



# TOUCHLINE RAMBLINGS

SEASON 2007-2008



## STOCKPORT RUGBY NEWS

# CLOSER AND CLOSER

## 1st's show glimpses of ultimate form

In the blink of an eye we've already reached week 4 of the league season. What we hadn't seen so far was the complete 80 minute performance. Bits here, bits there, 10 minutes from that game, 20 from that game. Could we get a bit closer for the visit of old Cheshire rivals Sandbach. Stockport has long had a rivalry throughout the Junior section with Sandbach but it's been some years since we've locked horns at 1<sup>st</sup>

XV level. They secured their place in north 2 West via a brief sideways move into the Midlands. Could they be starting to regret the move back North.

**Team:** Only minor adjustments to the line up. James Dalton unavailable so Steve Pearson would move to the centre. In the pack Chris Weeks would be away soon so Dave Morris came in at prop with Andy

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**STOCKPORT**

48

v

8

**SANDBACH**

Half Time

15

8

|                   |    |                 |
|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| RICHARD HOPKINSON | 15 | TIM JONES       |
| JAMES DREW        | 14 | DAN BUTLER      |
| CRAIG COOPER      | 13 | ALLY BURTON     |
| STEVE PEARSON     | 12 | RAY JONES       |
| GREG NEWTON       | 11 | RUSS DYMOND     |
| CHRIS NEL         | 10 | WILL CARGILL    |
| MIKE RAVEN        | 9  | MARK BIRD       |
| JAN-ERIK ANDERSON | 1  | ALEX REAY       |
| ANDY FULLER       | 2  | TIM OAKES       |
| DAVE MORRIS       | 3  | ANDY PIPE       |
| TIM OAKES         | 4  | CHRIS DAVENPORT |
| DAVE MARWICK [C]  | 5  | WILL STOCKDALE  |
| ALAN BOYD         | 6  | JACK SEDDON     |
| JOHN WILSON       | 7  | ADAM WILDE      |
| PETER BREDENKAMP  | 8  | LEE PICKLES     |
| SIMON BAKER       | 16 | ANDY LEE        |
| MATT LANGTREE     | 17 | MIKE HUSS       |
| ALEX HOOLEY       | 18 | GARETH CAEN     |

| Time | Home | Away | No. | T | C | P | PT | DG | Score |   | Y | R | Off | On |
|------|------|------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-------|---|---|---|-----|----|
| 1    | X    |      | 15  |   |   | N |    |    | 0     | 0 |   |   |     |    |
| 10   | X    |      | 12  | X |   |   |    |    | 5     | 0 |   |   |     |    |
| 10   | X    |      | 15  |   | Y |   |    |    | 7     | 0 |   |   |     |    |
| 19   |      | X    | 10  |   |   | Y |    |    | 7     | 3 |   |   |     |    |
| 22   | X    |      | 15  |   |   | Y |    |    | 10    | 3 |   |   |     |    |
| 23   |      | X    | 10  | X |   |   |    |    | 10    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 23   |      | X    | 10  |   | N |   |    |    | 10    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 25   | X    |      | 11  | X |   |   |    |    | 15    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 25   | X    |      | 15  |   | N |   |    |    | 15    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 38   | X    |      | 15  |   |   | N |    |    | 15    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
|      |      |      |     |   |   |   |    |    | 15    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 42   | X    |      | 10  | X |   |   |    |    | 20    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 42   | X    |      | 15  |   | Y |   |    |    | 22    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 43   | X    |      |     |   |   |   |    |    | 22    | 8 |   |   | 9   | 18 |
| 50   | X    |      | 5   | X |   |   |    |    | 27    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 50   | X    |      | 15  |   | Y |   |    |    | 29    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 60   | X    |      |     |   |   |   |    |    | 29    | 8 |   |   | 6   | 17 |
| 60   | X    |      |     |   |   |   |    |    | 29    | 8 |   |   | 3   | 16 |
| 64   |      | X    |     |   |   |   |    |    | 29    | 8 |   |   | 16  | 6  |
| 70   |      | X    | 16  |   |   |   |    |    | 29    | 8 | X |   |     |    |
| 72   | X    |      | 5   | X |   |   |    |    | 34    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 72   | X    |      | 15  |   | Y |   |    |    | 36    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 77   | X    |      | 18  | X |   |   |    |    | 41    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 77   | X    |      | 15  |   | N |   |    |    | 41    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 80   | X    |      | 14  | X |   |   |    |    | 46    | 8 |   |   |     |    |
| 80   | X    |      | 15  |   | Y |   |    |    | 48    | 8 |   |   |     |    |

Fuller hooking. Matt Langtree stepped down to the bench with Alan Boyd coming back in.

