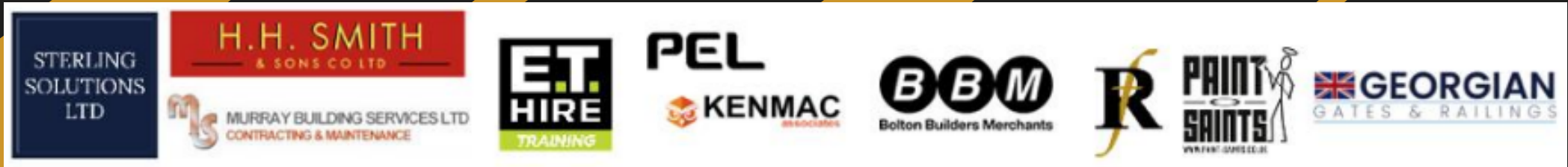




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On behalf of all the committee and all the playing and support staff, it is a privilege to welcome everyone, including our old friends from the North East, Darlington Mowden Park. This is their first visit to Park Lane, for a few years, so we hope you enjoy your day with us today.







# FIXTURES 2023-2024

## NATIONAL 1

**H**

**Round 1 - 02.09.23**  
**Richmond**

**A**

**Round 2 - 09.09.23**  
**Birmingham Moseley**

**H**

**Round 3 - 16.09.23**  
**RAMS**

**H**

**Round 4 - 23.09.23**  
**Chinnor**

**A**

**Round 5 - 30.09.23**  
**Rosslyn Park**

**H**

**Round 6 - 07.10.23**  
**Taunton**

**A**

**Round 7 - 14.10.23**  
**Bishop Stortford**

**H**

**Round 8 - 04.11.23**  
**Leicester Lions**

**A**

**Round 9 - 11.11.23**  
**Darlington MP**

**H**

**Round 10 - 18.11.23**  
**Sale FC**

**A**

**Round 11 - 25.11.23**  
**Cinderford**

**H**

**Round 12 - 02.12.23**  
**Blackheath**

**A**

**Round 13 - 9.12.23**  
**Plymouth Albion**

**H**

**Round 14 - 16.12.23**  
**Birmingham Moseley**

**A**

**Round 15 - 13.01.24**  
**RAMS**

**A**

**Round 16 - 20.01.24**  
**Chinnor**

**H**

**Round 17 - 27.01.24**  
**Rosslyn Park**

**A**

**Round 18 - 10.02.24**  
**Taunton**

**H**

**Round 19 - 17.02.24**  
**Bishop Stortford**

**A**

**Round 20 - 24.02.24**  
**Leicester Lions**

**H**

**Round 21 - 09.03.24**  
**Darlington. MP**

**A**

**Round 22 - 16.03.24**  
**Sale FC**

**H**

**Round 23 - 23.03.24**  
**Cinderford**

**A**

**Round 24 - 06.04.24**  
**Blackheath**

**H**

**Round 25 - 13.24.24**  
**Plymouth Albion**

**A**

**Round 26 - 27.04.24**  
**Richmond**

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On behalf of the committee and all the playing and support staff it's a privilege to welcome everyone, especially our very old friends from the North East, Darlington Mowden Park, to Park Lane today. Welcome one and all.

It's been some time since we last saw DMP here at Park Lane. Our last league match encounter against them at Park Lane was back in 2013. That game, back in the day, ended 23-21 in Sedge's favour. It was one of the best games of hard running rugby I have seen at Park Lane. DMP were excellent that season and were promoted to National League One. They have been ever present since at that level.

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We, at the time, were in full flight ourselves, but we came down to earth with our first bump in the road after highly entertaining but bruising encounter at the Darlington Arena losing



Warren Seals Flying high in defensive duties in our last home game against Bishops Stortford.

25-18. Then they were tenth and we were fourth and as you can see by the change in positions, they are now seventh chasing the top pack whilst we find ourselves in ninth place.

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defeat for DMP was no disgrace.

In the six-game run the away victory at the home of fifth place Albion must have been a great win and an enjoyable journey home.

Our first ever game against DMP was in fact a 4th round National Cup game in November 1999. The game was coined 'The battle of Park Lane' not so much for exploits with the ball but it had passion lets say that. DMP were good for the points on the day winning 23-25.

It's very tempting to predict the game ahead but looking at previous fixtures against DMP past and present as there has only been just four games, with three wins for our visitors but all four games have had only the narrowest of margins between the fixtures. The best or biggest margin being this season match up of just seven points. The rest of being won on a margin of two points. If nothing else the stats set us up well for classic game today.

Anyway, that's your lot for Darlington Mowden 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 Darlington Mowden Park, you will find all this and more in the article 'Spotlight on Darlington Mowden Park' later in this on line programme.

OK so let's talk Sedgley Park.



Ollie Glasse and Mark Goodman stemming the tide from Bishop's Stortford recently.

