 3 losses with a mix of away and home. Looking at their form Park do travel well, and you can expect a high tempo aggressive attack from them here today at Park Lane. Given that's how Sedge like to play, my prediction is: a classic game ahead. Enjoy

LAST SIX RESULTS

Rosslyn Park	17 – 21	Rams	(LOST)
Birmingham Moseley	32 - 33	Rosslyn Park	(WON)
Rosslyn Park	18 - 22	Richmond	(LOST)
Blackheath	0 - 15	Rosslyn Park	(WON)
Rosslyn Park	42 - 29	Cinderford	(WON)
Sale FC	45 - 12	Rosslyn Park	(LOST)



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Crossing the line: Try Time for Rosslyn Park in the first game against Sedge earlier in the season.

CURRENT LEAGUE STATISTICS

League Position:	5 th
Total Points:	34
Played:	16
Games Won:	9
Drawn Games:	0
Games Lost:	7
Home Wins:	5
Home Draws:	0
Home Defeats:	4
Away Wins:	4
Away Draws:	0
Away defeats:	3
Points for:	469
Points against:	419
Points aggregate:	50
4-point bonus points:	8
Losing bonus points:	3

NEXT 6 GAMES

27-01-24: Sedgley Park 14:30 Rosslyn Park

09-02-24: Chinnor 19:45 Rosslyn Park

17-02-24: Rosslyn Park 15:00 Taunton Titans

24-02-24: Bishop's Stortford 15:00 Rosslyn Park

09-02-24: Rosslyn Park 14:00 Leicester Lions

16-02-24: Darlington Mowden Park 15:00 Rosslyn Park



SPOTLIGHT ON ROSSLYN PARK

Ones to watch

Top Try Scorers

Charles Walker, Winger : 17 Tries: 85 Points
 Ben Marfo, Winger : 10 Tries 50 Points
 Joshua Amadi, Winger: 4 Tries 20 Points

Top Points Scorer

Joshua Bragman, Fly Half: 82Points



Joshua Bragman



Charles Walker



JaBen Marfo



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Previous games against Club

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as we did back then (No social media instant updates then) to give a quick match review to pass around the club. Rest assured there was no showboating on my behalf as I retold the events of the day to the club, to my surprise and mid conversation, I was approached and stopped from my updating duties by female Rosslyn Park member who informed me very sternly "This is Rosslyn Park, you were very lucky today, at least win with some humility". Staggered with that statement having won 13-39, I was well and truly told and put on the naughty step. We finished third that season with Rosslyn Park unfortunately getting relegated to Level 4.



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Aggregated Scores

Sedgley Park 26

Rosslyn Park 29

OK so in the final analysis seven wins in eleven league games all at Level 3 is a very good return from the fixture, but we have lost the last 3 which is not a great statistic. However, if the aggregated scores over the seasons are an indicator for this weekends game, we are all in for a great treat in what will be a classic, a cracker of a game.

That's it for putting our visitors today under the spotlight. So, let's get onto the game which looking at the form of both sides should be a nail biter.

I can't wait.

All the best,

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PREVIOUS RESULTS AGAINST ROSSLYN PARK

National League 2, Level 3

2001-02	Rosslyn Park	13- 39	Sedgley Park	(WON)
	Sedgley Park	26-19	Rosslyn Park	(WON)
2003-04	Rosslyn Park	25-35	Sedgley Park	(WON)
	Sedgley Park	30-27	Rosslyn Park	(WON)

National League 1, Level 3

2010-11	Sedgley Park	25-24	Rosslyn Park	(WON)
	Rosslyn Park	22-23	Sedgley Park	(WON)
2011-12	Rosslyn Park	40-18	Sedgley Park	(LOST)
	Sedgley Park	30-29	Rosslyn Park	(WON)
2012-13	Rosslyn Park	20-14	Sedgley Park	(LOST)
	Sedgley Park	24-37	Rosslyn Park	(LOST)
2023-24	Rosslyn Park	67-15	Sedgley Park	(LOST)



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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, Rosslyn Park, who are making their first visit to Park Lane for 10 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 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 wore special sponsored shirts today and all these shirts. We raised in excess of £1500. A great effort by all those involved.