**Match:** Not for the first time it was a Stockport performance of two very different halves. That said, there are a number of factors that can colour a team's performance. We have stuck our heads above the parapet and so all teams that visit Headlands Road come with an extra degree of determination. It takes time to wear that down. Scoring opportunities rarely come easily but when they do it is important to take them. After an early penalty miss by Richard Hopkinson we settled down again to the business of getting on the score board. It took 10 minutes of probing. The forwards played their part by sucking in defenders to the right of the posts. The ball was promptly moved left by Chris Nel to Steve Pearson. Steve is not a man who readily turns down the opportunity to let an opposition forward make him look good. He quickly side stepped his way around his mismatched and

amply portioned opposite number (See right). Hoppo added the extras. 7-0

We went back into our shells over the next 10 minutes and exchanged penalties. 10-3. We're not the only team around with talented youngsters. Sandbach's No10 still qualifies for their Senior Colts. In the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute he executed a delicate chip over our backs. The inside centre nipped through to collect the ball and he fed the ball back to the young 10 who ran in to score somewhat against the run of play. Unfortunately he fluffed his attempt to convert his own try. 10-8

That seemed to stir us back on the offensive and another charging move by Dave Marwick saw the ball recycled. The ball was steadily moved across the full width of the pitch until it reached Greg Newton. I don't know if Greg is a fan of simply come dancing but I'm sure I recognised his foot work as a quick step. No music but it was still one step too quick for the defender as Greg nipped in to score. 15-8

No conversion and with a further penalty miss before half time it was the same narrow lead that we took into the break.



As has been the case this season, a few wise words from Tim Burgon, and all would be plain sailing in the remaining 40 minutes...Well within 2 minutes we were off to a flying restart. Chris Nel finished off the move by running at speed straight across the pitch in front of the posts with a final defender in pursuit. When you are a defender there is a problem with trying to deal with someone one on one because it that only the man with the ball who knows if he intends to suddenly change direction. Chris picked his moment and cut inside the despairing Sandbach player. Simple job for Hoppo to add the 2 points and things suddenly looked much more comfortable. 22-8.

Mike Raven is away in the near future so it was time for Tim Burgon to play his ace card. He removed the dust sheets, oiled the knee joints and wheeled out that fugitive from the 'Antiques Roadshow'. Only kidding Simon....Young Baker was his usual spritely and objectionable in your face self. Undimmed from not playing since pre season he looked as sharp as ever. Some say time makes the heart grow fonder but then again perhaps not....not as far as opponents are concerned

any way, especially the poor Sandbach No. 9 who appeared to become distracted for the rest of the game.

Dave Marwick was next on the score sheet with his first of two tries of the game. No Dave it wasn't a 50 yard run... no you didn't side step 6 defenders but when all said and done a try is a try and they all count for 5 points and this case it landed being worth 7 with Hoppo's assistance. 29-8

Tim Burgon then thrust Alex Hooley and Matt Langtree into the mix. In the 70<sup>th</sup> minute Sandbach's cause was not assisted by the a yellow card to their substitute back row who having come on the 16 minutes to go was going to spend more time behind the posts than actually playing.

It turned out to be the straw that broke the visitor's back they went on to concede 3 further tries in the final 10 minutes. First up Mazza's 2<sup>nd</sup> of the day this time as a cog in a well oiled catch and drive drill. It was unstoppable. With the conversion the lead was up to 36-8. As the next try evolved I knew instantly that the scorer had