## On the road with Sedge

Needless to say, it's been a very hard start for 2024 for Sedge, with just one drawn game to show for our efforts. Last time out it was the 'big cat derby' Lions v Tigers, which has been a very tough fixture in recent times. This last fixture was in the same mould, as the home team took a big first half advantage with two converted tries and penalty to take a 17 - 0 halftime lead.

Two more tries followed in the first ten minutes of the second half as Lions killed the match as a contest before the fiftieth minute. Sedgley's Tight-head prop forward Danny Rylance did go over for a try on 55 minutes with Will Bradley adding a second on 75 minutes but these, in essence, were consolation efforts.

**Full Time:**

**Leicester Lions 37 (5)**

**Sedgley Park 17 (0)**





# WELCOME TO PARK LANE DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK



George Bordill breaks into space last time out against Bishops Stortford

## Rugby Restructure Update

It's that time of season again and so, following the sad demise of Jersey Reds, the RFU have set out the impact of this on promotion and relegation for 2024/25.

The above precedes current negotiations with Championship Clubs regarding Premiership 1 and 2 reorganisation which is intended for the 2025/26 Season.

The championship sides have widely condemned the RFU proposals for the league which, as stated, are due to be in place by 2025/26. The clubs are miles apart on governance proposals, funding criteria and so on. There is a take or leave attitude from the RFU who remain steadfast in their will to have a full professional two-tier Premiership with or without the Championship clubs.

These indecisions could affect the whole structure of National One and below for 2025/26 with a raft of clubs rejoining level three in either a fully National League One format as is now or more

likely, Two leagues of National One North and South. Clarity and agreement on this last point is in very short supply from all parties.

Below sets out what will happen next season in 2024/25

- No club will be relegated from the Championship.
- The winners of National One, currently Chinnor, will be promoted to the Championship.
- The bottom two Clubs in National One, currently Taunton Titans and Bishops Stortford, will be relegated to National Two.
- The top three teams in National Two East, West, and North, currently Esher, Luctonians and Leeds Tykes will be promoted to National League One.
- The bottom three teams in National Two East, West, and North, currently North Walsham, Dudley Kingswindsford and Huddersfield will be relegated to regional leagues.
- The playing records of the current three teams in thirteenth place in National Two East, West, and North will be compared and the best team out of those three playing records will stay in National Two with the other two being relegated to the Regional Leagues. Currently





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- the teams in this position are Wimbledon, Newport Salop and Billingham. At this moment Wimbledon have the best record so they will stay in National Two.
- The six winners of the regional leagues will be promoted to National Two leagues East, West and North. These clubs are currently Colchester, Devonport Services, Havant, Oxford Harlequins, Rossendale and York

Please note the clubs and positions relate to when this article was written league positions may have altered since.



THE CALCUTTA CUP  
AND THE SEDGE  
BOTTLE OF GIN

..... and finally

OK. It's that time of year. The traditional bet between myself and Eddie, your MC for the pre match meal today. Each year we have a bottle of Gin on the winner of the Calcutta Cup. Eddie of the clan McAldred (Bury branch) has yet again won this fixture / wager.

Thankfully I will not be at the meal today to hear him waffle on about the Scots win and as usual taking Mickey out of me again. Thankfully it is the 'two games of Rugby Day', so I'm at Swinton Lions for the Challenge Cup game against Sheffield Eagle at 12-30, then hot footing across the city to Sedge for this wonderful fixture against DMP.

Do your worst Eddie. I won't be listening. Mind you, no one really listens to you anyway at the pre-match. (Only joking, Eddie)

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 very best.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK



Laying down a marker. DMP taking back to top of the table Rams recently.

## The story so far

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LAST SIX RESULTS		
Darlington MP	14 - 28 Rams	(LOST)
Birmingham Moseley	32 - 28 Darlington MP	(LOST)
Darlington MP	34 - 22 Richmond	(WON)
Darlington MP	42 - 27 Blackheath	(WON)
Plymouth Albion	17 - 28 Darlington MP	(WON)
Cinderford	24 - 23 Darlington MP	(LOST)





# SPOTLIGHT ON DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK

It's a difficult game to call, this Saturday, as both teams have very similar styles and on their day both can be sublime. If this Saturday's game is anything like our last league match encounter against them at Park Lane back in 2013, then I would suggest get to the game early, get a great vantage point and hang on to your hats, as it will be a real rollercoaster of a ride.

That game, back in the day, ended 23-21 in Sedge's favour. It was one of the best games of hard running rugby I have seen at Park Lane. As a foot note to that game, DMP were promoted to National League One that season and have been an ever present since.



In at the corner. DMP on the rampage against Richmond recently.



Breaking Bad: DMP smashing the Blackheath line earlier in the season.

