



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:

PLAYERS MEETING SUMMARY

This Tuesday evening (after the better team had triumphed in the inter club match!) The advertised player meeting was held, which was attended by a good number of the clubs players. However, a few sent apologies or did not attend, so here are the main points that were covered:

- Recently the club has had trouble selecting 3 teams, and even at times 2 teams. This is always going to be a harder task during the festive period and the times when the students who play for the team are not available, but the club is asking for the players to make as much effort as possible to train/make yourselves available for selection on Saturdays.
- The club had a real turnaround after Christmas last year, and it is hoped that a similar thing can happen this year after a disappointing start, but we need players to be pushing themselves to train harder, get that little bit fitter and really push for selection!

- If you are injured, or unavailable please come down on Tuesday night to see the Physio (if you are injured) or let the selection committee know in advance if you are unavailable (selection committee is captains plus Nathan and Dave Hassell – numbers are on the website if you don't have them already)
- If you are injured, please try and come and support whoever is playing at home on a Saturday – it keeps you involved, lets people know how your injury is coming along and helps generate some takings for the club (even on soft drinks!)
- It is important that players do not self select and withdraw if not selected for the team that they feel that they should be selected for. If you feel that you merit playing at a higher level than the one you have been selected at, then training and turning out for the team you are selected for is the only way of proving that point. The club has a selection policy which is not just based on ability but factors in training records, recent performance and attitude.
- Player need to be aware that gaps in the fixture schedule are not free weekends – especially with the poor weather before Christmas there are a raft of fixtures that are being re arranged, as well as both 1st and second team still being involved in the NLD and Nottinghamshire cup competitions.
- If you are not being selected of a weekend but are available, the selectors are not psychic and are only human, so let them know that you are available and not being selected!
- All of the players at the club are asked to fill in a quick 'player profile' form so that a section can be put on the website. The forms are simple enough and will only take a couple of minutes at most to fill in. You can be as serious as you decide, although any of the more outlandish claims will have to be edited before they can be put on the website! [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the form.

NMRFC BUSINESS DAY ANNOUNCED

Committee member Joeri Decae is currently putting together the finishing touches for the clubs business day. The plan is to invite numerous local businesses for a pre match lunch and schmoosing in order to generate some interest in sponsoring the club for next year. The date has been provisionally set for Saturday 26th March which sees the 1st team at Home to Belgrave.

If you are aware of any companies, small or large, who may want to come along to see the club and hear about the benefits of sponsoring us then let us know and we will contact them to invite them to the lunch. Either let Nathan/Jeff/Joeri know or alternatively email us at info@nottinghammodernsrfc.org and the information will get passed on to the correct people.

TOUR DETAILS FINALISED!

The 2011 NMRFC senior tour has been finalised, and we are going to Bristol! The dates of the tour are Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th April, and the cost has been announced as £110, a price which includes transport, accommodation and mystery extras! If you want to

come on tour, then you need to register your interest by [CLICKING HERE](#) and entering your name so that you can be contacted with further details and how to arrange payments.

RFU GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Please make as much effort to sell the RFU Grand Draw tickets that were given to you by the club, as this is a very important fundraising method – for every £1 ticket sold, the club gets to keep 90p. The prizes are great, so it should be an easy sell! Additional tickets to sell are available from the bar. El chairman has just announced that 10% of the clubs takings from this years grand draw will be put towards ‘refreshments’ for the tour – so get selling!

SUBS STILL OWING!

A number of players are still to pay their yearly subs, which is causing a large shortfall for the clubs finances – meals after training, and the Physio services available to players for example need to be paid for! It is understood that times are hard for a lot of people, but there are reduced rates for those who are unemployed, and the price is only £50. Even if it is too much to pay in one go, the club will accept payment in instalments as it shows willing.

As a result a list of who has paid their subs has been generated, and Physio services on a Thursday and Saturday will be refused to anyone who has yet to pay (this includes strapping as well as use of the clubs tape supply to strap yourselves).

Please make every effort to pay as soon as possible, as the club really relies on this source of income to provide the facilities that it does, as well as plan for improved facilities in the future. The payment also goes towards insuring you in the event of serious injury or death whilst playing for the club.

The club is looking into those who has paid subs and those who have not may not be considered eligible for this years tour.

500 CLUB WINNERS

The following is a list of winners of the 500 club for the last few months. Speak to Mick Helm to collect your rewards! If you wish to join the 500 club, forms are available from the bar or by speaking to Mick.

NOVEMBER 2010	DECEMBER 2010	JANUARY 2010
£150 Charlie Gibbons £50 Adie Herbison £50 Ed Moran £25 Dave Hargreaves £25 Jez Greatorex	£200 Dave Andrews £100 Dave Walls £50 Gareth Price £50 Jeff Mapp £50 Jez Greatorex £50 Ian Melrose	£150 Damian Smith £50 Mick Pike £50 Ed Moran £25 Blake Finlinson £25 Sue Moran



Team selections for Saturday 15/01/11:

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!

