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CLOSE - BUT PARK RECORD ANOTHER WIN

Welcome to Parknews Another close home match saw Park record a 20-15 win over Sale, who proved to be pretty stiff opposition. You cannot assume you'll beat any side good enough to be in National 1, let alone get the bonus point. Nevertheless the players will be disappointed after grabbing three tries before the interval that they were unable to push on to register a fourth! It was not for want of trying, and looked bound to come when Park laid siege to the Sale line through multiple phases deep into added time. Then moments later in the very last seconds Sale so nearly got an interception try, only stopped by some alert defending, and we were grateful to scramble the ball off the field and settle for just the win! It's the beauty of live sport.

The result leaves us still just a point behind Rams, who won away at Bishops Stortford by 21-19, but Cinderford secured maximum points from a seventh successive win – this time by 50-12 over Leeds – to open up a lead of five points over us. Chinnor are 8 points behind us in fourth after a 20-23 home defeat by Darlington Mowden Park, but with a game in hand. Due to Old Elthamians dropping out of the league, we have a blank weekend for the Firsts so there is potential for our rivals to pull further ahead (Cinderford are home to Taunton while Rams visit Darlington Mowden Park). However, the following Saturday we have an opportunity to put our future back in our own hands so far as the leaders are concerned with a massive top-of-the-table clash at the Rock against our old friends Cinderford. Don't miss that one!

Photos

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This weekend

The weekend starts early with the senior squad will be in action with a highly competitive **Friday night** match between **Park Rangers** and **Esher Cardinals** in the Raging Bull League, kicking off at 7:45PM at Esher. The two Rangers fixtures against Esher have been reversed, so we now play our home match against them in February. Every Rangers match so far this season has seen enterprising and entertaining Rugby, along with the chance to run the rule over some very talented players who have yet to wear a First XV jersey and some favourites coming back. The Esher ground is at 369 Molesey Road, Hersham, Surrey, KT12 3PF, a stroll of about 400 metres if you turn right out of Hersham station. Your support would be very welcome, it is very unlikely that Esher will charge for admission.

This Saturday the First XV are without a match due to our intended hosts, Old Elthamians, dropping out of the league. Losing out on a home local Derby later in the season does not exactly help the club's finances. But it certainly doesn't mean that you need to go elsewhere for your Rugby fix, because the **Fours** are home to old rivals **Hammersmith & Fulham** in Middlesex Merit Premier at 12:30PM, while the **Nomads** match with **Sutton & Epsom** in the Surrey Championship at 2:30PM has been cancelled. There's no admission charge – why would you go anywhere else (and your club needs your beer money!). There's also some great entertainment available in the morning – also for free - when **NC Rosslyn Park** take on **Fairlands A** in Surrey League Division A at 10:00AM on the Roehampton Uni netball courts. Can the Park girls make it three wins on the trot? Alternatively, if you happen to be in the City on Saturday why not pop in and support the **Fours** who are visiting **HAC** in Middlesex Merit Premier?

Park's man-of-the-match Austin Hay rund at the Sale defence
[Photo: © Isabelle Lovell]



Future events
Friday 22 October

Esher Cardinals v Park Rangers

Raging Bull League
Away KO 7:45

Saturday 23 October

4s v Hammersmith & Fulham

Middlesex Merit Premier
Home KO 12:30

HAC v B XV

Middlesex Merit Premier
Away KO TBA

Netball

NC Rosslyn Park v Fairlands A

Surrey League Division A
Home (Roehampton Uni) start: 10:00

Next 1st XV home match
Top-of-the-table clash
Saturday 30 October

1st XV v Cinderford

National 1
Home 3:00PM
book advance tickets from the [Match Centre](#).

Match report
Park 20
Sale 15
National 1



Park saw off a brave effort from Sale, but could not press on for a bonus point despite scoring three tries in the first half. Park did have their chances to grab the extra point but if Park were not at their most clinical much credit for that must go to the Manchester side who came to play their own brand of attacking rugby, often denying Park useful possession for long periods. Both sides were determined not to get caught in possession in their own territory, thus the ball seemed to spend an inordinate amount of time in mid-air.