## CURRENT LEAGUE STATISTICS

League Position:	7 <sup>th</sup>
Total Points:	54
Played:	20
Games Won:	10
Drawn Games:	0
Games Lost:	10
Home Wins:	6
Home Draws:	0
Home Defeats:	4
Away Wins:	4
Away Draws:	0
Away defeats:	6
Points for:	484
Points against	495
Points aggregate:	-11
4-point bonus points:	10
Losing bonus points:	4

## NEXT 6 GAMES

09-03-24: Sedgley Park	14:30	Darlington MP
16-03-24: Darlington MP	15:00	Rosslyn Park
23-03-24: Taunton Titans	15:00	Darlington MP
06-04-24: Darlington MP	15:00	Bishop's Stortford
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27-04-24: Darlington MP	15:00	Chinnor





# SPOTLIGHT ON DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK

## Ones to watch

### Top Try Scorers

Harry Yates, Centre:	14 Tries: 70 Points
Joshua Ree, Fly Half:	7 Tries 35 Points
Yaree Fantini:	7 Tries 35 Points

### Top Points Scorer

Joshua Ree, Fly Half:	97 Points
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Joshua Ree



Harry Yates



Joshua Ree



Yaree Fantini

## Previous games against Darlington Mowden Park

We first met Darlington Mowden Park in the battle of Park Lane. I think we shall leave the review of the game that as it was a fiery contest, to say the least. DMP running out winners.

Our last game against Darlington Mowden Park was earlier this season in the away fixture and once again it was a classic matchup, with the spoils going to DMP. AGAIN!!!

PREVIOUS RESULTS AGAINST DARLINGTON MOWDEN PARK	
National Cup, <a href="#">Round 4</a>	
1999	Sedgley Park 23-25 Darlington Mowden Park (LOST)
National League 2 North, Level 4	
2013 -14	Sedgley Park 23-21 Darlington Mowden Park ( <b>WON</b> ) Darlington Mowden Park:17-13 Sedgley Park (LOST)
National League 1, Level 3	
2023-24	Darlington Mowden Park 25-18 Sedgley Park (LOST)

## Aggregated Scores

**Sedgley Park 20**  
**Darlington Mowden Park 22**

WOW, if those statistics don't suggest a classic game this weekend I don't what would do.

Four games and three wins for our visitors but all four games with only the narrowest of margins between the fixtures. This sets us up well for today's 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, ST





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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, Darlington Mowden 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.

We held our 2nd Charity Day, at the home game against Rosslyn Park on 27th January, in aid 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 were sponsored and we raised £1300 for this worthwhile charity. The Charity also ran a stand promoting themselves and held a collection around the ground.

We are holding our 3rd, and final, Charity Day on the 13th April. This is our Ladies Day and this Charity is Bury Hospice 'Sponsor a Nurse'. We are again looking for Shirt Sponsors, so please see the flyer below.



Our next charity game is in aid of Bury Hospice Sponser a Nurse and is to be on the 23rd March 2024, our fixture against Cinderford. If anyone fancies sponsoring a jersey for £150 please contact me, which includes two match tickets including pre-match hospitality.

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## Looking forward

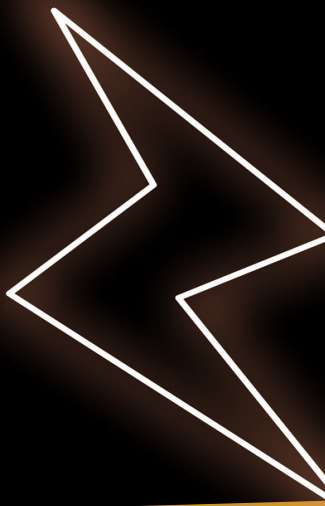
It has been a reasonable season for the First Team, with 9 wins out of 20 leaving us in 9th place in the league. It has been tough in 2024, with us yet to win a game. Our opponents today are 2 places and 5 points above us.

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# THE CHAIRMAN



It has also been a good Season for the 2s. The 2nd XV sit 3rd in the Nowirul Premiership, having won 12, drawn 1 and lost 2 of their 15 games, playing the exciting brand of rugby we have come to expect from the 1st XV.

We are 21 points behind leaders Caldy, but have 2 games in hand and Caldy have yet to come to Park Lane. The 2s are at 9th placed Blackburn today.

It has been a little harder for the 3rd XV, with 5 wins and a draw out of 15 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 had no Junior Colts this year, but we are recruiting well and should have a Senior and Junior Colts next year.

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.







## Club Developments

We are currently having significant discussions at Board Level, regarding future major developments at the Club.

These are at an early stage, but we hope to get the detail sorted out, funding in place and Board Approval to present these developments to the AGM in May.

You may hear rumours flying around,  
but don't believe everything you hear,  
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AGM.

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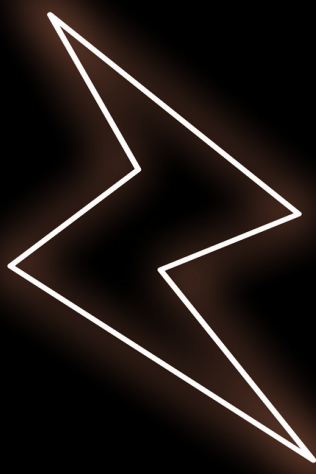
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# DAVE'S DIARY



As diaries go, this is quite an empty one, these last few weeks. There were games I planned to attend, but didn't, mainly because I was asleep / knackered after watching cricket on TV all night.

