



RFU LEAGUE NORTH 2 EAST 2008 - 2009

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Penrith	20	15	0	5	611	334	277	30	0
Old Crossleyans	21	15	0	6	417	330	87	30	0
Billingham	21	14	0	7	465	311	154	28	0
Pontefract	21	14	0	7	434	344	90	28	0
Sandal	20	13	0	7	418	293	125	26	0
Morpeth	21	11	1	9	438	382	56	23	0
CARLISLE	21	9	2	10	363	437	-74	20	0
Gateshead	20	9	1	10	423	348	75	19	0
Aspatia	21	7	1	13	377	449	-72	15	0
Driffield	20	6	2	12	359	436	-77	14	0
Durham City	21	6	0	15	320	498	-178	12	0
Ilkley	21	1	1	19	254	717	-463	3	0

ALL YOUR LEAGUE DATA

NORTH 2 EAST GAMES TODAY

Driffield	Penrith
Gateshead	Sandal

RESULTS FROM 04.04.2009

Driffield	25-33	Billingham
Durham City	24-20	Carlisle
Old Crocs	35-19	Gateshead
Penrith	32-7	Morpeth
Pontefract	50-10	Ilkley
Sandal	41-13	Aspatia

CARLISLE LEADING LEAGUE POINTS SCORERS 2008—2009

PLAYER	TRIES	CONS	PENS	DG'S	PT'S	POINTS
G.WEIGHTMAN	3	20	30	1	-	148
C.HARRIS	9	-	-	-	-	45
L.BRUMPTON	2	-	-	-	-	10
B.BLAIN	2	-	-	-	-	10
M.SHIELDS	2	-	-	-	-	10



CARLISLE RFC OFFICIAL CLUB BADGE

RFU NORTH 2 EAST LEAGUE

CARLISLE RFC SEASON 2008 - 2009



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MORT'S MUMBLINGS

Don't let anyone make the mistake of believing that because we overcame Aspatia a few weeks ago in the league, that the match today will be an easy one. Far from it. Just as we learned a few things about them from that encounter, equally they will have ideas about how to counter our game. Yes, as you would expect, there is some parochial rivalry and it is good that there should be. But, good friendly rivalry and a liberal interpretation of the laws of the games are quite different things. Take for instance the front row rules.

Some would say that, in the league encounter at Warwick Road recently, gamesmanship was taken to the extreme, with a manipulation of the front row laws that changed the



game from an entertaining encounter to one that took a lot of the challenge

away. Yes, Aspatia were tactically aware opting for uncontested scrums, but at the same time it could be said that such action was wholly contrary to the spirit of the game. It is interesting to note that, for next season the French have stuck two fingers up at the IRB and intend to restore sanity to their game in respect of the front row. The IRB and the RFU would do well to listen the grassroots of the game and not the legislators - the majority want a return to proper scrummage encounters!

SATURDAY, 11th April 2009
3.00 pm versus
ASPATRIA



PASSION FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Warwick Road this afternoon for what may be the last senior match of the season—result depending, although success may mean a game in the next round of the Cumbria Cup. It has been a long and interesting season with the usual highs and lows. That said, I think most will agree with me that there have been more of the ups than the downs! We started the season with a new head coach at the helm and obviously there was a settling in period for playing and coaching staff alike. I have been impressed with the quality of the young lads coming through the junior structure into senior rugby and this augurs well for the future. Well done. I am pleased too, to welcome Aspatria in the name of their President, David Miller, to Warwick Road today. There is always a “derby” edge to our games and it is always hard to predict an outcome. I hope David and his colleagues have an enjoyable afternoon, except that, guessing their predictions - they turn out to be wrong!

An honest view from the man leading the troops into battle

READ STEVE’S STAMP ON THE GAME

Well, the last league home game has been and gone and one more away trip remains - to Billingham. Overall, we can be pleased with how we have developed this season, if not totally happy with the way we performed on occasions. Today however, we focus closer to home in the county cup, a competition that has brought the best out of us in recent years. We will be sensible however, and not look past today and what we must do, as I am sure Aspatria come to Warwick Road with revenge on their minds. There is confidence in our camp and I am sure we will be seeking to improve on our dominance the last time we met. Local derbies, league, cup or friendly tend to bring out some spirited performances, and I expect that today the majority of such displays will be from the Carlisle lads. Bring it on! Finally, thanks to all the lads, the coaches, committee, members and supporters for your encouragement during the season. The players appreciate it.



