



Orrell RUFC

The future is black and amber

Quarterly Newsletter – June 2018

As the season for all age groups and teams has now drawn to close, we get a chance to look back and plan with enthusiasm for the 2018/19 season

The season started brightly under the guidance of Andy Carroll and Pete Carletti. New recruits Sean Long and Martin Gleeson were guiding the team round the park and with several wins under their belt including a massive derby win over Wigan and a cup win over Tarleton things were looking very promising. Injuries and absentees then hit the squad hard and a run of poor performances led to somewhat of a shake-up. The introduction of a new head of coaching Paul Wingfield, some timely new recruits in Matty Johnsons and Andrew Bourne amongst others and then the return of Craig Thomas from injury, who had started the season brightly and was still the clubs leading try and points scorer after a lengthy absence reignited Orrell's season.

The club appointed new Head of Coaching Paul Wingfield in January 2018 and he made an immediate impact. He has brought a consistent and sustainable plan for both coach and player development to the Club and the closing stages of the season saw an entertaining and more free flowing style of rugby. The first team increased their points scored average massively and eventually finished in the top half of the South Lancashire / Cheshire League 2.



There were numerous stand out performances but as the season ended the local Derby v Aspull will live long in the memory. Orrell were trailing at half time and having been under constant pressure in a full blooded and feisty first 40 minutes, re-emerged from the changing rooms and ran riot in a second half team performance that demonstrated just what this talented group of young players are capable of. The game ended 33 - 35 in Orrell's favour. Craig Thomas slotted a last-minute penalty kick between the sticks, much to the delight of the players, coaches and fans of Orrell RUFC. Paul, Andy, Pete, John Dickinson, Craig Farrimond and the new second team coaches Billy Ashton and Brian Roberts are all eagerly looking forward to pre-season and both the first 1st and 2nd XV 2018/19 seasons.

Roll on the rugby season – the future is very much black and amber

Sadly Glynn Worley, 2XV coach, retired at the end of the season but has retired from his coaching role knowing that he has done an excellent job not just this year but in the 3 years since he started what was known as "The Development Team". You can read more about Glynn on Page 9.



With the success of the senior section under the guidance of the coaching team, training numbers are increasing weekly and we now have 35 - 40 players attending training every Wednesday night at St John Rigby and that we are keen to add fresh players for the 2018/19 season.

The team have developed well over the season and the Club and Officials would like to thank all our open age players for their commitment to training and buying in to a winning mentality which bodes well for the 2018-19 season.

The new season will also see the open age squad returning to two nights per week training. As they prepare for life in South Lancashire and Cheshire one the lads will be working hard on attacking structure, defence and becoming generally more comfortable on the ball. There's a lot of hard work to be done but everybody is enthusiastic about the new season and looking forward to playing a fast more open style of rugby.

THE CLUB IS GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH with the signing of a new player and assistant coach – Craig Farimond

Orrell RUFC are delighted to announce the signing of Craig Farimond. Craig's rugby career includes spells at Warrington Wolves, Oldham, Workington Town, Rochdale and Swinton.

Head Coach Paul Wingfield commented *"Craig is an excellent addition to the playing / coaching staff. He possesses vast experience in developing and nurturing players at both club and county level and will be working closely with forwards coach Andy Carroll concentrating mainly on Skills, Strength and Conditioning"*



Craig recently put on the famous black and amber jersey at the Caldys 7s and added *"to reach a final in our first tournament together was fantastic. You can see that we have a solid player base to work from and I'm thoroughly looking forward to getting stuck into pre-season with the lads"*.

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Orrell RUFC are delighted to announce the signing of James Ratcliffe from Waterloo RUFC.

James recently represented Lancashire as part of the winning team of the Jason Leonard County U20 Championship Shield.

James preferred position is standoff which he has previously played for Waterloo and Wigan St Pats RL. James is currently studying Sports Development & Management and is just about to start his third year at Edge Hill University.

