



Stafford Rugby Club

Match Reports

Stafford XV 36-7 Wolverhampton

20th March 2010

Midlands West 2 (North) League Fixture



Ellie Hill

Stuart Lewis makes the break in the Clash of the Season!

Stafford continued their recent impressive form to notch up their fourth win in the last five games at home to Wolverhampton in a re-arranged fixture. Once again, Stafford opened the game at a fast pace and were intent on getting the scoreboard going early on. Following a scrum, the ball was passed through the backline for Rich Watling to collect and burst through to touch down. The try was successfully converted by Tom Hodgkinson who then followed up with a penalty kick. However, from the resulting re-start kick, Wolverhampton gathered their own kick and caught

Stafford on the hop and duly scored what turned out to be their only points of the game. Stafford, clearly stung by this incursion into their own half, took the game back to Wolverhampton and following some excellent handling and support play, Tom Leese ploughed over the line to extend Stafford's lead to 15 – 7 at half-time.

The second half, with the wind now in Stafford's favour, saw Stafford dominate both field position and possession. This resulted in a further three converted tries scored by Matt Walklate (2) and Ollie Greatholder (1). Indeed, but for some resolute last ditch tackling by a Wolverhampton team who never gave up, Stafford would have scored a further 2 tries at the very least. All in all, a satisfactory win but one which should have reaped a great deal more points.

Walsall 19–13 Stafford Development XV

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Staffordshire Second Team League Fixture

The Development XV, who had been decimated by late un-availabilities, travelled to Walsall to play a usually strong Walsall Second XV in a Merit Table game. It is to Dave Wain's credit that he managed to put a team together, which included 40 something old Tim Crampton at loose-head prop who only usually plays for the Vets XV, and Stafford returned having only just lost by 15 –19 in what turned out to be a most entertaining game.

Stafford Third XV 34–5 Walsall

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Staffordshire Merit Table B South League Fixture

The Third XV entertained Walsall 3rd XV, also in a Merit Table fixture. Walsall thirds have been enjoying a very strong season – that was until they came unstuck against a Stafford team who, led by Jez Price, were in an unstoppable mood and recorded a fine victory.

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On Wednesday 24th March 2010, Stafford host HMP Stafford Prison Officers at Castlefields. Saturday 27th March 2010, Stafford XV travel to Aston Old Ed's whilst Development travel to Leek. On Sunday 28th March 2010, Ladies XV host Derby at Castlefields, Come down and support the Ladies and your club! Ladies XV are always recruiting New and Experienced Players to join their team, if you fancy giving rugby a go and joining the friendly and sociable team contact Team Captain, Carla Lund on 07985 585 033.