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PARK JUST LOSE OUT IN A RAMS RAID

Welcome to Parknews A great late effort bringing two tries in 11 minutes proved to be not enough to salvage Saturday's top-of-the-table match. If you have to lose your unbeaten record then at least there's no disgrace in doing it against a really good side in a match that was a credit to the standards of National 1 Rugby and in which you have given everything. There was nothing to say that Park could not be the ones to prevail when these two excellent teams meet again in the return fixture at Rams in February. Despite Park's spirited late comeback it has to be conceded that – on this particular day – we were beaten by a better side. The defeat sees Park drop to third place behind Rams themselves and this Saturday's opponents Cambridge, who had a 40-29 win over the fifth placed club, Cinderford. Apologies, but we were unable to obtain any First XV match photos beyond the one on the right which was copied from the @Rosslynpark twitter feed.

So it's another vital home match this Saturday where your vocal support could make a big difference. A few seasons back Park put over a hundred points on Cambridge in our biggest ever League win – since then they have been something of a bogey team to us, particularly on their own ground. A measure of the task facing us is that Cambridge have won every match bar one – and that one was away to Rams, where they collected two bonus points in a narrow 26-29 defeat. They have collected the 4-try bonus in every match. Park will be working hard in training this week to put last week's result behind them while putting into practice any lessons learned and press reset. Another great match is in prospect between two attacking teams.

A big positive last weekend was the **Rangers'** 43-7 win over their **Rams** equivalents, who were in second place behind us in the Halbros Raging Bull Div 1. As injuries inevitably become a factor as the season develops then strength in depth in the squad becomes a factor and you would be confident that pretty well any of the Rangers could step into a National 1 match without materially weakening the squad.

Not so good a weekend for the **Clubsides**, alas. In the Middlesex Merit Premier the **Fours** lost at home to **Hammersmith & Fulham** on Friday evening and the **B XV** lost at **HAC** by 36-0. In the Surrey Championship the **Nomads** were beaten by 22-5 by **Guildford**. Will Thorogood provides a comprehensive summary of the Clubsides inside.

Nevertheless the club's **netball** teams go from strength to strength. The **Surrey** (First) team beat third-placed **Claygate** on Saturday in a cracking match. The Reds and Blues are both unbeaten this season. Full details of this weekend's fixtures appear later in this newsletter. Full reports further on.

As if the big match against Cambridge was not enough on its own, we have two other matches at the Rock on Saturday, all for the single admission price. There is a really attractive curtain raiser at noon when the Rangers take on the RAF U-23 team in what should be a feast of open attacking Rugby. Then at 5:00PM our B XV will face London Welsh Druids in the Middlesex Merit Premier competition. Elsewhere the fours are away to London Cornish and the Nomads travel to Batters a Ironsides. On the netball court, our Reds travel to Teddington Thunder and the Blues have a top-of-the-table match against Focus at Leatherhead.

Park 21 Rams 29 National 1

A spirited comeback in the last few minutes was not enough to rescue Park, who – taken over the 80 minutes – were simply beaten by the better side on the day.

Park got off to a dream start, winning an early penalty and piling on the pressure from the resulting line-out. Park's dominant maul to the line was stopped illegally by Rams' hooker Max Hayman, who was sent to the bin for



Upcoming events
Saturday 29 October
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Rangers v RAF U-23

Friendly
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Park

v

Cambridge

National 1
Away KO 3:00PM

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B XV v London Welsh Druids

MMT Premier
Home KO 5:00PM

London Cornish v Fours

MMT Premier
Away KO TBA

Ironsides v Nomads

Surrey Championship
Away KO TBA

Netball

Focus B v Park Blues

Kingston League Div 9
Away 09:30AM

Teddington Thunder v Park Reds

Kingston League Div 5
Home 11:00AM



his troubles and a Penalty Try awarded for 7-0 on 2 minutes.

However, the home side could not press home their numerical advantage with Rams defending superbly well. It was the visitors who were next on the scoreboard when Park conceded a penalty on halfway that was kicked to the corner and from the lineout the ball was worked across the field for winger Jack Rossiter to plunge over in the corner to narrow the margin to 7-5 on 14 minutes.

This looked every bit a clash between the two best sides in the league as Park launched a superb move through several hands to launch Ben Howard in to score, but alas the final pass was forward.