I had intended to watch Sedge Colts against Penrith in the League Cup, but now I am glad I didn't, because we lost our first round match 0-24. Sedgley had the honour of hosting the Roses U20 game on the same day, which Lancashire won 21-20.



On the subject of U20 rugby, three players with Sedgley connections have been on International duty. Prop Asher Opoku-Fordjour turned out for us last season, and has appeared at Park Lane this season, but in the colours of Sale FC. Winger Alex Wills has played for us this season, and he wore the 11 shirt for England, who beat Scotland in a dire match of 34 penalties in the rain and wind of Edinburgh. The plastic pitch made bad conditions worse, but at least England won.



There was a better game in Ireland, where number 3 Patrice Bell was a big part of the pack that dismantled Wales. All three of these players are contracted to Sale Sharks, and we are just picking up the crumbs from the Premiership high table, but perhaps we can play a small part in the development of future stars of the game.

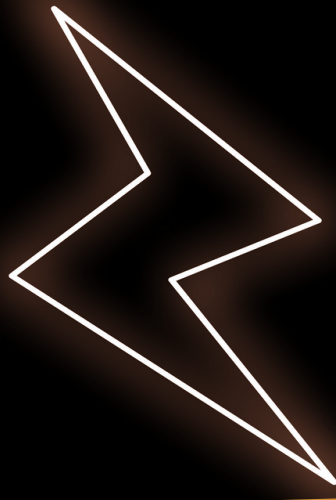
I am sure someone will correct me if I am wrong, but we have to go back to 2002/03 to find Sedgley home grown players wearing the white of England. Three of them, all together, scrum-half Jonny Appleton, prop Jack Forster and hooker Jordan Page, at U16 level.







# DAVE'S DIARY



Before that, in 1991, prop Phil Donbavand played for England Colts. John Pepworth and I had a memorable day out somewhere in Wales, watching him. It wasn't so memorable that I can recall the actual venue! There were sheep; that I do know. Phil was in the same age-group of SP players as Matt Alcock and Rob Smith, who remain regular supporters to this day.

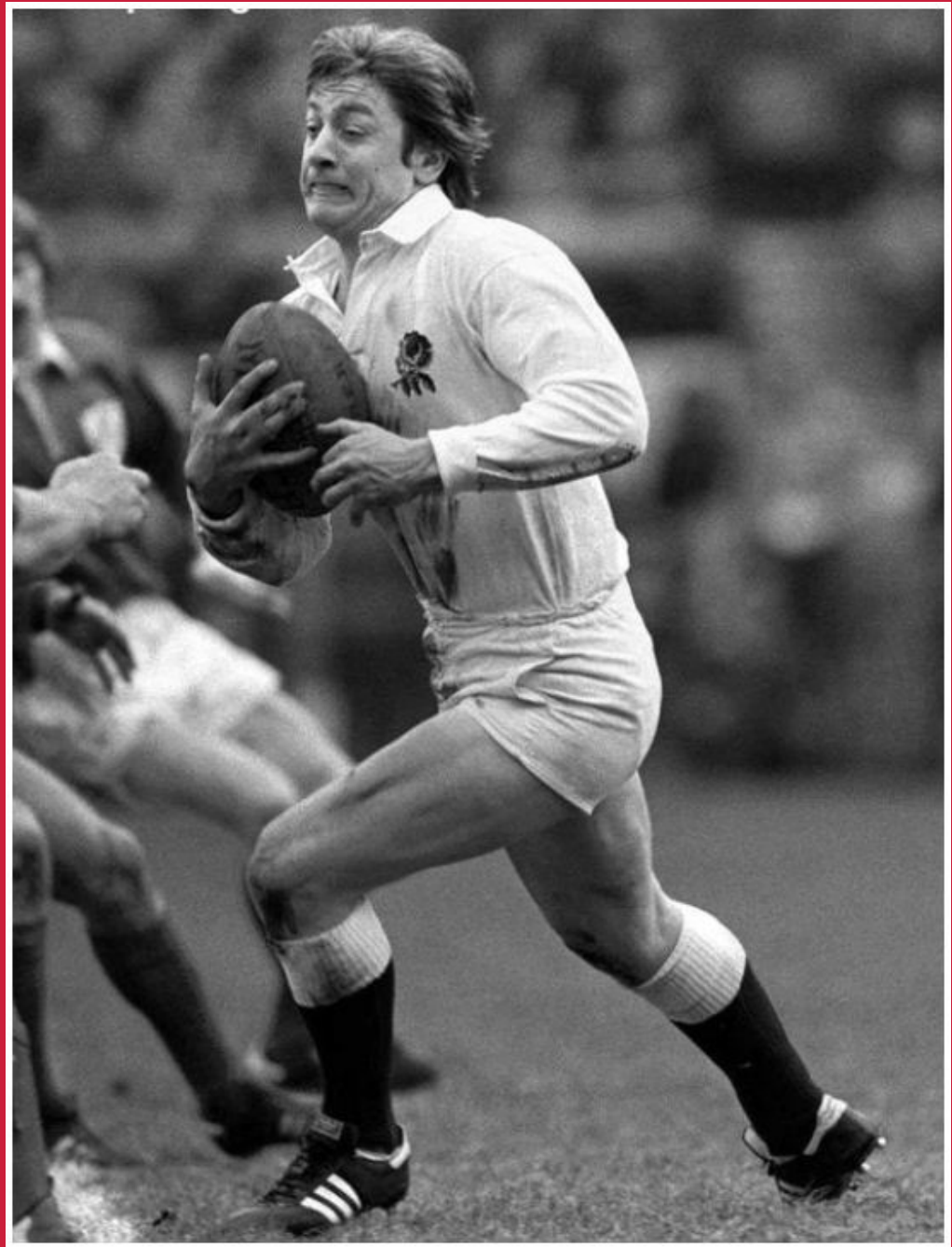
Going all the way back, almost into pre-history, Tony Bond played some of his early rugby for us, before moving on to higher things with Broughton Park, and later with Sale. He played (and scored two tries) for the North of England in the memorable beating of the All Blacks, at Otley in 1979, and won six England caps as a centre between 1978 and 1982, which was the Bill Beaumont era.