If early play was even, it was Park who were more decisive. A surge from the Park pack as early as the third minute saw skipper Hugo Ellis use his power to get over from a ruck for 5-0.

Sale nearly caught the Park defence but were offside. Park replied and many thought they had scored with a charge to the line but the effort was ruled out as 'held up' and Sale dropped out to clear.

Another score looked on the cards with a neat kick through the Sale defence but even a flying Benji Marfo couldn't quite get to the ball before it went dead.

Park were awarded a penalty just inside the 22 which saw a Sale winger sent to the bin. Park kicked to the corner and made Hay when prop Austin of that name forced his way over, fly half Luc Smith converting for 12-0 on 23 minutes.

It was another penalty, kicked to the corner, that brought Park's third try but this time it was a super passing movement across the goal from the left that saw Marfo pounce in the right corner for 17-0 with less than 5 minutes to the interval.

Park could not hold out, however, allowing Sale to run in a try with two minutes to go: neatly done, but one they would have backed themselves to defend. The conversion, in off the post, made it 17-7 at half-time.

Sale made a dream start to the second period, gaining a penalty after only two minutes for Johnson to narrow the gap to only 17-10.



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BARBARIANS DOUBLE HEADER AT TWICKENHAM

Get 10% online discount on adult tickets

The world-famous Barbarians are back and will take on Samoa this autumn at Twickenham for the Killik Cup on Saturday 27th November – 2.30pm Kick Off. Rosslyn Park RFC are able to offer members a special sponsor 10% discount on all adult match tickets.

The Barbarians will be jam packed with stars from across the globe and look forward to welcoming fans back to live matches, for what always promises to be an electric game of International Rugby. So, anticipate some big hits, lots of skills on show, a thrilling game of rugby and a fun filled day out with friends and family guaranteed.

Australia Head Coach, Dave Rennie and Wales Assistant Coach, Jonathan Humphreys will take charge of the Barbarians and three experienced world class players have also been confirmed recently, the Argentine former Captain, Pablo Matera and Springboks Duane Vermeulen and Malcolm Marx.

A day of high-octane international rugby is expected at Twickenham in this historic double header event, with Barbarian Women taking on a Springboks Women's XV following the men's match at 5.15pm.

The ticket price includes both matches and are selling fast, with a big crowd expected. Secure your seats early and be part of the action from *£35 for adults and kids *£15.

Visit: www.ticketmaster.co.uk

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PRIZE RAFFLE WINNER

16 October 2021

2 x Adult Tickets Barbarians vs Samoa 27th November 2021

Big thank you to all supporters for kindly entering the Raffle which was held during the Rosslyn Park v Sale Match. We raised an amazing £600.00, which will go towards the newly created Rosslyn Park Players Cardiac Screening programme. Winner Yellow Ticket 167 Please contact Kenny Moore on 020 8876 1879

Shortly after Sale skipper Fergus Mulchrone ran a superb angle to score in the left corner, and after only 6 minutes of the second period the deficit had narrowed to two points.

Things looked decidedly dodgy for the home side when Sale were awarded a penalty and Ellis dispatched to the bin. Sale could not force home their advantage, Park returning that particular compliment by not throwing in straight at an attacking lineout.

With 15 minutes remaining, and Craig Holland on for Smith, Park received a penalty roughly between the posts on halfway. To go for bonus point glory with a kick to the corner or attempt to add the

points? Pragmatism won and Holland calmly slotted it over for 20-10.

Sale had a penalty that looked eminently kickable but shied off the side of the post.

That was a wake up call and Park threw everything at the Sale line through multiple phases, but just as a try looked inevitable Sale intercepted and broke away up the field. Some brilliant last-ditch defending stopped it but at cost of a penalty, kicked to the corner. Park defended that but another penalty ensued. Park managed to spoil that and kicked the ball off the field to claim victory.

Park: Henry Robinson; Benji Marfo, Nick Scott, Quinten Koster, Ben Howard; Luc Smith; Dave Lewis; Kyle Traynor, Jared Saunders, Austin Hay; Dylan Flashman, Gregor Gillanders; Dan Laventure, Josh Poole, Hugo Ellis.

