

<u>Date</u>		<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
August 18th	F	Stourbridge Lions	Away	L	
25th	F	Wymondham	Home	W	33-32
September 1st	F	Old Streetonians	Away	L	
8th	L	Crewe and Nantwich	Home	W	33-10
15th	L	Leek	Away	L	26-7
22nd	C	Earlsdon	Home	L	12-17
29th	L	Ludlow	Home	L	7 - 41
October 6th	L	Newcastle (Staffs)	Away	L	37 - 17
13th	C				
20th	L	Spartans (Midlands)	Home	L	24 - 28
27th	L	Stafford	Away	W	13 - 36
November 3rd	L	Tamworth	Home	L	0 - 23
10th	C				
17th	L	Telford Hornets	Away	W	12 - 52
24th	C				
December 1st	L	Veseyans	Home	W	26 - 12
8th	L	Wolverhampton	Home	L	13 - 24
15th	L	Camp Hill	Away	L	10 - 3
BOXING DAY	F	QMGS	Home	L	28-33
January 5th	L	Leek	Home	W	41 - 8
12th	L	Ludlow	Away	L	52-0
19th	C				
26th	L	Newcastle (Staffs)	Home		
February 2nd	L	Spartans (Midlands)	Away		
9th					
16th	L	Stafford	Home		
23rd					
March 2nd	L	Tamworth	Away		
9th	L	Telford Hornets	Home		
16th					
23rd	L	Veseyans	Away		
30th	L	Wolverhampton	Away		
April 6th	L	Camp Hill	Home		
13th	L	Crewe and Nantwich	Away		

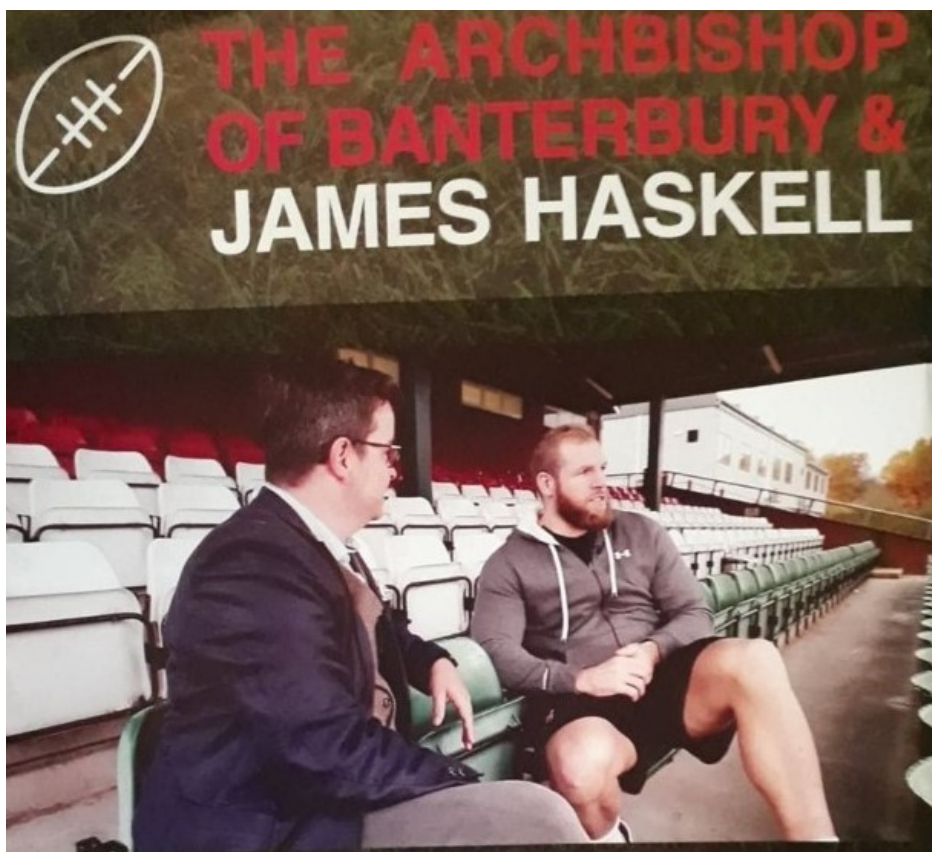


# Walsall Rugby Football Club

## Match Day Programme



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## BEAR HISTORY

British Lions
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Full Internationals
Jan Webster (England) Luis Criscuolo (Argentina), Terry Cobner, Paul Ringer Rupert Moon, Colin Charvis (Wales), Bidzina Samkharadze, Zviad Maisuradze (Georgia)
A and B Internationals
Russ Field, Richard Moon and Rupert Moon (England)
Other Trialists and/or Barbarians
Hugh Lindop, Mervyn Seldon, Les Rolinson and Graham Angell (England) Dick Hopkins and Steve King (Wales), Jim Kearns (Ireland)
Colts Internationals
Martin Hunt, Neil Anderton and Rupert Moon (England)
England Colleges International 2013
Alex Hawthorn