Head Coach Paul Wingfield commented *"James is an excellent ball handler, kicker and organiser and when the opportunity came up to secure his services I was only too happy to set up a meeting. It's a great start for the club in terms of recruitment ahead of the 2018/19 season and we'll be announcing a few more signings over the next few weeks"*



Mark (James father) is a former Orrell player and coach and commented "it's like coming home". James comments "This is a fantastic opportunity for myself to join a club steeped in so much history, I can't wait to start training and meet up with my new team mate

KICK START YOUR RUGBY WITH ORRELL RUFC MINI SECTION



Boys and girls aged 7 -12 welcome

Whether you have played before or you just want to give it a try Orrell RUFC will kick start your career



TRAINING

Wednesday Evenings
6.00pm - 7.00pm
at St John Rigby College

Home matches Sunday's
Upholland High School

RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL WITH ORRELL RUFC JUNIOR SECTION



Boys and girls aged 13 upwards
- we need you!

Whether you have played before or you just want to give it a try Orrell RUFC will kick start your career



TRAINING

Wednesday Evenings
6.00pm - 7.00pm
at Dean Trust, Orrell

Home matches Sunday's
at Winstanley College

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RETURN OF THE MAGNIFICENT 7s

Orrell RUFC were delighted to accept an invitation to play in the 75th Caldys 7s. The club entered two teams into the competition with Orrell 1XV entering the plate and our Touch team entering the Touch Tournament.



The teams were also supported by the famous “TOSAS” – the Orrell Supporters Away Society – proudly showing off their specially commissioned T-shirts above.

Orrell RUFC have won the Caldys 7s on many occasions with the last win registered in 1996. Who remembers this blast from past photograph below?



Sadly, the trophy was lost and so Orrell RUFC were delighted to commission and present a new trophy for the 2018 tournament.

Orrell were drawn in the same group as Waterloo, Penton, Caldys Colts, Wirral Barbs, Altrincham Kersal and You've Changed. Orrell won all their group games and the semi-final placed Orrell in the final against Waterloo. It was a tough game with both teams playing well and keeping the advantage. Waterloo eventually won the game with a score of 21-12.



The Touch squad was a junior mixed team and entered into an open men's competition with juniors ageing from 12-17. The squad played 3 games, winning 2 and losing the third. The squad came joint 4th with Prenton RUFC and Chester Cheetahs A special mention must go to Chloe Padgett and India Halsall – 2 young girls with outstanding talent and the passion and commitment to play against men's teams. Well done girls.



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Touch the Future – in the black and amber The touch section is developing from strength to strength and we are very proud to announce that 2 of our junior touch players have been selected for international honours this year.

Aaron Povall (17) who has played 2nd team rugby for ORUFC and his brother Niall Povall (14) ORUFC U14s/15s have been selected to play for the England Mixed U18s team in this year's European Junior Touch Championships taking place in Stirling, Scotland in August. they are both really looking forward to the event and are working under intense training regimes to hit peak fitness when they take to the field in August.



This is the third year Aaron has been selected to play in the 'Euros' for the Mixed U18s, first playing in the Netherlands at the tender age of 15 and again in Dublin last year.

Niall has represented England Touch at U15s level for the past 2 years but has been selected to play for the U18s this year alongside his brother. This is only the 2nd time a 14-year-old has been selected for an England U18s squad. The first was another Wigan based touch player. This year promises to be a great tournament with this mixed U18s touch squad being the strongest out of all 3 years our boys have been involved, so let's hope they can bring back some silverware.

Head Coach Gary Povall said *"I am very proud of the achievements of all the players at Orrell RUFC 'Anvils' Touch. Every player has improved so much since we started it is great to see. For us to produce 2 International players this year is a massive boost for the touch section and the club in general."*

Both mum and Dad (Gary and Sally Povall) are extremely proud and look forward to watching the boys playing in Stirling. It will be easier for us this year as they will be on the same pitch this time!! Mum Sally is also a great Touch Rugby player, so it obviously runs in the family.

The Club is very proud of the Touch Section; which is a great foundation to build on the touch successes above and we hope to see more Regional and International Touch players coming through Orrell RUFC in the near future. The talent is definitely there and if you want to give touch a try (excuse the pun)all are welcome to train with us every Friday at St John Rigby College 6.30pm-7.30pm. Men, Women, boys and girls at all levels of fitness are welcome and ages range from 14-99 years!!



