

NEWARK v WELLINGBOROUGH – Midlands One East

A warm welcome to the final league game at Kelham Road of 2009. Thank you for your support over the past 12 months. A warm welcome to old friends from Wellingborough. Today's game is sponsored by the mini and youth section through the various teams taking tables at the pre-match lunch. Thank you to Dave, Neil and John for all their hard work and their gang of helpers over the year.

Team news

Registration hiccups continue. Johnny Statham should have been on the wing this afternoon. But an eagle-eyed bar room fly spotted that he had not been re-registered since his return from RAF duty so he is unable to make his comeback today. What with Buddha unavailable, coach Bob Nashed was hunting a wing on Thursday evening. So the programme has two spots for Mr A N Other. The last word at training was that Bryan Loftus and David Fagan were in line to take over the spot that Johnny should have been occupying. We have a new captain in Ian Tomlinson this afternoon with Ed Collishaw on his way back to fitness and Harry Pick unavailable. Good luck also to Gareth Bartsch at No 8. He takes over from Daley Edwards who is still nursing his head from last week.

Wednesday Evening

Thank you to all those who made Wednesday evening a success. The two games both went ahead on schedule despite the rain in the last week or so. Newark's under-13s started the evening by defeating their counterparts from Magnus. The match was well supported and a fitting memorial for Russell Smith who died in the summer. 'Stubbie' would have enjoyed the rugby and off-field craic. It was good to see Wendy and her family presenting the cups after the match. The senior game also proved a success. Victory went to the RAF divisional team thanks to a second-half surge. The match was played in memory of George Crawford who died some 25 years ago when on duty for the RAF in Germany. George was a regular first team prop at Newark and it was good to meet his family and friends who came along to mark the occasion.

MATCH-DAY SPONSORS

Sat, Sept 19:	Old Northamptonians – President's Lunch
Sat, Oct 3:	Scunthorpe – patrons
Sat, Oct 17:	Masding Motorhomes – Tony Masding
Sat, Oct 31:	Newark Storage – Tony Rose
Sat, Nov 14:	Antony Aspbury Associates – Tony Aspbury
Sat, Dec 5:	Wendgreen
Sat, Dec 12:	Mini & Youth
Sat, Jan 9:	Larken and Co – Julian Bruce
Sat, Jan 23:	Available.
Sat, Feb 13:	Available.
Sat, March 6:	Available.
Sat, March 20:	Newark Showground
Sat, April 10:	Willoughby 396 – John Coles

All The Results & Details

Midlands One East – Latest Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scunthorpe	13	12	0	1	489	175	24
Syston	13	10	0	3	389	145	20
Paviors	13	10	0	3	334	189	20
Derby	13	9	0	3	346	149	18
O Northampton	13	9	0	4	307	210	18
Ilkeston	13	8	1	4	298	204	17
Dunstablians	13	7	0	6	215	272	14
Newark	13	6	1	6	283	205	13
Mansfield	13	6	1	6	297	283	13
L Buzzard	13	5	0	8	260	276	10
Wellingborough	13	3	0	10	208	525	6
Matlock	13	2	1	10	161	275	5
Market Bosworth	13	1	0	12	118	428	2
Stewarts & Lloyds	13	1	0	12	141	510	2

Today's fixtures

Dunstablians v Derby, Ilkeston v Syston, Leighton Buzzard v Stewart & Lloyds, Mansfield v Scunthorpe, Market Bosworth v Paviors, Matlock v Old Northamptonians, Newark v Wellingborough.

Next week, Saturday Dec 19th

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Latest results

Saturday, Dec 5: Matlock 29 – Wellingborough 7, Newark 50 – Market Bosworth 0, Old Northamptonians 32 – Mansfield 11, Paviors 17 – Leighton Buzzard 12, Scunthorpe 35 – Ilkeston 0, Stewart & Lloyds 0 – Dunstablians 43, Syston 14 – Derby 18.

Team: Byrom; Waqalevu, Moore, Cox, Eveleigh; Keville, Henry; Barker; Tomlinson, Pick, Evans, Tatham, Webster; L Cove, Edwards. Subs: Booley, Bartsch, Cormack.

Tries: Eveleigh (2), Waqalevu (2), Henry (2), L Cove, Cormack. **Kicks:** Keville 5 cons.