Bench: Ryan Jackson, Ali Wade, Henry Spencer, Luke Baldwin, Craig Holland



[Photo: © Isabelle Lovell]

Clubsides

Will Thorogood reports: couple of Clubside games at the weekend. The 4's MMT Prem game was called off late in the week, as Chiswick 2's could not raise a full side, so the 4's gained a default win of 28-0 without a ball being bowled. Valuable points, no doubt, but it reflects the aftermath and dynamic effect of the pandemic on player availability. Chiswick, historically, have always been very good at fielding sides against us and honouring fixtures. However, it could have just been a "blip" weekend, where there were just too many rearranged weddings in the Chiswick camp?

Anyway, "High Noon" at the Rock (there wasn't much in the way of sunshine, however), between the two Parks, saw Rosslyn Park B's(1879) versus Belsize Park 2's (?1871?), both quite old, in their MMT Prem duel! The game was an "O.K.Quarrel", full of the "The Good, the Bad, but not the Ugly". Enough of the Western puns, well west London ones.

I hope people didn't think I was supporting Belsize when I was shouting , " come on, Park"! , but it can get confusing. The B's pride was at stake for this top of the table encounter, with the B's, so far unbeaten in the league. It wasn't going to be easy, they never are, against Belsize, and this wasn't. Overall, a tight game, which was, to a degree disjointed, particularly in the mid field.

The B's dominated a sizable Belsize pack, but the Belsize backs seemed to be just a little more cohesive and fluent. Tight from the



Bs on the attackv Belsize Park on Saturday

Photo: Will Thorogood



ous sparring, the game was to and fro with a lot of frustrating handling errors and wrong options taken. I don't know how many minutes had elapsed, but after considerable Belsize pressure around the 22, a gaping hole in the B's defence appeared, like the parting of the Red Sea, and a Belsize attacker (maybe, Moses) scythed through unopposed under the posts. 5-0, plus 2=0-7 That's how it remained until half time.

Belsize came out of the traps in the second half, and quickly scored a well worked try, to which the B's responded. 7-14. Belsize were obviously concerned, as the B's were breathing down their necks, and unusually at this level, they opted to kick for the posts from a penalty, which was duly converted. 7-17. More B's pressure to the end, but they couldn't breach the Belsize defence, and then a turnover of B's possession led to a Belsize counter attack for almost the length of the pitch, and a kick and chase, led to a Belsize touchdown and conversion. 24-7, but not "Open All Hours". Luke Weller, skipper, seemed quietly confident that the B's will be able to reverse the result in January when they make the trip to Regents Park. No doubt that will be a muddy affair, so long as they win.

It was nice to a few old B's, Will Ferrand, Richie Foreman and Nick Jones amongst others supporting on the touchline, along with respective partners, wives and their new, growing family additions. It was quite a creche. Congratulations. You have been busy over Lockdown!

I have no details of the Nomads' game against Reeds Weybridge 2's (Surrey Championship) except they went down 52-17. The Nomads just managed to cobble a side together, but did honour the fixture, and people got a game which can only be a good thing. Games for 23/10/21: 4's v H&F 2 Home ko 12.30pm MMT Prem; B's v HAC 2 Away MMT Prem; Nomads not playing.

Slingbacks

It is with immense sadness that we have to report that the Slingbacks will not be playing the remainder of their league programme this season. It was a most difficult decision to call "time" but after two matches in which we could not summon even the basic numbers to field a team, and numbers training rarely reaching double figures, it was an inevitable outcome. We are immensely grateful for the core of stalwarts who kept the show on the road for so long, and for the splendid memories of some great matches and

WINNING WOMEN



In happier times - the back page of the Wandsworth Guardian when the Slingbacks won promotion to Premiership 2 in 2003

Wandsworth Guardian, May 9 2003

Rosslyn Park's play-off winning squad: Amanda King, Anna Butler, Anna Wood, Helen Flower, Emma Birney, Charlie Pauli, Clare Bowen, Liz Delves, Helen Cobb, Jacks Krauss, Jen Searle, Kate Simon, Kate Landells, Louise Worthington, Miranda Pike, Nicky Hill, Sally Leonard, Sarah Pretty, Tara Cubitt, Tracie Simpson, Trish Clyde and Belinda Reilly.

fine players. It is a pity it all had to end on a low key. But something was obviously not right, and to keep doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome was not a tenable strategy.