Today is our 2nd Charity Day on behalf of Andy's Man Club, a Men's Mental Health Charity. AMC are a men's suicide prevention charity, offering free-to-attend peer-to-peer support groups across the United Kingdom and online. We want to end the stigma surrounding men's mental health and help men through the power of conversation.

All the Players shirts have been sponsored today and we are again aiming to raise £1500 for this worthwhile charity.

They will be running collections and a tombola, so please dig deep.

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.

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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 9 wins out of 15 leaving us in 6th place in the league. We have really the season so far with the 1st XV, going to many new grounds. Rosslyn Park, our opponents today, lie one place above us in 5th.

It has also been a good start to the Season for the 2s. The 2nd XV sit 2nd in the Nowirul Premiership, having won 9, drawn 1 and lost



THE CHAIRMAN



2 of their games, playing the exciting brand of rugby we have come to expect from the 1st XV.

We are 27 points behind leaders Caldy, but have 3 games in hand and Caldy have yet to come to Park Lane.

The 2s have no game today, but the big game against Caldy is on Friday 9th February, at Park Lane.

It has been a little harder for the 3rd XV, with 3 wins out of 11 games, leaving them in 9th 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 have increased our Youth Players by more than 70 this season, with nearly 300 kids playing rugby.

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.





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.

Our next major event is our 6th Annual Adult Pantomime. This year we are doing Peter Pants, our take on the popular childrens book.

Saturday is nearly Sold Out, but Tickets are available for the other 2 nights (1st and 2nd February) on our Website at www.sedgley-tigers.com/events/

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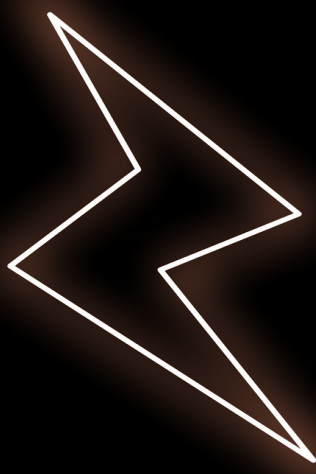
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DAVE'S DIARY



It has been my pleasure to watch our Colts side a couple of times recently, and two very good games I chose. In a league match, on the pitches over the road, we played Winnington Park and just beat them, 27-19. Winnington's big, powerful backs were always dangerous, and capable of scoring long-range tries, but Sedgley were perhaps the more skilful team overall. It really was a fine advertisement for the Colts game, with lots of old fashioned 'rugby values' for an old codger to enjoy, and all played full on, and at pace, as Colts' rugby should be.

We lost 7-0 at Vale of Lune last Sunday, so we will finish the regular season either second (behind Caldy) or more likely third, with Sandbach – another strong team – having a game in hand over us. The season will conclude with league cup matches.

We had use of the main pitch for the visit of Waterloo in a Lancashire

Trophy match; not, unfortunately, for the Cup, as both teams had suffered first round knock-outs.

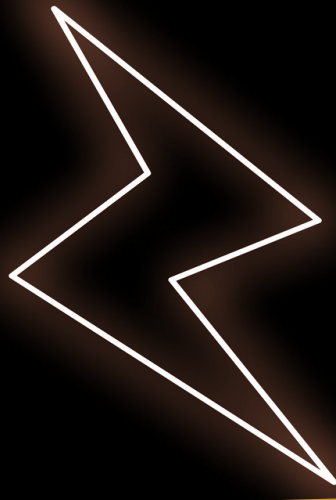
There was nothing second rate about the match. Waterloo's mature team dominated much of it, but Sedgley's defence, plus the ability to strike when given the chance, brought us a 24-22 win. We will play Orrell at Park Lane in the next round on March 3rd.

