Welcome to Parknews. Park’s 47-14 win over Canterbury on Saturday sees them go top of the table after 3 matches. Let us immediately acknowledge that it is who sits atop the table after 30 matches that counts, nevertheless it is a really encouraging start to the season. The result leaves newly-promoted Canterbury still searching for their first win; they have had the misfortune that the fixture computer dealt them their first three matches against the clubs finishing second, third and fourth in National 1 last season. They showed some nice touches here and, once they have settled down to the pace of the higher division, should start to get some positive results. Certainly Park were not pushing over a poor side. It was the positives on our part that won the match rather than deficiencies in the opposition.

The really encouraging thing is that the park players actually felt they failed to really reach top gear. It was certainly a disappointment to concede early tries in both halves, but in both cases we struck back within five minutes. It may give the coaches something to work on, but with the bonus point system in place you get a better reward for winning by four tries to three than by winning three tries to nil. Any tightening of the defence is obviously a welcome development, but perhaps not at the cost of the sort of attacking flair that saw Park deliver six tries, some of them out of the top drawer.

There was further encouragement in the Rangers 64-7 win over Canterbury Pilgrims in the match between the two clubs’ second XVs. The referee blew for time early, and had it been a boxing match the result would have been ‘Referee Stopped Fight’. It’s important because there are always going to be injuries during the season and pretty well all of this Rangers side are ready to step up: indeed several will demand selection before the end of the season. Most National 1 sides would give their eye teeth for a wing pairing of Benji Marfo and Josh Amadi, here playing for the 2s. Neither Greg Lound nor Dave Smith were available for either team last Saturday: Russ Weir benched for the ones, but the Rangers still had Aaron Booth and James Brooks dictating the midfield. The Rangers also provide a bridge for some of our most promising junior players to stay with the club while at university. Really positive stuff.

However, when you are top of the table you are there to be shot at, and few clubs have more weapons at their disposal than our next opponents, our old friends and rivals Blackheath. Although we have won encounters with them often enough not to consider them a ‘bogey team’ it seems that almost every time we’ve had a really good season Blackheath have managed at some stage to rain on our parade. They were desperately unlucky not to end Richmond’s unbeaten run last Saturday, coming back from 20-7 down for centre Leo Fielding to score a great solo try in the last minute to bring the score back to 20-19, only to miss the conversion that would have won the match. It will be a really tough match, and they always bring a lot of noisy supporters, so your vocal support could make a big difference.

Why not come along early and watch the Rangers lock horns with Barnes at 12:30 in Division 1 of the Shield competition?

Before that we have a big Rugby Friday at the Rock, featuring the most local of local Derbies. At 8:00PM on Friday evening the Fours lock horns with the Bs in a Middlesex Merit 1 encounter, so more than just bragging rights are at stake. It looks set to be a really good evening with live music and a barbecue after the game, so it would be good to see the whole club getting together to support the match. It’s free admission, with the clubhouse open before during and after the match, so why not come down, bring your friends, and get the weekend off to a lively start?
Hugo Ellis’ hat-trick saw Rosslyn Park to a storming 47-14 win against a competitive Canterbury at the Rock.

Craig Holland grabbed two tries while Ben Howard finished off the win with a debut score.

It was Canterbury who took the early lead, Dan Smart finishing off a move from the line-out four minutes in.

Put Park were level four minutes later through Dan Laventure’s drive, Harry Leonard converting.

And the home side were leading on 16 minutes, Ellis leading from the front to finish a blistering counter-attack.

Holland got his first try at the Rock in style on 20 minutes, running around Canterbury’s defence.

And his second came with two minutes to half time from Jack Gash and Joe Munro’s quick thinking at a penalty.

Canterbury repeated the first half by getting the first score after the restart, Jamie Dever finishing a maul on 50 minutes.

But the momentum did not last long, Ellis working with Holland with some quick hands for his second try two minutes later.

And the captain’s hat-trick was complete on the hour, eluding the visitors’ defence at the scrum.

Canterbury dominated the last 10 minutes after sin-bins for James Freeman and Harry Leonard, who was involved in a spat with sin-binned Royce Cadman.

But Howard’s counter-attack try left the visitors with nothing to take home.

