



Nottingham Moderns RFC

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Welcome to the new NMRFC newsletter! This weekly update will include match reports, team selection for the following week and can include any news that anyone around the club wants to be shared with its members. If you have any news that you want to be included in any future editions, please email it to info@nottinghammodernsrfc.org with the subject "NEWSLETTER" by midday Tuesday and we will get it included.



CLUB NEWS:



WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM MO-DERNS!



As you may have heard or seen, NMRFC have embraced the "mo" and a number of the senior squad are growing (or trying to grow) moustaches for the month of Movember. We are doing this:

- a) Because we are awesome, but mainly,
- b) Because we are trying to raise money for prostate cancer research ó the biggest killer of men in the U.K.

15 Players have so far registered on the official Movember website, and they are joined by a couple more "technologically impaired" players. It is a great cause, and we need all the support that we can get ó so please visit www.movember.com/uk/donate/your-

[details/team_id/93384](#) and give as much as you can spare ó even if it is only a couple of quid!

For all of our Mo growing Broø, there will be a reporter from the Evening Post coming to the club before Training on Tuesday 16th November. Get yourselves down for 6pm to get photographed!

Fancy Starting Your New Years Resolution Early?

MODERNS GYM MEMBERSHIP: Club member Joeri Decae has arranged a deal with the new Gym4All on Huntingdon Street for Moderns members (and wives and girlfriends).

If we get 10 of us together to join, we can get 6 months membership for £5.99 a month - so £35.94 in total. After that it becomes £15.99 a month - no contract. On the back of this membership, a Monday morning fitness club is being talked about to boost fitness levels on the pitch ó more details to follow!

If you are interested, contact Joeri on 07887823349.

NMRFC tour coming together!

This Easter the NMRFC senior squad are on tour! Furious behind the scenes logistics are happening as you read this, and full details will be announced in the next few weeks. Senior players will be aware already that a strict match day fines system is in place, and this is adding up already, alongside the weekly raffle takings and this money will all be put towards subsidising aspects of the tour, keeping costs as low as possible.



Team selections for Saturday 13/11/10:

Below are the teams for this coming Saturday ó Please confirm your availability to the captain of the team you are selected in.

No.	1 st XV vs Market Bosworth (Away)	2 nd XV vs Ashfield 2 nd XV (Home)	3 rd XV vs Ilkeston 3 rd XV (Home) Squad:
1.	Burkey	Darbon	(Barlow)
2.	Steel	Wolhutter	(Marnell)
3.	Freeston	Finlinson	Mann
4.	O'Kelly	JP	England
5.	Pascoe	Allen	Parr
6.	Holmes	Pope	Whellan
7.	Collis	Mudie	Alexander
8.	Monaghan	Churchward	Henry the Hooker
9.	Petchey	Slack	(Hirsch)
10.	Carroll	Offer	Decae
11.	Pease	Bevis	Humphries
12.	Gubb	Rollings	Alcorn
13.	Jackson	Alcock	J Evans
14.	Hughes	Gaunt	Gaffney
15.	Woodward	Fitton	Feasey
Sub	Parker		(Radford)
Sub	McIntyre		(Stilwell)
Sub	Trimble		Barney
			Sacko
			Clulow
			Chunky
			B Evans
			Jack the Prop

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As stated on the website the players named in brackets in the 3rd Team will be the substitutes for the 2nd XV fixture then will filter across to the 3rd team game in order to help out with numbers.

If you have not been selected, but are available to play, please contact one of the captains and they will attempt to find you a game. Selection is based, amongst other things, on attendance at training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are regularly unavailable to train through other commitments, let Nathan or one of the Captains know so that they will still consider you for selection.



Match Reports:

Charlie Fehrs Memorial Match:
NMRFC 1st XV 19 ó 24 Newark 1st XV

Moderns accepted the invite to participate in the Charlie Fehrs memorial game back in the summer and travelled across to Newark with perfect rugby conditions ideal for both clubs to play rugby and celebrate Charlie's life.