I took photographs at the two home games. The low sun made it tricky for the Winnington Park match, but I am pleased with the Waterloo ones. Always improve, onward and ever upward!





DAVE'S DIARY



I have hugely enjoyed watching rugby on television of late. The newly structured Investec European Cup has been outstanding, and the English Premiership teams have done better than many thought they would, and better than they said they would, whilst complaining about salary caps and the sheer unfairness of it all.

Under the new format, teams can: QH (qualify with a home draw), or QA (qualify, but playing away) or REL (be relegated to the Challenge Cup), or EL (be eliminated).

Pool 1 Saracens QA and Bristol EL

Pool 2 Harlequins QH and Bath QA are

IPool 3 Northampton QH and Exeter QH

Pool 4 Leicester QA and Sale REL

So six English teams are through, three with home ties in the last 16, and three away.

The super-rich French clubs have performed less well. Bordeaux Bègles and Toulouse are through with home ties; Lyon, Racing 92 and La Rochelle are through to the 16, but will play away, when the competition resumes on the weekend of April 5th.

Before that, we have the Six Nations to enjoy. If any game in that competition comes close to Toulouse v Bath, it will be a pleasant surprise. Top-level sport should be an expression of youthful joy, and the boring, boring England of recent years has been anything but that.

Anyway, enjoy the game today.

Dave

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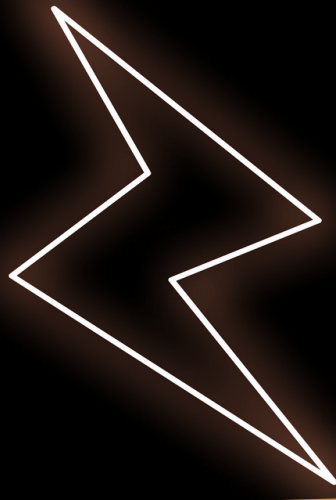
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COACH TALK



We were at home, after the Xmas break, to London team, Blackheath. This was a rearranged fixture from earlier in December, which was postponed because of the bad weather.

They had a mixed first half to the season lying mid table but a big, well-drilled team who had some notable victories and had only lost games by a few points in all the games they had played.

We were looking to build on our recent good performances looking for a good start to the New Year.

We started well looking to gain territory and build phases in their half. Our set piece was good with a solid scrum and an accurate lineout which allowed us to launch our attack plays. A sharp line break by fly half Warren Seales saw the ball moved quickly to centre Nathan Pope who kicked through for winger Andy Riley to sprint and gather and score in the top left hand corner. 5-0 up after 5 mins.

They hit back with a penalty 4 minutes later followed up with a well worked catch and drive try from their big forwards to put them back in the lead 5-8 with only twelve minutes gone.

Exchanges were fairly even with both teams looking to break down the opposition defences and a powerful drive by the Tigers forwards deep in the Blackheath 22 saw the ball moved through a number of phase for flanker Oli Leatherbarrow crash over under the



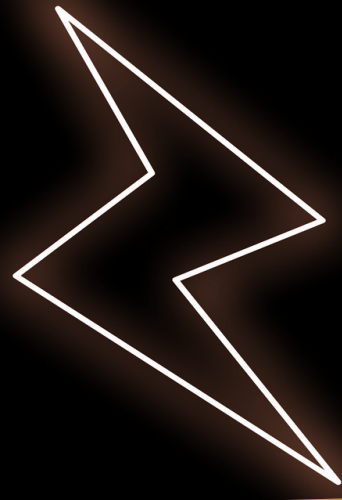
posts. Warren added the conversion and we were now back in the lead 12-8 going into the last twenty minutes of the half.

Blackheath looked to build their score at every opportunity and a long range penalty from 45 metres out put them back in the game 12-11. Then, a little chip over on the half hour should have been gathered by the Tigers cover defence but indecision saw them collect and score under the posts. They went into the break with a well deserved 12-18 lead.





