

Today's Match

NEWARK v DERBY – Midlands One East

If the cold weather has not intervened then we should be back to 1st XV action at Kelham Road. Thank you to bar chairman Steve Cassells for taking on today's match sponsorship including a pre-match lunch.

Re-arranged games

It's been a stop-start period since Christmas due to the weather which keeps claiming matches. The latest to be postponed came at Syston two weeks ago which is now due to be played on Saturday, April 3. The Old Northamptonians match was played last week which leaves only Paviers (Feb 27) to be on the re-arranged list. There is still no date for the Derby Cup game despite Ernie's best attempts to tempt today's visitors into a 'double header' but seeing they have home advantage in the Notts, Lincs & Derbys Cup then you can imagine the very quick reply. We seem to be looking at a midweek date in late March.

Team News

Welcome back Jon Evans at lock and Alex Moore at centre after both missed the trip to Old Northamptonians. Good to hear that Liam Mather has resumed training and that Ryan Mills (player-of-the-season last May) popped down on Thursday night to say he's on the way back after his Achilles' tendon injury.

It's a Marathon Effort

Thank you to Jez McCarthy from Farndon. He ran the Dublin Marathon last autumn and has raised a £1,000 towards mini & youth projects. Jez did the hard yards in memory of his friend Russell 'Stubbie' Smith, the former 1st XV wing and youth team coach, who died last summer. Jez came down to the club last week to present president Andy Clay with the cheque for his hard work. Thank you, once again for the tremendous effort.

MATCH-DAY SPONSORS

Sat, Sept 19:	Old Northamptonians – President's lunch
Sat, Oct 3:	Scunthorpe – patrons.
Sat, Oct 17:	Syston – Masding Motorhomes, Tony Masding
Sat, Oct 31:	Dunstablians – Newark Storage, Tony Rose
Sat, Nov 14:	Leighton Buzzard – Antony Aspbury Associates, Tony Aspbury
Sat, Dec 5:	Market Bosworth – Dan Godfrey & Wendgreen
Sat, Dec 12:	Wellingborough – mini & youth section
Sat, Jan 23:	Stewarts & Lloyds – member's lunch
Sat, Feb 13:	Derby – Steve Cassells
Sat, Feb 27:	Paviers – Larken & Co
Sat, March 6:	Ilkeston – Hobsons Accountants/Fisher German
Sat, March 20:	Mansfield – Newark Showground
Sat, April 10:	Matlock – Willoughby 396, John Coles

All The Results & Details

Midlands One East – Latest Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scunthorpe	18	16	0	2	607	252	32
Syston	17	14	0	3	486	161	28
Derby	18	14	0	4	451	178	28
O Northampton	16	12	0	4	422	238	24
Paviors	17	12	0	5	429	246	24
Ilkeston	18	9	1	8	368	324	19
Mansfield	18	9	1	8	381	375	19
Newark	17	8	1	8	372	294	17
L Buzzard	17	8	0	9	343	349	16
Dunstablians	17	8	0	9	282	330	16
Wellingborough	18	5	0	13	306	631	10
Matlock	17	2	1	14	183	374	5
Market Bosworth	18	1	0	17	157	594	2
Stewarts & Lloyds	16	1	0	15	159	600	2

Today's fixtures

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

Next Saturday

Derby v O Northampton, Dunstablians v Newark, Ilkeston v Matlock, L Buzzard v Mkt Bosworth, Stewart & Lloyds v Scunthorpe, Syston v Paviors, Wellinborough v Mansfield.

Latest results

Saturday, Feb 6: Derby 34 – Ilkeston 13, Old Northamptonians 44 – Newark 20, Paviors 30 – Matlock 9, Scunthorpe 53 – Market Bosworth 12, Stewart & Lloyds 3 – Mansfield 20, Syston 38 – L Buzzard 9, Wellingborough 20 – Dunstablians 5. O Northampton 44 – Newark 20.

Team: Byrom; Waqalevu, Collishaw, Cormack, Eveleigh; Cox, Clark; Barker; Tomlinson, Booley, Tatham, Webster; L Cove, Naylor; Edwards. **Subs:** Henfrey, Miller; Bratt.

Tries: Eveleigh, Waqalevu, Naylor. **Kicks:** Eveleigh 1 con & 1 pen.

Saturday, Jan 30: Derby 22 – Matlock 5, Dunstablians 45 – Mkt Bosworth 8, Ilkeston 19 – Mansfield 29, Scunthorpe 7 – Paviors 5, Wellingborough 13 – Leighton Buzzard 26.

Postponed: Syston v Newark.