Following his injury-hit International career, Tony played for Blackheath and Askeans.

So much for the past. What we want, and need, right now is a win for Sedgley, followed by one for England. It would take a brave man to bet on the double.

Dave

Look at Dave's Photo Albums online at [www.flickr.com/photos/forwarddefensive/albums/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/forwarddefensive/albums/)



## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:

In addition to the England and Ireland U20s, who have represented Sedgley Park, we have to say a massive congratulations to our home-grown Aaron Tongue, who played at '10' for Lancashire U20s against Yorkshire.







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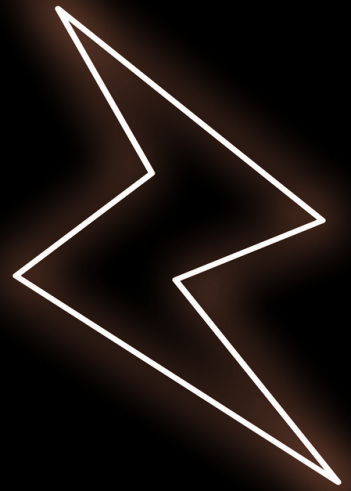


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# COACH TALK



## BISHOP'S STORTFORD

Three weeks ago, we were at home against Bishop Stortford a team we had beaten at their ground earlier in the season. We had trained well during the week and were looking for a better performance after the disappointment of the previous game against Taunton Titans.

Conditions on the day were difficult, with a wet pitch and a strong wind, but we started well from the kick off, looking to build phases in their twenty two. However, a number of handling errors and unnecessary penalties gave the visitors the chance to clear their lines and rebuild in our half. It was from one of these penalties that they got their first score after the ball was moved wide for their winger to touch down in the top right hand corner. They added the conversion and we were 0-7 down after seven minutes.

We played well from the restart looking to keep possession and pressure their defence, but again, handling errors and penalties meant that they could clear their lines and relieve pressure. We had an excellent opportunity to get on the scoreboard with a line out on their five metre line but we lost the ball and yet again they were able to gain vital territory.

They got their second try after another penalty gave them a line out in our twenty two from which their forwards kept the ball and drove over. We were

now 0-14 down with nothing to show for our efforts and they had only got into our twenty two on two or three occasions.

We looked to hit back, but another well taken penalty from the half way line saw them extend the lead even further. 0-17 down going into the last fifteen minutes of the half.

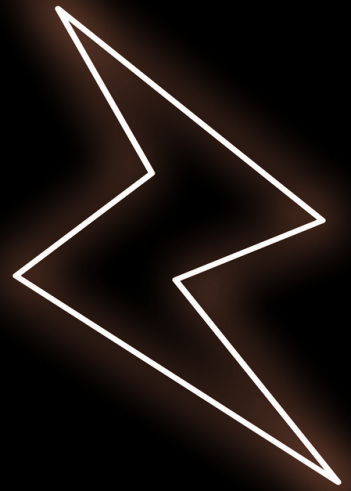
They got their third score of the day after a scrum in our twenty two. Their scrum half broke blind and fed their full back who touched down in the right hand corner. We went into the half time break 0-22 down with a mountain to climb in the second half. Bishop Stortford to their credit had defended extremely well and had taken their chances well. We had created a number of chances to come away with points but had not taken them.

The second half was a different story as we now started to play with power, momentum and continuity. We looked after the ball well and got on the scoreboard in the 59th minute. A penalty catch and drive from the forwards saw hooker Harry Thompson touch down. Fly half Warren Seales added the conversion and we were now back in the game 7-22 with twenty minutes to go. A few minutes later another well worked drive from the forwards saw prop Danny Rylance drive over in the top right hand corner.





# COACH TALK



Warren added the difficult conversion and it we had reduced the visitors lead 14–22. Conditions now got really bad with driving rain and wind making handling difficult and open rugby almost impossible. We did get over the line for the third time but the try was disallowed with the referee saying we had knocked the ball on, which has to be questioned.