25 years ago the Rosslyn Park women's team, aka The Slingbacks, played their first league game after Jane Seymour and Kay Booker gently persuaded George Sturgis to fund a women's team at The Rock. The team went from strength to strength, winning the Junior National Cup on many occasions and winning promotion at least 5 years on the trot under the watchful eye of coach Ian 'Fish' Hutchinson. They became a force to be reckoned with in, and outside of, London and having secured a First XV place in Premiership 2, a Second XV – Slingbacks Too - was formed thanks to the hard work of the Committee members, Sally Leonard in particular with coaches Martyn Worsley and Matt Mandelbaum at the helm. With retirements, family and work commitments, membership reduced but the Slingbacks 1XV remained strong and played competitively in their league for many seasons. Unfortunately the pandemic affected numbers even further and led to where we are today.

It will definitely not be the end of women's rugby at the Rock – quite the reverse. As a club, we need a Women's team, and hopefully more than one. We want to build a structure that allows girls a pathway from the minis to play at the adult level at the highest level they can aspire to – even if that means starting at a lower level than we recently occupied and working our way up. The fact is that women's rugby has thrived at other local clubs with facilities that cannot match those we can offer at Rosslyn Park. We need to learn the necessary lessons and re-build, and that is what we'll do, along with those players who kept training and playing and want to be a part of a programme to get women's Rugby at Rosslyn Park to where we want it to be.

25 years of Committees equates to around 200 people who have played a part in the administration and running of the Slingbacks and there is not enough space to be able to mention everyone. So apologies to the many missed but special mentions go to Jo Starling, Susie Cuff, Clare Bowen, Alice Lovett, David Mobbs-Smith, Mark Barnes, Elizabeth Delves, Esther King, Maria Castellina, Sam

Emery and Nicola Smith. Not forgetting Anna Butler, who was an original Slingback, left The Rock as a player in 2006 and returned last season to become Head Coach, and Julia Daffy (who is now on the club's Management Board).

Later in the season we'll organise a social event that everyone involved with the Slingbacks over the years can attend. If an era has to end, better with a bang than a whimper. "Once a Slingback always a Slingback".

Cardiac screening

Players are being made aware that the club has invested in offering all its playing membership a FOC Cardiac Screening. It is not compulsory but recommended. This will be taking place at the club on the 3rd of November. The team who will visit the club is made up of consultant cardiologists, senior cardiac nurses and specialist physiologists. Each player is given a questionnaire to complete which is designed to identify potential cardiac risk factors, a resting 12 lead ECG and a blood pressure check. These results are reviewed straight away by the cardiologists. Should the cardiologist decide that further information is needed they will conduct a short consultation with the player and they may then recommend an echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) which can be done immediately at the club. About 5 – 10% of players are likely to be advised to have an echocardiogram and a small proportion of these may then be advised to go onto further investigations such as a cardiac MRI. Should the cardiologist decide that further investigations are indicated we can either arrange these through their own clinic or, if the player wishes, they can send a report to their own GP with recommendations for further investigations. We will shortly be sending out a time schedule for players to book in and reserve your testing time.

Park Netball

There were big wins to celebrate for both our Kingston League teams, who sit atop their respective league tables. This coming Saturday morning it will be the Surrey League side who are performing at Roehampton Uni, at home to Fairlands A, looking for

their third successive win to propel them well into the top half of a very competitive Division A table. The match starts at 10:00AM, so please do get along to offer your support.



Park Reds 54 Grasshoppers B 4

Kingston League Division 5

Park Line up: GS: Charli Hicks, GA: Tash Eeles, WA: Emily Sarsfield-Power, C: Lucy Patterson, WD: Kila O'Boyle, GD: Simone Quick, GK: Abby Mahal

Bench: Saskia Leppard, Bella Murrison, Hannah Gilbert

Very well deserved POMs were:

Home: Simone

Away: Lucy

The Kingston Reds went into the match in good form and high spirits, following a string of impressive results. The intensity and determination of the team in the first quarter led us to a formidable 19-0 lead against an opposition who looked quite defeated.