It was Rams who scored next to take the lead on 20 minutes. Their scrum had Park under immense pressure and from a set-piece full back Charlie Robson broke away to score on the left, converted by fly half Alex Seers for 12-7.

Rams were beginning to look the better side, attacking from anywhere on the field, Park's clearances being constantly run back at them and the pressure began to inducing errors from the home side.

Nevertheless Park still nearly regained the lead when a good move saw hooker Jared Saunders touch down, only to see his effort ruled out for 'crossing'.

Both teams went toe-to-toe to the interval, Rams enjoying an edge but Park certainly by no means out of the running and always looking dangerous when in possession.

Only two minutes into the second half things got more difficult, when a poor kick was gathered by Rams' flanker James McRea who ran through several potential tacklers, none of whom could lay a proper hand on him to score by the posts, giving Seers an easy conversion for 19-7. From the terraces it looked a poor try to concede.

Things got even more difficult when Matt Bolwell was adjudged to have tackled an opponent without using his arms, just outside the Rams 22, and saw a yellow card require him to sit out the next 10 minutes.

Rams soon made numbers tell, winning a penalty which was converted by Seers for 22-7 on 51 minutes, leaving Park needing to score more than two converted tries in the last half hour against the tightest defence in the league.

A difficult task became even harder when the home defence was stretched again and centre Drew Humberstone made an overlap out wide, Seers converting for 29-7.

It soon looked as if Park had gifted a further try when a promising counter-attack led to a pass being intercepted by Rossiter with only open space in front of him, but fortunately advantage was being played for Rams being offside.

To their great credit, Park never for a moment gave up and gradually began to put Rams under pressure. With 11 minutes to go they had the visitors pinned to their own line and conceding penalties. Park opted to run the ball and a series of pick-and-drives eventually saw powerful replacement prop Jake Buckingham get over, his try converted by Monty Bradbury for 14-29.

Park tried everything against a superb defence but could not find a

way through until, with just 2 minutes to go, with Rams again pinned to their line, Buckingham powered over from close range. Quick thinking by Bradbury saw him convert within seconds with a drop-kick for 21-29 to give his side an unlikely chance of getting the extra score needed to get within bonus point territory.

Park could not quite do it. A perfectionist could point to several errors made over the 80 minutes, but on the day Rams were comfortably the best side Park have faced this season – sometimes you just lose to the better side. Park will have their chance for revenge when they visit Rams in February in the return match.

Park: Luca Smith; Walker, Stanton, Gordon, Howard; Holland; Gash; Garvey, Saunders, Zeiss; Flashman, Martin; Bolwell, Ellis, Laventure.

Bench: Harding, Buckingham, O Robinson, Strang, Bradbury

Rangers 43

Rams 2s 7

Halbro Raging Bull Shield

Some really sensational moves from the Park backs provided rich entertainment for those who arrived early for Saturday's curtain raiser between the first and second clubs in the Hambro Raging Bull competition.

Despite early pressure, it was not until the twelfth minute that winger Theo Alexis broke the deadlock, diving over in the right corner for 7-0.



A super move up the left saw a great 'try' disallowed for a forward pass. This was followed by a glorious move leading to a pass was slipped to replacement Ed Cockman who burst through to score, Harry Leonard's conversion attempt bouncing back off a post to leave the score at 10-0.

There was almost another score when Alexis could not quite hang onto the ball at full tilt. Harry Leonard kicked a penalty to touch in the Rams 22 and winger Josh Addams started a move up the right and hared across to the left to receive the ball again before setting up Harry Leonard to slip the ball inside for Luke Baldwin to finish off before Leonard converted for 17-0.

Just before the interval another excellent move was finished off by Addams for 24-0 at the interval.

Park started the second period with another wing-to-wing move but this time got pinged for not releasing the ball. A glorious run by full-back Henry Robinson set up a move that saw hooker Charlie Piper crash over for 31-0 with Leonard's conversion.

Nick Lovell grounded the ball over the line but play was brought back for a scrum to Park, from which number 8 Archie Hosking peeled off to score. Leonard's conversion hit the post so it was 36-0.

A penalty on half-way was hoofed to the corner for Piper to barge his way over, Leonard's conversion making it 43-0.

After using up the benches Rams added a deserved consolation score in the dying moments, a good move up the right, and the excellent touchline conversion brought the final whistle at 43-7.

