



TOUCHLINE RAMBLINGS

SEASON 2007-2008



STOCKPORT RUGBY NEWS

SECOND BEST

Chester make the most of Port mistakes

The only issue that Saturday's fixture with League leaders Chester was likely to settle was where would our play off game with the 2nd placed team of North 2 East be played. Well pack your bags it looks as if we're off over the Pennines.

TEAM: James Drew on to the wing for his last game of the season before he departs for the

States. Chris Weeks on the bench with Nick Wroe and Steve Pearson.

MATCH: Having survived the pre-match musical entertainment provided by our hosts we were ready for the action. We made an encouraging start in the opening minutes and we put Chester under some pressure. Then in the 5th minute we

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SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2008

SEMI FINAL OF THE HALBRO SENIOR COLTS CUP

STOCKPORT V GLOSSOP

KICK OFF 2.0PM

10-04-08

CHESTER	21	V	9	STOCKPORT
	15		6	Half Time

HOME TEAM			AWAY TEAM	
Tom WEIGHTMAN	15		Richard HOPKINSON	
Matt SHEEN	14		Greg NEWTON	
Liam LAWTON	13		Craig COOPER	
Simon VERBICKAS [C]	12		James DALTON	
Simon ABIERO	11		James DREW	
Tom FODEN	10		Tom EATON	
James FARRELL	9		Mike RAVEN	
Richard MOORE	1		Ian KENNEDY	
Steve ROBERTS	2		Andy FULLER	
Nathan SANDFORD-JONES	3		Jan Erik ANDERSON	
John BECKWITH	4		Tim OAKES	
John PIGGOT	5		Dave MARWICK [C]	
Matt BELLAMY	6		Hugo CORBETT	
Aled EVANS	7		John WILSON	
Ross WHITE	8		Peter BREDEKAMP	
REPLACEMENTS				
Mike HUGHES	16		Steve PEARSON	
Gareth MARTIN	17		Chris WEEKS	
Guy DAVENPORT	18		Nick WROE	

MATCH SEQUENCE											REPLACEMENTS			
Time	H	A	No	T	C	P	PT	DG	SCORE	Y	R	Off	On	Reason
5	X		13	X					5 0					
5	X		10		N				5 0					
7		X	15			N			5 0					
10	X		10			N			5 0					
12	X		10			Y			8 0					
18	X		9	X					13 0					
18	X		10			Y			15 0					
22		X	15			Y			15 3					
39		X	15			Y			15 6					
55		X							15 6			1	17	
67		X	15			Y			15 9					
72	X		10			Y			18 9					
73		X							18 9			11	13	
73		X							18 9			12	16	
75	X								21 9					

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started to mount yet another attack but as the ball moved to the left wing it went to ground and a Chester toe was applied to it. A foot race was on and I suppose there is always an element of luck involved in kicking an odd shaped ball repeatedly up the field. One of the Chester centres was first to the ball as it shot over the line. 5-0. Surprisingly the conversion was missed.

We settled down to the task again and we were soon rewarded with a penalty. Richard Hopkinson had an attempt from distance and the ball just drifted left. Then three minutes later Chester also squandered another penalty before finally increasing their lead to 8-0 in the 10th minute with an easier penalty. We then nearly suffered another breakaway as Chester's fleet footed winger picked up and set off down the wing. Luckily Tom Eaton managed to get a hand on him before he got to full speed. We seemed to living on a knife edge. Looking so positive one second only for a small mistake to knock us well and truly backwards.

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The half from a Stockport point of view reached its low point in the 18th minute as Chester pressed our line. From a ruck right under the posts and only yards out their scrum picked and sneaked over. With the conversion the Chester lead was 15-0.