This is a great family sport for everyone to get involved in and is a non-contact sport so an even better way to get fit, meet

new friends and generally just have a great time! None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of Ian Hollis in supporting the touch section week in week out.... Thanks Ian!!

If you would like to get involved, please contact Ian Hollis on 07903806438 or Gary Povall 07962234927

ORRELL RUFC AGM CALLING NOTICE

The Orrell RUFC Annual General Meeting will take place at 7:45pm on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at St. Luke's Parish Hall, Lodge Road, Orrell. The AGM agenda for the meeting will be included in the next club letter. Election of the officers of the committee plus any additional members will take place.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the club website (www.orrellrugbyunion.com) or you can use the form below. The AGM is also the opportunity for additions or alterations to the Rules or for any other motion to be submitted. Any proposal shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.

Only members whose annual membership is up to date can vote at the AGM.

Copies of the Club's interim financial statement will be available at the meeting plus the Club's constitution.

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John Huyton
Hon Club Secretary
Orrell RUFC

Nominations for Appointment to the Orrell RUFC Executive Committee

Please complete a nomination form (available on line or direct from the secretary) and send to: secretary@orrellrugbyunion.com or post to 18 Church Street, Orrell, Wigan. WN5 8TG

Each person nominated to stand for executive **must be** a member of Orrell RUFC and nominated by another member.

Other than these 2 conditions, there are no other criteria to join. Current Executive members welcome people to join the club with passion and energy.

Official roles on the Executive Committee:

- Club President
- Club Secretary
- Club Treasurer
- Match-day/ Fixture Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Communications Manager
- Commercial & Sponsorship Manager (including fund raising)
- General Committee Member

In the event of more than one person being nominated for a role, a vote shall be held at the AGM with all members having a vote. In the event of a tie, last year's executive shall have the casting vote.

Each role can have a deputy/assistant and anyone that isn't successful in their preferred role will still become a member of the executive committee.

All nominations must be received by 20th June 2018 which is 7 days before the AGM on 27th June at St Luke's Church, Orrell starting at 7:45.

The Future is Black and Amber Our Orrell RUFC U15 Lions roar through to the final of the Lancashire Development Cup

We can't tell you how proud we are of our Orrell RUFC U15 Lions. On paper the final of the Lancashire Development Cup Final should have been a whitewash as the squad a group C team, came up against a Group A team who were stacked with county players.

"It was definitely our performance of the season so far" said Chris Gibson, Coach & Chair of the Mini and Junior Section. "Had a couple of decisions gone our way we could have won it. However, credit to Heaton Moor who despite a lack of ball possession were worthy winners"



Heaton Moor complemented under 14s players who were awesome today crediting us as the best side that they have played against for the last couple of seasons.



"We were definitely punching above our weight today, but the boys showed that they can compete against the strongest teams in Lancashire. Although we lost the game we have definitely collectively learned from today and will be the stronger for it going into next season" continued Chris.

The boys deservedly picked up two pieces of silverware today as cup runners up and group winners. They have performed way beyond our expectations and we couldn't be prouder of them.



GLYNN WORLEY

After 3 successful seasons in charge, Glynn Worley is hanging up his coaching boots but not before securing back to back promotions!

It is with a heavy heart that Orrell RUFC announce that they are seeking a new 2XV Coach for the 2018-2019 season. After 3 successful seasons in charge, Glynn Worley is hanging up his coaching boots and he will be greatly missed!



During those 3 successful seasons, Orrell's second team has gone from strength to strength under the guidance of Head Coach Glynn Worley and Assistants Pete Carletti and Andy Carroll. The 2XV team has recently secured back to back promotion in the Raging Bull Leagues.

Orrell RUFC is extremely proud and very grateful to Glynn for everything he has managed to achieve with the 2XV and his drive and determination in pushing the team forward and he will be greatly missed. However, we are pleased to say that Glynn is not retiring completely from Orrell RUFC and will continue to be a member of the JV Board and Fundraising Team.