Park: *H Robinson; Alexis, Glover, Scott, Addams; Leonard; Baldwin; Rasor, Piper, Lovell; McLean, Burton; de Gaulle, Ledger, A Hosking*

Bench: *Wagstaff, Cockman, Hamblin, Jones, Stegman, MacGarvie, Olopade.*

The previous weekend's matches for the two senior sides went as follows:

Darlington Mowden Park 28 Park 33

National 1

Unfortunately we do not have a report from the match, but the @Rosslynpark Twitter stream provides an excellent blow-by-blow account from all matches. For those who didn't follow it at the time, here is the one from Darlington.

3' Scrum Penalty Park turn one over against the head, winning a scrum penalty on the 10m. They can put it into touch in DMP territory.

5' Breakdown Penalty Park go through the phases and are rewarded with a penalty against DMP for not rolling. Park go to the corner.

5' Substitution Oli Robinson on for Arthur Ellis.

7' Yellow Card DMP winger Henry Hadfield heads to the bin following a collision with Craig Holland during an attempted charge down.

9' TRY! Park expose the man advantage after a bit of kick tennis when winger Charlie Walker finds a hole and glides over. 0-5

10' Conversion successful Holland adds the extras. 0-7

13' Held up Following a Matt Gordon break down the left wing, Arthur Ellis crashes over the line, but is just held up. Dropout DMP.

16' TRY! A breakdown penalty allows Park to put the ball into the corner and Matt Gordon crashes over following a lengthy Park driving maul. 0-12

17' Conversion successful Holland glances the right upright as he converts the score. 0-14

24' Breakdown penalty Park concede back-to-back penalties at the breakdown which results in a DMP lineout on the 5m line.

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25' Clearance Park disrupt the lineout and Arthur Ellis (subbed back on) puts boot to ball and clears it downfield.

28' Try Park are pinged for not being back 10 from a tap-and-go and DMP cross over following a driving maul at the resulting lineout.

5-14

29' Conversion successful 7-14

33' 50-22 DMP put in a clever kick that results in a lineout for them deep in Park's 22.

34' Clearance Park once again spoil the attacking lineout and can clear their lines.

35' Try DMP second row Max Davies canters through the Park defensive line and goes in under the posts. 12-14

36' Conversion successful 14-14

39' Penalty miss DMP are penalised for not rolling and Holland goes for goal, but misses wide. 14-14

42' 50-22 Holland puts a great kick in behind DMP and Park have an attacking lineout in a dangerous position.

44' Scrum penalty Park spill the ball at the lineout, but win possession straight back at the scrum. They elect to scrum again.

45' Held up Tom Stanton is held up over the line on a crash ball. Dropout DMP.

50' Knock on Lungs are bursting after several straight minutes of play that saw Park carry down to inside DMP's 10m before a

handling error finally results in a DMP scrum.

55' TRY! A brilliant fingertip interception by Charlie Walker in his own half sees him easily outpace the chasing defenders and cross over. 14-19

56' Conversion successful Monty Bradbury slots his first kick after being subbed on. 14-21

59' Try A loose kick is punished as Morgan Passman scythes through Park's kick chasers to score from just outside his own 22. 19-21

61' Conversion successful 21-21

64' TRY! Under a penalty advantage Park stretch the DMP defence and a floated Bradbury pass finds Joe Luca Smith out wide who pops it back inside to Oli Robinson. 21-26

65' Conversion successful Bradbury slots the conversion from a tough angle.

69' Breakdown penalty Arthur Ellis wins a turnover penalty on the halfway line and Bradbury kicks the penalty into touch on DMP's 22. 21-28

74' So close! A Billy Harding break almost culminates in a try, but the offload can't quite be gathered in and DMP have a scrum under their own posts.

78' Lineout A dangerous spell of possession for DMP in Park's half is brought to an end as they are dumped into touch. Park lineout to come.

79' TRY! Park can breathe a sigh of relief as Matt Gordon dives over in the left corner following a magnificent handful of phases that saw them march up the pitch. 21-33

79' Conversion unsuccessful Bradbury is unable convert from the touch line. 21-33

79' Try DMP pinch a bonus point at the death as they regather the kickoff and cross over soon after. 26-33

80' Conversion successful 28-33

FULL TIME | 28-33 Park outlast [@MowdenPark](#) to grab a bonus point win and maintain the perfect start.

