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VICTORY



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Rugby Union 2nds

By Matt Higgs

Sports Editor

With York winning this fixture at home last year it was home advantage for the Rugby 2nd team this year and revenge proved to be very sweet. From the opening kick of this game the focus on all of the player's minds was clear, 'we were going to win'. With some big hits coming in from every angle most notably Cider's hit that seemed to pole axe the opposite number, it wasn't long until we had an injury from the York team. It proved to be a serious injury with the ambulances called and the match having to be moved from the second team pitch, onto the first team pitch. It was a weird feeling seeing an exodus of fans slowly moving from their seats to set up camp further down the field. The player injured looked in considerable discomfort, but as he received

treatment the game continued. The break didn't seem to affect Lancaster's focus with immense pressure being put on the York's front line. But out of nothing York received a very fortunate penalty, which they converted taking the lead, 3-0. Even with the lead York looked nervous and dismayed by the force they had come up against. After a period of sustained pressure Lancaster got what they deserved. A nice move resulted in a try but with the missed conversion we had moved two points clear of York. The try seemed to give us the extra confidence, as we began to look more fluent resulting in possible tries being blocked by last ditch tackles. Great running from our fly half opened up the York defence a number of times, but a converted penalty by Lancaster was all we witnessed after a dominating first half. With the score at 8-2 there was concern about whether

we should have gained more points, and whether York had just held in there to come out in the second half and produce a comeback. With an early converted penalty by York they had narrowed the score down to one point, would we rue the missed chances in the first half? Not on your life, Lancaster came back even stronger, with the forwards piling over the try line to make the score 12-6. It was our game for the taking and the players dully obliged. Another try from number 4, made the score 17-6 and the rout was finished off with a converted penalty making the final score 20-6. In the end it was a resounding victory with the Lancaster back line rarely troubled. Man of the match had to go to our fly half who put in some crunching tackles and some mesmerising runs that continually opened up the York defence.

Rugby League

By Liam Hoden

Battles between the Rugby League teams of Yorkshire and Lancashire are always intense, and this Roses encounter was no exception. A large crowd witnessed the event, with York's cheerleading squad providing the chants. York took the first blood very early into the match, kicking a penalty to go 2-0 up. The York defence was strong against the Lancaster attack after the kick-off, holding well until they eventually gained possession. A period of great passing led to an incisive York breakaway, with the Lancaster defence unable to catch up, leading to the game's first try. The conversion was easily made sending York into an 8-0 lead after just five minutes. In this early period Lancaster had yet to find their rhythm and appeared shaky. However, they soon mounted some serious offence and threatened the York line. A scrum on five metres after a York knock-on provided great positioning and Lancaster scored their first try on ten minutes. The subsequent conversion was made to reduce York's lead to two. The Lancaster surge seriously rattled York and they lacked organisation for a while after.

scuppered any forward progress from York. The second Lancaster try came from an outstanding period of rugby. Lancaster swarmed the York line, but their defence remained strong. It took a short punt to penetrate the York guard and give Lancaster the try to take Lancaster 10-8 up. York came forward after receiving the kick but a stray pass was intercepted and it seemed that Lancaster had a free run to the line, but York quickly got back to make the tackle. However the Lancaster pressure was maintained and they found their way into the corner for the try. The conversion was well wide from a difficult position but Lancaster had a 14-8 lead. A period of attack from York allowed them to find the gap to score their second try, followed by a successful conversion to draw the match level after thirty minutes. York then took the lead with a penalty kick when Lancaster failed to get back in time after the tackle. The advantage was short lived as the huge Jackson of Lancaster pierced the York guard for a great try a minute before half time.

rarely out of their half. Just two minutes after kick-off, Lancaster scored a controversial try. Many York players claimed that Lancaster carried the ball into touch, but the referee waved play-on and two tackles later, the ball was touched down for the try. The constant Lancaster pressure caved the York defence and gave the Red Rose men their sixth try on fifty-two minutes. After this York only threatened once but a last ditch tackle prevented them from scoring. Lancaster scored again on fifty-seven minutes, and the conversion was kicked, giving them a 32-16 lead. A Lancaster punt was fumbled by the York receivers and quick reactions from Lancaster result in yet another try and conversion. The last section of the game was relatively quiet, with a bad leg injury to a York player holding up proceedings. York threatened one final time but amazing Lancaster defending resulted in York being pushed back rather than driving forward. As the final whistle went Lancaster were 38-16 ahead, taking all four points on offer for this event.