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| <b>NORTH 2 WEST<br/>2007-2008</b> | <b>Broughton Pk</b> | <b>Chester</b> | <b>Leigh</b> | <b>Lymm</b> | <b>New Brighton</b> | <b>Northwich</b> | <b>Rochdale</b> | <b>Sandbach</b> | <b>Stockport</b> | <b>Tyldesley</b> | <b>Vale of Lune</b> | <b>Winnington P</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Broughton Park                    |                     | 6/10           | 27/10        | 10/11       | 1/12                | 1/3              | 29/3            | 12/4            | 5/1              | 26/1             | 16/2                | 62-4                |
| Chester                           | 9/2                 |                | 10/11        | 1/12        | 26-26               | 19/1             | 1/3             | 29/3            | 12/4             | 5/1              | 13/10               | 30-8                |
| Leigh                             | 19/1                | 15/12          |              | 18-39       | 6-27                | 19/4             | 9/2             | 1/3             | 29/3             | 24/11            | 3/11                | 13/10               |
| Lymm                              | 15/12               | 19/4           | 8/3          |             | 13/10               | 16-10            | 19/1            | 9/2             | 14-20            | 36-3             | 24/11               | 3/11                |
| New Brighton                      | 19/4                | 8/3            | 16/2         | 26/1        |                     | 3/11             | 15/12           | 27/10           | 6/10             | 42-12            | 27-26               | 24/11               |
| Northwich                         | 3-17                | 27/10          | 1/12         | 16/2        | 5/1                 |                  | 12/4            | 26/1            | 8/3              | 10/11            | 6/10                | 16-16               |
| Rochdale                          | 20-11               | 17-19          | 6/10         | 27/10       | 10/11               | 24/11            |                 | 5/1             | 26/1             | 16/2             | 8/3                 | 19/4                |
| Sandbach                          | 24/11               | 3-28           | 13-12        | 6/10        | 19/1                | 20/10            | 3/11            |                 | 16/2             | 8/3              | 19/4                | 15/12               |
| Stockport                         | 3/11                | 24/11          | 39-18        | 1/3         | 9/2                 | 29-0             | 13/10           | 48-8            |                  | 19/4             | 15/12               | 19/1                |
| Tyldesley                         | 13/10               | 3/11           | 12/4         | 29/3        | 1/3                 | 15/12            | 0-29            | 5-59            | 1/12             |                  | 19/1                | 9/2                 |
| Vale of Lune                      | 12-22               | 26/1           | 5/1          | 12/4        | 29/3                | 9/2              | 10-25           | 1/12            | 10/11            | 27/10            |                     | 1/3                 |
| Winnington Park                   | 8/3                 | 16/2           | 26/1         | 5/1         | 12/4                | 29/3             | 1/12            | 10/11           | 27/10            | 6/10             | 22-17               |                     |

made his mind up that come what may, he was going to go for the line himself and to hell with the consequences. Such single mindedness was the main reason that he made it. Great try. The scorer...Simon Baker. 41-8

On occasions James Drew had had a troubled afternoon on the handling front, but before the close of play for the day he had the chance to confirm to us all that he is a player capable of flair, creativity and moments of rugby beauty. He sped down his wing and scored in the corner in style. Richard Hopkinson saved his best kick until last as the ball sailed majestically between the upright from wide on the touchline.

Did we get closer? Undoubtedly yes. I've great memories of the way we played at our zenith back in 2005-2006. I'm starting see that kind of understanding between the players again. That is my personal rule of thumb to judge our performances by. We are of course far from being the finished article. The finished article would have run up a small 20-20 cricket score.

This weekend we hit the road again. This time deep onto the Wirral to New Brighton. They have made a significant start to their N2W season and this will be a real challenge to the team. Kick Off 3.0pm. Hope to see you there, if you are not intent of watching the agony of another England match!

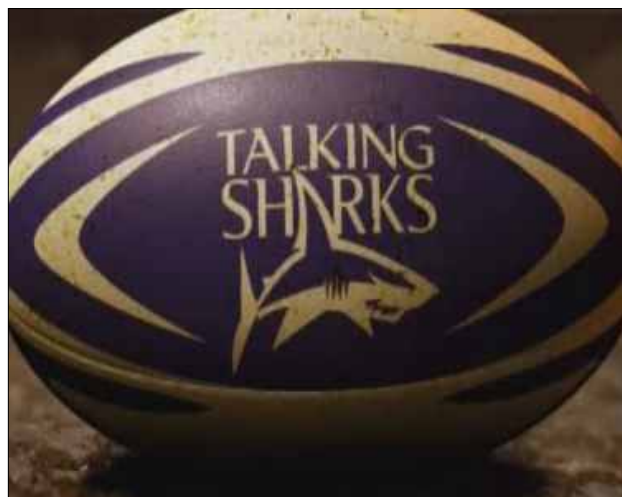


# NORTH 2 WEST

| NORTH 2 WEST    |   |   |   |   |     |     |      |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|---|
| Team            | P | W | D | L | F   | A   | Diff |   |
| Stockport       | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 30  | 106  | 8 |
| New Brighton    | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 122 | 70  | 52   | 7 |
| Chester         | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 103 | 54  | 49   | 7 |
| Broughton Park  | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 112 | 49  | 63   | 6 |
| Lymm            | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 105 | 51  | 54   | 6 |
| Rochdale        | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 91  | 40  | 51   | 6 |
| Sandbach        | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 83  | 93  | -10  | 4 |
| Winnington Park | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 60  | 125 | -65  | 3 |
| Northwich       | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 29  | 78  | -49  | 1 |
| Vale of Lune    | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 65  | 96  | -31  | 0 |
| Leigh           | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 44  | 118 | -74  | 0 |
| Tyldesley       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 20  | 166 | -146 | 0 |