COACH TALK



We should have scored more points in this first half but their defence was solid and we turned over too much possession, which was very frustrating. The second half saw both teams cancelling each other out and it was the visitors who went further ahead with another well taken penalty on 51 minutes. We also had chances to build our score through penalties but opted to go for line out possession which was repelled each time by the visitors.

We did score our third try with a well worked try for hooker Adam Mallinson after a good catch and drive by the forwards in the 76th minute but Blackheath added another penalty with two minutes to go and the game ended 17-24 to the visitors and a well deserved victory.

We did get a losing bonus point but this was an extremely disappointing performance from the Tigers. We did not win the collision battle, we turned over too much first phase possession and we should have taken points when we were in their 22. We had to learn from this as we now had two away games with Chinnor and Rams who are 1st and 2nd in the league. The Chinnor game fell foul to the weather, but more on the Rams game next.

On a positive note young full back Charlie Wardle had a solid game in his debut for the Tigers.

Well done Charlie.

Last Saturday we were on the road away to Rams in Reading. They were lying second in the league having only lost three games all season and had beaten us earlier in September at home by 21-40.

We knew that this would be a massive challenge against a team who had very impressive record in National One and only missed out on promotion in the previous two seasons. We were looking for a big reaction after the disappointment of the home loss to Blackheath the Saturday before and were hoping for a solid performance.

We started well looking to build phases within their half and had the chance to score first with a penalty after three minutes but unfortunately could not convert it. Our line outs were accurate and gave us a good platform to launch our strike plays but Rams defended really well and kept us out. Also they were awarded a number of scrum penalties that enabled them to relieve pressure and gain territory in our half. It was from one of these penalties that they scored their first try with a well worked catch and drive from their forwards. 0-7 up after fifteen minutes.

We looked to take the game to them at every opportunity, varying play with good inter play between forwards and backs but again the home team were awarded penalty after penalty which gave them possession and territory.

COACH TALK



They went further ahead with a well worked second try for their dynamic flanker after a sharp line break out wide and they went into the half time break 0-14 up and looking very strong. This was a frustrating half for the Tigers because we had created a number of good chances but the penalty count against us meant that we could not get any momentum or continuity. We were confident that we could get back in the game in the second half if we looked after the ball, cut out the mistakes and keep the penalties down.

However a yellow card for our captain Matt Riley on 50 minutes meant we were down to fourteen players. Rams continued to pressure our defences at every opportunity but we managed to keep them out during this time. Another yellow card for our No 8. Tom Ailes after 66 minutes made the things difficult and it was during this period that the referee awarded them a penalty try which extended their lead to 0-21 going into the last fifteen minutes.

Our tight head prop Danny Rylance was also given a yellow card and we were

now down to thirteen men and looking to play catch up rugby every time we managed to get possession. They scored their fourth and bonus point try after 72 minutes and the win was secure for the home team.

We did manage to get on the scoreboard with a nice try from substitute prop Ozzie Donham in the 79th minute, but the day belonged to the home team with a 7-28 win and a bonus point win.

This was an extremely disappointing loss for the Tigers and not a great start to the New Year with two consecutive defeats.

On the day the three yellow cards and the sixteen penalties against us made the task almost impossible and this is something that must be rectified before we go again this Saturday when we are at home to Rosslyn Park.

The effort and endeavour of the Tigers players on the day cannot be questioned and we must be positive. We

lost badly to Rosslyn Park, away, earlier in the season but this is a much different challenge and we have prepared well during the week and we will be ready.