York never seemed to find their feet after the break, and the ball was

Women's Rugby Union

By Laura Bylund

The Women's 7's game on Friday of Roses weekend was a good warm up for the Lancaster women. Kit Bradley scored the first try of the game, which was directly answered by one from York. This was a glimmer of hope early on for the Yorkies, but little did they know it was to be the *only* try their first team would score for the whole tournament. A long run by Amy Dutton brought in an additional 5 points for Lancaster to make it 10-5 before the half.

Kit Bradley set the second half in motion, scoring another try within the first few minutes. Unanswered by York (obviously), a beautiful combination of passes led to a try carried in by Caroline Smith. Marta Dedza finished the 7's game with an additional 5 points, to make it a 25-5 victory for Lancaster.

This, however, was a mere preview to the Great Slaughter of York on Saturday, May 1st. In an astonishing performance of 8 trys and 4 conversions, the Women's Rugby first team shut York out 48 to *nothing*. "Spud" Dutton, with her speed, footwork, and

trademark hand-offs to the face brought in the first two trys of the game. Kit Bradley capped the second off with a successful conversion kick for an additional 2 points. Lancaster's solid defense prevented a near answer from York and the ball was kicked to clear by Caroline Smith preserving the half at 12-0.

It seems the Lancaster women found their rhythm at the beginning of the second half and never let up. The York team was almost completely invisible for the rest of the game. It became more of a show-off fest for our girls and justifiably so. Amy Dutton again scored the first try of the half within minutes of the start. A brilliant turnover at the opposing end of the pitch followed, which resulted in a precise kick down the left flank by standing captain Helen "Animal" Brock. The kick rolled over 40 yards and was eventually picked up by Kit Bradley for the score. This try sent a roar through the Lancaster crowd and was worthy of a ecstatic cheer from captain Kiwi Lowry, who had been side-lined for the tournament due to injury.

Caroline "Minger" Smith came up from full back to run in the next try with notable assistance from Haley "Dizzy" Clark. Kit Bradley made it 29-nil with a careful conversion kick before bringing in another 7 points with an outstanding try-conversion combination. Amy Dutton shortly answered with her fourth try of the game, contributing a cool 20 points to the win. Girl-wonder, Katrina Bradley slide into the in-goal for the last try of the game with satisfying ease and the final whistle was blown as her conversion kick flew between the posts for an additional 2 points (as if they needed it!). With 3 trys and 4 conversions, she is credited with an impressive total of 23 points for the match.

Katrina calls the victory a 'great achievement' both for her as well as the team. She will be captain next year and, as a fresher, shows that Lancaster Women's Rugby will be untouchable for the years to come, especially by measly York. The first team claimed 6 points for Lancaster in this year's Roses victory.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HARRISON

Football 1sts

By Paul Collins

The final event of the Roses 2004 ended in triumph for the home side, who went into the game knowing that whatever the result, they were Roses Champions overall. It always gives a huge psychological boost to beat the old enemy in whatever the circumstances. And beat them they did.

The game started off with tensions running high as the crowd which packed the sidelines were buzzing. Both sides started off the game in defensive mode with very little creative play being shown. But as play went on it was clear that both began to settle in to their own style of play and with Chris Woods having a half chance it seemed Lancaster were growing in confidence.