Stats

Rosslyn Park
Tries: Laventure 8, Ellis H 16, 53, 62 Holland 20, 38, Howard 80
Conversions: Leonard 9, 17, 21, 54, 63, Holland 80
Sin Bins: Freeman 73, Leonard 77
Team (15-9/1-8): Henry Robinson (Ben Howard 49); Nick Scott, Henry Cheeseman, Joe Munro (Robinson 63), Craig Holland; Harry Leonard, Jack Gash (Russell Weir 60); Paul Doran-Jones (Ali Wade 40), Karl Gibson (Tom Vaughan-Edwards 51), Stewart Maguire (Doran-Jones 60); Sam Twomoy, Dan Laventure; Mike Macfarlane, Arthur Ellis (James Freeman 40), Hugo Ellis © (Ellis A 63)

Canterbury
Tries: Smart 4, Dever 50
Conversions: Best 5, 51
Sin Bins: Cadman 77
Team (15-9/1-8): Aiden Moss (Kyan Braithwaite 55); Charlie Grimes, Sam Sterling, Tom Best © (Tom Guest 63), Dwayne Corcoran; Max Craven, Dan Smart; Jamie Dever (Aaron Cooper 59), Jarvis Otto (Seb Roche 34), Sam Kenny (Charlie Connolly 52); Royce Cadman, Matt Corker; Will Scholes (Otto 52), Sam Rogers, George Micans (Scholes 70)
Attendance: 600
Referee: Jonathan Cook
HT: 26-7
Star Man: Henry Cheeseman – Rosslyn Park

Park Rangers 64
Canterbury Pilgrims 7
Shield Division 1

The Rangers played some glorious expansive rugby to defeat a game but utterly out-classed Pilgrims side, with both wingers, Benji Marfo and Josh Amadi, bagging hat-tricks.

It was Park who opened the scoring through a fine try up the right by Marfo on 8 minutes, James Brooks converting. Canterbury soon equalised for 7-7. Then, after a long passage of midfield battle, the floodgates opened.
Josh Amadi streaked up the wing for 12-7, followed by Gregor Gillanders scoring under the posts. Skipper Rory Walton crashed over and then from kick off Amadi scythed through at pace. Brooks converted the last 3 efforts for 33-7 at the break.

Almost from kick off a super run from prop Nick Lovell sent Amadi away to make it 40-7.

It looked like a problem for Park when Walton’s loose arm accidentally caught a Canterbury player’s head. He apologised immediately, the other player accepted, but he was yellow-carded anyway.

Park endured a period of pressure but Marfo got his hands on the ball well inside his own half and no one could match his pace, Brooks hit an excellent conversion for 47-7.

Marfo completed his hat-trick, then the forwards got involved bringing Lovell to the line to extend the lead to 57-7.

When Brooks converted a try under the posts from the highly promising Ed Cockman the referee decide enough was enough at 64-7, blowing eight minutes early.

Rangers: Lubbock; Marfo, Grove, M Edwards, Amadi; Brooks; Booth; Buckingham, Hughes, Lovell; Hore, Gillanders; Walton, Williams, Bloomer
Bench: Cockman, Farrell, Vaughan-Edwards, Freeman, Cook, Crane, Stevens
Park scorers: Marfo (3T), Amadi (3T), Gillanders (T), Walton (T), Nomads 12 Old Reigatians 2’s 12
B’s 47 Hampstead 2’s 31
4’s 21 Old Habs 2’s 49
Good and convincing wins for the 1’s and Rangers against Canterbury RFC...not an Archbishop amongst them or spotted in the crowd!

Don’t forget: Friday 27th September-Big Clash. Leviathans face off on the 4G at 8pm! 4’s v B’s Middlesex Merit Premier. It’s 1-all in the series. Apologies, but I won’t be able to attend, but there should be a good crowd and entertainment!

Slingbacks

The Slingbacks should have been playing a cup match this Sunday, but have had to call it off due to injuries and player availability. Also, it looks as if the following Sunday’s league match at Windsor will be rearranged at the home team’s request. So the next chance to see the Park girls in action may well be their away match at Millwall on 13 October.

National 1

As mentioned previously, Park’s win over Canterbury saw them go top of the League, on 14 points, while Canterbury are second-from-bottom on 2. Level on points with us are Cinderford, whose powerful pack kept them in the game at Cambridge despite losing their number 8 to a red card after only 15 minutes. Cinderford finished the stronger side and late pressure saw them grab the winning try. sending Cambridge to ninth. Richmond are third, a point behind, after narrowly beating our next opponents Blackheath, who missed a late conversion that would have won the match. The other unbeaten club on 13 points are Rams who won a dour struggle at Darlington Mowden Park by 11-7.