The team itself has gone from strength to strength under Glynn's watch; regularly having over 20 lads competing for positions on a Saturday afternoon, making it hard to believe that our victorious and amazing 2XV were only formed in December 2014 (following a conversation at an Executive meeting). From that initial meeting in 2014 and a recruitment drive, the "development team" had over 50 players who wanted to pull on the Orrell RUFC jersey and between them won 7 out of their first 8 games.

Determined that the team should grow and develop, Glyn Worley, Manager of the 2XV, entered the team into the Raging Bull League for the 2015-2016 season. They also changed their name to Orrell RUFC 2XV – much more fitting – given they had developed beyond recognition! During the 2015-2016 season, the team continued to grow its player base but due to the inclement weather that season, several games had to be cancelled or rearranged, which impacted everyone in the League.

Determination not development should have been their handle at this stage, completing all but one fixture, the team finished the League in 5th place. Ever thankful to Bucket and Sponge's Vanessa, our Team Physio, who dealt with the considerable number of injuries sustained (although not as bad as the oppositions) – even having to call out the ambulance service on 3 separate occasions. Hoping not to have to continue its relationship with the local Ambulance Service, the 2XV limped into the 2016-2017 season with a player base that had increased to 109 and an increased determination to develop the players on that list and create some team stability. Glynn's "baby" has now grown up into a championship side who secured promotion yet again this year to Division 3. Glynn has built not only a team but a culture that has people wanting to be involved.

Match Day Sponsorship Opportunities

As every amateur (and even professional) sporting club will tell you, it cannot exist without the support and generosity of its sponsors – and we are no different. We like to think we are different though in our appreciation and heart felt gratitude to those sponsors.

Things are moving on apace within the Club and there are a lot of exciting opportunities coming up; but the future is looking good (it's looking black and amber actually)

The 2018-2019 season begins on 1st September 2018 and there will be a minimum of 12 home games (plus cup games), giving you the opportunity of raising the profile of your company or celebrating a family event such as a birthday or anniversary or just seeing your own name in print.

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| • Match Day | E150.00 |
| • Match Ball | E50.00 |
| • Match Ref | E25.00 |

Match Day Sponsors receive:

- Name/Company/Logo on the front page of the Match Day Programme and included in the Commercial & Sponsorship Page of the programme
- Match Day advertising via our website and social media
- Exposure in our quarterly newsletter
- *Match Day Sponsors also receive a complimentary programme and an Orrell RUFC Club Polo Shirt.*

Match Day Programme Advertising

Our Match Day Programme is getting bigger and better. Not only do we sell the programmes on the Match Day itself, but the programme is circulated via our web and social media.

Match Day Programme Advertising (costs per season)

Programme Advert	Full	£400
	Half	£250
	Quarter	£175
Small Business Advert		£50

Match Day Ground Advertising (costs for the first season)

Pitch side banner	1250 x 1250	£275
	2500 x 1250	£375
	3000 x 1250	£475

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Please contact the Club's Commercial & Sponsorship Manager for further details regarding the above.

As well as your name/company name/logo on the pitch, you will also receive:

- Exposure to your company details/logo at home matches (and cup games)
- Your logo & company details displayed on our web site and social media
- Match Day promotion via our web site and social media
- Exposure in our quarterly newsletter

WE'VE GOT A PROMOTION ... OF SORTS!

As some may be aware there has been a breakaway league formed of which we chose not to be part of. This has resulted in a shakeup of the RFU league structure with Orrell RUFC moving up to South Lancashire and Cheshire League 1

SLC1 is made up of the following teams

- Glossop
- Sefton
- Hoylake
- Winnington Park
- Liverpool Collegiate
- Bowden
- New Brighton
- Aspull
- Orrell
- Congleton
- Dukinfield
- Oswestry
- Port Sunlight
- Marple

Mini Section Presentation Evening

The end of the Mini Section season was marked with the annual Presentation Evening. A great evening and special thanks to our open age squad members who presented the awards.



