

# NEWARK v OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS – Midlands One East

Welcome to a new season of first team rugby at Kelham Road. The first visitors are Old Northamptonians who are newly-promoted and ready for a competitive season judging by their opening wins over Matlock and Market Bosworth. Today is President's Day. Andy Clay, the new man in the chair; hosts a lunch served by the club's new caterers in Lorraine and Paul Moore from Newark Snack Company. Good luck to them in the new venture and to Dave, the new bar steward.

## Team news

The league season has so far brought two wins out of two and a sun tan. The weather at Wellingborough was so glorious that it forced a few travellers to seek the shade. The team looks to be settling well and the 10 tries last Saturday should serve as a confidence boost for harder matches to come, starting today. After Old Northamptonians, comes a trip to Paviers and Scunthorpe here at Kelham Road on Saturday, Oct 4.

Team news as of Wednesday evening points to an unchanged team depending on the fitness of Chris Tate. He twisted his knee in the second half of the win over Wellingborough. Joe Cormack, whose university life means he has signed on and off numerous times, is back on board and on the bench to back up Chris. Like all amateur clubs, the team has undergone a summer overhaul. Charlie Claydon is now residing in Scotland, Danny Coen and Mark Coles have yet to train while Richard Byrom finds himself in the 2nd XV following the decision of Matt Brewer to opt for a chance at full-back. The squad has been fortified by the return from injury of Ed Collishaw, who has also resumed the captaincy from Charlie, Shaun May and Jon Evans. The other big pluses are the vitality and bite of Alex Moore, Jon Webster, Daley Edwards and Harry Pick. David Fagan may yet be seen in a Newark jersey if he recovers from a foot injury before student life kicks in at Newcastle.

## Volunteers

If you read the President's message at the front of the programme his motto is 'many hands make light work.' So two volunteer officials are looking for helpers. Sheila in the shop is looking for assistants and Steve, the bar chairman, is after new Saturday volunteers to join one of the bar teams that are down on strength.



## RUSSELL SMITH

The saddest news of the summer was to hear that Russell Smith had died, aged 49.

'Stubby' was one of those characters who sustains a rugby club. He possessed an ebullient sense of humour and a zest for life that was epitomised in his play. He was a member of the 1983 Three Counties Cup-winning squad and was a prominent player for many seasons.

A collection at his funeral for the mini and youth section raised over £330. Thank you for all the donations.

## Results

### THE TABLE – MIDLANDS ONE EAST 2009-10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby	2	2	0	0	84	10	4
Syston	2	2	0	0	92	20	4
<b>Newark</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>
Scunthorpe	2	2	0	0	77	41	4
<b>O Northamp</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>
Paviors	2	1	0	1	73	26	2
Ilkeston	2	1	0	1	75	42	2
L Buzzard	2	1	0	1	65	47	2
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	48	53	2
Matlock	2	0	0	2	17	48	0
Mkt Bosworth	2	0	0	2	17	88	0
Wellingboro	2	0	0	2	14	96	0
Dunstablians	2	0	0	2	6	99	0
Stew & Lloyds	2	0	0	2	10	110	0

### Last Saturday

Wellingborough 7 v 57 Newark

**Newark team:** Brewer; Waqalevu, Tate, Collishaw, More; Dobson, Clark; May, Tomlinson, Pick, Mather, Rhodes, L Cove, Webster, Edwards. Subs: Barker, Evans, Cormack.

**Tries:** L Cove (4), Brewer (3), Edwards, May, Waqalevu. Kicks: Dobson 5 cons.

**Other Results:** Derby 46 – Dunstablians 3, Old Northamptonians 21 – Matlock 9, Paviors 57 – Market Bosworth 6, Stewart & Lloyds 7 – Leighton Buzzard 52, Syston 39 – Ilkeston 17.

### Round One – Saturday, Sept 5:

Derby 38 – Walsall 7, Dunstablians 3 – Syston 53, Ilkeston 58 – Stewart & Lloyds 3, L Buzzard 13 – Scunthorpe 40, Mansfield 20 – Paviors 16, Market Bosworth 11 – O Northamptonians 31, Matlock 8 – Newark 27.

