



Stafford Rugby Club

Match Reports

Stafford XV –Score Not Recorded– HMP Stafford (Prison Officers)

24th March 2010

Friendly Fixture

No Match Report.

Aston Old Ed's 33–13 Stafford XV

27th March 2010

Midlands West 2 (North) League Fixture

Stafford XV were convincingly beaten by a strong Aston Old Edwardians outfit in their latest Midlands West (North) 2 fixture last Saturday. Stafford gave themselves a mountain to climb by going two tries down early on after a sloppy start. And despite a mini revival either side of half time, Edwardians completed the win with another couple of scores late on. In many ways for Stafford the pressure was off, having all but secured survival with an emphatic five try win over Wolverhampton last week. They were caught napping early on when, after an early penalty had given Edwardians the lead, the fly half ran straight through the Stafford defence for the first try of the match. Edwardians continued to pile on the pressure and went further ahead when they benefited from more slack defending, giving them a 17-0 lead in first twenty minutes. Stafford suddenly upped their game, shoring up their defence and the forwards started to out-scrum their opponents. This set the platform for Stafford to score the best try of the match. A beautiful move in the backs started off by Stuart Lewis and Matt Walklate put Rhys Williams through on the wing, who in turn set up Tom Smith to score under the posts for a converted score. Edwardians scored a penalty with the last kick of the half but Stafford were pleased to be back in the match at the break, with a wind and slope advantage in the second half. The comeback continued after the break – Tom Hodgkinson kicking two penalties from wide positions to bring Stafford to only 20-13 behind. Edwardians went down to fourteen men as their hooker got sin binned for stamping, but they soon extended their lead with another penalty. The home side then stepped up another gear and after plenty of possession their forwards scrambled

over the line for their third try of the match. Stafford were now tiring and the win was secured late on when an Edwardians back won the race to a kick through. The ball bounced kindly for Edwardians to seal the 33-13 triumph. The loss was Stafford's biggest since early October and they will be thankful for a week off before facing Bridgnorth on April 10th.

Leek 0-89 Stafford Development XV

27th March 2010

Staffordshire Second Team League Fixture

No Match Report.

Stafford Ladies XV 34-5 Derby

28th March 2010

Friendly Fixture

This match was a very special date in the teams history as the Ladies took their first victory ever in the Teams history. The last time these two teams met was on Friday 4th April 2008 at Burton Rugby Club, Stafford was defeated 71-0. The Ladies XV convincing win over their counterparts was well endowed with a Hat Trick Try from Rhiannon Parton and an outstanding performance from Tash Hughes who got Dame of the Game with Tess Hibbs who also pulled off an excellent performance. This game was also ear-marked with a shadow, as Carla Lund who has been for the last two years the Ladies XV Captain, stood down from the role but added that the win was a great way to see out the difficult times that was endured through the time of her captaincy. Lund plans to concentrate on her playing career and with Stafford Under 15's Team.

On Saturday, 3rd April 2010, Stafford XV and Development XV have a scheduled break in their League Campaign, Third XV travel to HMP Brinsford whilst Veterans travel to Rugeley in their final scheduled match to their Staffordshire Merit Table C North League Campaign.