We continued to pressure Bishop Stortford with phase after phase but were unable to get the points. The game ended with a 14–22 win for the visitors, which they deserved for their first half performance. We were extremely disappointed that we could not get the win or anything to show for an excellent second half effort. However this was a better performance than the previous week, but we must take our chances when they arise and not let teams get in front so that we are playing catch up rugby.

We would have to prepare well for the next challenge which was next Saturday when we had a difficult trip to Leicester Lions. We beat them early in the season at home but that means nothing. We knew that a massive improvement was needed if we were to get back to winning ways.

## LEICESTER LIONS

Two weeks ago, we were on the road again away to old rivals Leicester Lions looking for our first win in the new year. We had beaten them narrowly at home back in November and like us they were

one of the teams that had got promoted at the end of last season. They had a mixed start to the season losing narrowly to some of the top teams and lying in the bottom half of the table but a team who like to play open, fast Rugby from all areas of the pitch.

Conditions on the day were not good with a wet, heavy pitch, which made handling and open fast rugby difficult.

We started strongly dominating most aspects of play, building phases and keeping possession well, but just lacking that final execution that would have put points on the board. We went ahead with a well taken penalty from fly half Warren Seales 3–0 after ten minutes but it was the home side that scored the first try when their scrum half broke open from a scrum on our twenty two and touched down under the posts. 3–7 up going into the last fifteen minutes of the half.

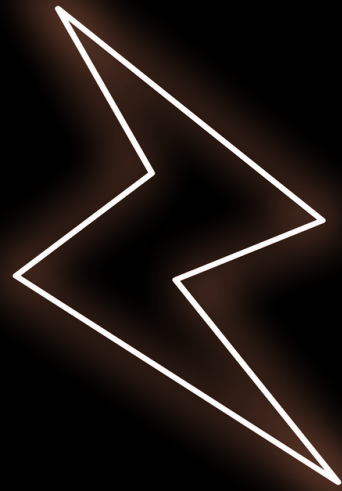
They then went further ahead with a second try five minutes later after a powerful drive from their forwards. Then six minutes later, they added a penalty to give them a commanding 3–17 lead going into half time.

This was another frustrating half for the Tigers because we had dominated play for long periods but handling errors and unnecessary penalties meant that we were yet again playing catch up rugby in the second period.





# COACH TALK



Leicester Lions, with their tails up, started really strongly with a third converted try just three minutes into the half, after a sharp line break from their backs, further extending the lead to 3-24. Then five minutes later they put the game out of reach with a fourth and bonus point try and a well deserved 3-29 lead.

A big reaction was needed from the Tigers if we were to get anything out of the game and we got this with a well worked try for prop Danny Rylance after strong driving from the forwards. Warren added the conversion and it was now 10-29 to the home team going into the final twenty minutes.

However the home team continued to pressure our defences, looking to move the ball wide at every opportunity and they got their fifth try in the sixtieth minute. We hit back with a lovely try for young winger Will Bradley, converted by Warren but the game ended with a 17-36 bonus point win for Leicester Lions and a sixth defeat in the New Year for the Tigers.

We are obviously disappointed with how the results have gone for us since January and need to turn this around very quickly. We are currently 9th in the table but only five points behind the teams above us. We have to improve our conversion rate when we are dominating play and this will inevitably bring the wins. The effort and commitment of the

players cannot be questioned but this has to be channelled into the performances.

We have a break from league rugby this coming Saturday which will give us the time to regroup, rehabilitate those who are carrying injuries and work towards the last six games of this very demanding season.

Our next game is at home on 9th March to Darlington Mowden Park who are just above us in the table. A number of bad results do not make a bad team and we are confident that we can return to winning ways so please come down and support your Tigers Team.

Cheers,  
Hazz







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# NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 21

## WEEK 20, ROUND UP:

Bishop's Stortford	21 (1) – 27 (5)	Rosslyn Park
Blackheath	34 (5) – 12 (0)	Plymouth Albion
Chinnor	80 (5) – 10 (0)	Taunton Titans
Cinderford	40 (5) – 34 (2)	Richmond
Darlington Mowden Park	14 (0) – 28 (5)	Rams
Leicester Lions	36 (5) – 17 (0)	Sedgley Park
Sale FC	37 (5) – 31 (2)	Birmingham Moseley



Leaving it late. Rams steamrolled back to keep the pressure on Chinnor last time out.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

### Sale FC



I think the result that Sale FC achieved the other week against Birmingham Moseley not only showed the high intensity and competitiveness of the league. It also vividly shown the rest of the league that Sale FC are back in form and although well out of the title race, they have a look of a team that can hurt any level of opposition including Rams this weekend.

A great result at home against one of the hottest inform outfits in the league

Birmingham Moseley last time out, for me makes them weeks 20 team of the week.

## Week 20, in review

National League One has become a great advert for the game and week on week the fixtures produce exceptional stories with some incredible results. It seems an age since the last game. I'm not sure that's not of wishful thinking on my part or putting the last few Sedge games into the memory but here we all are, all clubs caught up with each other in terms of games played. Twenty games played and now into the last 6 rounds where things get interesting. Hmm! Where did that season go?

