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8-TRY PARK MOVE UP TO SECOND

Welcome to Parknews, Park rose to the challenge presented by Cambridge by running in eight tries, totting up 50 points. The win takes Park up to second place after Rams suffered a surprise home defeat at the hands of Blackheath. Park remain 7 points behind the top club, Richmond, who visit the Rock for a Friday night floodlit Local Derby on 06 March. Put that one in your diary! Apologies, but David Whittam hit technical difficulties in distributing last Saturday's match photos, so we have no First XV photos this week.

Park took a while to really get into their stride, facing a strong wind and a Cambridge side who had won five matches on the trot and aided by a freakish gift of a try inside the first 15 minutes. But once Park got into their stride they proved unstoppable with some flowing rugby. The pack began to dominate and our powerful centres proved to be a constant source of danger to the visiting defence. The only real setback was what looked like a serious neck injury to Harry Leonard. (It turned out that mercifully nothing was broken, but very sore and a period of rehab will be necessary).

With nine league matches to go until the end of a demanding season, vocal support can really pick up the team. Please do come along to all the remaining matches that you can get to, and bring along your mates if you can – it really does make a difference.

This weekend

Park face what has often been a tricky trip to **Birmingham Moseley** this Saturday. The Midlands made a really bright start to the season winning four of their first five games, loin only an away match at Rams – and that by only 21-25. A bad loss at Old Elthamians, was followed by scraping home against Canterbury. But they looked back on form when stretching Park all the way at the Rock, only losing by 21-27 and going on to beat Sale. However there then followed a run of nine defeats in ten matches that sees them only a place above the relegation zone.

Although Moseley enjoy an 8 point advantage over third-bottom Rotherham, and are well clear of the bottom two, they will be looking to Hoover up every point they can get in order to guarantee their place in National 1. You can bet that they will fight all the way on Saturday. They illustrate the truism that there are no bad teams in National One, so Park will have to both match Moseley's effort and be at their best if they are not to lose ground on the top two clubs. Some solid vocal support at the match could make all the difference.

Birmingham New Street is the main station, though you could book through to Yardley Wood which is much closer to the ground (about 20 minutes walk away). If you choose to do that you need to make the short interchange between New Street and Moor Street stations in Birmingham – it's only a few yards and clearly signposted. Left out of Yardley Wood station along Highfield Road, turning left along Trittiford Road to Billesley Common where the ground is in front of you. Arriving at New Street, you could take a stroll to the bus stops on Carr's Lane where bus number 3 from stop M57 (towards Yardley) will drop you off at Billesley Common, close to the ground. Our regulars usually go up the hill from New Street, towards the cathedral, visit a couple of pubs and get a cab from there but – especially if you are going solo – beware of a more expensive trip than you've bargained for: on our last two visits the traffic has been so bad that the journey has taken over 30 minutes, incurred a lot of waiting time, and cost around £15 each way.



Scrum half Kate Watts gets the ball away under pressure for the Slingbacks at London Welsh on Sunday.

Saturday 08 February
Birmingham Moseley
 v
1st XV
 National 1
 Home KO 3:00PM

Richmond Saxons
 v
Rangers
 Raging Bull Shield 1
 Away KO TBA

Sunday 09 February
Windsor
 v
Slingbacks
 League
 Away KO 2:00PM

Next 1st XV home match
Saturday 15 February
1st XV
 v
Darlington Mowden Park
 National 1
 Home KO 3:00PM
To book for the pre-match lunch contact Cori Pinkus in the Club Office (020 8876 1879)

There are no worthwhile pubs near the ground, but the clubhouse always has a good range of beers at a reasonable price. It's a good saving to get an advance fare for this one.

Park 50 Cambridge 19

National 1

By Warren Muggleton

Arthur Ellis's hat-trick saw Rosslyn Park hammer Cambridge in a ruthless second-half performance at The Rock.

Kieran Power's men only had a five-point lead at half time but four tries saw them charge through. And Rams' loss to Blackheath means Park climb up to second in National League 1.

Cambridge were gifted the lead after 13 minutes as Nick Scott charged down a kick but rebounded it backwards. And Matt Dawson was free on the left wing to run clear, giving Park something to think about.

But the home side responded within five minutes, Arthur Ellis driving over the line after Park battered the defence.

And the London side had the lead on the half-hour as Henry Cheeseman charged through four tackles to find the try zone.

Hugo Ellis was the driving force behind the Park pack – and his command of the scrum saw them win a penalty try with a minute to half time.

Cambridge, though, benefitted from Cheeseman's sin-bin as Mike Mayhew jumped over from a lineout.