Moseley are fifth on 11 points after beating a much-improved Bishops Stortford at home by 34-32, courtesy of a last gasp penalty. Chinnor are two points behind after a 29-19 win over the bottom club Hull Ionians, but a big shout for Ionians who had shipped 126 points in their first two matches but stretched the home side all the way. Also on 9 points are Plymouth Albion who pipped Rotherham at home courtesy of a last ditch converted try. However, Albion had never been behind until Rotherham scored two minutes earlier. Old Ethamians made a brave comeback at Sale, but could not quite carry it off, losing 26-15.

Away travel

It’s time to book your travel tickets for the away match at Sale on Saturday 05 October if you want to get cheaper advance fares. Manchester Piccadilly (from London Euston) is the station to book to. The ground is at Heywood Road, Sale, M33 3WB, about a 300 metre walk from Brooklands Tram Station (click on the link for details). They have direct trams from Manchester Piccadilly and the City Centre on the Altrincham Line and trams run every 12 minutes on weekends. Please note that the match kicks off at 2.00PM. Last year we did not find a decent pub in the immediate vicinity of the ground, and the club’s own bar did not sell real ale or craft beer (though that may have changed). If you want to play safe, alight from the tram the stop before Brooklands and there’s quite a decent JD Wetherspoon house within a few yards, and you can walk the rest of the way.

There’s no need to book advance tickets for Cambridge on 19 October as a Cheap Day return is the cheapest ticket. If anyone is unfamiliar with buying tickets from a machine at the station, make sure you press the button for a Cheap Day return, as the machine usually offers a Period return, which is a lot more expensive. Trains leave from both Kings Cross and Liverpool Street, but the Kings Cross service is quicker. The ground is at Vols Park, Grantchester Road, Cambridge, CB3 9ED, which is just under 2 miles from the station. If it is fine weather, and you have a map with you, there is a lovely stroll (about 45 minutes) to the ground going through the University Botanic Gardens, Coe Fen and alongside Lammas Land (and, yes, it does pass a couple of decent pubs!). A taxi from the station is not an arm and a leg, otherwise you can take bus U from bus stop 8 at the station to West Road and it’s a 0.7 mile walk along Grange Road, turning right onto Selwyn Road just before the ground. Our regulars usually walk into town and get a cab to the

Clubsides

Will Thorogood reports that the Hatters played and won a game on the hallowed turf of Twickenham Stadium, on Friday afternoon, where so many legends have hallowed to glory! Result: Hatters 41 v A Team from Cornwall 35! Alas we have no further details at time of going to press.

Other weekend results:

Lovell (T), Cockman (T), Brooks (7C)
Watch the World Cup at the Rock

We'll also be opening up for all the England World Cup matches, so why not make a note in your diaries now to bring along your mates to enjoy the developing dramas in a real Rugby Club atmosphere.

This Saturday it’s England VS Argentina at 9am and breakfast will be available. The Firsts are away to Sale that day but there will be matches on the 4G afterwards with the Club sides and possibly the Rangers for those who would like to stay on and see some live sport. There is no admission charge.

Saturday 12 Oct it’s England VS France at 9:15am with breakfast available with the Firsts at home to Plymouth Albion later. It’s likely that there will also be a Clubside match at noon, just to keep you going. Anyone who is a non-member and staying beyond noon will be asked to pay the admission charge for the Plymouth match.

For the knockout stages, much will depend upon if and where England are involved. If they win Pool C then it will be Saturday 19th October at 8:15am, when the Firsts are away at Cambridge. Should England finish runners up then it’s Sunday 20th October at 8:15am. The semi-finals are the following Saturday (Park at home to Birmingham Moseley) and Sunday at 9:00am and 10am respectively. The final is on 02 November when the Firsts are away to Darlington Mowden Park.

AGM matters

It would not be proper to publish a full report in Parknews, as the AGM is for Members of Rosslyn Park whereas this newsletter is freely available to anyone on the Internet. However, without going into detail it is worth mentioning that Finance Director Holly Hamill produced figures that showed Park were trading profitably for the first time in quite a while, though there is still a level of debt to be repaid on the 4G pitch and increased commercial income is still vital to our continuing prosperity. If you want to know more – be a Member!!!

Nick Goddard was elected as President, and sent a message to the AGM from Toronto, where he had a prior engagement to address a conference. This is an edited version to introduce Nick to those who don’t know him.

