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# PARK WILL BE "UP" FOR VISIT OF SALE

**Welcome to Parknews** It was always a possibility that, raising their game and giving 101% in their fight to avoid relegation, Taunton might cause an upset at home against Park last Saturday. But for a team with a record of won 7, lost 16, including a 52-0 thrashing at the Rock earlier in the season, to stick 57 points on Park was far more than a mere upset. It was a bad day at the office for Park. Taunton were utterly committed, but hardly world beaters, and to allow them to score six tries in the second half, eight overall, was more than disappointing. In terms of league position, where fourth place looked easily within our compass now Plymouth, Cinderford and Bishops Cleeve are snapping at our heels, though we do have a match in hand over all three.



Park on the attack at Taunton [Photo by Nick Goddard]

There is no rugby or netball over this forthcoming Easter weekend, so there will be no Parknews next week, but the following week there will be one, so if any teams are touring over Easter please do let us have a report (suitably bowdlerised to conform with Tour Rules).

Things get tougher on Saturday week (15 April) when we face second placed **Sale**, who conquered Rams last Saturday to move within a point of the league leaders. They count among their numbers former Park favourite, Nev Edwards, who contributed a try to the toppling of Rams. Clearly our team will need picking up after last weekend, so please do come along and give full-throated support. Sale have only been beaten three times this season, twice by Cambridge and a 26-27 away defeat at Cinderford (who are our next away opponents). Park put up a good fight before going down 24-15 in the away match earlier in the season, a match played at their Carrington training ground as Heywood Road was snow-bound. You can be assured that the team will be determined to finish the home season with a win. The Rangers are also due to be at home that weekend against Richmond Vikings, which will probably be played as a curtain raiser on the 4G, assuming both clubs can field second XVs which is always a problem post-Easter!

Promotion to National One for next season is now settled, with old friends Blackheath and Sedgley Park returning to the higher level along with new opponents, Leicester Lions (who have no connection to the Premiership side in that city). Relegation from the Championship has yet to be determined, but it looks like another local Derby as Richmond and London Scottish occupy the bottom two places so it should be one of them unless the Championship reorganises or perhaps if Ealing Trailfinders carry out their threat to combine with a Welsh side.

## Taunton 57 Rosslyn Park 26 National 1

Taunton Titans were really fired up, badly needing a win to aid their bid to avoid relegation. They threw everything they had at Park from the start, but for the first half at least it looked more likely that they would fall short. The home side probably had more of the possession, but Park looked the more likely to score whenever they had the ball – until unaccountably the y crashed and burned in the second half where we conceded six tries.

The home side made a strong start, soon massing around a maul close to the Park line. It was initially defended well, but when the ball was moved sideways hooker Rodd got over the line, fly half Warboys converting for 7-0

Upcoming events  
Last 1st XV home match  
Saturday 15 April

## Rosslyn Park v Sale

National 1  
Home KO 3:00PM

*Reduced Admission tickets plus pre-match  
lunch bookings on the website now*  
**Adults £14.50 (£17 on the day) Concessions £12**  
**Under - 16s free**

Curtain Raiser  
**Park Rangers**

v  
**Richmond Vikings**

Halbro League Div 1  
Home KO 12:00PM  
(Match and KO to be confirmed)

Thursday 25 May

## London Floodlit 7s

Gates open 4:00PM Final at 10:20PM  
Admission £12.50 Advance tickets £10.00 from  
**WWW.LONDONFLOODLIT7S.COM**  
**Under 16s go FREE**  
**Mens and Womens tournaments**  
**Bars, catering and music**





with barely 3 minutes on the clock.

Things got worse for Park on 14 minutes when they stole the ball at a Titans line-out only to almost immediately get pinged at a ruck. Rodd was left with a relatively easy penalty kick for 10-0.

Park replied five minutes later when both our speedy wingers combined, Josh Addams passing for Benji Marfo to speed over, fly half Luc Smith converting for 10-7.

Only two minutes later Park took the lead, Smith gathering the ball in his own half and scoring a fine individual try, speeding elusively through the home defence and converting his own effort for a 14-10 lead. It suddenly looked all too easy for Park to score.

Taunton snatched back the lead when Park were caught offside. Warboys hoofed the ball to the corner and his forwards did the rest, mauling over for Dalton to claim the try.

Park again replied almost immediately, full back Henry Robinson making a superb break and gaining a penalty. Smith hoofed the ball to the corner and Park mauled over for hooker Charlie Piper to touch down to reclaim the lead at 19-15.

That lead was almost increased on the stroke of half-time when a good move saw the final pass only brushed Marfo's fingers at full stretch.

Park's 19-15 lead looked like something to build on in the second half, instead only seconds after the restart the defence went AWOL and Taunton's flanker Vakalutukali was handed an easy try virtually unchallenged to put his side ahead, Warboys' conversion stretching it to 22-19.

Again Park soon made amends with a telling break and, when Taunton looked to have all their defenders in place, scrum half Jack Gash put in a clever kick and Robinson scooted in, Smith's kick increasing the margin to 26-22 on 43 minutes.

Then the wheels fell off big time. Park proceeded to play probably their poorest Rugby of the season as a fired-up but, in all honesty, pretty ordinary Taunton side added five more tries.

Firstly a good move was finished by flanker Wright and successfully converted by Warboys for 29-26.

Four minutes later they hit Park with another maul leading to full-back Diaz-Dart touching down, Warboys again converting for 36-26.

Another maul 8 minutes later they put pressure on the visiting defence and Rodd got over for his second try with Warboys again on target for 43-36.

Park managed to put together a good attack only to gift an interception to winger Fenton, on his first team debut, who ran the length of the pitch from inside his own 22 to score, Warboys' conversion bringing up 50 points for the home side.

The torment continued for Park two minutes from time when they were on a promising attack but possession was turned over and Fenton received the ball to streak away again to score in the corner. A super touchline conversion from Warboys brought the final score of 57-26 with just a solitary bonus point for Park as consolation. *Park: Robinson; Addams, Alexis, Gordon, Marfo; Smith; Gash; Buckingham, Piper, Zeiss; Martin, Gillanders; Bolwell, Ellis, Laventure.*

*Bench: Cockman, Burns, Ledger, Strang, Holland.*



*ED: Thanks to the President, Nick Goddard who provided the match photos.*

### Youth & Mini Rugby

At the time of going to press, there are still a few places available at April's AA Elite Rugby Camp. The two-day camp will see the first day focus on attack and the second day on defence. They will also be bringing along London Irish player **Rory Jennings** to share his experience with the participants.

**11TH & 12TH APRIL**





#### AGES 7-15

**£50 FOR ONE DAY**

**£95 FOR TWO DAYS**

**10-3PM**

You can book by visiting <https://aaelitesports.com/sports-camps/p/easter-rugby-camps-at-rosslyn-park-rfc-11th-12th-april>



#### Netball

Congratulations are due to both our Kingston League netball teams. Both teams won their respective leagues last weekend, the Reds winning Division 5 after playing Nonsuch and the Blues winning Division 9. It was only the Blues second season and they have never been beaten. Our Surrey Premier A team still has a match to play in their league, but will retain their place in the top league next season.

#### Can you help?

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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

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- 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

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