But it was Park who attacked the second half despite the man disadvantage as Dan Laventure finished off a massive maul four minutes in.

The day was paused, though, when Harry Leonard was forced off with an injury. But Park did not lose any momentum in their attack, Cheeseman's return reigniting their constant flow of attack on the visitors.

And Arthur Ellis was on hand to finish another set piece in the left corner for the home side. The flanker secured his hat-trick by sprinting the ball away from Park's marauding pack, Greg Lound marking his return with a successful conversion.

Cambridge then allowed a series of mistakes to cut themselves short in attack, returning winger Andy Henderson getting a sin-bin.

This was signified on 73 minutes, Dave Lewis' quick penalty allowing Scott to kick for Cheeseman to chase it into the left corner.

The visitors had a consolation two minutes later when substitute Fin Creighton found a gap.

But Benji Marfo put the cherry on top, intercepting Matt Tarrant's long pass to run clean as Lound secured the half century.

Park: Henry Robinson; Benji Marfo, Henry Cheeseman, Joe Munro, Nick Scott; Harry Leonard (Greg Lound 47), Jack Gash (Dave Lewis 61); Kyle Traynor (Ali Wade 59), Ryan Roach, Stewart Maguire (Paul Doran-Jones 59); Sam Twomey, Gregor Gillanders; Dan Laventure, Arthur Ellis, Hugo Ellis © (Mike Kovacic 45)
Scorers: Tries: Ellis A 18, 53, 58 Cheeseman 30, 73 penalty 39, Laventure 44, Marfo 80 Conversions: Leonard 31, Lound, 59, 74, 80

Rangers

The Rangers match against Cambridge last Saturday was called off late in the day. Apologies to anyone who turned up early for it, but at least there was a really entertaining clubsides match to replace it. This coming Saturday the Rangers are away to Richmond Saxons in a League match at the Athletic Ground. As we go to press the kick-off time is unclear but we'll try to update the fixture panel on this Parknews on the website and send out a tweet. If you can't make it



20 years since her Park debut, a retirement and two kids later, the evergreen Clare Bowen is still a classy player

to Moseley your support will be appreciated.

Slingbacks London Welsh 27 Slingbacks 0 League

The Slingbacks did a lot better than the scoreline suggests against second-in-the-table London Welsh. The blend of newcomers the trying-to-retire more experienced ones tackled their hearts out in an amazing show of defensive fortitude. They constantly thwarted Welsh attacks but could not themselves really threaten the home try-line until well into the second half.

The early play saw much Welsh possession but Park managed keep them the right side of the 22 until eventually their right winger managed to get round the outside and cut in to score for 5-0.

It was a blow when hooker Astrid Ferreira had to go off with a bloodied nose, though she did return later. Reorganised Park held out until the 26 minute mark, when Welsh pressure forced a second



Astrid Ferreira awaits the arrival of reinforcements

try for 10-0.

The Slingbacks did make several moves out of defence, but they could not cut deep into Welsh territory. They continued to defend superbly, however, and there was no further score before the interval.

At the start of the second period Welsh ran Park's kick off straight back at them and set up close to the line, eventually getting over and converting for 17-0.

Park enjoyed more of the ball than in the first period, and a score looked distinctly possible, but an accidental high tackle by skipper Maria Castellina saw the skipper sin-binned for 10 minutes.



Welsh scored again on 70 minutes and went looking for the five-try bonus. Park put in some good counter-attacks. Anja Grant looked dangerous but just could not find space with Welsh defending well. A great run by Astrid Ferreira was halted 10 metres from the line.

Park continued to tackle with superb skill and commitment, but in the tenth minute of added time Welsh camped on the Park line and



Anja Grant attacks for Park

their powerful pack got the try they needed for the bonus point. The missed conversion brought the final whistle.

The Park girls can certainly hold their heads high – they showed great commitment and skill against a good side.

Special mentions for two players at opposite ends of the experience scale: Chantelle Drake was having her first Rugby Union match (though she has played League) and looked a very useful acquisition, while Clare Bowen was playing for The Slingbacks before Chantelle was born, turned up as a replacement and had to play almost the entire 80 minutes.