Most appearances in Career	Rob Harding 1981-2002	429
Most Points in Career	Richard Mills (1988-2002)	2448
	(28T, 375C, 477P, 47DG)	
Most Tries in Career	Chris Mould (1998-2016)	122
Most Drop Goals in Career	Nick Archer (1973-1990)	59
Most Points in a Season	Richard Mills (1996/97)	368
	(2T, 50C, 84P, 2DG)	
Most Tries in a Season	Jon Rowe (1994/95)	30
Most Penalties in a Season	Richard Mills (1996/97)	84
Most Conversions in a Season	Richard Mills (1994/95)	71
Most Drop Goals in a Season	Richard Mills (1990/91)	16
Most Points in a Match	Matthew Wood (7.1.2017)	40
Most Tries in a Match	Alex Greenslade (21.01.2012)	6
	Nick Millward (24.11.1990)	6
Most Conversions in a Match	Matthew Wood (7.1.2017)	15
Most Drop Goals in a Match	Richard Mills (01.03.1991)	3



## Welcome to Walsall RFC

Good afternoon and welcome to all members and visitors to Walsall Rugby Club. I hope you enjoy today's game and the traditional rugby hospitality in the club and at the bar!

We continue this season in Midlands 2 West (North), renewing old rivalries with Wolverhampton, Camp Hill and Stafford whilst welcoming Telford to Delves Road for the first time. For 2018-19 Geraint Tilllott as DoR and playing Head Coach Jon Ford continue in their roles, supported by Alex Jones, Matt James and Andy Taylor. On the pitch we have new Captain Roger Weston supported by Vice-captain Luke Pittaway. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them all the best for the season.

Mention of the pitch brings me to note that we've finally got rid of the broad leaf weed! Yes, thanks to our selection by and agreement with the RFU we've gone all 21st Century with an Artificial Grass Pitch, enabling not only Walsall, but other local clubs, schools and universities the opportunity to play rugby all year round. Hopefully the fast and true nature of the pitch will highlight some wonderful rugby for the spectators.

Away from the playing side we have made significant strides regarding the club infrastructure. The development plans have been accepted by the RFU and planning permission has been granted. The real work starts now in trying to gain the funds to achieve the plan and I would encourage any members who have ideas or are prepared to spend time helping as part of the house, development or other committees to please get involved.

Finally, to all those who volunteer and help at the club in any capacity, thank you. Without your time and commitment the club would not be able to function and provide the excellent sporting and social base for a game that I, and I'm sure you all, enjoy and love.

Here's to a great season, a great day, a great game and win or lose, an enjoyable drink or two with a few friends.

Cheers,

Tim



## Season 2018 - 2019

### Executive Committee

Honorary President	Tim Smith
Honorary Secretary	Paul Daniels
Honorary Treasurer	Matt McCluney
Director of Rugby	Geraint Tillott
Immediate Past President	Chris Emes

### Playing Committee

Club Captain	Roger Weston
1st XV Vice Captain	Luke Pittaway
2nd XV Captain	Matt Wood
2nd XV Vice Captain	Tom Thorley
3rd XV Captain	James Topham
3rd XV Vice Captain	James Quigley

### Club Coaches

Jon Ford  
Alex Jones  
Matt James  
Andy Taylor

Club Physio	Hayley Clarke
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## MIDLANDS 2 WEST (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	BP	PTS
Ludlow	13	11	0	2	499	165	334	12	56
Tamworth	13	11	0	2	311	232	79	7	51
Wolverhampton	13	10	0	3	381	182	199	9	49
Camp Hill	13	8	1	4	382	252	130	7	41
Crewe & Nantwich	13	8	0	5	324	260	64	7	39
Leek	13	7	1	5	330	294	36	8	38
Newcastle (Staffs)	13	7	0	6	406	237	169	10	38
Spartans (Midlands)	13	6	1	6	322	291	31	7	33
Walsall	13	5	0	8	258	302	-44	5	25
Veseyans	13	2	0	11	226	400	-174	6	14
Stafford	13	1	1	11	172	396	-224	6	12
Telford Hornets	13	0	0	13	89	689	-600	0	0

Go to [pitchero.com/clubs/walsall](http://pitchero.com/clubs/walsall) and [walsallrugbyclub.co.uk](http://walsallrugbyclub.co.uk) for up to date news, match reports and results.