Cheers, Hazz



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WEEK 16 ROUND UP:

Rosslyn Park 17 (1) – 21 (4) Rams

Taunton Titans 15 (0) – 34 (5) Birmingham Moseley



Leaving it late. Rams steamrolled back to the top of the table with a last gasp try against Rosslyn Park last week.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Rams Rugby



National League One has become a great advert for the game and week on week the fixtures produce exceptional stories with some incredible results. Even though most of the league fixtures were postponed last week due to the weather the two fixtures that did take place were exceptional games. It has to be Rams for team of the week as they played in must see the game of the week against today's visitors to Park Lane, Rosslyn Park. What a game, what a result, what a team Rams are turning out to be.

With only two games being played last Saturday, thankfully, the standout match up before all the mass postponements saw in form **Rosslyn Park** taking on second placed **Rams** at Park's 'the Rock' ground. We know from first-hand experience what that task is like after suffering our heaviest defeat in many seasons, earlier is the season.

Park were quickly on the front foot taking a great deal of momentum from their previous weeks away day victory against another form team Birmingham Moseley. This game was always going to be a tight game. Rams have not been at the top of the table with Chinnor for so long for no reason and they would go on to show their durability, determination, and downright tenacity to not give in regardless of the situation. They would show these attributes in spades again that day.

However, it was Park who were the first break the deadlock when on 7 minutes when under pressure in their own 22, Park managed to intercept a pass and develop play through a series of good handling and excellent support play resulting in second row Craig Stevenson over for the first try. The game went back to a cat and mouse affair; however the advantage soon went with the home side as indiscipline from Rams saw their numbers reduce to 14 when a yellow card was awarded against Henry Bird.



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This gave Park the opportunity to dominate proceedings and just before half-time outside centre Tom Staton in at the corner.

HALF-TIME

Rosslyn Park 10

Rams 0

After the interval Park ramped up the pressure forcing mistakes and a knock on against Rams was followed up on advantage with a hack ahead and a foot race with only one winner for the prize as Parks winger Benji Marfo went over for a converted try.

With just over 30 minutes left on the clock, Rams had to find the focus and will to turn the tide. In their ranks they have one of the league's biggest and consistent try scorers in the shape of hooker Max Hayman and once again, getting him in the crucial areas at the base of a driving maul would bring the best from Rams. So, on 55 minutes, following some progressive play from Rams that set up a trundling maul, he barged over the line for the first try for Rams converted by Fraser Honey.

Park prodded and probed the Rams line looking for a breakthrough, but the visitors' blood was up. They held firm in defence but as the game moved into the last quarter and with wave after wave coming at Park something had to give, and it did when in the 68th minute Rams winger Zachary Clow went over for another converted try. Pressure on!

With three points in the game for the draw Rams were greedy for more and in the last minute of the game it was that man again Max Hayman in a carbon copy try to take the game. Fraser Honey kicked the extras.

If Rams do win the league this year they will look back on this game as being a vital victory.

FULL-TIME

Rosslyn Park 17

Rams 21

ROSSLYN PARK

Tries: Stevenson (7'), Stanton (37'), Marfo (44')

Conversions: Bragman (45')

Team: 15: Smith, 14: Walker, 13: Stanton, 12: Gordon, 11: Marfo, 10: Bragman, 9: Fenley, 1: Cade, 2: Cameron, 3: Hay, 4: Stevenson, 5: Spencer, 6: Martin, 7: Hosking, 8: Bolwell, Replacements: 16: Miller, 17: Pieterse, 18: Garvey, 19: Hiscocks, 20: Trimble

RAMS

Tries: Hayman (55', 80'), Clow (68')

Conversions: Honey (56', 70', 80')

Team: 15: Makepeace-Cubitt, 14: Bird, 13: Kalling Smith, 12: Humberstone, 11: Clow, 10: Honey, 9: Hoadley, 1: Marris, 2: Hayman, 3: Baker, 4: Stapley (C), 5: Swain, 6: Hoyt, 7: Atkins, 8: Stapley (R) Replacements: 16: Scott, 17: Englezos, 18: McRae, 19: Monye, 20: Grundy



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On the front Foot. Rams on their way to the second try of the game against Rosslyn Park FC

In the only other game from last weekend **Birmingham Moseley** travelled west to **Taunton Titans** who have troubled the top teams at Veritas Park the Home of Titans. A three try blast in each half from Moseley the red-hot form side in the league which soon put paid to a very useful Titans outfit.