| Saturday 22nd September 2007  |         |               |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Lymm                          | 14-20   | Stockport     |
| New Brighton                  | 42-12   | Tyldesley     |
| Northwich                     | 3-17    | Broughton Pk  |
| Rochdale                      | 17-19   | Chester       |
| Sandbach                      | 13-12   | Leigh         |
| Winnington Pk                 | 22-17   | Vale of Lune  |
|                               |         |               |
| Saturday, 29th September 2007 |         |               |
| Chester                       | 30 - 8  | Winnington Pk |
| Leigh                         | 6 - 27  | New Brighton  |
| Lymm                          | 16 - 10 | Northwich     |
| Stockport                     | 48 - 8  | Sandbach      |
| Tyldesley                     | 0 - 29  | Rochdale      |
| Vale of Lune                  | 12 - 22 | Broughton Pk  |
|                               |         |               |

| Saturday, 26th October 2007 |  |  |              |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| Broughton Pk                |  |  | Chester      |
| New Brighton                |  |  | Stockport    |
| Northwich                   |  |  | Vale of Lune |
| Rochdale                    |  |  | Leigh        |
| Sandbach                    |  |  | Lymm         |
| Winnington Park             |  |  | Tyldesley    |



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# STOCKPORT SENIOR COLTS v ASHTON ON MERSEY WON 32-3

## TRY FREE ZONE

Ashton arrived at Headlands Road as a completely unknown quality. Team News was that a Richard Morgan would have a run out at full back. Stephen Hill and Richard Banks were side lined through injury together with Guy Allison and Ciaran Lofts.

Having started quite brightly we went behind to a penalty completely against the run of play when Ashton visited our half for the first time. Coulson equalised

This was my fourth game of rugby of the weekend and to honest I was suffering from stats overload. It wasn't until the guys arrived for training on Thursday night did I find someone who could remember who'd score our points. In no particular order or quality of try it went something like this. Mike Pearson picked up two more. The second was outrageous. Playing time added on Oaksey just wanted to get off the pitch and in the bar and told Mike to kick the ball off the park. Mike had other ideas. He ran back into the 22 chipped over and then raced to collect the ball and score between two defenders. Oaksey got a try down the blindside from 5 metres out. James Dodd was the scorer from a well worked catch and drive after Crusey had declined a shot at goal from a penalty which would

15. Richard MORGAN
14. Mike PEARSON
13. Keeichi ISAYAMA
12. Henri SIMPSON
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10. Anthony COULSON
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3. Tom Cruse (C)
2. Louis WALKER
1. Andy BROADHURST
16. Jake WINSTANLEY

### Scorers Etc

- James DODD T  
 Mike PEARSON TT  
 James OAKES T  
 Tom CRUSE T  
 Anthony COULSON PC  
 Richard MORGAN C

have put us two scores ahead at the time. Good job we scored then.... Crusey charged over after a long Coulson pass. Richard morgan and Anthony Coulson picked up a conversion each. Both team contributed to a great game to watch and that was also due in no small measure to another really sympathetic refereeing job.



This Sunday : Colts League v Birkenhead Head Park Away Kick Off 2.0pm

## STOCKPORT 3RD XV v OLD BEDIANS WON 55-0

### Quality Rugby Keeps us on Top

The scoreline suggests the opposition weren't much cop but in reality they are probably one of the better sides in this league. The reason for such an overwhelming victory on a lovely sunny day was that, at our level, in both forwards and backs we were technically very good. Once again, huge changes from last week with 9 new faces in the 17. The changes included an outstanding senior rugby debut for Dan Faram who came on after 30 minutes when skipper Dave Houghton discovered, after all these years of playing, that he has hamstrings. Also of note was a welcome return of Dave Bennett to club colours who was lured from the bar – well he had only had one pint. On this showing we will see a lot more of Dave. What was particularly pleasing was the interplay between backs and forwards and our ability to protect and recycle the ball when we had it. Also, our versatility was demonstrated since we went into the game without a recognized line out jumper. A combination of intelligent calling and accurate delivery from Will Lowth meant we got our fair share of lineout ball. It was symptomatic of the pattern of the game that tries from 11, 14 and 15 were scored in the first quarter of an hour. Particularly impressive were the running lines cut by Rick Lees and a real winger's try from Nick Jones. We scored 6 further tries at regular intervals thereafter with Rick Lees converting 5. There were too many good performances to single out individuals. Suffice it to say the competition for places is hotting up!! Old Bedians kept going valiantly right to the end but only threatened our line on a few occasions. When they did we seemed to step up our effort to see them off. I couldn't put it better than one of the O B's players "When you cut loose we just couldn't live with you"