Slingbacks: Anja Grant; Daisy Goswell, Danielle Williams, Maria Castellina, Mariella Blanchard; Leah Horan; Katie Watts; Stevie Jackson, Astrid Ferreira, Shantelle Drake; Nicole Dugdale, Keri Mclver; Julia Daffy,, Sam Emery, Sophie Behan



Clare Bowen runs out of defence with Anja Grant and Danielle Williams in support

Bench: Nicole Burke, Clare Bowen

On Sunday the Slingbacks are away to **Windsor Dames** in a League match kicking off at 2:00PM. The Park girls have never won at Home Park, but their recent 29-17 home win will encourage the Slingbacks that they can break their duck. Any support will be gratefully received: Windsor play at Home Park, Datchet Road, Windsor, SL4 6HX. The ground is almost next door to Windsor & Eton railway station and, apart from the rugby, offers a great view of

Windsor Castle and a decent pint of Guardsman bitter.

Medics Praised

There was a serious looking injury to a Millwall player in the Slingbacks home match on 12 January. President Nick Goddard was at the match and helped treat the player, but was also impressed with the performance of the ambulance paramedics who turned up. Nick wrote to the London Ambulance Service: "I am writing in my role as President at Rosslyn Park and in my professional capacity as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to thank your staff for their assistance at Rosslyn Park FC yesterday.

"We had a potential cervical spine injury to a visiting player Georgia McColg when a scrum collapsed. She was aware of immediate onset neck pain and paresthesia in the right hand, but fortunately no other injuries and no abnormal neurological signs. She was promptly treated on the pitch by our two physiotherapists and myself and then evacuated from the pitch with full spinal injury precautions. She remained stable whilst awaiting the arrival of the LAS crew and was then very professionally and courteously managed by your two paramedics Liz and Gus, who were extremely reassuring and added just the amount of light touch humour before taking her on to St George's for further treatment. Hopefully the injury was not too serious. Would you please pass the club's thanks on to all concerned. *Nicholas Goddard MB FRCS*"

The LAS replied: "Thank you for taking the time to let us know about the professionalism of our staff. We have let them know and this will also be placed on their personnel record. Best wishes"

Clubsides

by Will Thorogood

Just a quick summary of the weekend's games. **4's** 36 L.Cornish 2's 17. A good hard, competitive game. As Will Orson report:Happy to report a 36-17 victory against a very good Cornish side. They started quickly but we got back in the game through a penalty and then, momentum shifted and we dominated them for the rest of the game. Very physical, a lot of bruised bodies from it, but fortunately we've a week off now!

B's 15 Habs 2's 19. As I understand, a frustrating, strange game, as some B's relayed to me afterwards, against "bogey" team Old Habs. We tried to run it wide, and at times, very well, but failed in the recycling phase at the breakdown, but at which Habs played this phase effectively, from which they gained a lot of possession in the mud of Richmond Park.

Nomads 12 Chobham 2's 28. Another funny game, against top of the table Chobham. We lead 12-0 at half time, but we ran out of puff, and lacked our usual forward potency, in the second half, against an efficient and well drilled Chobham side.

Hatters 10 Dorking 2's 31. No details of the game.

National 1

Richmond maintained their 7-point lead in the title race with a convincing 25-10 away win over **Cinderford**, who drop into the bottom half of the table, but with a game in hand. **Park** rise to second after a 50-19 demolition of **Cambridge** and **Rams** surprising 31-18 home defeat by **Blackheath**, who are fifth. Chinnor are finally reaping a dividend on their close season expenditure, rising to fifth after a 42-24 away win at **Rotherham**, which leaves the Titans 12 points south of the fourth-from bottom club.

The fourth-from-bottom club are our next opponents **Birmingham Moseley**, who enjoyed a 29-13 away win at bottom club **Canterbury**, who now need to catch up 32 points in just 9 matches remaining. In similar dire straits, but with 11 matches remaining are

Hull Ionians, who lost by 40-22 at **Bishops Stortford**.

In the mid-table matches **Old Elthamians** beat **Darlington Mowden Park** by 28-26 and Sale saw off a strong **Plymouth Albion** challenge by 26-25.

This Saturday's matches

Birmingham Moseley v Rosslyn Park

Blackheath v Plymouth Albion

Cambridge v Sale

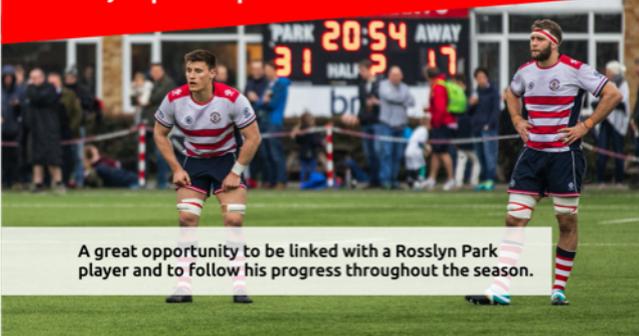
Chinnor v Old Elthamians

Darlington Mowden Park v Canterbury

Hull Ionians v Cinderford

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Rams v Bishops Stortford
Richmond v Rotherham

