



## *Stafford Rugby Club*

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# *Match Report*

**Stafford XV 22–10 Staffordshire University**

*30<sup>th</sup> September 2009*

Friendly Fixture



On Wednesday night game was organised as a training game for both the University and Stafford Thirds but a large number of players turned up out of the woodwork. Jez Barber opened up the scoring only for the Uni. to reply, using their pace to full effect. Although, due to the volume of players it was hard to keep up with who was on or off the pitch and as such the game was a bit of a scrappy affair with both sides exchanging another try apiece before Stafford sealed the win in the latter stages with two tries.

**Lichfield 41–7 Stafford XV**

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009*

League Fixture

***No Match Report.***

**Stafford Development XV 5–21 Lichfield**

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009*

Fixture

***No Match Report.***

**Lichfield 32–5 Stafford Third XV**

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009*

Fixture

Stafford thirds travelled to Lichfield on the back of a demoralising defeat the previous Saturday at the hands of a strong Burntwood side. The team reacted strongly to this and although conceding the first points of the game to a penalty went in at half time 5–3 up thanks to a try from Rob Gwynn and some sterling defence work. The second half started in the worst possible way for Stafford with the home side taking advantage of the strong wind and Stafford's inability to win any lineout ball to rack up a further 29 points in a little over 15 minutes of the restart. However, unlike the week before, Stafford did not let their heads drop and rallied to make a game of it. Youngster Phil Brown had an outstanding game as a ball carrier and the organisation and fighting spirit returned to the side. A little more belief in their ability and a better turn out at training would surely reverse the side's fortunes.

**Stafford Veterans XV 14–37 Lichfield**

*3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009*

Fixture

***No Match Report.***

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Stafford XV host Old Saltleians at their home Castlefields ground. Development XV travel to Longton whilst Thirds are also away at HMP Featherstone.