If there are sufficient numbers available for the 3rd XV then the 2nd XV substitutes named to start for the 3rd XV will revert to being solely 2nd XV substitutes.

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

No.	1 st XV vs Loughborough (Away)	2 nd XV vs Southwell 2 nd XV (Home)	3 rd XV vs Castle Donnington 2 nd XV (Away)
1.	Greatorrex	Barlow	Marnell
2.	Parker	Wolhutter	England
3.	Freeston	Finlinson	Crandley
4.	O'Kelly	McNiven	Whellan
5.	Pascoe	JP	Parr
6.	Monaghan	Hirsch	Humphries
7.	Holmes	Pope	Decae
8.	Hayes	Churchward	Armstrong Holmes
9.	Fitton	Feasey	Gaffney
10.	Stilwell	Moran	B Evans
11.	Trimble	Pease	Burston
12.	Gubb	Rollings	Bloor
13.	Jackson	Bevis	J Evans
14.	Woodward	Farr	Lisley
15.	Gaunt	Hughes	Molloy
Sub	Burkey	Marnell	Reader
Sub	Collis	B Evans	Alexander
Sub	Petchey	McKegney	Mudie
Sub		McIntyre	Chenoweth
		Parr	Alcorn
			Scrimshaw
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Match Reports from Saturday 08/01/11:

Thanks to Turbo Nige for this weeks vets report:

NMRFC Vets (with some 3rd XV) 17 – 14 Mellish 2nd XV

Long, long ago, on a windswept, guano covered pitch; the Vets last played a game of rugby. Young lads have grown old since then, slick passing moves have become rusty and hands have become feeble and arthritic – and for much of the first half that proved very true with Mods' three quarters dropping and missing passes, nothing was clicking.... Mind you Mellish had the advantage of the slope and the wind and they threw many of their chances away as well.

The Vets welcomed a host of fresh faced youngsters into their ranks and when not gazing into the sun, DamoS proved how rank his catching can be, though not to be outdone Jim showed that hours of practice on his reverse pass were thoroughly wasted

The usual slog for the forwards with JacamoGeoff enjoying his first run out for the Vets (he's a real Prop - thickset, shoulders like a milk bottle – and of course not the sharpest pencil in the box), shame his leg packed up, whereas Turbo doesn't understand what a box of pencils looks like but held his side of the scrum up till his neck went the same way as Geoff's leg.

The game settled down into the usual war of attrition up front, lightened only by The Scrim picking on a polite, shy, timid Mellish Centre – leaving the Ref no choice but to send them both off, one for being miserable and the other for calling names and blowing raspberries.

Mellish took their chances - JB was penalised for cheating hands in the loose and wearing his 3 year old daughters Training Spanx, plus a few loose tackles, allowed them the space to score a couple of quick fire tries – and perhaps they thought they were about to open up a big lead and romp away with the game.

Half Time Nottm Oxymorons 0 -v- 14 Fit, young Mellish 2ndXV

Second Half, into the wind and uphill Mellish, found things a bit tougher and began to kick the ball away. Mods took advantage and pushed the game down into the opponents half. Baby-faced Craig led from the front, Matt Parr came on and instantly won EVERYTHING at the lineout (it's very nice to lift a 14 stone, 6'5" second row – work on the diet Coley!), whilst Chunk had on field training allowing Herbie a brief urlauber before returning to the fray.

Dave 'TheBrand' Ivermy ran in straight lines!! (Ok NO he didn't; never has, never will), whilst in midfield Paul, Kieran and other fresh faced youffs started to run lines and attack space. A lucky kick from Feasey got the ball into touch in the Mellish 22, who promptly played a quick lineout pass straight to Dan and apart from stopping to check with the Ref that it was legal, an easy jog in under the sticks. (6points = 5 + 20% VAT).

Loads more pressure, Semi I.E.Damo knocking down anything that was big, green and moving, Sean was mean and aggressive, Shiney Simon, having replaced Bloodgate (Swine flu and a dislocated groin) kept the ball moving out wide, spreading the Mellish defence, whilst Nige (“I have not had ‘cosmetic’ surgery – I’ve always run like this”) Davis wobbled back n forth on the other wing, eventually enough space opened up for DamoS to squeeze through and score.

14 points all

Very tense few minutes, Turbo going off injured made the difference and having driven Mellish back into their own 22 again, they were forced into conceding a penalty which we were all desperate Dan should kick – as he did - successfully.

The last few gasps and a BIG, BIG win.

Man of the Match Dan for consistently playing rugby through the hands, making breaks and attacking the line. Without him we would not have won.