## MIDLANDS 2 WEST (NORTH) - ROUND 14

We welcome the players, officials and supporters of Newcastle (Staffs) Rugby Club. We also welcome the parents and families of our Under 15's and Under 9's who are the guests of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and will be mascots today. We hope you all enjoy the afternoon.

This is the third season that Walsall and Newcastle have played each other in Midlands Two West. Up to the start of the current season Walsall had registered four fairly comfortable victories over their Staffordshire rivals. But last October Newcastle secured their first league victory over Walsall with a 37 - 17 win at their Lilleshall Road ground. The hosts will be expecting another tough encounter this afternoon.

The Walsall squad have once again been greatly affected by injuries this season. So far 40 players have been used. Although, at the equivalent time last January, 46 players had represented the 1st team.

A significant moment this afternoon, when one of our young players, Will Hennessey, plays his 20th league game for Walsall. He will be presented with his 1st team tie after the match.

We also welcome the players, officials and supporters of Wolverhampton <sup>RFC</sup>. They are playing our 2<sup>nd</sup> XV on the bottom pitch. On past form, that too should prove to be a good game for players and supporters alike.

Our Referees this afternoon are Damian Hampton for the 1st XV game and Simon Barker for the 2nds. Hopefully they enjoy their afternoon and will have great games!

The raffle will be drawn after the game in the clubhouse.

### **Club News**

**Six Nations Games** All games will be on in the Club to come and enjoy in a fantastic atmosphere with a beer or 2!

**Quiz Night** Friday 8th February Hosted by the Girls Section £2 per person for the Fun, family quiz. Food available

**Steak Nights by Heather** are continuing on the first Monday of each month. They are fantastic meals at fabulous prices, come along and taste it for yourselves. Book with Heather on 07581 156720. The next steak night is on 4th February.

**Club Disco** on Saturday 9th February. Banish those January blues and let your hair down! From 7pm

**Six Nations Lunch** on Saturday 23rd February. A Four course lunch in the clubhouse before Wales v England play in the Six Nations. The France v Scotland Game will be on before hand.

**Volunteer's Day** Saturday 6th April. The Exec would like to invite all volunteers to the game and have a buffet lunch to thank them for all of their efforts during the season. There will be a disco that evening as well.

More events are being planned - look out for Pie Night, Northern Soul Night, Yam Yam Elvis, Curry Night and more...

### Director of Rugby

We welcome Newcastle to Delves Rd today in the hope of getting some revenge for the corresponding fixture earlier this season in which we were well beaten. Our last home fixture against Leek showed us more than capable of playing some attractive and winning rugby, but the injuries sustained during that game meant a much changed and weakened side travelled to Ludlow. Good to see most of those guys have recovered during the short break and are back in today. Let's hope all players, referees and spectators enjoy their afternoon!

### Age Grade Rugby

The Junior Sides have games against Lichfield, The Under 13's and 15's are away and Under 14's and 16's are playing at home. The Under 17's are playing against Handsworth away. Kick off at 11am Mini teams are training so please find out from your team coach where you will be. Training starts at 10.30am. Wrap up warm, it's going to be a cold one! Hoping everyone involved has a good, fun Sunday morning! Congratulations to the Under 16's for finishing top of their league. They will now play Newcastle at home on 10th February in the Plate Semi Final.

The Youth Section is always on the lookout for more volunteers to help with the teams, whether it be with coaching, coaching assistant, administration, photography, or social media there is a place for you. It won't take too much of your time and you'll have fun too! If you are interested in getting involved please talk to your age group coach or contact Tristan, our Chairman of Minis and Juniors, by email [mjchairman.walsallrfc@gmail.com](mailto:mjchairman.walsallrfc@gmail.com)

### Mixed Touch Rugby.

Mixed Touch is back on Monday evening from 6pm. All welcome, female and male, Aged 15+ players, returners, never played before for fun and fitness. If you are interested please contact Nick Rose on 07920 595291

## The Captain's View

Good afternoon. Thanks for taking time to read today's match day programme, and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Newcastle's players and supporters on behalf of the Walsall squad.

Firstly, a reflection from myself on recent performances. The last two games couldn't be more contrasting in terms of performance, application and unsurprisingly the results. Against Leek we managed to reverse a 27-6 defeat early in the season and beat them convincingly 41-8. In that game we were focused, executed well and were physically dominant. In my opinion that was our best performance for a couple of seasons, and really set the benchmark for what this group of players can achieve. The following week against Ludlow we couldn't have been further from the Leek performance if we tried. Our preparation was poor, our focus was poor and desire to compete just wasn't there. We were missing a few key players, however I fully believe in the ability of those that came in to replace them, and don't see those changes as valid reasons why we lost by over 50 points. We have spoken this week about our own expectations, and where we'd like to be and there needs to be a response.