However the first blow was struck by the boys of the white rose. In around the 13th minute a high lofted ball was swung in for which Marcus Elliot managed to climb above his marker and place his header into the corner, the goal keeper could only watch as it sailed past him.

It seemed to stir the Lancaster boys into action as they began to increase the tempo of the game and really bring the game to York. With the game approaching the half hour mark Ivan Gladkov produced a superb aerobatic overhead kick attempt to produce their best chance of the game so far.

The breakthrough came for Lancaster about 10 minutes later when the captain, Paul Hewitt, received the ball just on the outside of the area, then drilling the ball across into the goal, bringing the score to 1-1, sending the crowd into life with roar of delight. Clearly on top at this point, and with York rattled into giving away needless free kicks, Lancaster pushed forward once more. Rich Salthouse, a York defender, conceded a free kick just outside the area. With a chance that David Beckham or Thierry Henry would relish, Andy Settle proceeded to blast the ball over the bar.

The break was welcomed by the York team who were under a lot of pressure. After entertainment provided by the victorious rugby lads, and in particular a streaker dressed

in no more than an Indian head dress, Lancaster looked to carry on where they left off. Confidence was high within the squad, and the crowd played their part, especially in jeering the York keeper. Surely the pressure would get to him somehow??

Lancaster carried on pushing forward and mid way through the second half they were rewarded for their perseverance. A long pass which bypassed the midfield was misjudged by a York defender. To the chant of 'Feed the Cannon', the Lancaster forward Andy Cannon, coolly slotted the ball underneath the advancing keeper and fired Lancaster into the lead for the first time. It was a lead they would not lose from then on. With only ten minutes left on the clock, York had to push forward in search of an equaliser. Unfortunately, they were left horribly exposed at the back, to which Stuart Gil took full advantage. Picking the ball up on the left hand side of the area; he flicked it up with one touch, and then lined up a wonderful, precise volley into the top corner, leaving



PHOTO BY WILL JOHNSTON

the poor Matt Belk helpless. The dejected keeper must have wished for the ground to swallow him up there and then rather than listen to any more taunts from the crowd.

Scenes of joy were greeted at the sound of the final whistle as Lancaster celebrated a memorable win and claimed

back the Roses for the first time in four years.

Lancaster Squad:

Stuart Norman, Nick Martin, Simon Gil, Nick Winship, Danny Sawyers, Johnny French, Paul Hewitt (c), Andy Settle, Chris Woods, Ivan Gladkov, Andy Cannon,

Demddy Basmini, Dani Stone, Francis Barry.

York Squad:

Matt Belk, Tom Saunders, Rich Salthouse, Nik Miller (c), John Key, Nick Wall, Matt White, James Toase, James Clisson, Max Pumphrey, Marcus Elliot, Matt Smith

Women's Football

By Laura Bylund

York defeated Lancaster 2-0 in Women's Football on the Sunday of Roses weekend. Their players were by no means stronger or more skillful and the team dynamics were seemingly equivalent, the Lancaster women were merely unlucky in capitalizing on their opportunities. York scored within the first 10 minutes of the start of the game. Our girls seemed somewhat languid to start, but many opportunities were created throughout the rest of the half. Mid-fielder Clare Thomasson penetrated the defense a number of times through the middle and the fancy footwork and speed of Angie Wakefield reminded York not to get too relaxed in their one-goal lead. These opportunities resulted in no score yet for Lancaster, but the effective defense of Jess Wdowiarz, Vicky Stockton, Caroline Smith, and keeper Rachel Fallon prevented York from another score before half-time.

Some of the Lancaster players commented at the half that they needed to rest up, get energized, and start using the space of the field. Myra Jones on the right flank had not been used enough to create better opportunities on the stronger side. They had seemed fatigued

on the field, due in large part to their lack of subs. The team had been training hard for the game in the weeks before Roses and many of the players were now fighting injury.