- 1 Jez Taylor T
- 2 Will Lowth
- 3 Joe Woodcock
- 4 Lee McLean T
- 5 Matt Heywood
- 6 Dave Chapel
- 7 Ged Gurney
- 8 Dave Hawley
- 9 Jamie Smith T
- 10 Dave Houghton
- 11 Nick Eastwood T
- 12 Pete Lambert T
- 13 Matt Brundrett
- 14 Nick Jones TT
- 15 Rick Lees TTCCCCC
- 16 Dan Faram
- 17 Dave Bennett

### MILLER HOMES LEAGUE DIVISION 4 EAST

|    | Team                   | P | W | D | L | CC | Wo | Co | Nfw | For | Ags | Diff | Pts |
|----|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 1  | <b>Stockport 3</b>     | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 174 | 29  | 145  | 20  |
| 2  | <b>Ashton-on-Msy 2</b> | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 101 | 44  | 57   | 20  |
| 3  | <b>Heaton Moor 2</b>   | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 113 | 80  | 33   | 14  |
| 4  | <b>Sale 3</b>          | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 58  | 40  | 18   | 14  |
| 5  | <b>Littleborough 3</b> | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 90  | 101 | -11  | 14  |
| 6  | <b>Sandbach 3</b>      | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 75  | 90  | -15  | 14  |
| 7  | <b>Altrincham K. 4</b> | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 74  | 92  | -18  | 14  |
| 8  | <b>Holmes Chapel 2</b> | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 107 | 90  | 17   | 11  |
| 9  | <b>Old Bedians 2</b>   | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 100 | 117 | -17  | 11  |
| 10 | <b>Buxton 2</b>        | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 92  | 81  | 11   | 10  |
| 11 | <b>Manchester 4</b>    | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 63  | 102 | -38  | 10  |
| 12 | <b>Rochdale 3</b>      | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 62  | 98  | -36  | 8   |
| 13 | <b>Burnage 3</b>       | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 47  | 101 | -54  | 8   |
| 14 | <b>Aldwinians 3</b>    | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 80  | 171 | -91  | 5   |

This Sunday : 3rd XV v Manchester Away Kick Off 15.00hrs

# KNUTSFORD 2'S v STOCKPORT BULLDOGS

## LOST 29-17

### BANG CRASH WALLOP (Part 2)

Another tough assignment this week against the team second in the league, also unbeaten and having racked up over 200 points and only conceded 8 so far. The Bulldogs already seemed to have slotted back into the all too familiar away / home player availability cycle having to field 8 changes from the previous week's home starting line-up. This included two sparkling senior debuts for colts Mike Pearson and Henry Simpson, in fact each gained three Man-of-the-Match votes. As with the previous week the Bulldogs started at a cracking pace and soon had the home side under pressure as their power front row re-enforced by Metz arriving in search of a game as the Vets game was called off (Arthur Bell and Dave Wilson adding options on the bench). In fact Metz was first on the score sheet when he trundled up to the loose and took the pop pass and crashed over from ten metres out.

Not surprisingly Knutsford young fast backs were starting to cause problems in mid-field with their well executed set moves and links with the back row. The Bulldog defence was resolute with big try saving tackles being made by everyone. But then tragedy struck when one silly error resulted in a converted penalty before Knutsford grabbed the lead when the left winger slipped his man and beat the cover tackle to the corner. Gary Kivell was forced to leave the field with a recurrence of an old back injury and the scrums had to go uncontested thereby robbing the Bulldogs of their most potent weapon. As the clock ticked down to half time the home side were again under intense pressure as the Bulldog forwards pounded away at the line. Their efforts were rewarded when the fullback miscued his clearance kick to touch. Mike Whetter gathered the loose ball and set off on a port moment run that sliced through the defence. Five metres out he popped pass to Metz who bludgeoned his way to the line.

At the turnaround the Bulldogs discovered to their horror the extent of the slope on the pitch. A slope the home side knew well and kicked tactically to continually repel Bulldog attacks. They racked up a well worked try from close support play before further stretching their lead following a vicious bounce of the ball. Had it bounced conventionally Tommy Burke would have cruised unopposed to the corner. As it was the defender was the lucky beneficiary and he interpassed with the winger all the way to the line despite the despairing tackle of Man-of-the-Match Rob North. Dave Wilson came on at scrum half with Gaz Llewelyn moving to the wing in place of Chris Holt. From the very next play Gaz was sandwiched tackled by two defenders and fell to the ground in agony. A trip to hospital in an ambulance and an X-ray revealed a broken bone in his shoulder. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Arthur Bell then came on at fullback with Mike Whetter moving to the wing. Knutsford also made two substitutions.