**Chinnor** had a whopping result against bottom of the table **Taunton Titans** running in 80 points. Chinnor are in a nip and tuck tussle with Rams at the top of the table with Chinnor just edging things on the top with points difference whist both are equal on league points. Both clubs are currently on eighty-two.

Chinnor travel to the Southwest to face an out of form **Plymouth Albion**. **Rams** in second are at home this weekend against our local rivals **Sale FC**.





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Rams are in great form and are on the back of a good away 14–28 win against **Darlington Mowden Park** at the Darlington Arena last time out. They will be looking to keep the pressure on Chinnor should they struggle against Plymouth Albion. However, they need to watch Sale who are currently in tenth. With no pressure on an in-form Sale could be an exceedingly difficult fixture this weekend.

Third place **Birmingham Moseley** will be wanting to put the defeat against Sale FC well and truly to memory as they will look to get back to winning way with a home game against 12th placed **Cinderford** who had a great win against **Richmond** last time out.

Another tricky game but Birmingham Moseley should solidify their deserved third place slot and push up their current haul of sixty–four league points.

Fourth placed **Rosslyn Park** on sixty points are keeping the pressure on Birmingham Moseley having just beat **Bishop's Stortford** in a great but remarkably close away day 21–27 victory. Park welcome eleventh placed **Leicester Lions** this weekend to the Rock. It should be another tough game ahead with Lions feeling very satisfied after a good 36–17 home win last time out against Tigers.

My early season prediction for the league Plymouth Albion who are currently in fifth place on fifty–eight points, have found life at the top tough recently.

Having only won one game in the last five Albion will be looking to get things moving in the right direction after a 34–12 away day defeat against eighth placed **Blackheath**. The only problem for Albion is they face and are taking on the unstoppable top of the table Chinnor. Could Albion be next weeks team of the week. Certainly, a tasty fixture.

Richmond in sixth place on fifty–six points have a Friday night fixture against old London rivals Blackheath at the RAG this weekend. Richmond came close to defeating Cinderford last time out and will see the result as points lost. They will be looking to add to the woes of local rivals Blackheath.



The spoils are ours. Cinderford work their socks off to take all the points against Richmond last time out

Seventh placed Darlington Mowden Park, who are on fifty–four points travel south to Park Lane the home **Sedgley Park** in ninth place on forty–nine points. OK we are (Sedge) the leagues out of form team time having lost five and drawn one in our last six games. All clubs have blips (see Plymouth Albion) and it will be a tough ask again today. Hopefully, the early season form will return to take on Darlington Mowden Park. Unfortunately, history tells us that Park Lane is a happy hunting ground for DMP. Let us hope history is re–written today and form returns to the boys.





# NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 21

Finally, fourteenth placed and bottom placed Taunton Titans take on thirteenth placed Bishops Stortford in what is the game of the week. Taunton had a horrible away day last time out (we have all been there) but was it tactical, rest and getting back players for a very important winner takes all fixture. Form suggests Stortford have the edge but that means nothing with a partizan west country home support must be worth a few tries alone. This will not be for the faint hearted that is for sure. A classic game ahead.

Looking at the relegation positions if you take Sedge in ninth place on 49 points to Taunton Titans in fourteenth place on thirty-two, this is how the bottom six look as e head to the last five games.

9th:	Sedgley Park	49 Points
10th:	Sale FC	44 Points
11th:	Leicester Lions	40 Points
12th:	Cinderford	38 Points
13th:	Bishops Stortford	36 Points
14th:	Taunton Titans	32 Points:



## THIS WEEKS GAMES: WEEK 21

Richmond	20:00	Blackheath
Rosslyn Park	14:00	Leicester Lions
Plymouth Albion	14:30	Chinnor
Sedgley Park	14:30	Darlington Mowden Park
Birmingham Moseley	15:00	Cinderford
Rams	15:00	Sale FC
Taunton Titans	15:00	Bishop's Stortford





# NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW - WEEK 21

## NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 ‘HOTSHOTS’

### Top Try Scorers

Max Hayman, Rams Rugby, Hooker	19 Tries: 95 Points
Charles Walker, Rosslyn Park, Wing	18 Tries: 90 Points
Alun Walker, Chinnor, Hooker	16 Tries: 80 Points
Charlie Wright, Taunton Titans, Back Row	15 Tries: 75 Points
Alexander Post, Richmond, Hooker	14 Tries: 70 Points
Harry Yates, Darlington MP, Centre	14 Tries, 70 Points
Morgan Passman, Chinnor, Centre	14 Tries: 70 Points
Aquile Smith, Birmingham Moseley, Wing	13 Tries: 65 Points
Sam Daly, Plymouth Albion, No.8	10 Tries: 50 Points