Going into quarter 2, we set ourselves a lofty target of 80 goals for the match. However, as the weather worsened, it became difficult to play our usual fast-paced attacking game and so the focus moved to possession netball and strong passing, which took some pace out of our play.

By the third quarter, with the score 35-2, we knew the win was secure but in such poor conditions, our goal target would be difficult. So we used this as an opportunity to rotate the team and try different combinations of players and practice new defensive tactics. Park delivered another quarter without conceding.

We headed into the final quarter leading 45-2. The aim at this point was to see out the match with discipline, concentrating on maintaining our structure and controlling the pace of the game. The game ended with Rosslyn Park winning 55-4.

It was a fantastic effort by the whole team, especially in difficult playing conditions. The strong defence all the way down the



court, in addition to the solid performance by the shooters, helped us secure a significant goal difference, which could prove pivotal at the end of the season.

Big thanks to the spectators for battling the conditions to show their support and to Charlie for photographing the match.

Park Blues 47 Grasshoppers D 13

Kingston League Division 5

Park Line up:

GS: Alice Feltham

GA: Pip Medley

WA: Kate Hughes

C: Maddie Dean

WD: Charlotte McDonough

GD: Jess Turpin

GK: Gabs Cross

Bench: Emma Henshaw, Tasha Levy

Kingston blues played a strong game against Grasshoppers D, succeeding in both defence and attack with a win of 47-13.

Kingston blues really showed their determination and transferred their skills learned at training into the weekends game. Zoning from centre court and backline passes, correct decision making, and accurate passing were high points from the weekends game.

The blues came started of strong and with confidence. Quick centre passes allowed us to gain a good lead ahead of Grasshoppers.

GK Gabs Cross, GD Jess Turpin & WD Charlotte McDonough held a sturdy defence gaining multiple rebounds and carrying the ball quickly down the court, making a lead in the first quarter of 11-0.

The blues actively continued into the second quarter, with high spirit and motivation. GS Alice Feltham consistently had a strong hold under the post while GA Pip Medley maintained accurate shooting and impeccable balance! Accurate feeds into the circle from WA Kate Hughes and C Maddie Dean allowed the blues to continue to lead with a score at half time of 24-6.

In the third quarter Emma Henshaw came on as a strong WA offering a new energy on the court. C, Tasha Levy picked up Centre court, always available and ready to support her teammates. GD Gabs lead the team in zoning and the teamwork made the opposition struggle to play the ball down court, allowing WD Charlotte McDonough to get some brilliant interceptions. The third quarter ended 37-10.

Blues went into the final 15 mins with determination to succeed coming away with a convincing win.

Very well deserved POMs were:

Home: Gabs

Away: Pip

Away travel

We have two away matches in November: **Birmingham Moseley** on 13th and **Caldy** on 27th. Moseley play at Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0HN. Our regulars usually decamp at Birmingham New Street and visit the ourstelry or two in town, getting a cab from there, though it's not cheap if there are not a few to share. Alternatively, buses 2 and 3 from the nearby Park Street bus stand go to Billesley common very close to the ground. Either way the traffic is usually a nightmare so leave plenty of time. If you're happy to miss the joys of central Birmingham and just want to see the match, you could book to Yardley Wood station which is just about walkable to the ground (just very slightly more than a mile). For that you need to make the short walk interchange from Birmingham New Street to Moor Street station which is clearly signposted. The journey is a maximum of 15 minutes with trains leaving at 10 and 30 past the hour (returning at 05 and 45). From Yardley Wood it is a straightforward walk to the ground. There are no decent hostelrys in the area for your refreshment (unless – as a Moseley supporter memorably advised – you want lager, Sky sports and a fight on the way out) but the clubhouse at the ground serves food and a decent pint and is invariably very friendly.