However it was the Bulldogs who next seized the initiative when, from broken play, Mike Pearson gathered a hack on and rounded two defenders before winning a fifty metre plus sprint to the posts to give Arthur Bell the easiest of conversions. The final fifteen minutes saw some thrilling fast open rugby as both sides looked to add to their respective accounts. Both Gareth Phillips and Macca were outstanding in the loose during this phase as they turned over ball to keep the Bulldogs on the hunt. Burne-Jones drives from the base of the scrum and link with Dave Wilson continued to make good yards. But the with five minutes to go Knutsford stole the ball at the lineout and set up a driving maul before releasing their backs for one last surge to the line to seal a hard won victory.

Post match Knutsford to a man were relieved to have preserved their unbeaten start to the season and praised the Bulldogs for giving them their hardest match of the season so far. Next up Wilmslow 3's at home for the Bulldogs.

Team:

1. Paul Metcalfe (2T)
2. Gareth Phillips
3. Gary Kivell
4. Rob Zelenka
5. North
6. Maziere
7. Adrian Burge-Jones
8. McNicholls
9. Llewelyn,
10. Mo Newton,
11. Mike Pearson (T),
12. Henri Simpson,
13. Burke,
14. Holt,
15. Mike Whetter,
16. Woodcock,
17. Arthur Bell (C),
18. Dave Wilson

**This Saturday : 4th XV v Wilmslow 3rd's HOME Kick Off 12.00hrs**

### IRISH MEDICAL DICTIONARY:-

|                          |                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| >>Artery.....            | The study of paintings.            |
| >>Bacteria.....          | Back door to cafeteria.            |
| >>Barium.....            | What doctors do when patients die. |
| >>Benign.....            | What you be, after you be eight.   |
| >>Caesarean Section..... | A neighbourhood in Rome .          |
| >>Catscan.....           | Searching for Kitty.               |
| >>Cauterize.....         | Made eye contact with her.         |
| >>Colic.....             | A sheep dog.                       |
| >>Coma.....              | A punctuation mark.                |
| >>Dilate.....            | To live long.                      |
| >>Enema.....             | Not a friend.                      |
| >>Fester.....            | Quicker than someone else.         |
| >>Fibula.....            | A small lie.                       |
| >>Impotent.....          | Distinguished, well known.         |
| >>Labour Pain.....       | Getting hurt at work.              |
| >>Medical Staff.....     | A Doctor's cane.                   |
| >>Morbid.....            | A higher offer.                    |
| >>Nitrates.....          | Cheaper than day rates.            |
| >>Node.....              | I knew it.                         |
| >>Outpatient.....        | A person who has fainted.          |
| >>Pelvis.....            | Second cousin to Elvis.            |
| >>Post Operative.....    | A letter carrier.                  |
| >>Recovery Room.....     | Place to do upholstery.            |
| >>Rectum.....            | Nearly killed him.                 |
| >>Secretion.....         | Hiding something.                  |
| >>Seizure.....           | Roman emperor.                     |
| >>Tablet.....            | A small table.                     |
| >>Terminal Illness.....  | Getting sick at the airport.       |
| >>Tumour.....            | One plus one more.                 |
| >>Urine.....             | Opposite of you're out.            |
| >>2xCondoms.....         | To be sure, to be sure             |

### Fancy Dress Party

A man with a bald head and a wooden leg is invited to a fancy dress party. He doesn't know what to wear to hide his head and his wooden leg, so he writes to a fancy dress company to explain his problem.

A few days later he receives a parcel with a note:

*"Dear Sir,*

*Please find enclosed a pirate's outfit. The spotted handkerchief will cover your bald head and with your wooden leg you will be just right as a Pirate."*

The man thinks this is terrible because they have just emphasized his disability, so he writes a letter of complaint. A week passes and he received another parcel and note:

*"Dear Sir,*

*Sorry about the previous parcel. Please find enclosed a monk's habit. The long robe will cover your wooden leg and with your bald head you will really look the part."*

The man is really furious now, because the company has gone from emphasizing his wooden leg to drawing attention to his bald head. So he writes a really rude letter of complaint. A few days later he gets a very small parcel from the company with the accompanying letter:

*"Dear Sir,*

*Please find enclosed a tin of Golden Syrup. Pour the tin of Golden Syrup over your bald head, stick your wooden leg up your arse and go as a f---ing toffee apple."*

## BEWARE OF BEER

Police are warning all men who frequent clubs, parties and local pubs to be alert and stay cautious when offered a drink from any woman. Many females use a date rape drug on the market called "Beer."