Park: *Joe Luca Smith; Charlie Walker, Tim Stanton, Matt Gordon, Benji Marfo; Craig Holland; Jack Gash; Sam Garvey, Jared Saunders, Carl Zeiss; Dylan Flahman, Henry Spencer; Matt Bolwell, Arthur Ellis, Dan Laventure*

Bench: *Billy Harding, Jake Buckingham, Oli Robinson, Seb Strang, Monty Bradbury.*

Henley Hawks 2s 12 Park Rangers 60

Raging Bull Div 1

We have no report of the match, but the try scorers were Max Trimble (4), Theo Alexis (2), Ben Howard (2), Will Burton and Taine Wagstaff.

Rangers: *15. Theo Alexis; 14. Max Trimble, 13. James Keay, 12. Henry Cheeseman, 11. Ben Howard; 10. Luc Smith; 09. Olly Venni; 01. Josh Rasor, 02. Taine Wagstaff, 03. Nick Lovell; 04. Jordan Martin, 05. Will Burton (C); 06. Harry Ledger, 07. Alex Mclean, 08. Ben Kirby*

Bench: *16. George Hamblin, 17. Brendan De Gaulle, 18. Alex Goble, 19. Harry Leonard, 20. Olly Risollo*

National 1

Rams top the league as the only team on a maximum 35 points after Saturday's win over **Park**, who drop to third on 30. **Cambridge** rise to second on 32 after beating **Cinderford**, who drop to fifth on 26. **Sale** jump to fourth after a 35-21 win over second from bottom **Esher**, who are still seeking their first win despite coming back from a 35-0 deficit. **Bishops Stortford** are sixth on 24 points after a 27-13 away win over **Leeds Tykes**, who are tenth. **Plymouth Albion** complete the top half of the table on 20 points after a 45-5 win over the bottom club, **Hull**. **Darlington Mowden Park** occupy eighth position after a 32-30 defeat from the last kick of the match at **Birmingham Moseley**. **Chinnor** are one place clear of the relegation zone thanks to a 31-21 win at **Taunton** who drop to the third-from-bottom position

Away travel

We have two away matches in November. **Birmingham Moseley** (05 November) and **Plymouth Albion** (26 November).

Unfortunately if you have not booked already there are next to no rail tickets available. They may yet reinstate some cancelled

services or you might get a ticket on the day, but beware of a grossly inflated price. Moseley is an awkward one to get to by public transport once you've reached Birmingham because the traffic is usually horrendous and the cab fare from anywhere near Birmingham New Street station ends up being about £15 each way with diversions and waiting time. An alternative is to book through to Yardley Wood station, which is usually the same fare and less than a mile to the ground, but if you do that bear in mind that you'll need to make the short inter-change to Moor Street station when you get to New Street, and that the walk from Yardley Wood station to the ground is relentlessly uphill! The Moseley ground is at Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, Birmingham, B13 0HN.

For **Plymouth**, if you can nail the through trains, then Devonport station is nearer the ground than is Plymouth; given that it's a long trip anyway, our regulars usually get a very early train to Plymouth and visit the waterside Barbican area and get a cab from there, though there is a frequent bus service if you walk from the station up to the roundabout and from there take the wide pedestrianised road through to Royal Parade. The address of the ground is Brickfields Recreation Ground, 25 Damerel Close, Plymouth, PL1 4NE. It's worth getting your match tickets in advance from the Albion website as they often get gates of over 1,000 – last time we played there the queue for tickets was over 10 minutes 15 minutes prior to kick off. There's a decent beer tent and food outlets so you might choose to get there early.

Club sides

Will Thorogood reports: A bit of a disappointing weekend, results wise, for the Club, with the exception of the Rangers (43) who had a convincing win over Rams 2's (7) before the 1's encounter against Rams 1's.

The **Nomads** travelled down the A3 to Guildford to play their 2's in a Surrey Championship game. I don't have match details, except the result, Guildford 2's 22 Nomads 5. I hear that it was a "cracking game", though, with the Nomads introducing several debutants.

The Bs, who cobbled together a "bare XV", (no streaking involved) just, to play league leaders HAC 2's. Not sure if the game was played at HAC's EC1 oasis or one of their satellite venues, but, wherever, this was always going to be a difficult encounter. It was, I'm afraid to say. I do not have match details, except the result. Sadly, HAC 2's 36 B's 0, but looks as if it wasn't one way traffic all the time?