Fourth placed Birmingham Mossley are at home to eleventh placed **Bishops Stortford** whilst Taunton Titans in thirteenth, have the unenviable task of going to top of the table Rams.

GAME OF THE WEEK

**Sedgley Park v
Rosslyn Park, 14:30**



I know it seems a very 'one eyed' view to suggest the game of the week should be the one happening here at Park Lane today, but I strongly believe it is. We have two sides on show who play a fast quick aggressive running game supplemented by aggressive defence.

Sedge will be wanting to scourge the first meeting earlier in the season against Rosslyn Park completely out of the collective memory whereas Rosslyn Park will be keen to inflict the same pain to keep up their upwardly trajectory in the league. Lots at stake with Rosslyn Park in fifth place on 47 points whilst Sedge just behind them in sixth on 44 points but with a game in hand. A tasty contest awaits methinks.

THIS WEEKS GAMES, WEEK 17

Cinderford 14:30 Chinnor

Sedgley Park 14:30 Rosslyn Park

Birmingham Moseley 15:00 Bishop's Stortford

Blackheath 15:00 Sale FC

Plymouth Albion 15:00 Darlington

Mowden Park

Rams 15:00 Taunton Titans

Richmond 15:00 Leicester Lions



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NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 'HOTSHOTS'

Top Try Scorers

Charles Walker, Rosslyn Park, Wing	17 Tries, 85 Points
Max Hayman, Rams Rugby, Hooker	16 Tries: 80 Points
Alun Walker, Chinnor, Hooker	14 Tries: 70 Points
Morgan Passman, Chinnor, Centre	11 Tries: 55 Points
Harry Yates, Darlington MP, Centre	11 Tries, 55 Points
Charlie Wright, Taunton Titans, Back Row	11 Tries: 55 Points
Alexander Post, Richmond, Hooker	11 Tries: 55 Points
Aquile Smith, Birmingham Moseley, Wing	11 Tries: 55 Points
Sam Daly, Plymouth Albion, No.8	10 Tries: 50 Points



Noah Fenton,
Taunton Titans,
Wing

19 Tries: 95 Points

Top Points Scorers

Tighe Maxwell-Whiteley, Birmingham, Fly Half	121 Points
Daniel Lewis, Leicester Lions, Fly Half	116 Points
Joe Winfield, Cinderford, Fly Half	116 Points
Fraser Honey, Rams, Fly Half	106 Points
James Bourton, Chinnor, Fly Half	93 Points
Francis Diaz Dart, Taunton Titans, Fly Half	86 Points
Thomas Putt, Plymouth Albion, Full Back	86 Points
Joshua Bragman, Rosslyn Park, Fly half	82 Points
Joshua Ree, Darlington Mowden Park, Fly Half	82 Points



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Sedgley Park

Fly Half

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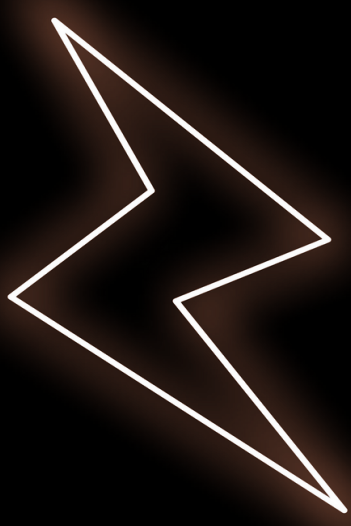
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Amidst the rolling hills of Sedgley Park, a team of strong and spirited women are preparing for a remarkable journey. With the upcoming season in the Inner Warrior League on the horizon, the Sedgley Park Ladies Team is extending an open invitation 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.