The drug is found in liquid form and is available anywhere. It comes in bottles, cans, or from taps and in large "kegs". Beer is used by female sexual predators at parties and bars to persuade their male victims to go home and sleep with them.

A woman needs only to get a guy to consume a few units of Beer and then simply ask him home for no strings attached sex. Men are rendered helpless against this approach. After several beers, men will often succumb to the desires to sleep with horrific looking women whom they would never normally be attracted.

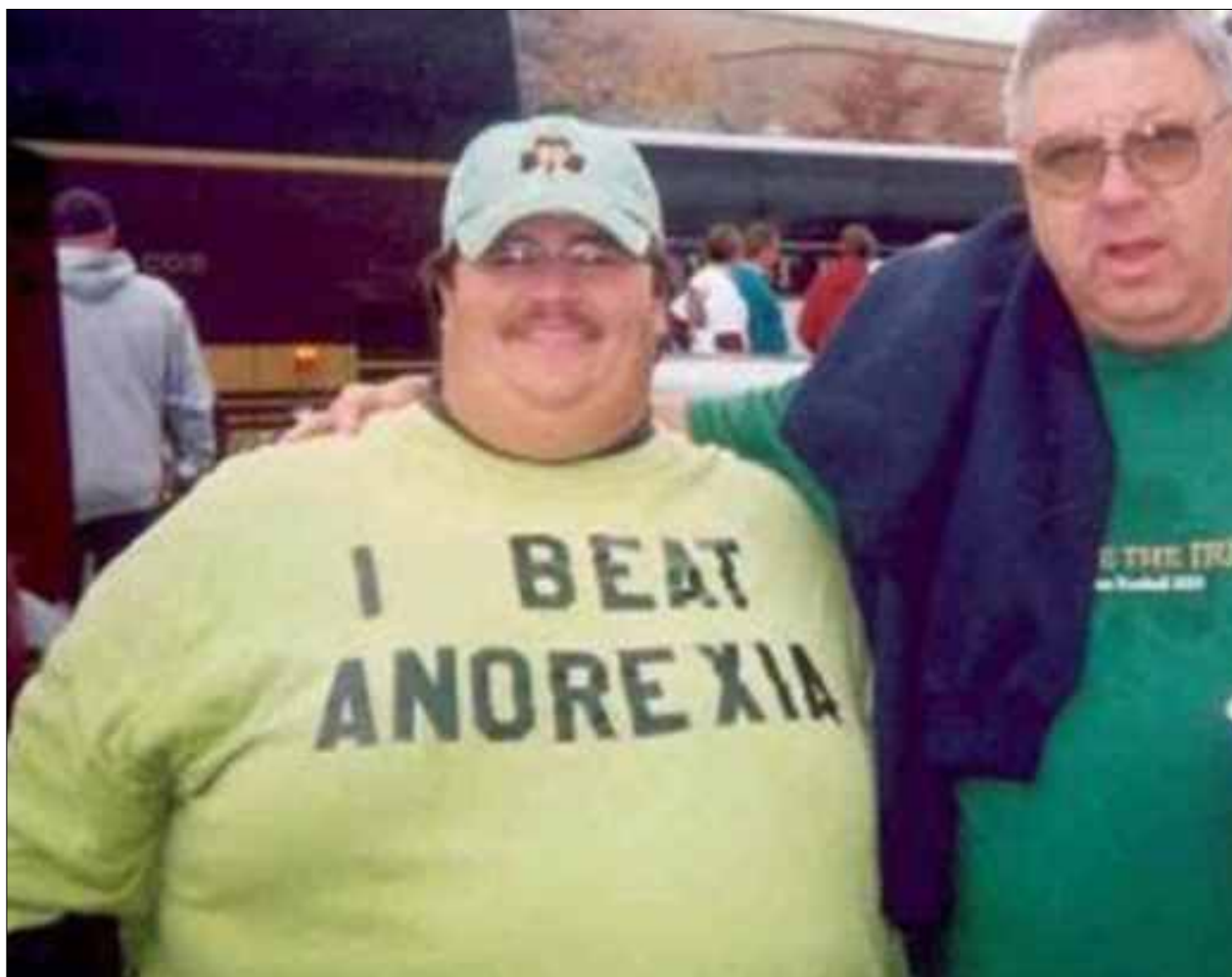
After drinking beer, men often awaken with only hazy memories of exactly what happened to them the night before, often with just a vague feeling that "something bad" occurred.

