



Nottingham Moderns RFC

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Welcome to the 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:

CLUB RESULTS:

Saturday 22nd January 2011

NMRFC 1st XV 11-50 Market Rasen & Louth 1st XV

NMRFC 2nd XV 20-22 Derby 3rd XV

NMRFC 3rd XV 68-19 West Bridgford 3rd XV

NMRFC Vets XV 29-12 Market Rasen & Louth 3rd XV

LOCAL RESULTS:

Midlands 2 East North

Bakewell Mannerians	15 - 5	Aylestone St James
Belgrave	37 - 7	Ashby
Market Bosworth	0 - 49	Loughborough
Oakham	57 - 0	Lincoln
West Bridgford	10 - 17	Melton Mowbray

RFU GRAND DRAW TICKETS STILL TO SELL!

A quick reminder to all club members with tickets - there are £1500 worth of the clubs allocation of tickets unsold (£625 sold) - there are just 4 weeks left before the deadline. Please return tickets a.s.a.p in the envelope that was provided - there will be a box on the bar this Saturday - remember for every £1 sold the club retains 90p. If you need more tickets or have any questions ask Jeff Mapp or enquire behind the bar. Let's really try and sell as many as possible as it is an excellent way of raising funds for the club!

PLAYER PROFILES STILL NEEDED

There has been a good uptake on this, with nearly 30 submitted so far (nearly all of them look to have been written by the actual player too – *Nearly* all!). could anyone who has not yet had then time to do it try and fill the player profile info form in. it can be found by visiting the news section of the NMRFC website and looking for the 'Player profiles wanted' news article, which gives the link to the form. The profiles are scheduled to go onto the website in February, so we really need to get them all in so Mr. Bloor can do his magic IT thingy!

THE 6 NATIONS ARE COMING!

The 6 Nations is almost upon us again, and NMRFC will be showing the Majority of the games live at the club. If you didn't know, we have a projector with a big screen, and as well as this the club have added a large flat screen TV in the downstairs bar area so you needn't miss any rugby when you're getting the beers in!

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES AT NMRFC

As mentioned, there is now a large flat screen TV in the downstairs bar entrance and there is now an opportunity to advertise on this screen on match days – speak to club chairman Jeff Mapp or email info@nottinghammodernsrfc.org for more information on this, as well as the numerous other methods of advertising through Moderns.

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE AWARD (ELRA) COURSE COMES TO MODERNS

Are you interested in becoming a Referee? Or maybe you just wish to have a qualification under your belt in order to be better placed to offer 'constructive advice' to referees in games you are watching/playing in? Then the Entry level course is for you!

It takes place over 2 Sundays, the 20th and 27th of February at NMRFC from 9am till 4pm and the cost is £50 pounds for the two days.

If you are interested, then contact:

Paul Freestone
RefDM Midlands East
07738029



Team selections for Saturday 29/01/11:

Below is the team selection for this Saturday. If you are reading this and you have not been selected but are available, please make yourself known to one of the captains below!

Full details of meet times etc can be found on the team selection on the website.

No.	1 st XV vs Melton Mowbray (Away)	2 nd XV vs Sleaford 2 nd XV (Home)	3 rd XV vs Chesterfield 2 nd XV (Away)
1.	Greatorex	Crandley	Finlinson
2.	Parker	Barlow	Wolhutter
3.	Burkey	O'Connor	Marnell
4.	O'Kelly	Allen	McNiven
5.	Pascoe	Parr	Armstrong Holmes
6.	Radford	McIntyre	Decae
7.	Holmes	Pope	Mudie
8.	Hayes	Churchward	Hirsch
9.	Petchey	Slack	Feasey
10.	Carroll	McKegney	Flemming
11.	Trimble	Barker	Farr
12.	Stilwell	Dobson	Moran
13.	Gubb	Rollings	Alcock
14.	Woodward	Pease	Mills
15.	Hughes	Fitton	Callum
Sub	Steel	Burrows	England/Edwards
Sub	Collis	B Evans	Webster/Yenley/Fitzer
Sub	Gaunt	Hale	Irish/Smalley/Beckford
Sub		JP Alexander	Readman/Tyreman/Marsell Jim/Burbidge
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Match Reports from Saturday 22/01/11:

NMRFC 2nd XV 20-22 Derby 3rd XV

It may have read like this: “Derby RFC club announcements: the 2nd XV fixture is cancelled this week. Other news – 12 of the 3rd XV will no longer be needed...” it was a suspicion which was later confirmed to dick of the day McKegney (more to follow on this) by his mate, who just so happened to be one of the new faces in the Derby team!

That sounds like a bit of a whinge, but it isn't - it is intended as a yardstick of how hard the 2s are to beat, as this game was a well fought contest between two very evenly matched teams in what were in anyone's book atrocious conditions.

The early exchanges set the tone for the day – the smaller (comparatively) fitter Moderns pack holding their own against their opposition, biding their time until age, weight and the quagmire sucked the energy out of the Derby pack. Errors due to the conditions, and some good backline defending from Derby meant that we could not get out of our half, and 10 minutes in when Derby managed to keep hold of the ball and string a few phases together, they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Which the kicker nearly made leave the ground! But try as they might, Moderns could not get out of their 22 from the restart, and after a FANTASTIC hissy fit by their 7 when the ref judged he had stepped in touch whilst scoring in the corner – he threw the corner flag away in disgust and everything!, Derby did manage to cross and open the scoring. This was followed by a second, and at 10-0 down, Moderns finally discovered the motivation and the control of the conditions to start to impose themselves on the match. Good territorial work and excellent retention at the breakdown of our own ball (a feature all day) saw us win 2 penalties which unfortunately McKegney could not slot over. This may have something to do with the fact that he was kicking off what appeared to be a cut down traffic cone – I am loathe to generalise about tax dodgers and their love of theft from the Highways Agency, but you're not helping yourself Will!