Noah Fenton,  
Taunton Titans,  
Wing

19 Tries: 95 Points

### Top Points Scorers

Daniel Lewis, Leicester Lions, Fly Half	153 Points
Joe Winfield, Cinderford, Fly Half	147 Points
Fraser Honey, Rams, Fly Half	145 Points
Tighe Maxwell-Whiteley, Birmingham, Fly Half	140 Points
James Bourton, Chinnor, Fly Half	105 Points
Thomas Putt, Plymouth Albion, Full Back	102 Points
Thomas Ffitch, Blackheath, Fly Half	98 Points
Joshua Ree, Darlington Mowden Park, Fly Half	97 Points
Francis Diaz Dart, Taunton Titans, Fly Half	86 Points



Warren Seales  
Sedgley Park  
Fly Half

164 Points





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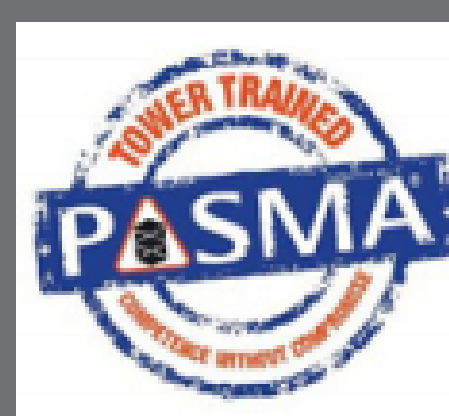


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# SEEDGE MEDIA TEAM

*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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# 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 Chiefs 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:





# NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW



## 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

Lane. Here was this true bastion of

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.





# NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE REVIEW

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 Caldycote  
Fylde 14 – 10 Sale: Hawick 35 – 19 Sale





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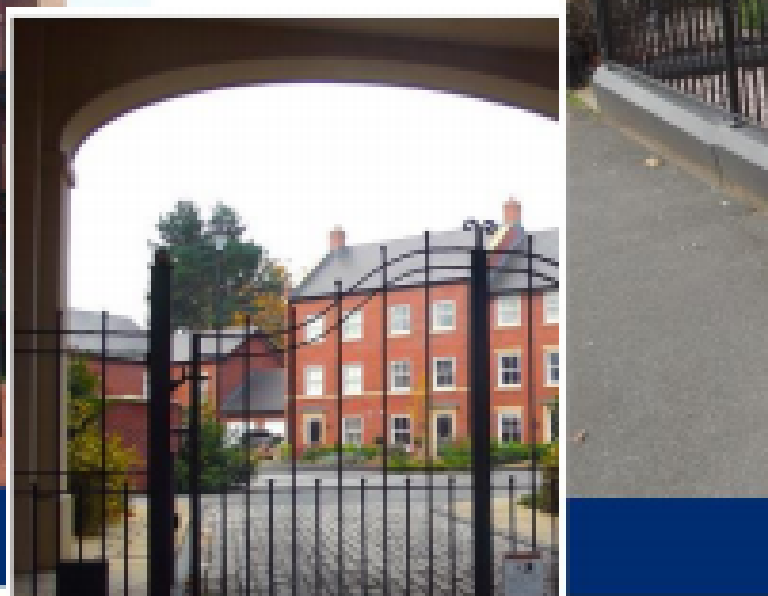
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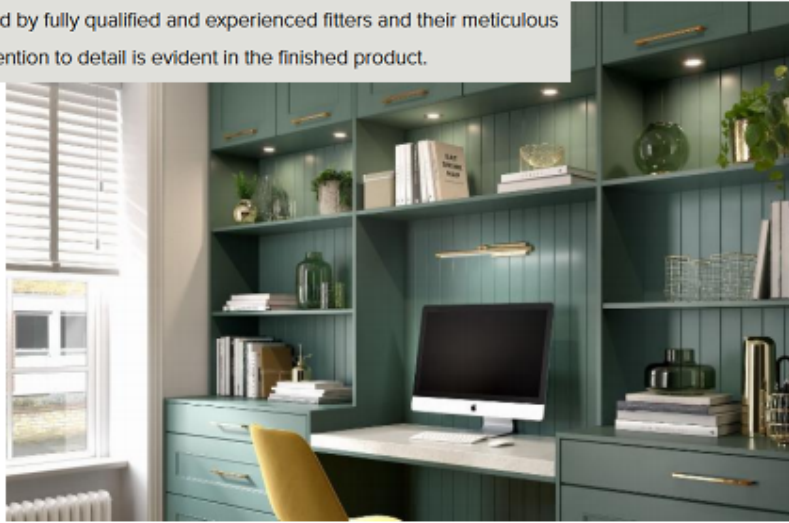
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# TRYIT RUGBY



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 !







# TRYIT RUGBY

## Mixed ability rugby programme

### Sedgley Park RUFC Mixed Ability Rugby Program

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**\*Coaching Beyond Boundaries: Empowering Every Player\***

Join Sedgley Park RUFC in embracing the spirit of inclusivity with TRYIT Rugby's Mixed Ability Rugby Program. We are proud to share our journey of fostering rugby skills and camaraderie among individuals of all abilities.

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**\*A New Chapter Unfolds!\***

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