### Fixtures

#### Today – Round 3:

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

### Next Saturday

**Round 4:** Derby v Leighton Buzzard, Dunstablians v Ilkeston, Paviors v Newark, Scunthorpe v Matlock, Stewart & Lloyds v Market Bosworth, Syston v Mansfield, Wellingborough v Old Northamptonians.

## News, Events, Seen & Heard

### Facilities

Thank you to John and his helpers in getting the pitches ready for a new season. They all look in great shape. Facilities were among the items discussed at Monday's committee. It is hoped to present at a future meeting ideas on how to improve the toilet facilities in the clubhouse. The treasurer may have talked about losing money etc over the summer, but he has found some money from another pot (so to speak) tucked away to help with the scheme! Watch this space on the plans. There was also talk on Monday of increasing the shop space to maximise sales.

### Under-17s

The under-17s kick off tomorrow, at home to Nottingham. Kick off 11am. They are hoping to play on the big pitch! Good luck to them.

### 100 Club

She's done it again! Jean, the organiser, has scooped the prize for the second month running. Last month she shared the £1,000 prize with Alan. This time the Lawrence lady has won £250 after the number 100 was drawn at Monday's meeting. She says she is keeping all the loot but stresses that she has free balls to play with for any one interested. £10 a month or £100 a year. All money to club funds.

### Charity night

Sheila is organising a second match after last year's successful venture in aid of Breast Cancer. It is set for Wednesday, Oct 7 when the 2nd XV will be on parade. The only problem at the moment is the lack of opponents. We will keep you posted.

### Newarkers on the road

A summer of gossip has ended in a number of comings and goings. Big H (or Hoani Tui) has started a new contract at Exeter in the Championship. He has already gained rave reviews in The Rugby Paper (available from any good newsagent on a Sunday morning). Big H made a big dent for the 2003 promotion-winning team and has always kept in touch. He was last spotted at Matt Cove's summer wedding. Further down the league ladder, Russ Westcott has pitched up at Hull in League Two North. He scored two tries last weekend in the Humberside derby against Hull Ionians. Good luck to them both... and to the contingent at Southwell. We will keep you posted.

### Heard it all before

From thisleicestershire.co.uk 'Syston continued their excellent start to the campaign with a 39-17 win against Ilkeston in Midlands One (East). Unfortunately, Market Bosworth are still to get off the mark. They suffered a heavy 57-6 defeat at Paviors, with full-back Thomas Peake's two penalties the only highlights of an otherwise poor afternoon.

"It was a bad day at the office," – said head coach Rob Harding. "But we will get better. A lot of the lads in the first team squad have got tremendous ability – but many of them are youngsters. They lack the experience of playing rugby at this level and they will learn a heck of a lot after tasting defeats like this one. When you are playing in Midlands Division One, it's all about doing the simple things very well and taking your chances when they present themselves."