If **the 4s** have a Friday night fixture at the Rock, you can invariably guarantee that the heavens will open. Who needs meteorological forecasting satellites or herds of recumbent cattle to predict a



deluge when the 4's are playing? The heavens did open, prior to the 4's v H&F 2's MMT Prem game but luckily, the stairrods abated, but this left wet and greasy conditions for handling. This was always going to be a keenly fought battle, but, I think the main difference between the two sides was our finishing, handling errors, who was first to the ball, missed opportunities and losing the 50-50 situations. The scrums and line-outs were evenly contested, but Hammersmith just had the edge in their attacking 3 Q's phases. The 4's conceded 2 converted tries from close quarters, leaving a half time deficit of 14-0 to the Hammers.

However, the second half saw a better and more structured display from the 4's, with Tom Wrigglesworth (skipper), finishing off a well constructed phase of play, and crashing over from close quarters. 7-14. Hammersmith were obviously concerned, and they opted for a shot at goal from an infringement, which gave them a little bit of a buffer. 7-17. That's how it stayed, until late in the game, when Hammers to breached an otherwise resolute 4's defense, scoring in

the corner, duly converted, to give them a 24-7 lead. Not enough time for the 4's, although the 4's tried to close the gap to the end with a number of attacks.

F/T-4's 7 H&F 2's 24. Man of the Match-Riddell & D*ck of the Day-Ox. We did win the boat race in the bar!

Rangers v RAF Under 23's Home ko 12pm-Friendly

1's v Cambridge Home ko 3pm

B's v London Welsh Druids Home ko 5pm-4G-MMT Premier.

4's v L.Cornish 2's Away ko TBC -MMT Premier

Nomads v Battersea Ironsides 3's Away ko TBC Surrey Championship.

The weekend before last activities stretched over Friday evening and Saturday afternoon for the Club sides. Originally, scheduled to be played at the Rock on Friday night, the 4's had to switch their MMT Prem game against new boys Old Streetonians 2's to the Quintin Hogg Memorial Ground down by Chiswick Bridge. A level 4G track, floodlights and an electronic scoreboard but, my, how that venue has changed since I last played there against Quintin RFC. I never used to have to pay for parking there! All CCTV controlled...Big Brother is watching you! Sign of the times, I suppose.

Anyway, to the game. Newly promoted Streetonians 2's traveled across London from Shoreditch. Chatting to Dickie from Streetonians before the game, he aired some concerns about how his 2's would fare in the Prem league...quite a big step, he said, from MMT1. As it turned, his worries were allayed.

The 4's came out of the starting blocks at full pelt, and very quickly and incisively cut through Streetonians' defence to score three first half tries (an "Irish Tim" hat trick, I believe). However, Streetonians kept plugging away, helped by some 4's indiscipline (2 yellows), and created a well worked try before half time. 4's 17 Streets 5 at half time.

The second half saw a better Streetonian determination and structured game, with benefits. The 4's allowed Streetonians in for three tries, and then suddenly it dawned on them that they were behind at 17-24, and there was a sense of urgency about the 4's again. Over the last 10 minutes, constant 4's pressure did lead to a try from "Billy" out wide, but the conversion attempt was, sadly, unsuccessful. That's how it remained, in spite of more pressure and incursions from the 4's until the final whistle, but Streetonians held them out. A draw would have been a nicer result for us, but such is life! F/T 4's 22 Streetonians 24. Rugby won, and I think everyone enjoyed the contest. Thanks to Chris Jones who tended to both sides as physio. Two balls lost in the undergrowth next to the pitch at QHM, which was not accessible there.

I don't know how the 4's weekend went, after their Friday night efforts, but a cohort of them journeyed up to Leeds on Saturday and Sunday to watch the RLWC? No doubt Northern hospitality was enjoyed.

Another close one was played out on Saturday afternoon, this time at the Rock. **The B's** faced the perennially strong and efficient Belsize Park 2's in their MMT Prem game. This was an evenly matched encounter, with fast, open, attractive and physical rugby on display. To and fro, ebb and flow, but the B's drew first blood with a settling penalty. Then it was ding dong, we'd score, they'd score, and we had them in the set, with our front five dominating. One try from Cameron and another from Stanley Admiral for the B's. Half time B's 17 Belsize 14.