With a large partisan crowd in attendance the game kicked off with both teams determined to win after indifferent recent league results and immediately the home team were on the front foot forcing Moderns to defend deep in their own 22. The visitors defence held firm but Moderns were unable to clear their lines with a clearance kick from Mapp charged down and several phases of home attack followed. In recent weeks Moderns would have conceded points but with a steely determined focus they kept the home side out and took the lead with a smartly taken try from winger Rob Pease - back in the First XV after a few weeks absence. Having turned Newark over the Moderns backs launched the perfect counter attack leaving Pease to canter in from half way. Hughes converted putting Moderns into an early 7 nil lead.

With Moderns early score the home support was silenced and the travelling band of merry men winning the banter war in the shed both the players and spectators of the red and whites grew in confidence and Moderns now looked to play from everywhere. Moments after the score the exciting back line marshalled by the evergreen Nick Carroll and including Tom Mapp for the first time this season were on the attack again making ground easily through the Newark's 13 channel. A creative midfield move saw the backs 3 against one but a moments pause and indecision resulted in turn over ball seeing the home sides winger open the scoring for Newark when a couple of would be defenders failed to stop him. With the conversion added the scores were now even again.

Moderns' indecision in attack and the accuracy of the backs to convert miss matches was to be an annoying theme to the match and the home side were let back into the game when the visitors should have really been 14 nil up. With confidence now restored it was Newark that took the lead when a penalty in front of the posts was easily converted. Again Moderns refused to lie down and launched a series of attacks at the home defence. With an indifferent lineout and a scrum being reffed by Ray Charles, Mods refused the lottery of a set piece and looked to stretch the home defence by quick tap penalties. A penalty taken wide on the left wing saw Moderns use their mixture of big forwards and quick backs well and with Newark's inability to defend beyond three phases gaps were opening up all over the field. This presented Moderns with several opportunities to score and the lead was restored when Pease again finished smartly to cross for his second try of the afternoon. The conversion was missed and once again the home side were rattled.

To their credit both teams tried to finish the half by adding to their try total but the half was brought to an end with the game deteriorating into a penalty fest with the referee leaving most of the crowd guessing as to where he was finding his decisions from. Moderns regrouped at half time with the message of more of the same from their coach and a realisation from the players that pace was key to upsetting the home sides defence. It was soon obvious that the pace was a threat because the home side's tactics changed to counter the Moderns threat and for long periods of the second half the game was a frustrating deadlock with numerous penalties still being awarded by a referee fast losing

control of the game. After a few unsavoury skirmishes Moderns were reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes when lock O'Kelly was binned for use of the boot at a ruck. This surprised most of the crowd as Len Goodman had earlier been asked for comments on the home sides number 5's footwork as he repeatedly rehearsed his River Dance routine over the visiting forwards.

Sadly for the visitors this 10 minute spell saw the game drift away as twice Newark made their numerical advantage tell with converted tries when Moderns had ran out of defenders. Wayward kicks under pressure certainly didn't help the visitors either and credit to Newark for identifying the gaps and finishes smartly.

With Mods back to their full compliment they responded positively and finished the game back on the front foot. A smartly taken interception from Carroll saw the pensioner face a 50 yard sprint to score but years of experience saw him draw the covering defence well to release centre Tom Jackson, more than half Carroll's age who finished neatly under the posts. With a few minutes left Mods went for the victory but with time against them and a ever growing amount of cheap shots from the home side's pack their efforts fell short leaving them 5 points shy of victory.

Special mention must go to every Moderns player who gave his all for the club. With the 2nd XV on league duty Mods travelled with only 16 players and everyone put in a great shift. Special thanks to Tom Mapp and Matt Monaghan, both of whom were making their first starts of the season and hopefully not their last. Their experience and efforts throughout the 80 minutes gave much needed steel and bite to the Moderns team.