THE MATCH SPONSOR

Due to the shortness of time it has not been possible to secure a sponsor for the game today. Given the economic climate it is unsurprising that there is a reluctance on the part of business to commit to sponsorship when funds are needed to ensure continuity of employment for staff. We are very grateful for the sterling support we have received from all our sponsors during the season. Their contribution to the rugby cause is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, as the economy improves, we can look forward to their renewed support in the future.



NEXT - HOME OR AWAY?

TEAM	VERSUS	DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF
1ST XV	Billingham	18th April	Away	3.00 pm
CRUSADERS				
HORNETS				
COLTS				
COUGARS	SHEFFIELD	19th April	HOME	2.30 pm
JUNIOR				



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GALLERY FROM DURHAM CITY



HORNETS

The Hornets have a little more success than the Crusaders of late. A comprehensive defeat of Silloth a couple of weeks ago was followed up by a trouncing of WHITEHAVEN at Warwick Road last week. WHITEHAVEN rang in advance to say they were travelling with only 10 men but arrived with 14. A Crusader martyred with Whitehaven and before the kick off both teams agreed to share the Carlisle replacements as necessary. However, it was no until the second half that the visitors took advantage of some respite from the bench! The Hornets rattled up 10 tries, 6 of which were converted and Whitehaven failed to register any points. Franny Dixon converted 5 tries and Matt Henderson another of the tries by, Franny (3), Gary Farrer, Kellogs, Monkey, Plummer, Armiger and Watson (1 each).

At least Whitehaven had the guts to turn up.

'A warm welcome always awaits you at the popular Jazz Club'

Carlisle Jazz Club meet every Thursday night at 7.30pm at Carlisle RFC. All types of jazz tastes are catered for and there are regular visits from bands from home and on the continent. Non-members of the Jazz Club are welcome on payment of a small cover charge. A warm welcome



SPONSORSHIP & FUND RAISING

Fund raising and sponsorship is a vital part of helping to run the Club. Whilst we are very grateful for all those firms, organisations and individuals that support our Club, we are always seeking to broaden our horizons. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping to sustain rugby at Warwick Road, please ask them to visit our website - www.carlisle rugby.co.uk - for details.



GOSSIP COLUMN

Commiserations to **OLLY BARKER** who broke an ankle whilst playing for the 1st XV at Durham City last week. Unfortunate though it was, the good news is that it is a "simple" break that should not take too long to heal.

MR & MRS PLUMMER are still waiting for the baby event of the year. Expectant mum doing well but the dad is reported to be like a cat on hot bricks.

The under 18's are in the semi final of the county cup on April 18.

PETER RIDDLE has confirmed that he will be continuing as Crusaders manager next season. On the way back, and going to help Pete is, **KIDD**. Welcome back!

The lads are looking forward to the beach rugby tournament in Magaluf in the near future - the new name for a stag weekend for STEVE STAMPER!

The club have, as usual, entered a team in the sevens tournament at **NEWTON STEWART** on 16th May; Similar entries for **KILMARNOCK** on 23rd May and **CREIGHTON** on 24th May.

BILL SWARBRICK has jetted off to OZ for 3 weeks to let Catherine (and us) have three weeks peace. Check your plates carefully today folks - **IAN SCOTT** is the chef during Bill's absence!

RATTERS struggled to keep up 8 rounds last Saturday!



MORE GOSSIP

The senior players are holding a **Bar BQ** at the Club on **SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2009** as a thank you for **INDIVIDUAL PLAYER SPONSORS** who have supported them during the season.

Reminder - the **Annual Awards Presentation Dinner** will be held in the Club on **Friday 29th May 2009**. Tickets prices and availability will be announced shortly.

Congratulations to **KEIRON LITTLE** and **JAMIE McINTOSH**, who come into reckoning for 1st XV selection for the first time today. Two more prospects from the Colts - the organisers of whom deserve thank for keeping the production line well supplied with emerging talent.

Well done to a number under 16's who are candidates for the Newcastle Falcons Academy. This is yet another fine endorsement of the way we bring on youngsters at Warwick Road. We will monitor their progress with more than a little interest.

Hatches, matches, despatches and other chat and rumour to keep you informed

CLUB SHOP

The Club shop continues to flourish and can now supply a variety of new approved corporate rugby wear and accessories. Re-stocking continues and eventually all sides throughout the Club will be wearing the same kit. All articles are priced at a reasonable rate, and only to cover our costs, so as to ensure that all our Members get best value for money. Call at the shop during opening times for all your requirements.





CRUSADERS IN THE 'CANDY' LEAGUE

It's all getting to sound a bit repetitive so far as the fortunes of the Crusaders are concerned. Nevertheless, it needs to be said. The second half of this season has been far from satisfactory. Last Saturday SUNDERLAND could not raise a team at home to entertain our lads - cancelled on the Saturday morning.