At other times these unfortunate men are swindled out of their life's savings, in a familiar scam known as "a relationship."

In extreme cases, the female may even be shrewd enough to entrap the unsuspecting male into a longer term form of servitude and punishment referred to as "marriage." Men are much more susceptible to this scam after beer is administered and sex is offered by the predatory females.

Please! Forward this warning to every male you know. If you fall victim to this "Beer" scam and the women administering it, there are male support groups where you can discuss the details of your shocking encounter with similarly victimized men.

For the support group nearest you, just look up "Golf Courses" in the phone book.



# STOCKPORT RUFC 1ST XV 2007-2008

PLAYED 6 WON 4 DRAWN 1 LOST 1 POINTS FOR POINTS 153 AGAINST 61

| 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  |        |    |    |
| 13/10/07 | Bye             | Intermediate Cup 1   |       |        |    |    |
| 20/10/07 | Rochdale        | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 27/10/07 | Winnington Park | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 03/11/07 | Broughton Park  | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 10/11/07 | Vale of Lune    | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 17/11/07 |                 | Intermediate Cup 2   |       |        |    |    |
| 24/11/07 | Chester         | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 01/12/07 | Tyldesley       | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 08/12/07 |                 | Intermediate Cup 3   |       |        |    |    |
| 15/12/07 | Vale of Lune    | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 05/01/08 | Broughton Park  | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 12/01/08 |                 | Intermediate Cup 4   |       |        |    |    |
| 19/01/08 | Winnington Park | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 26/01/08 | Rochdale        | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 02/02/08 |                 | Intermediate Cup 5   |       |        |    |    |
| 09/02/08 | New Brighton    | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 16/02/08 | Sandbach        | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 23/02/08 |                 | Intermediate Cup Q-F |       |        |    |    |
| 01/03/08 | Lymm            | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 08/03/08 | Northwich       | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 15/03/08 |                 | Intermediate Cup S-F |       |        |    |    |
| 22/03/08 |                 | Cheshire Cup Final   |       |        |    |    |
| 29/03/08 | Leigh           | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 05/04/08 |                 | Intermediate Final   |       |        |    |    |
| 12/04/08 | Chester         | North 2 West         | Away  |        |    |    |
| 19/04/08 | Tyldesley       | North 2 West         | Home  |        |    |    |
| 26/04/08 |                 | Play Offs            |       |        |    |    |



## LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS AT SRUFC

|        |                     |                          |            |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1ST XV | SANDBACH (H)        | North 2 West             | Won 48-8   |
| 2ND XV | WEST PARK 2'S (A)   | Intermediate Premiership | Lost 22-55 |
| 3RD XV | OLD BEDIANS 2'S (H) | Intermediate 4 South     | Won 55-0   |
| 4TH XV | KNUTSFORD 2'S (A)   | Intermediate 5 East      | Lost 17-29 |
| VETS   | CREWE & NANTW (H)   | Vets League              | Walk Over  |
| COLTS  | ASHTON O MERSEY(H)  | Lancs/Ches Colts League  | Won 32-3   |

## THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES AT SRUFC

### SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

|        |                |      |                   |          |
|--------|----------------|------|-------------------|----------|
| 1ST XV | NEW BRIGHTON   | AWAY | North 2 West      | 15.00hrs |
| 2ND XV | MANCHESTER 2'S | HOME | Inter Premiership | 12.00hrs |
| 3RD XV | MANCHESTER 4'S | AWAY | Inter 4 South     | 15.00hrs |
| 4TH XV | WILMSLOW 3'S   | HOME | Inter 5 East      | 12.00hrs |
| VETS   | NO FIXTURE     |      |                   |          |

### SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER

|         |   |      |                  |          |
|---------|---|------|------------------|----------|
| S COLTS | BIRKENHEAD PK   | AWAY | L/ChColts League | 14.00hrs |
| J COLTS | NO FIXTURE  |      |                  |          |
| U16     | NO FIXTURE  |      |                  |          |
| U15     | NO FIXTURE  |      |                  |          |
| U14     | NO FIXTURE  |      |                  |          |
| U13     | NO FIXTURE  |      |                  |          |
| U12     | <b>THE STOCKPORT FESTIVAL</b><br><b>AT Stockport RUFC</b><br>games commence at 11.00am prompt<br>all support very welcome |      |                  |          |
| U11     |   |      |                  |          |
| U10     |   |      |                  |          |
| U9      |   |      |                  |          |
| U8/U7   |   |      |                  |          |

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