Squad: Sam Burkey, Laurence Parker, Rob Freeston, Rich Pascoe, Joe O'Kelly, Gary Steel, Joe Collis, Matt Monaghan, Paul Petchey, Nick Carroll, Rob Pease, Tom Mapp, Tom Jackson, Ben Hughes, Ash Woodward and The Pope

Pennant League Group 2:
NMRFC 2nd XV 39 ó 17 Southwell 2nd XV

A Tale of 2 Bloors (well a Bloor and a Bexon)

The Mighty were in town to face Southwell (eventually). Preparation has never been our strong point. The night previous uncovered a scam that made us seemingly victims of a prank related to the kick off time, the skipper urgently text ALL players (Holmesy) to explain we were in fact kicking off at 2.15, not 1.15 as per prank. All responded as requested to acknowledge receipt apart from Holmesy and Bevis. Ultimately Holmesy arrived an hour early (claiming he'd not received a text) and Bevis not at allí . He called to say he couldn't play as he was in fact in Tunisia on holiday so couldn't don the 11 shirt as per selection. We were a man down and in serious threat of having a flanker on the wing.

Then Bloor (the former -Jim) announced his cousin (Jack Bexon - the latter), lived in Southwell and was a Wingerí .happy days. The pre-match warm up actually went pretty well and we were ready for the off. Playing down a negligible slope, Modernø kicked to their opponents and for the first 10 mins kept them in their half. Good distribution from Feasey (you could tell who he was aiming for with his passes and everything!) allowed Skipper Fitton to get the back line moving. Early use of Rollins at 12 led the Southwell centre to moan that we had nothing else, Rollins response was fair by asking why they didnø just tackle him then? Anyway, a change of plan to miss Rollins to Alcock outside him meant he was free to stroll over without a hand on him ó we were off!

The first half continued with Moderns putting phases together, gaining ground and then either knocking on or giving away a penalty which meant Southwell kicked us back to where weø just come from! There were more tries though, Bloor (the latter) skinned his winger to put the ball pretty much under the sticks, Feasey went over after another strong back move and Alcock grabbed a 2nd (I think?). Gaunt was having a schizophrenic day - playing well at 15 in attack, but as the Moderns place kicker, was having a mareí . The phrase cows ar*e and banjo spring to mind as he missed 4 out of 4 attempts with the boot. í ..øI donø think Iøve got my kicking boots on todayöí . øNo Piers you may as well be wearing Wellies with how close youøre getting!!ø í . A couple of tries by Southwell meant we went into half time ahead but not clear.

The usual half time talk revolved around sticking to our guns and playing the Moderns way to put them to bed. Southwell to be fair came out all guns firing after the break and some good forward play and drives gave them a deserved score. Moderns then manned up and took the game to the opposition. Further terrorising of the defence by Rollins, created another try for Bloor (the latter) who was carving through the defence like Jim McNiven through his post training meal on a Tuesday. Gaunt (the kicker), scored a brace and an opportunistic try from Hirsch meant we were clear. It could have been one try more had Bloor (the former) not morphed in to Shaquille OøNeill when presented with an opportunity following a well placed kick. Sprinting through his attempt to collect the ball included a couple of basketball style bounces and ultimately even we couldnø complain when the inevitable knock on was called ó nice one Jim!

Overall it was a solid performance and an enjoyable game to be involved in, played in good spirit. Strong forward work allowed a good platform for the backs to do their stuff. A mention goes to JP making a strong debut in a Moderns shirt and commiserations to Holmesy who had been at Southwell since 12pm, went on a bullocking run from the kick off, got a hurty ankle, went off and cut a forlorn figure stood by the remnants of Southwellø Bonfire the night before, trying to keep warm.

Squad: Darbon, Sideshow, Finlinson, Allen, McNiven, Mudie, Hirsch, Armstrong - Holmes, Parker, Feasey, Fitton, Rollings, Alcock, Bloor, Bexon, Gaunt.