For **Caldy** we have found that the best route is to get to Liverpool Lime Street and then go down to the metro interchange and take the metro to West Kirby, which is roughly 2 miles from the ground

(the rail planner may suggest a route via Chester). There is an 82 bus from West Kirby station that runs to Telegraph Road, which is about 400 yards from the ground at 12:02 and 14:02, but it is so infrequent that a cab will be your best bet. There is also a frequent bus service (430 or 437 from the centre of Liverpool (Union Court, just off Cook Street) to and from West Kirby station. For refreshments, turn right out of the station and a few yards along is the West Kirby Tap which serves decent food and a good pint.

It's not until 08 January, but don't waste time planning a visit to **Leeds Tykes** new ground. They are paying Park the compliment of hiring the Headingley Stadium for that particular match, kicking off at 2:30PM.

Membership

This is clearly going to be a crucial season with the possibility of three clubs being promoted at the end. We would love to be able to strengthen our squad even further but we have to operate within the constraints we have available. There is a way supporters or existing members can help. **The Ripley Membership** has as its purpose raising funds for our playing and coaching budget and has made a genuine contribution to the renewed success of our First XV. In addition to the benefits of full membership you will get two extra membership cards, free parking, two free lunches during the season for yourself and two guests, Q&A sessions twice a year with the Director of Rugby the Chairman and the Managing Director, plus an exclusive Ripley hat and scarf. Please consider whether your membership, or join as a 'Ripley' if you are not already a member. Please speak to Dom Shabbo if you might be able to help.

If the Ripley is not for you, and haven't yet renewed your membership, or would like to join the Club, now is the time. Single Full Membership costs £200 or £16.70 per month and includes free entry to all home games with free Programme, exclusive invites to events, free bar loyalty card and access to International tickets. Family Membership is available to all couples and includes the same benefits but for two persons and costs £300 or £25 per month. If you live a distance from the club Country Membership is available at £80 or £6.70 a month with the same benefits except you pay a reduced admission price of £10 and a programme is not included. Please go to <https://rosslynpark.co.uk/membership/non-playing-membership/> or call the club office on 020 8876 1879.

Mini & Youth Memberships Please note that Mini and Youth Memberships are managed through a separate registration process, details of which can be found [here](#).

Lunch in memory of Mike Frangos

Many of you will remember the late, great Michael Frangos who sadly died on May 12th last year. Mike was a Park stalwart. I was privileged to be asked to write a Rosslyn Park obituary to him and it is reproduced here, 17 long pandemic months later. Now that rugby is being played again, we are having a memorial lunch in Mike's honour at the Club on Saturday December 4th (Chinnor match which will be sponsored by Mike's family) and we are inviting anyone who would like to join us in the Members Bar on that day please to do so. Mike's family and friends, many of the young men he coached (terrified!) and his fellow coaches from those mini and youth years will be with us, and all his Park friends who see this and want to come along are all welcome. We do need to know numbers so please let me know if you plan to be there. As the last sentence in the eulogy says – "we promise to do you proud". And we will. Thanks, all. Please R.S.V.P to susan@cuffassociates.co.uk

Mike's obituary

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mike Frangos, who passed away peacefully, at home, on Tuesday May 12th 2020. We have lost a great friend; the world has lost a force of nature. Mike lived life to the very full, running his family's restaurant, Beotys in Covent Garden, six days and nights every week, coaching Rosslyn Park minis players every Sunday, working on countless Park committees to organise summer balls, socials, pre-match lunches, the ball boys for first team home games, minis tours, parents' dinners (oh, the lock-ins in the basement bar at Beotys..) whilst raising Maria, Michelle and Theo alongside Gaby in

their Wimbledon Home.

Mike was nothing if not unreconstructed – roaring at players, parents, referees, fellow coaches, opposition with complete abandon – but never bad manners. His fury on tour in France when the under 10s gazed incomprehendingly at plates of carotte rapée and salade frisée with OLIVES and demanded McDonalds... Mike's unique belting voice and towering frame soon did the job. They ate it all.