Today, the Crusaders were scheduled to entertain DARLINGTON BULLS - they pulled out on Thursday. At the time of writing strenuous efforts were being made to find a game for the lads. As for the Darlington area, well it seems that money is at the root of all the evil! Both clubs there seem to be in dire straits. Seems like they couldn't give a damn - neither of them have found the A66 across Stainmore Pass this season. If they can't raise a team there is no reason why they should be allowed to drag others down with them - because if something is not done soon - second team rugby will die a slow death and we don't want that to happen at Carlisle.

Hopefully, Crusaders will get a game of sorts this afternoon.

*There'll
always
be a
buzz in
their
matches*

JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND UP

The youth rugby season is drawing to a close but it has been very successful once again despite the weather in December and January. The under 12's were successful at the Aspatria festival last week, returning in triumph with the cup!

Thanks are due to a lot of people, players, coaches, helpers, parents and supporters for keeping things bouyant over the course of the season. A number of celebratory events will take place in the Club over the course of the next few weeks - dates on the board.

NEIGHBOURING NEWS

ASPATRIA have not had the best of seasons by their standards. Like us they went down at Sandal last week. This will be the first season that they have finished below Carlisle in the league structure.

Improving WIGTON look as though they are going to miss out on a "play off" from North Lancs / Cumbria League. Last week they were eclipsed at Tyldesley by 19 pts to 15 pts and remain in 4th place. Doubtless they will continue their rebuilding exercise next season.

CREIGHTON have had a torrid time this season in the Cumbria League, although last week they managed win number 4 of the season by 19 pts to 25 pts at Greengarth.



CRUSADERS - CANDY LEAGUE 2008 - 2009

Division 1												
Pos	Team	Pld	W	L	D	F	A	diff	4T	<7	Pts	PFCM
1	Tynedale Raiders	8	7	1	0	188	102	86	3	1	32	0
2	West Hartlepool Stags	5	4	1	0	152	95	57	3	0	19	0
3	Blaydon Georgians	4	3	1	0	48	47	1	1	0	13	0
4	Morpeth Reivers	6	2	4	0	85	87	-2	0	3	11	0
5	Hornden II	7	1	6	0	99	165	-66	3	1	8	0
6	Westoe II	4	0	4	0	50	126	-76	0	2	2	0

Division 2												
Pos	Team	Pld	W	L	D	F	A	diff	4T	<7	Pts	PFCM
1	Middlesbrough Wasps	9	8	0	1	227	72	155	4	0	38	15
2	Carlisle Crusaders	8	4	2	2	197	91	106	3	0	23	15
4	Darlington MP II	5	3	2	0	212	55	157	3	2	17	0
3	Durham City II	6	3	3	0	49	138	-89	0	1	13	0
5	Penrith II	5	1	3	1	83	89	-6	1	0	7	5
6	Darlington Bulls	6	0	6	0	20	194	-174	0	1	1	0
7	Sunderland II	3	0	3	0	12	181	-169	0	0	0	0

COLTS LEAGUE TABLE

Northern	Saturday	Colts	League				
	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Fair Play Points	League Points	Total Points
Alnwick	7	6		1	1	32	33
Penrith	7	5	1	1	1	30	31
Wigton	7	5	1	1	1	26	27
CARLISLE	10	4		6	1	27	28
Westoe	8	3		5	0	22	22
Morpeth	7	3		4	0	22	22
Northern	5	0		5	0	6	6

COUGARS - RFUW CN2 LEAGUE 2008 - 09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	B Pts	Pts	Adjust
Altrincham Kersal Ladies	11	9	0	2	424	97	327	6	42	0
Sheffield Ladies	11	8	0	3	335	102	233	7	39	0
CARLISLE COUGARS	9	5	0	4	139	186	-47	4	24	0
Darlington Ladies	9	5	0	4	197	161	36	3	23	0
Scunthorpe Ladies	10	4	0	6	162	217	-55	4	20	0
York RI Ladies	9	2	0	7	78	355	-277	2	10	0
Ormskirk Ladies	9	1	0	8	17	234	-217	0	4	0

COUGARS



Cougars scored all 75 points in their victory of 53 pts to 22 pts over **Ormskirk** last Sunday. Sadly, Ormskirk were not able to fetch a full team to the city for this supposed league commitment that was played out as a friendly with Carlisle lending their opponents some players. It was Cougars who got the Ormskirk scores. Cougars face top of the table **Sheffield** at Warwick Road on Sunday 19th April and support would be appreciated. Assuming that the Cougars are victorious in this encounter, they will have experienced success over all of the teams in the league at least once this season.