SEDGLEY 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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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.



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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:
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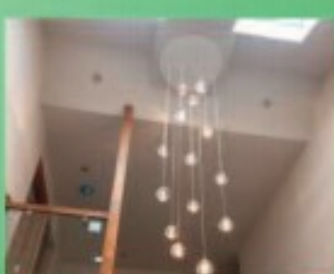
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TAUNTON TITANS RFC

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.
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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 Caldý.

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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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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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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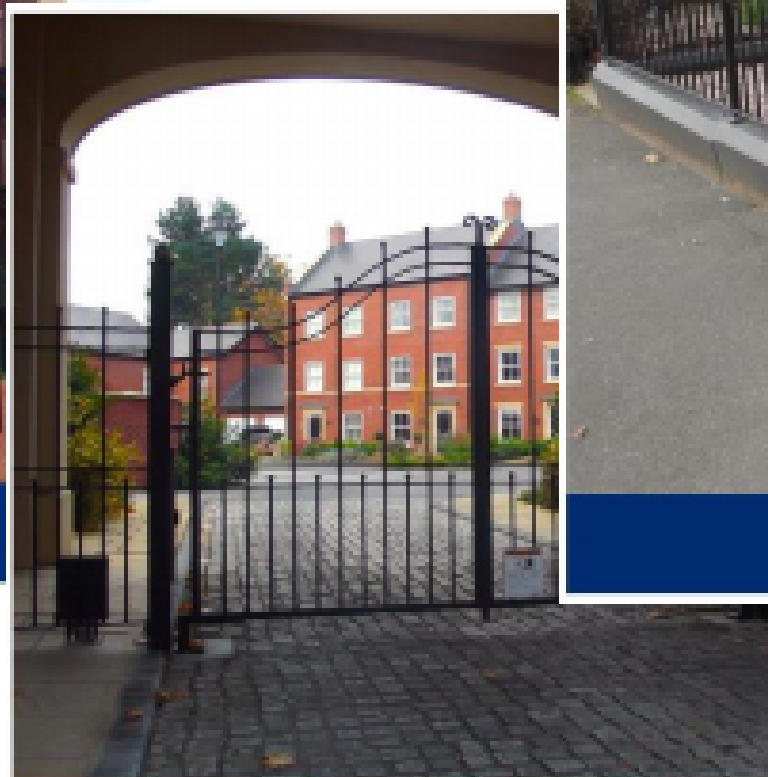
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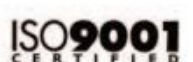
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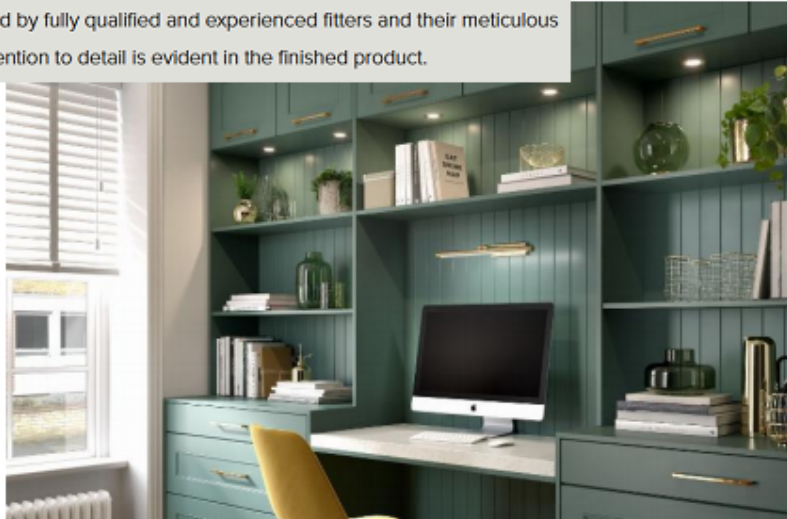
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