Leading try scorers – 13: Thomas Foster (Scunthorpe), 12: Mickey Robertson (Derby), 11: Dave Garbutt (Scunthorpe), Rob Storey (Mansfield), 10: Rewiti Vaimoso (Scunthorpe), 8 Daniel McLean (Scunthorpe), 7, Kyle Coltman (Syston) & Warren Coles (Syston), 6 Lewis Cove (Newark), 6, Ben Smith (Paviors).

Rugby at Kelham Road

Thursday Dec 17 – Vets v Virgins, ko 7.30pm. Xmas raffle afterwards.

Saturday Dec 19 – Newark 4ths v Southwell 3rds, ko 2.15pm.

Saturday Dec 26 – President's Match, ko noon.

News, Events, Seen & Heard

Best of the net

Tom Pykett on the 3rd XV at Market Rasen

Josh Clack was always trying to jink his way up the park but the going was heavy from the muddy pitch. Oh, Happy 18th Josh, good to see we keep up the tradition of a dunking in the stream at Market Rasen! Newark heads could have gone down but it was that type of frustrating game, ending up losing 38-12. Hey, but well done lads, another 2nd XV.

Trevor Waude on the 4th XV at Retford

It was not long before the Newark pack were able to find the quick ball that had been eluding them, principally from some heroic carrying from prop Russell Webb, who must surely be destined for greater things. This allowed freedom out wide and man-of-the-match Tom Lee put on his after burners to bag a couple of tries, after some sweet passing.

This seemed to spur the big lads up front onto greater things, with the home side virtually starved of any set piece ball. Martin Hill was princely in the lineout and Ian Elston was doing a demolition job in the tight. Fitness was starting to be a factor too.

The third try was almost comical, and came from some cunning work at a tap penalty from Martin Hill and Richard Bunn, who conspired to outwit the whole of the Retford team, and most of ours, to see Bunn to trot at half pace unopposed under the sticks.

Ian Gilchrist on the Under-17s against Derby

There were some outstanding performances from a number of Newark players but deserved of a mention are Bradley Robinson's solid performance at full back, prop Rob Tiplady's strong runs during his stint at inside centre and Jay Harwood who came on in the second half and made ground every time he got the ball.

Although at times it was not pretty to watch, it was Newark's first ever victory over this Derby side and for Newark's coaching staff and players a fantastic and deserved result for some hard work on the training ground.

Darren Gourley on the Under-15s against Kesteven

Both sides made unforced errors early on as the game settled down but good work by the Newark forwards, in particular Will Taylor and Daniel Price, meant Newark always had plenty of ball to play with.

Roger Davis on the Under-14s against Ilkeston

The forwards were superb. All worked hard all morning to secure the victory. The front five were dominant which they needed to be as Ilkeston gave no quarter and were just as hungry as us.

We have found Turner's position at last. The disruption of Ilkeston's game started with Turner running riot from seven. He gave his best performance at Newark on Sunday. If you ever kick again with a three-man overlap I will take you off! Great game Jake.

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Newark Rugby Football Club

NEWARK		WELLINGBOROUGH		
15	Richard Byrom	Full Back	Tom Mair	15
14	A N Other	Right Wing	Jason Manney	14
13	Matt Cox	Centre	Steven Gall	13
12	Joe Cormack	Centre	Dan Hefferman	12
11	Jamie Eveleigh	Left Wing	Dan Fitzhugh	11
10	Matt Keville	Fly-Half	Pete Vickers	10
9	Dominic Henry	Scrum Half	Jack Bryan	9
1	Mick Barker	Loosehead prop	Richard Mallard	1
2	Ian Tomlinson C	Hooker	Martin Little	2
3	Elliot Booley	Tighthead Prop	Toby Johnson	3
4	Jon Evans	Lock	Matthew Sanders	4
5	Fred Tatham	Lock	Shane McLaurie	5
6	Jon Webster	Blindside Flanker	Adam Lambert	6
7	Lewis Cove	Openside Flanker	Kyle Danns	7
8	Gareth Bartsch	No. 8	Simon Driver	8
16	Jason Henfrey	Subs	Joe Dyer	16
17	Liam Mather		Ben Gardiner	17
18	A N Other		James Rennie	18
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		Referee	Alex Murphy (NLD)	

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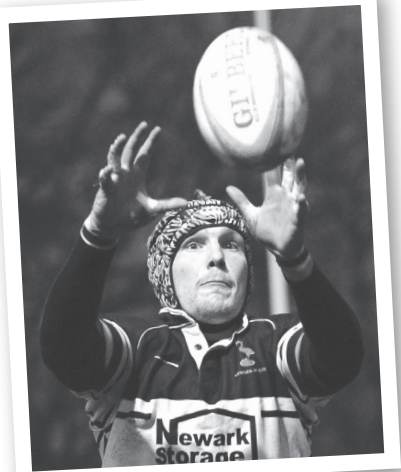
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The Season so far ...