The Cougars will be up for it (that is if they make it back from their Easter tour to the Isle of Man).

See the RFUW Championship North 2 table opposite (presumably if Sheffield are top now they have not had the latest table updated)!

Keep up to date with the latest crack and news from the HQ of the game.

CREDIT CRUNCH

Like most people and organisations, the Club is feeling a draught with the downturn in the economy. As a consequence, sponsorship is getting harder to come by. We need to maintain our income to ensure that rugby at all levels continues at Warwick Road.

Rugby at Warwick Road has always been a cheap commodity, and on match days we rely on a collection around the ground. Serious consideration needs to be given as to whether or not we should charge to watch senior and representative rugby! Perhaps admission by programme may be acceptable - at say three or four quid a match. The Club would appreciate any points of view on this topic

NATHAN MORRIS

Congratulations to **NATHAN MORRIS** who has been selected for the England U16 team and is expected to play three games. It is a great achievement for the lad, this Club and Sedbergh School where he has been on a rugby scholarship. A special event will be held at the Club in the near future - Nathan has said that he wants to present an England shirt to the Club. Well done boy!



COLTS CORNER



The Colts have had mixed fortunes over the last few weeks with progress to the Northern Final of the u17's National Cup when we were beaten and a league defeat at Wigton for the u18's.

In the national u17 plate round 1 we were awarded a walkover over **Sedgeley Park** who owned up to playing unregistered players. Fair play to the Manchester side who turned up on the day despite their difficulties and won an entertaining game with two late tries; we were in control but let it slip. But rough to the next round we entertained **Pocklington** from Yorkshire. They were a huge team but we were more mobile! An excellent game that see-sawed throughout, but we came through with a 25 pts to 18 pts victory.

And so we were through to the northern final to face **Penrith** on their own mid-din'. Our neighbours are very strong at this age group and we gave them too much respect early on and were down by 16 pts within quarter of an hour. We did regain a measure of control and briefly threatened to get back in the game, but Penrith always had the upper hand and eventually ran out 35 pts to 10 pts winners. They are now through to the national semi-final.

With all the under 17 activity there has only been one u18 game in the past month. We lost at Wigton 29 - 5—a bad day at the office; enough said! A number of the 18's have been taking the opportunity to tune in to Crusaders and Hornets rugby over the past three weeks.

The Colts were due at the Hawick 7's this afternoon but the event was cancelled following the tragic death of **Hawick Wanderers** player, **Richard Wilkinson** on his way back from the **Kelso 7's** last Saturday. Our sympathies go out to Richards family and the Hawick rugby community in their sad loss of a fine youngster. Action for the Colts and u16's over the next week is the **u17 County Cup semi-final at ASPATRIA** next Wednesday **15th April - 7.30pm**. Then, the **u18 County Cup semi-final at PENRITH** on **Saturday, 18th April at 3.00 pm**.

We are currently the cup holders and obviously we want to retain the title and would appreciate as much support as possible to help us reach the final again.

Get your kids and grandkids Involved on Sunday mornings. Ages 7 - 16

UNDER 15 's

The under 15's. refreshed after their recent tour to Chester, are entertaining **SUNDERLAND** at Warwick Road this afternoon as a warm up for the senior match. They kick off at 1.00 pm and any support will be appreciated but, no heckling of the referee (Martin Plummer)! After the match some of the lads will be acting as ball boys for the Carlisle v Aspatria cup battle.



CUMBRIA CUP QUARTER FINAL - SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL 2009 - 3.00 pm

ANY FORM OF ABUSE OF THE REFEREE WILL RESULT IN DECISIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY CARLISLE RFC.

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	REPLACEMENTS		
	16 MARK ALLAN	20 NIGEL ARISMANDEZ	From: Jack CLEGG, Gary HARRISON,
	17 JOHN BOWMAN	21 LIAM NICHOLLS	Richard MILLER, Adam BIRKETT
	18 MARK BARRON	22 JAMIE McINTOSH	And Colin NOBLE
	19 GARETH WYLIE		
WITH GRATEFUL THANKS	Referee	ALISTAIR JONES	Cumbria

A WARM WELCOME TO THE REFEREE TODAY AND WE HOPE HE ENJOYS HIS GAME AT WARWICK ROAD AND THE HOSPITALITY IN THE CLUBHOUSE AFTERWARDS



THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE and PLAYERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THEM DURING THE LEAGUE SEASON & HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT SEASON