# Newark Rugby Football Club

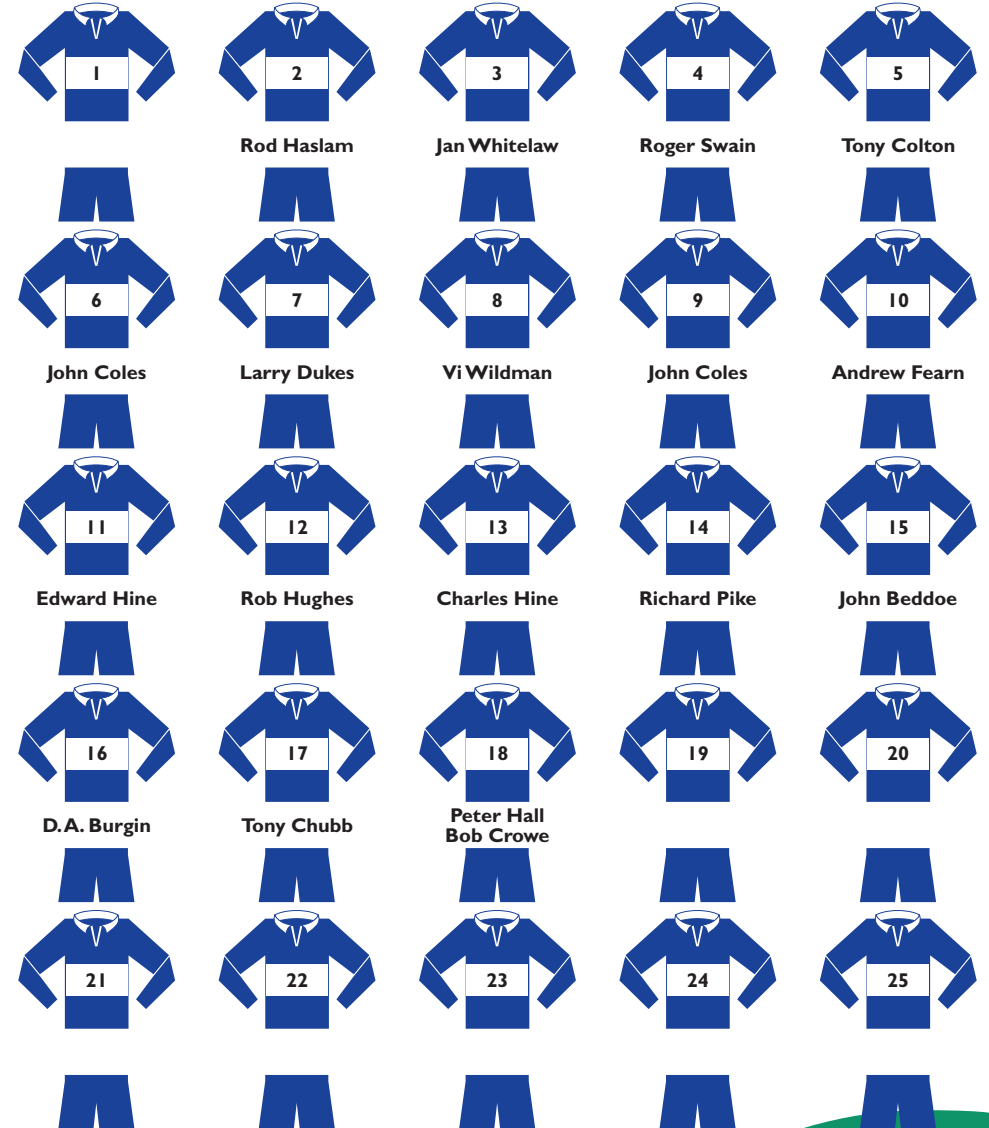
NEWARK		OLD NORTHAMPTONIAN		
15	Matt Brewer	<b>Full Back</b>	Reice Hook	15
14	Aloesi Waqalevu	<b>Right Wing</b>	Richard Blank	14
13	Chris Tate	<b>Centre</b>	Adam Civil	13
12	Ed Collishaw	<b>Centre</b>	Matthew Love	12
11	Alex Moore	<b>Left Wing</b>	Tom Harris	11
10	Michael Dobson	<b>Fly-Half</b>	Alex Rose	10
9	Matt Clark	<b>Scrum Half</b>	Matt Ireland	9
1	Shaun May	<b>Loosehead prop</b>	James Phillips	1
2	Ian Tomlinson	<b>Hooker</b>	Ben Briddon	2
3	Harry Pick	<b>Tighthead Prop</b>	Ralph Rainbow	3
4	David Rhodes	<b>Lock</b>	Rhys Hughes	4
5	Liam Mather	<b>Lock</b>	Michael Hull	5
6	Lewis Cove	<b>Blindside Flanker</b>	Phil Beaumont	6
7	Jon Webster	<b>Openside Flanker</b>	Ashley Fullthorpe	7
8	Daley Edwards	<b>No. 8</b>	Ian Rogers	8
16	Mick Barker	<b>Subs</b>	Porky Elliott	16
17	Jon Evans		Shan Civil	17
18	Joe Cormack		Sam Street	18
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		<b>Referee</b>	Bob Dudley (NLD)	

## President's lunch

Host: Andrew Clay

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## Newly-elected life member Barry Staniforth

Club trustee Brian Fisher writes about a long-standing friend and their adventures on and off the rugby field. Barry was elected a life member at the club's agm in June.