Today's fixture against Newcastle will be an exciting spectacle. We were convincingly beaten on our visit to north Staffordshire, admittedly we were poor on the day, but Newcastle were an improved side on what we'd experienced in the previous two seasons. Today presents a similar challenge to our last home fixture, where we need to up our game to overturn an away defeat earlier in the season.

Your support today is much appreciated, I hope you enjoy the game, and as always I look forward to sharing a drink with you in the bar afterwards. Please excuse the golfing attire as the players are out on our Pub Golf social this evening!

Roger



## WALSALL RFC

15	Jack Crowhurst
14	Zach Edwards
13	Will Hennessy
12	Rich Clarke
11	Brandon Sayce
10	Roger Weston (Captain)
9	Dean Ainger
1	Simon Weaver
2	Tom Aston
3	George Green
4	Michael Benson
5	George Perkins
6	Jamie Hickman
7	Matt James
8	Hal Gozukucuk
16	Tom Thorley
17	Louis Vale
18	Max Brown



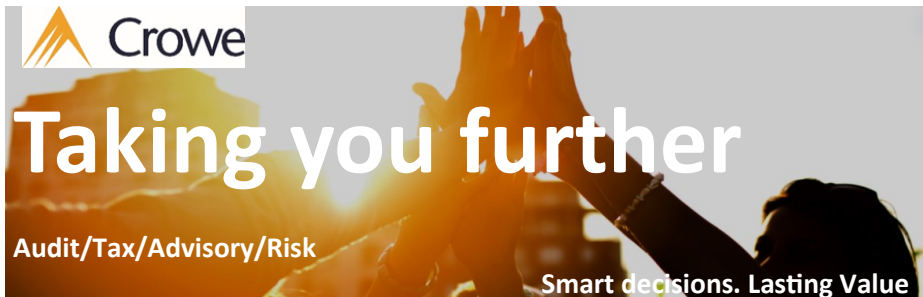
## NEWCASTLE (STAFFS) RFC

15	Ronan Evans
14	Ashley Martin
13	Dominic Ellerton
12	Antcliff Niklass
11	Harry Jones
10	Luke Gross
9	Liam Bailey
1	Steven Taylor
2	Sean Kavanagh
3	Callum Barratt
4	David Bailey
5	James Everett
6	Aidan Duncalf
7	Adam Ridge (Captain)
8	Waqnivere
16	Connor Douglas
17	Matthew Toplass
18	Daniel Jones

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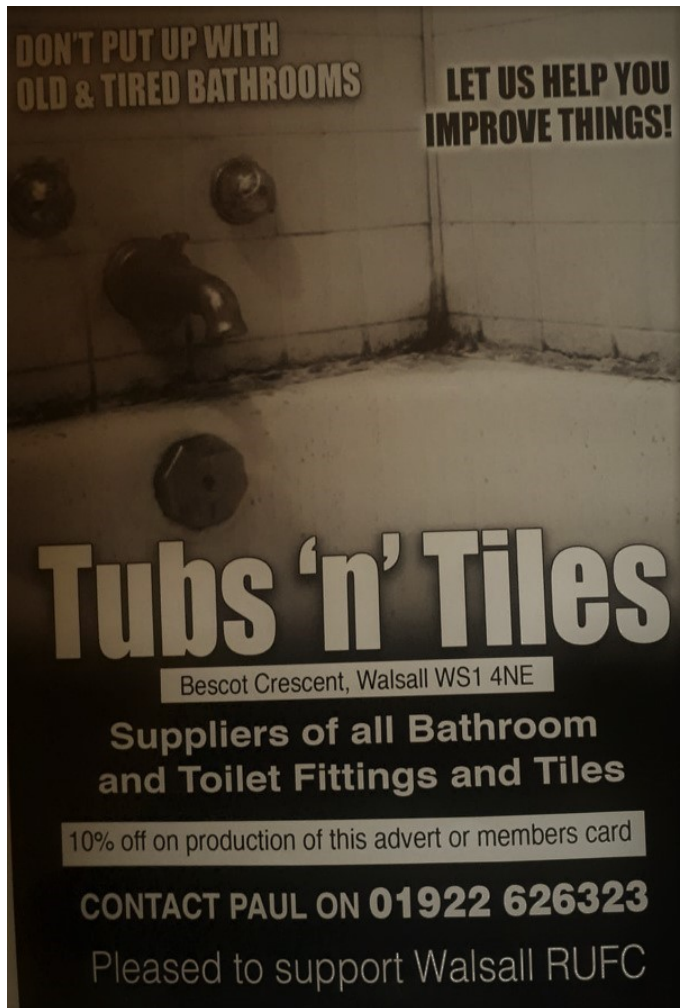
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**Will Hennessy** sponsored by David Horton



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