Away travel

On Saturday 29 February we visit **Chinnor**, for which the club is looking to run a supporters' bus. This is a great initiative that deserves support. But if you are determined to travel independently, the nearest station is Haddenham & Thame Parkway from London Marylebone – though that is still nearly 3 miles from the ground. You can get a bus (or taxi) from the station into Thame, from where it's just over a mile walk. There are several pubs in Thame that sell decent beer, but they are all at the swish end of the market with prices to match. You are also effectively travelling two sides of a triangle, so unless you are an avid pub-goer you're probably better off getting a cab straight to the ground, or – better still – get on the Supporters' bus. A cheap day return seems to be the cheapest way of doing this one. Contact the club office (020 8876 1879) for further details and to book your place(s).

After that there is a gap until we play away to **Hull Ionians** on 21 March. Hull play at Brantingham Park, Brantingham Road, Brough, East Yorkshire, HU15 1HX and Brough is the station to book to. In terms of price it is very advantageous to book an advance ticket. Although there is a greater choice of trains on the East Coast service (changing at Doncaster) our regulars tend to book on the Hull Trains service out of Kings Cross, which is cheaper and avoids changing trains. The outward service departs 09:48 and arrives

12:04, and the return leaves around 18:48 and gets back to Kings Cross at 21:14. The Buccaneer pub near the station is a good bolt hole and does good food at a reasonable price. Cabs in Brough are always at a premium, so get one booked early unless you want to walk (our regulars are hardly the epitome of youth and vigour and



we've walked it the last couple of times).

Beer Festival – thanks from the Slingbacks

The Slingbacks would like to extend a big thank you to the entire club for, once more, playing their part and making Saturday's beer festival such a massive success. We are incredibly grateful to Dom, Andy, Elliot and the entire Park bar team for lending us equipment, advice and support whenever needed. We simply couldn't have done it without your help. Equally special thanks are in order to the Park old guard, who are always our best customers and biggest champions, and the Park First XV for throwing money behind the bar late on and expecting nothing in return. Beer Festival year on year offers an amazing reminder of the deep wells of affection and support we can rely on from the club, its teams and supporters, and as a self-funded team we are always profoundly appreciative of it. Roll on next year!

400 Club

January winners David Bennett £100, Graham Davies £50 and Diana Maseyk £25. 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 1879 for full details.

Sponsors' Offers

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<https://myhealthcareclinic.com/>

Fresh Fitness Foods - 10% discount on all pre made meals
<https://www.freshfitnessfood.com/>

Edit Suits - £50 Off Custom Suit
<https://www.editsuits.com/>

Infinity Drainage - 10% off all services
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Hand in Hand Pub - Free Pint with Matchday programme Flyer
<https://www.thehandinhandwimbledon.co.uk/>

Vidrate Sachets - 15% Discount code RFPC15
<https://www.vidrate.co.uk/>

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Savills - £1,000 referral fees to club and members for introductions to sales and lets SW offices

<https://www.savills.co.uk/>

Sponsorship at National One level is always a challenge, however we feel with our unique location and the great events we run, we can offer a widerange of Sponsorship rights at a number of levels. If you know any companies or brands that would like to advertise and promote and market themselves to any of the club sections below please contact Jodie.rockett@rosslynpark.co.uk .Sponsorship at the club, through our eventsor on our online channels provide a very powerful and effective platform to promote services, products and heighten brand exposure to all those who usethe club and venue throughout the year.

If you talk to anyone who might be interested in sponsoring, you might find the following points useful:

Rosslyn Park Rugby Club – 500 active rugby players & over 1,500 non playing members. Rosslyn Park Minis & Youth – 900 children currently play in our mini and youth sections each week at the ground and in Richmond Park.

HSBC Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s – Estimated 10,500 school children, 6,000 spectators and 850 school teams at the tournament.

London Floodlit 7s – 12 premiership, championship and elite teams to compete. 16 blue chip corporate companies take hospitality each year.

Just give any potential sponsor’s details to Jodie and she’ll sort it out. If everyone who reads this could identify just one potential sponsor it would make a massive difference..

Stay in touch

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<https://rosslynpark.co.uk/>

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Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2NG7bxV>

Instagram: <http://bit.ly/34d652t>

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2PQSpqC>

Please find highlights link in latest bulletin: <http://bit.ly/36Ap3An>

Next 1st XV home match Saturday 15 February

1st XV

v

Darlington Mowden Park

National 1

Home KO 3:00PM

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