The second half saw Belsize tending to have more of the broken play possession and turnovers, scoring two converted tries, but the B's were still keeping in touch with another penalty, and a Luke Butland try. Like the 4's, the B's late and persistent pressure just wasn't quite enough, and Belsize kept their narrow lead. F/T B's 25 Belsize Park 2's 28. Converted tries was the difference, in the end. However, well played all, particularly Man of the Match, Charlie Satow, who started in the back row, but had to finish the game at scrum half. Thanks to Tom Schorn (Nomads' skipper and hooker) who helped out in the front row. His presence was certainly felt.

Welcome and thanks to all other debutants.(Alex, Dafydd &Matt). As always, thanks to Charlotte for covering as physio, Naz in the bar, and to Susy for the excellent post match grub.

Unfortunately, **the Nomads** did not play their game against Weybridge Vandals, as they only had 13 players available, and had to concede the game, hence Tom and Gaskall playing for the B's.

Good wins for the 1's 33-28 at Darlington MP (big game on Saturday against Rams...Top of the Table clash), and the Rangers 60-12 at Henley.

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Netball

This week both our Kingston League sides have away matches. The **Reds** are playing **Teddington Thunder** at Teddington School, Broom Road, TW11 9PJ starting at 09:30. The **Blues** are also a 09:30 start against **Focus B** in a top of the table match between the two unbeaten teams. It takes place at Therfield School, Dilston Road, Leatherhead, KT22 7NZ.

The Park (Surrey) girls had a thrilling 46-45 win over Claygate on Saturday. A report will appear in next week's Parknews. The previous weeks brought some strong results from the Rosslyn Park teams:



ROSSLYN PARK (SURREY)



The Park defence holds out against Claygate in Saturday's thrilling 46-45 victory

Weybridge Vandals 44

Park (Surrey) 56

Surrey Prem A

Park: GK- Hannah Wallis (VC), GD- Abby Mahal, WD- Francesca Bennett, C- Mollie Armes, WA- Claire Shapland (C), GA- Beth Hunt, GS- Tara Ellis

Subs- Hannah McNally; Kate Waskett

Match three for the Surrey squad in what is already shaping up to be another tough season with well contested games in Surrey Prem A. With Vandals promoted last season, we went into this one knowing that a win was important in the context of the season.

Park started well, going into the first break leading by 3 (9-12). Sharp shooting by Tara Ellis and Beth Hunt gave the Vandals defence little to be able to challenge to create opportunities for themselves. Q2 proved a much tighter affair where Vandals started to find their rhythm, draining long range shots despite the best efforts of the defence. Throwing a few errant passes, Parks lead was quickly cut and the scores were evened up at half time (22-22).

Looking to provide Vandals with a different challenge multiple changes were made for Q3. Fran Bennett re-entered the court at GA and Kate Waskett came on as GD alongside Claire Shapland and Mollie Armes switching mid-court positions to C & WD respectively. From the first centre of the quarter, Fran Bennett was able to find GS Tara Ellis with ease and from that point Park controlled the pace of the game being able to delay the Vandals through-court movement and force errors. Hannah Wallis was superb in GK, rebounding any missed shots by the Vandals attack with ease. A huge championship quarter by the team saw Park take the lead by 10 goals heading into the last Q (31-41)

The same 7 on court played out Q4. A quarter we arguably should have won by more but cool heads ensured the job was done.

Player of the match (Away): Mollie Armes

Player of the match (Home): Hannah Wallis/Fran Bennett

Rosslyn Park Reds 38 Cumberland 24 Kingston Div 5

The Reds faced their second game of the season against a tough Cumberland side. A side we knew we needed to put up a good performance against after having some tough games against them last season. Our defence came out strong with some fantastic crucial turnovers in the first quarter with Simone Quick (GD) and Abby Mahal (GK) getting the rebounds and turning over the ball. Our attack fed some great balls into the circle with our shooters displaying some great movement. Our shooting progressed throughout the match and the partnership between Milly Marsh (GS) and Tash Eeles (GA) developed throughout the quarters. Park kept a steady lead throughout the game and were able to keep Cumberland at bay in attack. Overall, this was a good performance and the team were happy with the win. Lots to keep improving and building on for the rest of the season ahead. POMS were awarded to Simone Quick and Abby Mahal for their outstanding defending which really was a highlight of the game.