Jan 23: L Buzzard 13 – Ilkeston 12, Mansfield 20 – Dunstablians 14, M Bosworth 3 – Derby 17, Matlock 0 – Syston 17, Newark 35 – Stew & Lloyds 5, O Northampton 41 – Scunthorpe 0.

Newark 35 – Stewart & Lloyds 5

Team: Byrom; Eveleigh, Moore, Loftus, Buddha; Cox, Forrester; Henfrey, Tomlinson (capt), Booley, Evans, Tatham, Webster; L Cove, Edwards. **Subs:** Collishaw, Owen, Jackson.

Tries: Eveleigh (2), Waqalevu, Moore, Owen. **Kicks:** Eveleigh (4), Cox.

News, Events, Seen & Heard

Best of the net

1st XV at Old Northamptonians – what the ONs reported

'The ONs team must have been hoping to take up where they left off two weeks ago but it wasn't until the 50 minute mark that they finally drew level and three further tries then gave them a hard fought victory over a fiercely competitive Newark side.'

3rd XV – Tom Pykett on another game against Market Rasen 2nds

'Trying to go forward on a greasy 2nd team pitch was not easy. Tommy Lee and Josh Clack tried to make some headway, but we can only wait for better weather on firmer ground then they will be in their element.

'Newark's best chance of scoring was when most of the pack were over Rasen's line, 10 mins into second half, but the ball seemed to get knocked on from Dick White or Craig Johnson – unlucky.'

4th XV – Martin Brown on his team's long walk to Pitch 5

'In a week when the fixture secretary nearly committed 'Harakari' it was a miracle that any games were played at all. Poor Ernie. The 4s took the long trek over to pitch 5 and there was talk of popping to the Castle for a pint at half-time.

Ashfield were an unknown quantity as no one had played them for years. It was obvious from the out set they were forward biased... it was indeed the forwards that made all the tries for our visitors but this was for the most part down to our indiscipline giving away penalties. Pass me the gun I've found my foot.'

Under-17s – Ian Gilchrist on a 13-13 draw at Nottingham on Wednesday evening

'Nottingham are a big side with some talented players but Newark showed some of their potential to play the good rugby that we all know they are capable of. Harry Cotton and Josh Killingsworth dominated the line-out, Jay Harwood was taking ball against the head and Jamie Summerfield's clearing out at the rucks was tremendous, we didn't always make the best of the ball we won but there were mistakes made on both sides.'

Under-10s – Mark Jenkins on his team's trip to Stamford

'After a brief rest and a pep talk, from Kevin and Logan, the Saxons came out fighting for the second match in a three-way fixture. Much better tackling, particular mention must go to Jago Onions whose tackling won him player of the day, and more expansive passing from the Saxons saw them run out 30-15 victors.'

Keep up to date with all matches from under-7s to seniors on www.Newarkrugby.com

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Newark Rugby Football Club

NEWARK		DERBY		
15	Richard Byrom	Full Back	Louis Gandolfo	15
14	Aloesi Waqalevu	Right Wing	Mike Robertson	14
13	Alex Moore	Centre	Ben Marlow	13
12	Ed Collishaw	Centre	Andy Gates	12
11	Jamie Eveleigh	Left Wing	Darren Hersey	11
10	Matt Cox	Fly-Half	Tom Good	10
9	Matt Clark	Scrum Half	Phil Robinson	9
1	Mick Barker	Loosehead prop	Tom Warren	1
2	Ian Tomlinson	Hooker	Pete Wilcox	2
3	Elliot Booley	Tighthead Prop	Adam Parkins	3
4	Jon Evans	Lock	Dave Goodman	4
5	Fred Tatham	Lock	Eldon Atherton	5
6	Jon Webster	Blindside Flanker	Lee Miller	6
7	Lewis Cove	Openside Flanker	Dave Fitchett	7
8	Daley Edwards	No. 8	Dan Sanderson	8
16	Jason Henfrey	Subs	Simon Long	16
17	Will Naylor		Adam Wilson	17
18	Joe Cormack		Ryan Manning	18
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		Referee	Trevor Sharpe (NLD)	

Match sponsor – Steve Cassells

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Catch Tom at the gilstrap



The exhibition of Tom Grocock's art is now on display at The Gilstrap Library until early March. If you have not gone then pop in for 10 minutes – it's worth a visit. Tom is photographed above with his picture of the Kelham Road ground.

Weather Lottery

Leaflets placed around the clubhouse, fill in your details and join. You could be the lucky winner of up to £10,000 and help fundraise for the club in the process.