'I have had the pleasure of knowing Barry for over half a century, 51 years in fact. He is one of that rare breed of men who have been both captain and a president of this wonderful club. He is in the same mould as Howard Selby, George Pollard, Sam Derry, George Jeffcott, John Barker and Ken Hunter. These are the only seven men in the 90-year history of this club who have led it on and off the field.

I have always regarded Barry as a talisman. As a farmer in conjunction with his brother Guy he has always set the pace and as a rugby player and a member of this club he has also set the pace. It's time to gather hay when Barry is gathering hay, it's time to reap the harvest when Barry is reaping the harvest. He has always been that sort of a man.

Likewise on the rugby field, although he suffered an injury to a knee very early in his career; when he was in fact still a student, he went on to become a very fine back row forward culminating in his captaincy of the club in the year 1963. There was just as much versatility in forwards play in those days as there is today with people having to adapt to availabilities and injuries. I remember one occasion which went down in the folk law of the club in the sixties when Barry was pressed into service as a hooker for the first XV against Coventry Extras.

In those days we regularly played sides like Northampton, Coventry and Leicester Tigers second XVs, facing many an international player and this was one of those occasions. There was a legendary front row playing for Coventry in those days two of whom formed part of the England front row, Phil Judd and Bert Goodwin, the hooker. Bert Goodwin had been injured and he was given a run out in the

second XV against Newark before going back into the Coventry and England sides. On that famous day Barry succeeded in taking a ball or two against the head against the England hooker.

I can tell you a few pints were downed over that for many a long night on the Holes AK bitter (I know you have never heard of it, just be happy you never had to drink it!)

I know that looking at people like Barry, Tom Grocock and me it is difficult to imagine we were ever young once, but rest assured gentlemen you didn't invent it. As Barry and I served as tax commissioners, councillors, officers of this club and so on it is easy to forget that one day we were young in the fifties and sixties.

A few cameo memories; Barry and Tony Masding getting worked over for unwisely thinking they could do a runner from Charlie Chester's Nightclub after a Varsity Match in London. Barry, Frank Latham and a gang of us fighting in the gutter in Leicester over a bag of chips after a Tigers night match at Welford Road.

Wild nights out in London after Twickenham visits when we would sometimes play a match in the London area in the morning and then go on to an international in the afternoon.

An all night party at Barry's house when Barry's mother and father unwisely went on holiday abroad the week of the club dinner resulting in an egg throwing competition as the dawn broke with eggs sailing 50ft over the top of a mature oak tree and landing unbroken in the soft ground wet with the morning dew.

Many in the club will remember the literally hundreds of pre and post match parties we hosted together with our wives on the West Stand car park at Twickenham for neigh on 30 years. I could go on but it will only get worse including the time Barry ploughed up the fairway at Wentworth with his Volvo in the pouring rain at the end of the World Matchplay final.

Then, of course, the term Fishers Folly arose when the building you are now in was a pile of numbered pieces of wood resting rent free for a period of about a year in the stackyard at Barry's home, Grange Farm, South Muskham.

There it lay all a warping pile of timber christened by club secretary Joe Howard and Johnnie Barker as Fishers Folly.

This pile of timber was eventually removed from Barry's stackyard to form the core of this clubhouse. After finishing playing for the club, Barry with his farming expertise and equipment maintained the pitches for donkeys years, again, of course, without charging the club a penny for his time, equipment or skill.

Subsequently Barry went on to become fixture secretary serving with distinction for many years.

Barry has suffered terribly with his health over the last 11 years and only recently lost his second leg. Throughout all these very, very trying times he has remained the man I have known for over a half a century supported by his wonderful wife Christine, never complaining, full of guts, mindful of the needs of others, full of humility, loving his family, loving rugby, loving this club.