Hungover freezing Sunday morning training sessions at Barn Elms, fighting with the so-called cooker in the portacabin and Mike screeching to a halt, striding in with his arms full of bacon for me to prep a million bacon rolls... woe betide the punter who asked for it to be "more crispy". Mike soon declared him to be an ungrateful sod – as he undoubtedly was. I was privileged to co-sponsor, with Mike, a whole bunch of minis tours in the U9s to U12s years. Mike's passion for getting it right, the food, the fun, the fanatical attention to detail - these tours will live on forever in the memory of the tourists and the parents. Mike's towering presence on the touchline, be that an U8 training session or a first team clash against Esher was a bellowing inspiration. Unmissable, impossible to ignore. His fierce love for the boys and his commitment to the club ran deep, and he was never afraid to show his emotion – he loved life and wanted us to love it too. So farewell, big man, you roaring tower of strength and generosity and ferocious kindness. You are and will be much missed, and the world is a poorer place without you. Thanks for the memories; they will never be lost.

You will be furious to miss your party, but we promise to do you proud.

Sponsorship Opportunities

With clubs financially reeling from the Covid crisis, sponsorship has never been more important to clubs - and Rosslyn Park is certainly no exception to that rule. A very wide range of sponsorship advertising, marketing and promotional opportunities are available throughout the season with prices suitable for all budgets. These provide a very powerful and cost effective opportunity to promote your business.

MATCH DAY SPONSORSHIP

Get in on the Action! As the official Match Sponsor of a Rosslyn Park First XV game, you will host your guests in our newly refurbished Clubhouse. Before the game you will sample our excellent hospitality with a VIP lunch courtesy of our in-house caterers. Afterwards you and your guests will have the chance to meet Rosslyn Park players and present the Man of the Match award, the photo of this presentation will feature in the following Match Day Programme.

Meet the Players

Your company will be featured on the cover of the programme, and you will have a full page advert inside. You will also receive PA announcements throughout the game.

Finally, you have the opportunity to distribute promotional flyers in the Clubhouse and around the ground to advertise your business to all of our spectators and members on the day.

Full Package Includes:

- Front Cover Programme Branding as the Official Match Day Sponsor
- PA Announcements throughout the afternoon
- VIP Lunch for 10 for guests prior to the game
- Man of the Match Presentation after the game.
- Photo of the Man of Match Presentation to appear in following Match Day Programme
- Opportunity to distribute Promotional Flyers on the day
- 2 Car Parking Spaces
- Post Match Visit for you and your guests from two Rosslyn Park players or coaches of your choice.

Digital sponsorship

- Email marketing & campaigns to club database throughout the year. Database of over 3,000 members and players
- Feature on RPFC website & full company description
- Social media support across all channels throughout the season. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook & YouTube

- Branded pitch board located around the venue 6m x 2m board designed and produced by club for the full year
- Table of 8 guests including 3-course meal for one home game of the season. Home game of choice, including 3-course meal & car parking spaces
- Hire of the club/venue free of charge. This can include both pitch and clubhouse for one full day

Kit sponsorship

- Company branding on Men's 1st XV playing kit
- National exposure throughout the year

Player Sponsorship

- A great opportunity to be linked with a Rosslyn Park player and to follow his progress throughout the season.
- PA announcement when your player scores a try
- Company logo/name against player profile in match-day programme
- 10 tickets for a 1st XV home game of your choice

Digital Marketing

The Rosslyn Park website, database, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram all represent a large and fast growing audience with targeted engagements. These platforms allow opportunities for companies to build bespoke and extremely cost effective packages and are a great way to interact with our supporters and social media followers instantly. Our social media not only provides the latest Rosslyn Park tries and score lines but also highlight your companies involvement at the club.

Please do support our sponsors as they have supported us.

Please contact Kenneth Moore, via email

Kenneth.Moore@Rosslynpark.co.uk or phone: 0208 876

1879 to discuss how sponsorship at Rosslyn Park may fit with your own promotional plans.

Keep up to date

Keep in touch with everything happening at Rosslyn Park by regularly visiting the Club's website at

www.rosslynpark.co.uk

The club is also active in several social media channels:

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Don't forget our next home game of is the top-of-the-table match against Cinderford on the 30 October, KO at 3:00PM. if you haven't already done so, please renew your membership subscription as soon as possible. Online tickets for ground entry and also the pre-match lunch are available online in the [Match Centre](#).



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