Congratulations Liam

Liam has been selected for the English Colleges squad. Good luck to him in the New Year.



Buddha on the break

Catch me if you can... the Collingham flyer is one behind Lewis Cove in the try-scoring stakes. How come Lewis is never caught on camera?



Dobbo again

Good luck... Dobbo is pictured in one of his last games at Kelham Road. Thank you to Michael Austin of Rugby World for the photo.

Next Saturday

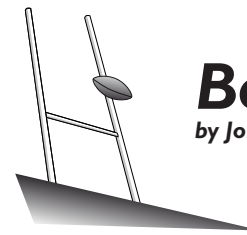
Follow the team to Old Northamptonians.

Ground address: The Sports Field, Billing Road, Northampton, NNI 5RX

Website: www.oldnorthamptonians.co.uk

Directions: Leave M1 at junction 15, follow dual carriageway A508 towards Northampton. Take exit signposted Northampton and Bedford. At roundabout take 2nd exit into Rushmere Road. At traffic lights at top of road, turn left, Sports Field is 200 yards on right.

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Between the Posts

by John Whitelaw

I'm confused, and not for the first time. It's good to watch a settled side play with, if necessary, a change or two but the way things have been of late my incredibly bad memory for names has just about gone with the number '9' proving to be the subject of nightmares.

Danny Coen had worn the shirt with distinction for what seemed like years and, after his business and domestic duties saw him retire with his last game on Oct 3, up stepped Matt Clark to take his place. No problems.

By 7/11 we were sending out a '711' as 'Sniffer' was sidelined through injury. Up stepped young Mr. Brummitt, not to be confused with Granddad Ernie, who seemed to have decided that coming out of retirement was better than shopping on a Saturday, only to find that he was not 1st XV squad registered.

Pardon? It appears that not only do you have to be registered as a club player but also be in a squad of 25. Surely, not even the Blair/Brown combo could come up with such a piece of bureaucratic nonsense? This is Level 6 and as professional as we try to be in our administration we are not full time and should not be expected to mess about with registrations all the time.

So, just when Martin is needed he has to step down and in comes multi-talented Mark Miller. It was a one-off special as the following week we had a cup game against Rasen and Martin was eligible. A full 20 minutes he lasted before dislocating his shoulder and back home to some very painful baby-sitting.

A quick bit of negotiation and by the following week it was Dominic Henry who was fated to leave the field injured. (Welcome to the club, by the way, Dominic, as well as Matt Keville, Elliot Booley and Matt Cox, hope you all enjoy your stay at Kelham Road, no matter how long or short.)

At least Dominic recovered to start against Bosworth and give us spectators something to smile about. In the meantime Matt Cox seems to have filled the scrum-half shirt for longer than anyone else as the others dropped by the wayside.

After last week's gloom the question of floodlights also comes to mind. Why can't we kick-off at 3pm every week?

The RFU have spent millions providing clubs with match quality lights but we still find ourselves with 2.15 starts. Surely there could be a simple rule that where acceptable lighting is available, i.e. that provided through H.Q. or passed by them as being of a suitable standard, then the later time would be chosen?

In these days of alleged global warming the chances of the pitch deteriorating in an extra 45 minutes or so are slim and if a game was called off or cancelled the likelihood is that, with the additional games to be played, the chance is that it would be an evening game under lights. Let's face it, who wants to travel all the way to Dunstable or Leighton Buzzard for a 6.30 kick-off? No disrespect to them but we are still amateurs.

All in all my rapidly deteriorating brain cell seems to be in need of a break!

Hope you all have a good Christmas and the best of New Years – see you Boxing Day.