Rugby & Events Coming Up

Wednesday, February 24th – Youth Games

U-12s v Paviers 6.30pm, U14s v Paviers 7.30pm ko. Bar open – support welcome

Friday, February 26th – Quiz Night

Under-7s promotion

Saturday, February 27th – League Match

Newark v Paviers, ko 2.15pm. Six Nations on TV – England v Ireland (ko 4pm)

Next Saturday

Follow the team to Dunstablians RFC

Ground address: Bidwell Park, Bedford Road, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 6JW.

www.drufc.com

From M11, Junction 12 – turn towards Toddington. Stay on A5120 through the village and continue for about three miles. The ground is on an 'S' bend just before you enter Houghton Regis.

Between the Posts

by John Whitelaw

I am confused, and not for the first time and I doubt if it will be the last. I shouldn't be because I made a New Year's Resolution not to be, so why the confusion?

Names have always been a problem especially when doing reports for a team with so many brothers; Coens, Staines', Dobsons, Coves, Clarks, etc., not to mention fathers and sons. However, this season much of the problem has been removed.

New faces and names can be coped with. Regular faces in the same positions and you soon get used to them, so where's the problem? In a word (or two), half-backs!

We started September with Matthew Clark at 9 and Michael Dobson at 10. Dobbo's loyalty to the cause cannot be questioned as he repeatedly travelled from the deep south to play but all good things come to an end and his final effort saw him outside Danny Coen who came out of retirement especially for the occasion. What a pity it was against Scunny and not someone a bit easier.

That was 3rd October but from there on continuity seemed to go out of the window.

It was not as if the half-backs, as selected, showed many changes but by kick-off time they were not necessarily the same and by the end of so many matches it seems to have been down to pot-luck. Since the departure of the Dynamic Duo we have had 5 scrum-halves and, if I remember rightly, Matt Cox finished one game as third incumbent. Those who started were young Sniffer (6 times), Mark Miller (1), Martin Brummitt (1) who's not played since, Dominic Henry (3) and Sam Forrester (1).

During this time only two different outside-halves appear to have started; Matt Keville 7 times and Matt Cox the other six. (Is there something significant about the name 'Matthew?') Once again this does not include changes during the game.

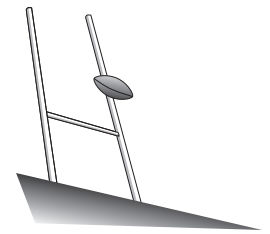
This smacks of consistency but then look at the number of combinations. Seven different pairings in 13 games with the Clark/Keville duo being the only one to last three or more consecutive games, and that back in October!

Given the circumstances it's amazing that we have produced so much good, exciting rugby which has been a credit to all concerned.

My apologies for not coming to the club to watch the International last Saturday but Northampton is a long way back and after the 'social' bit at O.N. I would have missed most, if not all, of the game. Instead I called at the Cap & Stocking just in time for a quick pee, an excellent pint of Bass, served from the jug, and to see a certain Mr Jones allegedly trip one of our gallant boys. To me it looked more like an attempt at Cossack Dancing which was so poor that he should have had a card to match his jersey.

In a recent e-mail there was a few words of praise to those who, with 'only' a couple of days to think about it, send reports to Pitchero for publishing on our web-site. However, there was no mention of one of the club's great heroes, Mr Barry Thompson, who has in the past accepted the responsibility of broadcasting to the Nation via Boundary Sound. Timings are not necessarily accurate and often need instant recall as well as keeping up with current play. Not only that but post-match reports can be at a most inconvenient time when pressing matters can see you with no hands free to hold your 'phone and, despite this, it is to his great credit that the 'show must go on'!

Cheers, enjoy your rugby, John Whitelaw



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	Paviers A L	L 17-25	Paviers H P	L 15-29	Horncastle A F	W 50-26	Paviers 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	W 25-16	Wellingboro H F		Mellish 2 H P	W 32-29	Mellish 3 A P	W 26-12
Dec 19	O Northampton A L	Off	O Northampton A L	Off	Southwell 2 A F	Off	Southwell 3 H P	Off
Dec 26	President's XV							
Jan 2			TBA		Bakewell 2 H P	Off		
Jan 9	Paviers H L	Off	Paviers A P	Off	TBA		Paviers 3 H P	Off
Jan 16	Scunthorpe A L	L 9-24	No game		Mkt Rasen 2 H F	L 25-45	Mkt Rasen 3 A F	L 14-16
Jan 23	Stew & Lloyds H L	W 35-5	Loughborough H P	W 24-5	Trent Univ 4 A P	Off	Ollerton 2 A P	W 56-12
Jan 30	Syston A L	Postponed	Paviers A P	L 19-27	Lincoln 2 A P	W 21-12	Tupton 2 H P	W 41-17
Feb 6	O Northampton A L	L 20-44	Nottm Univ H P	W 15-10	Mkt Rasen H F	L 0-12	Ashfield 2 H A	W 30-24
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	Paviers H L		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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