Soon after the restart we had one of the referee's more curious decisions of the day. James Drew went on a run to the corner. Wishful thinking lead me to hope that he'd managed to touch the ball down before the corner flag was struck. Then I thought we'd have to settle for a challenge for their line out as I clearly saw the linesman indicate that James had had a foot in touch prior to the line. Somehow the Referee decided that it was in fact a 22.....Chester made a mess of the restart and at least got

something to cheer about when Hoppo slotted over his first penalty of the day. 15-3 It was the start of our best period of play in the game. Good ball retention and consistently getting over the gain line. Just before the half time whistle we got further encouragement when following a referee's decision about a forward pass the Chester captain decided to let the ref know what he thought of the decision. It cost his side three points for the privilege . Half Time 15-6.

The second was pretty unremarkable. A couple of penalties to Chester and one to us....final whistle.....21-9....get in cargo home. Final league game at Stockport RUFC on 19th April v Tyldesley.

The Rambler



NORTH 2 WEST

Saturday, 29th March 2008			
Broughton Pk	24	0	Rochdale
Chester	24	0	Sandbach
Leigh	8	12	Stockport
Tyldesley	7	73	Lymm
Vale of Lune	20	12	New Brighton
Winnington Pk	6	16	Northwich

Saturday, 12th April 2008			
Broughton Pk			Sandbach
Chester	21	9	Stockport
Northwich			Rochdale
Tyldesley			Leigh
Vale of Lune			Lymm
Winnington Pk			New Brighton

NORTH 2 WEST								
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pt
Chester	21	18	2	1	720	220	500	38
Stockport	21	16	0	5	548	207	341	32
Broughton Park	20	15	0	5	459	227	232	30
New Brighton	20	11	2	7	437	347	90	24
Sandbach	20	12	0	8	361	302	59	24
Rochdale	20	10	1	9	384	341	43	21
Leigh	20	9	1	10	329	350	-21	19
Lymm	20	10	0	10	442	287	155	18*
Northwich	20	7	1	12	224	283	-59	13*
Vale of Lune	20	6	0	14	297	472	-175	12
Winnington Park	20	2	1	17	229	645	-416	5
Tyldesley	20	1	0	19	141	890	-749	0*

NORTH 1

Saturday, 29th March 2008			
Altrincham K	7	27	Hull
Birkenhead Pk	7	20	Kendal
Cleckheaton	7	13	Middlesbrough
Penrith	31	13	Darlington
Sheffield Tigers	0	5	Huddersfield
Westoe	32	0	Liverpool St. H

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Sheffield Tgs			Darlington
Westoe			Huddersfield

NORTH 1								
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pt
Kendal	20	20	0	0	526	191	335	40
Huddersfield	20	18	0	2	450	242	208	36
Westoe	20	15	1	4	420	250	170	31
Birkenhead Park	20	10	0	10	378	301	77	20
Hull	20	9	1	10	480	378	102	19
Sheffield Tigers	20	9	0	11	396	369	27	18
Cleckheaton	20	9	0	11	322	375	-53	18
Darlington	20	7	2	11	345	457	-112	16
Middlesbrough	20	6	0	14	286	533	-247	12
Liverpool St. H	20	5	0	15	299	449	-150	10
Altrincham Kersal	20	5	0	15	265	439	-174	10
Penrith	20	5	0	15	333	516	-183	10

NORTH 2 EAST

Saturday, 29th March 2008			
Driffield	12	15	Pontefract
Durham City	6	10	W Hartlepool
Gateshead	14	10	York
Hartlepool Rvrs	21	6	Aldwinians
Morpeth	17	12	Aspatria
O Crossleyans	10	11	Carlisle

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Durham City			Pontefract
Gateshead			W Hartlepool
Hartlepool Rvrs			Aspatria
Morpeth			Carlisle
York			Aldwinians

NORTH 2 EAST								
Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pt
West Hartlepool	20	17	0	3	534	237	297	34
Durham City	20	15	2	3	500	264	236	32
Driffield	20	14	0	6	614	297	317	28
Morpeth	20	11	2	7	483	346	137	24
Aspatria	20	11	1	8	472	293	179	23
Pontefract	20	11	1	8	434	443	-9	23
Gateshead	20	9	2	9	423	501	-78	20
Old Crossleyans	20	8	0	12	327	418	-91	16
Carlisle	20	8	0	12	377	477	-100	16
Hartlepool Rovers	20	7	1	12	346	499	-153	15
York	20	4	1	15	270	486	-216	9
Aldwinians	20	0	0	20	157	676	-519	0