Newark Rugby Union Football Club – 2009/10

Dates	1st Team	Result	2nd Team	Result	3rd Team	Result	4th Team	Result
Aug 22	Newport Salop H F	W 17-14						
Aug 29	Dinnington A F	W 10-7			East Leake H F	L 5-20		
Sept 5	Matlock A L	W 27-8	Matlock A P	L 7-12	Casuals A F	W 69-21	Ripley H F	W 58-0
Sept 12	Wellingborough A L	W 57-8	Wellingborough A F	L 18-31	Ashbourne 2 H P	L 17-56	Ollerton 2 H P	W 87-5
Sept 19	O Northampton H L	L 3-16	O Northampton H F	L 20-24	Lincoln 2 H P	L 12-52	Leesbrook 2 A P	L 10-17
Sept 26	Paviors A L	L 17-25	Paviors H P	L 15-29	Horncastle A F	W 50-26	Paviors 3 A P	L 12-34
Oct 3	Scunthorpe H L	L 7-30	S Leicester A C	L 19-12	Bakewell A P	W 24-5	Tupton 2 A P	W 21-15
Oct 7					N Hykeham H C			
Oct 10	Stew & Lloyds A L	W 32-5	Notts Medics A P	Off	W Bridgford 2 H	W 33-23	Mkt Rasen 3 H F	W 50-19
Oct 17	Syston H L	L 12-26	Moderns 2 A C	W36-19	Trent Univ 4 H P	L 8-88	Meden Vale 2 H P	W 34-0
Oct 24	Derby A L	L 12-20	Derby H P	L 12-15	Derby 3 A P	W 36-33	Derby 4 H F	W 43-12
Oct 31	Dunstablians H L	W 12-5	Nottm Univ A P	W 28-18		Off	Scunthorpe H F	L 0-31
Nov 7	Ilkeston A L	L 5-22	Ilkeston H P	W 33-10	Sleaford 2 A P	W 29-24	Moderns	Off
Nov 14	L Buzzard H L	W 31-24	Lincoln H F	W 26-24	Scunthorpe 3 F	L 5-62	W Bridgeford	L 7-20
Nov 17			Cranwell H F	Off				
Nov 21	Mkt Rasen H NLD Cup	W 16-3	Syston A F	L 3-47	Moderns 2 H	L 12-29	Ripley A F	L 0-10
Nov 28	Mansfield A L	D 17-17	Mansfield H P	W 33-20	Mansfield 3 A P	L 7-10	Mansfield H C	W 38-12
Dec 5	Mkt Bosworth H L	W 50-0	Mkt Bosworth H F	Off	Mkt Rasen 3 A P	L 12-38	Retford A P	W 24-0
Dec 12	Wellingborough H L		Wellingboro H F		Mellish 2 H P		Mellish 3 A P	
Dec 19	O Northampton A L		O Northampton A L		Southwell 2 A F		Southwell 3 H P	
Dec 26	President's XV							
Jan 2			TBA		Bakewell 2 H P			
Jan 9	Paviors H L		Paviors A P		TBA		Paviors 3 H P	
Jan 16	Scunthorpe A L		TBA		Mkt Rasen 2 H F		Mkt Rasen 3 A F	
Jan 23	Stew & Lloyds H L		Loughborough H P		Trent Univ 4 A P		Ollerton 2 A P	
Jan 30	Syston A L		Notts Medivs H P		Lincoln 2 A P		Tupton 2 H P	
Feb 6			Nottm Univ H P		Horncastle H F		Leesbrook 2 H P	
Feb 13	Derby H L		Derby A P		Derby 3 H P		Derby 4 A F	
Feb 20	Dunstablians A L		TBA		Ashbourne 2 A P		Scunthorpe A F	
Feb 27	Notts Cup semi		TBA		W Bridgford 2 A P		Meden Vale 2 A P	
Mar 6	Ilkeston H L		Ilkeston A P		Sleaford 2 H P		TBA	
Mar 13	L Buzzard A L		TBA		Southwell 2 H F		Southwell 3 A F	
Mar 17					Cas Donington H C			
Mar 20	Mansfield H L		Mansfield A P		Mansfield H P		Mansfield A F	
Mar 27	Mkt Bosworth A L		TBA		TBA		TBA	
Apr 3	Easter							
Apr 10	Matlock H L		Matlock H P		Mellish 2 A P		Mellish 3 H P	
Apr 17								
Apr 24							Skegness A F	

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