*My rugby heritage dates back to the days of school, moving on to Old Boys rugby, curiously playing in the same Combined London Old Boys side as Kojo Jecty in the mid 70’s. When my playing days were over, I then had 20 plus years as a referee for Eastern Counties, London Society and the French Federation during a year in Paris.

*On my return to the UK in 1989 I was appointed Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital and very soon got involved in sports medicine spending 10 years looking after London Irish which included a spell with the Irish Rugby Football Union. Things then changed when the Irish moved to Reading, I moved to Roehampton Lane. You are probably well familiar with the sight of me running across the pitch, and along with Pippa and her crew, tending to the injured Park players, a role that I have fulfilled over the past 20 years. I have even undertaken five tours, raising significant funds to sponsor the kit, and did one tour as referee in the Tallin 10’s in Estonia, but as they say what goes on tour stays on tour. In 2006 I was elected as a vice-president and I am a member of the Obolensky Society. For the past ten years I have been a trustee of the Rosslyn Park Injuries Trust Fund.

*If elected as president I would envisage my role as being an ambassador for the for the club in its entirety, not just the first XV. There is a great club feeling here with seven senior sides including the re-establishment of the Park ‘Rangers’, the Slingbacks a thriving and buzzing mini and youth section, coached by devoted parents including former Park alumni, as well as netball beginning this year. My close proximity to

Barbarians vs Fiji

![Barbarians vs Fiji](image)

**Early Bird Ticket Offer for Club Members - Save 50%**

Rosslyn Park have teamed up with the Barbarians, so that members can see them take on Fiji for the Killik Cup in the only Twickenham Autumn International of 2019, with Eddie Jones at the helm as head coach.

At their last encounter in 2013, a bumper crowd of 68,000 fans were treated to a mouth-watering spectacle of running rugby from both teams with the Barbarians stealing the show in an electric 43-19 win.

Taking place just two weeks after the 2019 Rugby World Cup final, this match will present UK fans in the grip of rugby fever with a mouth-watering spectacle of running rugby from both teams with the Barbarians stealing the show in an electric 43-19 win.

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the club, I really do live just across the road, would allow me to support these activities and raise the profile of Park with visiting teams”.

**Player insurance**
We have partnered with @IntheLoose who keen to make players aware of the benefits of taking out insurance. Such benefits include:

- Income protection - if your injury leaves you unable to work
- A lump sum pay-out if you break bones or need to be operated on
- Ability to cover children on the policy too

If you are interested, fill in the form via the link below and someone at In The Loose will be in touch.


**Membership**
If you support the club and are not yet a Member, why not join now? As a members club we rely heavily on our membership to support our endeavours. In becoming a Member you have a vote and a say in the club’s affairs. Benefits include free or reduced admission to home matches (depending upon category of Membership, plus:

- International Ticket applications
- club loyalty card (10% off bar prices with card) available to all membership categories
- the “bring a guest free” promotion to members available for selected 1st XV home game members will continue next season
- introduce a friend to become a member and when they join you will receive a £50 bar card to spend how you wish (see the subscription form for details)

Members who apply for the loyalty bar card can now pre-load them prior to the season in £50 increments from £50 to £200 – please complete the relevant section on the application form: your card will be available from the first home game of the season.

If you'd really like to support the club on the field, then Ripley Membership is available with a host of additional benefits, with sums raised going directly to the playing budget.

Please direct all enquiries concerning Non-playing Membership to

Cori in the club office via email: cori.pinkus@rosslynpark.co.uk or tel: 020 8876 1879.

**Corporate Membership**
One of the Club’s strategic objectives is to ensure that Rosslyn Park is financially stable and sustainable, whilst being in a position to repay our bondholders, fund a highly competitive 1st XV and give all of our sides the opportunity to perform at a high level. We are therefore very focused on expanding our revenues, and have introduced some new initiatives over the summer including a Corporate Membership category aimed at attracting businesses of all sizes to the Rock. This ranges from a Bronze membership offering at £1000 to Gold at £3500. If you are – or know of anyone else who might be – interested please call the club office.

**400 Club -more winners**
The September winners are - Jim Willerton £100, J.J.N. Caplan £50
If you would like to help your club while having the chance to win monthly cash prizes (and an end-of-season ‘Jackpot’) then the 400 Club could be just what you are looking for. It only costs £4 a month. Contact Boothy in the Club Office on 020 8876 6044 for full details.

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- Facebook: http://bit.ly/2NG7hxY

And here it a link to the latest highlights:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pj4DaWrP_CM