An invitation from Winstanley Park Cricket Club

Our Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club Joint Venture Partner



Now that the rugby season has ended and summer has arrived, may I invite all Orrell RUFC members, as lovers of amateur sport, to come down over the forthcoming summer months and visit your joint venture partner Winstanley Park Cricket Club.

To access the club, you must use the Hall Lane entrance adjacent to No 94 Winstanley Road Orrell WN5 7AX.

Our 2018 season lasts from mid-April to mid-September.

We have 5 junior teams ranging from U9 to U18 (boys and girls welcome) plus two senior teams who play on Saturday in the Southport and District Amateur Cricket League.

Senior training nights are: Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm

Junior training nights are: U9, U11 & U13 - Friday from 6pm, (U15 & U18 with seniors above)

We also have a bar for refreshment during those (hopefully) hot summer days ahead; so why not come down and join us and meet some of our own members and soon to be joint members of the Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club. More club information, including our junior and senior fixtures list, is available on our website www.winstanleyparkcricketclub.co.uk. or visit our Facebook page or Twitter @WinstanleyPark. For any non-internet users we have a club handbook, ring me and I'll get one to you.

A warm welcome awaits you, so do pop down sometime and enjoy the pleasant surroundings of a day out down at our club.

Mike Shore (for Winstanley Park CC) 01942 216205

E-mail: am.shore007@btinternet.com

Your Club Needs You! Could you spare an hour on a match day or help with our Mini and Junior Section? There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to help with our development.



Our Annual General Meeting is coming up soon and a list of the officers and committee roles will also be circulated with the agenda for the meeting and any member of Orrell RUFC may stand for election as a club official or general committee member. If you don't fancy sitting on the Executive Committee but would just like to volunteer for a few hours each week. Read on and see how you can get involved!

Open Age Match Day

- Sponsor Banner Erectors
- Programme Sellers
- Tea/Coffee Assistants
- Post-Match Refreshment Assistants

Open Age

- 1st Xv Team Manager (Can Be More Than One Person)
- 2nd Xv Team Manager (Can Be More Than One Person)

Mini and Junior Section

- Team Coaches and Training Assistant
- Team Managers
- Match Day Refreshment Assistants

Like to know more? Get in touch via email to enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com or speak to any of our current Executive Team and/or Coaches – Come and be a part of our future – it's going to be black and

Keep in touch with all things Orrell, via our website (www.orrellrugbyunion.com)

Facebook (@OrrellRUFC) and Twitter (@ORUFC) or email us at:

enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com

The Future's Black and Amber

It may be summer, but work is still going on organising our next great event (s). We've just had the 8th Annual Golf Day – and a great day was had by all – so make sure you don't miss out on our next great event(s) Put the dates in your diary now!

- **Players Presentation Night**
 - Saturday, 4th August 2018, Holland Hall.
Did you know that 4 August is the date traditionally ascribed to Dom Pérignon's invention of Champagne or that the first clash in rugby union between Australia and New Zealand took place in a test match in August 1903 or that in August 1895, 20 clubs from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire decided to resign from the RFU and form the Northern Rugby Football Union, which from 1922 was known as the Rugby Football League. The black and amber have decided to put another August date in the history books by returning to the days of old with the Orrell RUFC Presentation Night. This will be an evening to remember (not just for the celebration of the birthday of champagne) but a 3-course meal, celebration of our great club and players and entertainment in the newly refurbished surroundings of Holland Hall. Tickets available from enquiries@orrellrugbyunion.com
- **Beer Festival (with some gin and prosecco for good measure)**
 - 20-21st October 2018, Holland Hall
- **Bonfire Night with Orrell RUFC**
 - Sunday, 4th November 2018, Holland Hall
- **Orrell and Winstanley Community Sports Club Dinner Dance**
 - Saturday, 17th November 2018, Houghwood Golf Club
- **Carol Concert**
 - Date and venue to be agreed

These are just a few of some of the great events we have planned. The fixtures list for the 2018-2019 season will also be available soon so keep an eye on our website and social media to keep in touch with all things Orrell RUFC.