	AWAY											
HOME	Broughton Park	Chester	Leigh	Lymm	New Brighton	Northwich	Rochdale	Sandbach	Stockport	Tyldesley	Vale of Lune	Winnington Park
Broughton Park		24-0	10-12	10-7	26-8	19-14	24-0	12/4	12-5	62-0	30-26	62-4
Chester	22-13		39-7	20-11	26-26	29-0	49-5	24-0	5/4	90-12	72-10	30-8
Leigh	12-7	17-17		18-39	6-27	19/4	26-13	5-6	8-12	27-10	28-3	23-17
Lymm	14-21	19/4	12-25		44-17	16-10	10-11	0-8	14-20	36-3	29-7	39-6
New Brighton	19/4	20-37	25-10	34-14		8-6	18-15	29-3	16-0	42-12	27-26	41-8
Northwich	3-17	6-19	17-32	13-8	21-10		12/4	0-11	14-5	26-20	20-5	16-16
Rochdale	20-11	17-19	22-14	9-23	24-24	5-3		24-6	5-27	90-3	11-8	19/4
Sandbach	16-18	3-28	13-12	9-14	20-3	14-12	27-26		6-17	62-0	19/4	49-7
Stockport	34-15	9-10	39-18	22-10	29-17	29-0	27-12	48-8		19/4	22-5	32-0
Tyldesley	5-37	5-66	12/4	7-73	0-33	6-20	0-29	5-59	21-40		6-13	14-3
Vale of Lune	12-22	11-34	14-12	12/4	20-12	8-7	10-25	20-26	5-50	34-0		43-17
Winnington Park	3-19	7-68	8-27	17-29	12/4	6-16	12-21	10-15	0-72	48-12	22-17	

NORTH 2 WEST : 2007-2008

STOCKPORT RUFC 1ST XV 2007-2008

PLAYED 23 WON 16 DRAWN 1 LOST 6 POINTS FOR POINTS 593 AGAINST 237

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	VENUE	RESULT	F	A
25/08/07	Longton	Pre-Season	Away	Draw	10	10
01/09/07	Cleckheaton	Pre-Season	Away	Lost	5	21
08/09/07	Leigh	North 2 West	Home	Won	39	8
15/09/07	Northwich	North 2 West	Home	Won	29	0
22/09/07	Lymm	North 2 West	Away	Won	20	14
29/09/07	Sandbach	North 2 West	Home	Won	48	8
06/10/07	New Brighton	North 2 West/CC	Away	Lost	0	16
20/10/07	Rochdale	North 2 West	Home	Won	27	12
27/10/07	Winnington Park	North 2 West	Away	Won	72	0
03/11/07	Broughton Park	North 2 West	Home	Won	34	15
10/11/07	Vale of Lune	North 2 West	Away	Won	55	5
17/11/07	Lymm	Intermediate Cup 2	Home	Won	32	15
24/11/07	Chester	North 2 West	Home	Lost	9	10
01/12/07	Tyldesley	North 2 West	Away	Won	40	21
08/12/07	Carlisle	Intermediate Cup 3	Home	Won	39	0
15/12/07	Vale of Lune	North 2 West	Home	Won	22	5
05/01/08	Broughton Park	North 2 West	Away	Lost	5	12
12/01/08	Newport (Salop)	Intermediate Cup 4	Away	Lost	20	21
19/01/08	Winnington Park	North 2 West	Home	Won	32	0
26/01/08	Rochdale	North 2 West	Away	Won	27	5
09/02/08	New Brighton	North 2 West	Home	Won	29	17
16/02/08	Sandbach	North 2 West	Away	Won	17	6
01/03/08	Lymm	North 2 West	Home	Won	22	10
08/03/08	Northwich	North 2 West	Away	Lost	5	14
29/03/08	Leigh	North 2 West	Away	Won	12	8
05/04/08	Chester	North 2 West	Away	Lost	9	21
19/04/08	Tyldesley	North 2 West	Home			
26/04/08		Play Offs				