Rosslyn Park Blues 47 Thames Ditton B 27 Kingston Div 9

The second game of the season for Kingston Blues against Thames Ditton B and a sunny morning for it! Gabs GK, Lydia GD, Charlotte WD, Hannah C, Alex WA, Pip GA and Bella GS made up the starting 7.

Both teams came out strong in the first quarter with clear determination and want for the ball. GK and GD were quick to find their groove against Ditton working well to keep the Ditton shooters high and secure turnovers in the opposition circle. Centre court controlled their players well with tight man-on marking and the shooting pairing complimented each other nicely to get a solid score on the cards. Score at the end of first quarter: 9-7 to Park.

Park came into the second with a focus on building a strong goal difference. The team stepped up to the challenge with effective communication down court, working closely as a team. Centre court used strong man-on marking, putting pressure on Ditton, forcing errors and turnovers in Parks favour. Both GD and WD had a storming quarter with impressive interceptions, showcasing their ability to read the game. Both GA and GS showed notable shooting accuracy to secure a strong lead for Park. Score at the end of the second quarter: 21-12 to Park.

Ditton came into the third with a point to prove and brought a strong fight, especially in their defensive end. Park kept a level head, focusing on clean, simple netball. Park delivered a huge defensive effort with even GA securing some quality blocks! WA made some excellent drives to pocket and we saw some impressive long-range shots from GA. WA and C made great use of the swing ball with more accurate feeds into the seemingly magnetic hands of GS. Score at the end of third quarter: 29, 18 to Park.

In the final quarter Park really found their flow, maintaining their focus and really working to play their own game. GD and WD worked well to bring the ball up the court and C and WA really came into their own with effective and clear drives to ball, finding each other nicely. We saw some lovely feeds into the circle, allowing both GA and GS to work their magic reflected in the final score of 44 goals to 27. The home player of the match was WD Char and the away player GD Lydia. A great win for the Blues, who continue to build their confidence in the new division 9 league. Blues remain undefeated since becoming a team a year ago! Well played team. Final Score: 44 - 27 to Park.

One that got away

Tom Blake pointed out that the Rams open side who took the game away from us in the second half, James McRae, learnt his trade at Rosslyn Park. He was, among other things, a quite important part of the RPFU U-14 squad that reached the final of the Gullivers tournament at Twickenham in 2010. Tom even dug out a team photo

showing James (top) with Tom Whiteley (now Bristol Bears) at the bottom.

Can you help?

The club is really grateful to our sponsors, and would urge everyone to support them as they have supported us. If you, your business or anyone you know might be interested in joining in with sponsoring Rosslyn Park, then Kenny Moore would be delighted to talk with you. Kenny can be contacted at the Club Office (020 8876 1879) or e-mail

kenneth.moore@rosslynpark.co.uk

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 on the match-day scoreboard
- Company logo/name against player profile in match-day programme
- 10 tickets for a 1st XV home game of your choice
- 6 entry tickets to London Floodlit 7s 2023
- Social media announcement of your sponsorship

Cost: £450 + VAT per player

PITCH BOARDS

Great for a local business to promote awareness and been seen throughout the year by all that use the club, and exposure through our live streaming of select games.

£1,500.00 + VAT

1 x Branded pitch board located on the 1st XV pitch (6m x 0.9m) for one year

MATCHDAY BALL SPONSORSHIP

£150.00 + VAT

- Company name and logo on Club website
- Company name mentioned as official game Match Ball Sponsor for the day on PA announcements.

MATCH DAY SPONSORSHIP

£1,500.00 + VAT

- 10 x Tickets to a 1st XV home game of your choice
- Lunch for 10 people at a 1st XV home game of choice
- Company name and logo against player profile on Club website
- Presentation of Man of the Match
- A5 full-page advert to be featured in match day programme
- Company name and logo on the main scoreboard
- PA announcements through the day and at lunch

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME ADVERT

£650.00 + VAT

- Company name and logo on Club website
- A5 full-page advert to be featured in a total of 13 Men's 1st XV programmes at home game

Keep in touch

There is always something going on at Rosslyn Park - keep in touch check regularly for Parknews on the website and subscribe to the club's social media channels:

Twitter: <http://bit.ly/2PqDIQy>

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

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

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

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