But Mods weren't done, and the constant pressure saw us take the lead when a catch and drive lineout took moderns 20 metres up the field followed by some quick hands allowing Barney to squeeze over in the corner, closely followed by Bevis beating a number of defenders before showing good strength to go over, giving us a narrow lead at half time, 12-10.

The second half started as the first ended, as good a platform as could be maintained in the ever worsening conditions allowed moderns to camp in the Derby half from the off, and good contributions from all three half time substitutes (Gaunt plus new boys Martin and Pete) helped put Fitton over in the corner, after of course throwing one of his mandatory dummies. This, closely followed by a successful shot at goal had us 20-10 up and looking to kill the game off with a bonus point score. However the conditions by this

time were taking their toll on the game – at times during broken play it was genuinely difficult to see who was playing for which team and although through no lack of effort from 1 – 15 especially from JP in the pack and Martin in the centre – making hard yards and at one point smashing his opposite number so far into next week the ref had to immediately stop the game to check he was still with us - Moderns couldn't find the control to get the bonus point try and kill the game. Then Derby sparked back to life, and two well taken scores along with a conversion gave them a lead that they were to hold until the final whistle with some desperate defence as Moderns threw the kitchen sink at them to try and grab the win.

Dick of the day this week goes to Mr McKegney, who decided that instead of catching a kick off, he would try and emulate his rugby hero Joe O'Kelly and volleyed the thing straight back at Derby. If he wasn't already certain to be DOTD, his post match claims that 'he thought it was on' sealed it!

Man of the Match this week was JP – he picked up a nasty knock in the first half but manned up and made great contributions all over the park.

NMRFC Vets XV 29-12 Market Rasen & Louth 3rd XV

Market Rasen AND Louth – two for the price of one – BOGOF as people say to Straughney.

Having mustered lots of players, enough to allow us to put out a team without Ady (an immediate and distinct advantage), we all jogged out 2 or 3 minutes before kick-off to stretch, finish glasses of beer, stub out fags – the usual Vets pre-game warm-up programme.

Kick off into the wind, everyone dawdling around, no pattern, no game heads on..... and Rasen's very quick Full Back ripped through to score.

Try again... but this time with attitude, allowing Mods to push up into the opposition 22 and camp there. Lots of hard work and energy – especially verbal energy (who picked Young Harry & Harry at 9 & 10?) which really wasn't appreciated by Pete the Ref – one in each ear!! After several phases Sean nimbly tiptoed through to dob the ball down – Harry converting – normal service had been resumed....

Or had it? 'cos Louth now launched a series of attacks using their quick winger and full back and again they ran through tackles and scored. This could be a battle.

Cometh the hour cometh the Men and with Stewie (back from breaking his Mother-in-Law's leg) leading from the front, the ball was taken up field by the forwards and a real stranglehold put on Market's game, allowing Coley to relive his misspent youth and pretend to be a Centre again, scoring close in, then Mike Water revved his bum up before barrelling in from about 10 metres out.

DamoS was making lots of yards but the final pass was not happening, whilst Bloodgate on the wing had the legs on his winger and was inches from scoring on several occasions (life threatening injury in the second half requiring urgent tlc that evening)

Rasen's 8 had obviously attended the same 'Cheating' school as JB with many of his tricks going unnoticed by the increasingly agitated Ref – far too much 'advise' coming his way – but when JB went off (hurty bott') and Sean (couldn't open his legs !!!!!) the scrums unfortunately went uncontested. This should have given Rasen the advantage with their younger pack but on came Semi I.E.Damo so no prisoners going to be taken this afternoon and with Turbo at long last learning to make a mess of his side of the opposition scrum it was Mods who took an even stronger grip on the game. By now The Ref had had enough of Harry` giving him earache and told them both to shut up (advice promptly ignored of course)

Half Time

Mods Non-Ageist Veterans 17 -v-12 Market Rasen, Louth, half of North Lincs

Second half even more of the same; such was Mods dominance that Rasen barely got out of their own half except at restarts. Herbie was blitzing through midfield, DaveIceIceIvermy ran rings round the opposition forwards, his own forwards, the spectators, and a couple of dog walkers, even Wiley an experienced creator of waves & curls couldn't keep up.

From a maul on the 5metre line Stewie bundled the ball over to score.

The Scrim was making life as miserable as possible for his opposite number (it's obviously contagious) pulling and blocking him and eventually 'helping' him to go off injured. Paul was on at Full back and when Rasen tried to kick the ball clear, he caught it and returned it with interest, as did Nige(NO -I don't have prehensile toes, I've always run like this)Davis.

Keiran joined the forwards, bringing much needed pace and energy, allowing Wiley to put his bottle of Grecian2011 down to slide through for a try – which he converted!!!

Loads more of the same, DamoS was magnificent in midfield, Young Harry never shut up (cant think where he gets it from) but fired out hard, flat passes all game.

The muddy pitch failed to stop wide, fast, flowing rugby.

The final whistle came as no surprise.

How on earth did we only score 2 tries in the second half?

The most complete half of rugby we have played this year

Man of the Match? Everyone. No stand out players. FULL TEAM EFFORT