STOCKPORT RUFC 1ST XV 2007-2008

AFTER 21 LEAGUE GAMES

Players		A	R	T	C	P	DG	Pts
1	Richard Hopkinson	17	0	7	39	18	0	165
2	Greg Newton	20	0	9	0	0	0	45
3	James Drew	15	1	8	0	1	0	43
4	Steve Pearson	12	5	5	0	3	0	34
5	Craig Cooper	19	0	7	0	0	0	35
6	Andy Fuller	20	0	5	0	0	0	25
7	Chris Nel	11	4	5	0	0	0	25
8	Dave Marwick	21	0	4	0	0	0	20
9	John Wilson	18	1	4	0	0	0	20
10	Tom Eaton	7	1	1	4	1	0	17
11	Christian Chapman	5	4	3	0	0	0	15
12	Peter Bredenkamp	19	0	3	0	0	0	15
13	Simon Baker	3	1	3	0	0	0	15
14	Mike Raven	18	0	2	0	0	0	10
15	Ian Kennedy	11	4	2	0	0	0	10
16	Jan-Erik Anderson	16	1	1	0	0	0	5
17	James Dalton	14	0	1	0	0	0	5
18	Chris Weeks	13	3	1	0	0	0	5
19	Matt Langtree	8	6	1	0	0	0	5
20	Phil Leigh	5	5	1	0	0	0	5
21	Nick Wroe	4	2	1	0	0	0	5
22	Charlie Maunder	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
23	Tony Shore	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
24	Hugo Corbett	10	2	1	0	0	0	5
25	Tim Oakes	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Alan Boyd	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
27	Dave Morris	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
28	Ben Kerr	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
29	Colin Nevett	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
30	Alex Hooley	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
31	Chris Thompson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	Julian Harris	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
33	Kieran Hibbs	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
34	Zak Hammond	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Penalty Tries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	315	62	75	41	25	0	547

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEKEND

Saturday 05/04/08				
TEAM	Opposition	H/A	Competition	
1 ST XV	Chester	Away	North 2 West	Lost 9-21
2 ND XV	Preston GH	Away	Bateman BMW Premiership	Lost
3 RD XV	No Fixture			
4 TH XV	No Fixture			
VETS XV	No Fixture			
Sunday 06/04/08				
Senior Colts	Training			
Junior Colts	Tarleton	Away	Nat U17 Cup	Lost 10-13
U16	Newcastle	Home	Friendly	
U15	New Brighton	Away	Cheshire Plate	Lost 22-12
U14	N	Home	Friendly	
U13	Aldwinians	Away	Friendly	Lost 7-24
U12				
U11				
U10				
U9				
U8				
U7				

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 12/04/08				
TEAM	Opposition	H/A	Competition	Kick Off
1 ST XV	No Fixture			
2 ND XV	No Fixture			
3 RD XV	Aldwinians 3's	Home	Miller Homes Leagues 4E	3.00
4 TH XV	Burnage 4's	Away	Miller Homes Leagues 5S	3.00
VETS XV				
Sunday 13/04/08				
Senior Colts	Glossop	Home	NW Colts League Cup	2.00
Junior Colts	No Fixture			
U16	Barkers Butts	Home	Friendly	11.00
U15	No Fixture	Away		
U14	Barkers Butts	Home	Friendly	11.00
U13	Sedgley Park	Away	Friendly	11.00
U12	Cheshire festival	Away	Caldy	
U11	Cheshire festival	Away	Wirral	
U10	Cheshire festival	Away	Sandbach	
U9	Cheshire festival	Away	Anselmians	
U8	Cheshire festival	Away	Macclesfield	
U7	Cheshire festival	Away	Bowden	

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