I cannot think of a more worthy candidate to become an honorary life member'

*The above article was written as a testimonial to Barry by Brian for the annual meeting.*

# Newark Rugby Union Football Club – 2009/10

Dates	1st Team	Result	2nd Team	Result	3rd Team	Result	4th Team	Result
<b>Aug 22</b>	Newport Salop H F	W 17-14						
<b>Aug 29</b>	Dinnington A F	W 10-7			East Leake H F	L 5-20		
<b>Sept 5</b>	Matlock A L	W 27-8	Matlock A P	L 7-12	Casuals A F	W 69-21	Ripley H F	W 58-0
<b>Sept 12</b>	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
<b>Sept 19</b>	O Northampton H L		O Northampton H F		Lincoln 2 H P		Leesbrook 2 A P	
<b>Sept 26</b>	Paviors A L		Paviors H P		Horncastle A F		Paviors 3 A P	
<b>Oct 3</b>	Scunthorpe H L		S Leicester A C		Bakewell A P		Tupton 2 A P	
<b>Oct 7</b>			Charity Night H					
<b>Oct 10</b>	Stew & Lloyds A L		Notts Medics A P		W Bridgford 2 H		Mkt Rasen 3 H F	
<b>Oct 17</b>	Syston H L		TBA		Trent Univ 4 H P		Meden Vale 2 H P	
<b>Oct 24</b>	Derby A L		Derby H P		Derby 3 A P		Derby 4 H F	
<b>Oct 31</b>	Dunstablians H L		Nottm Univ A P		TBA		Scunthorpe H F	
<b>Nov 7</b>	Ilkeston A L		Ilkeston H P		Sleaford 2 A P		W Bridgford 3 H F	
<b>Nov 14</b>	L Buzzard H L		Scunthorpe 3 F		TBA			
<b>Nov 17</b>			Cranwell H F					
<b>Nov 21</b>	Mkt Rasen H NLD		Loughborough A P		TBA		Ripley A F	
<b>Nov 28</b>	Mansfield A L		Mansfield H P		Mansfield 3 A P		Mansfield H C	
<b>Dec 5</b>	Mkt Bosworth H L		Mkt Bosworth H F		Mkt Rasen 3 A P		Retford A P	
<b>Dec 12</b>	Wellingborough H L		Wellingboro H F		Mellish 2 H P		Mellish 3 A P	
<b>Dec 19</b>	O Northampton A L		O Northampton A L		Southwell 2 A F		Southwell 3 H P	
<b>Dec 26</b>	President's XV							
<b>Jan 2</b>	Mansfield H L		TBA		Bakewell 2 H P			
<b>Jan 9</b>	Paviors H L		Paviors A P		TBA		Paviors 3 H P	
<b>Jan 16</b>	Scunthorpe A L		TBA		Mkt Rasen 2 H F		Mkt Rasen 3 A F	
<b>Jan 23</b>	Stew & Lloyds H L		Loughborough H P		Trent Univ 4 A P		Ollerton 2 A P	
<b>Jan 30</b>	Syston A L		Notts Medivs H P		Lincoln 2 A P		Tupton 2 H P	
<b>Feb 6</b>			Nottm Univ H P		Horncastle H F		Leesbrook 2 H P	
<b>Feb 13</b>	Derby H L		Derby A P		Derby 3 H P		Derby 4 A F	
<b>Feb 20</b>	Dunstablians A L		TBA		Ashbourne 2 A P		Scunthorpe A F	
<b>Feb 27</b>	Notts Cup semi		TBA		W Bridgford 2 A P		Meden Vale 2 A P	
<b>Mar 6</b>	Ilkeston H L		Ilkeston A P		Sleaford 2 H P		TBA	
<b>Mar 13</b>	L Buzzard A L		TBA		Southwell 2 H F		Southwell 3 A F	
<b>Mar 17</b>					Cas Donington H C			
<b>Mar 20</b>	Mansfield H L		Mansfield A P		Mansfield H P		Mansfield A F	
<b>Mar 27</b>	Mkt Bosworth A L		TBA		TBA		TBA	
<b>Apr 3</b>	Easter							
<b>Apr 10</b>	Matlock H L		Matlock H P		Mellish 2 A P		Mellish 3 H P	
<b>Apr 17</b>								
<b>Apr 24</b>								

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