The second half started with a disheartening goal lofted from 20 yards out over the head of keeper, Rachel Fallon; a result of York catching our girls on their heels within the first 2 minutes of play. This was really the only thing York did effectively of the whole game. It seems they lacked the skill and/or know-how to finish any other scoring prospect landing at their feet. Again, the fatigued Lancaster offense attempted to answer. Left-middie Charlotte Ellam and forward Gemma Sinclair tried to work it through the York defense, unfortunately to no end. Caroline Smith had an amazing shot that hit the goal post with a discouraging thud. The blast would have probably put our girls back in spirit had it been 2 inches to the left.

An unfortunate loss for Lancaster Women's Football due to injury, fatigue, and unluckiness. The only thing York did to win was catch our players off guard at the beginning of each half. Caroline Smith came off the field, however, with a gracious 'Well played York'.

By Rich Mennear

It certainly wasn't pretty but Lancaster 3rd's did enough to ensure that they went home with the point in the battle of the Roses. It was a scrappy encounter on a hard dry pitch and it certainly wasn't the occasion or the pitch for attractive football. The first half was a struggle for both teams as the defences held firm with few opportunities overall. What both teams lacked in creativity they made up for in passion and commitment, some crunching tackles were put in as they fought for possession. Although Lancaster put York under pressure for most of the first half it was the Yorkshire team that had the best chances. Not surprisingly they both came from set pieces; two free headers were placed wide from inside the penalty area, both should have been converted. The only other notable highlight from the first half was the York keeper's inability to catch, on a number of occasions he came, he saw, and he flapped, putting the York defenders under unnecessary pressure.

The second half did live up marginally as both teams realised what

was at stake, the pride of the Rose. As the crowd size swelled the players lifted their game and in the 69th minute the deadlock was finally broken with a wonderful goal. Forward Jamie Hoult picked up the ball on the half way line, dribbled forwards through the heart of the York defence and shot from just outside the area. His skimming shot was saved by the powerful outstretched hand of the York goalie but the ball flew in the air and Steve Toth headed home from 6 yards out. The York onslaught never came and the Lancaster defence held firm although they did have one scare in the 85th minute when the ball was headed off the line following a rash decision by the goalkeeper who flapped instead of punching. A good result for Lancaster in what was a fairly drab encounter.

Football 4ths

By Roger Grooms

Sports Editor

The Lancaster University football 4th's, a conglomeration of players from across the inter-college football circuit comfortably dispatched the York 4th team on Saturday afternoon. Although the pitch was not in a good state as the ball bounced around a lot, the weather was glorious and everyone was basking in warm sunshine.

Lancaster made the breakthrough half way through the first half when they scored three goals in quick succession. These were mainly scrappy efforts, of which the pitch would have no doubt had a helping hand in, but the second came direct from a corner. Just before, the player taking the corner joked with the fans saying, "I bet I can score directly from

here." This created a good laugh when he actually did!

The York team held out for a long time in the second half despite Lancaster dominating and the home side were eventually rewarded for their pressure when a hotly disputed penalty was awarded to them. A cross into the box was blocked by a player's hand although the possibility of the player removing his hand out of the way in the time was remote. Regardless the penalty was comfortably dispatched before a few minutes later an excellent fifth was scored with a shot across the goalie from just inside the area. Lancaster was well worth their win and the supporters enjoyed the occasion immensely, sitting on the hill with their BBQ's going and suntan on.



World Of Sport

By Rich Mennear

We go straight into the action this week, and to Formula One, where the season is becoming extremely predictable. The German Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher is really setting the pace this year after winning his fourth consecutive victory, his latest win, at San Marino takes him to a maximum haul of 40 points from his four races. His nearest rival, team mate, Rubens Barrichello is on 24 points. The surprise package this season is British driver Jenson Button, he finished first in qualifying and set the pace for 9 laps before finally caving into the pressure, the BAR driver did go onto finish 2nd, The Columbian Juan Pablo Montoya finished third, even at this early stage it would appear the Championship trophy is heading back to Germany with Schumacher. In boxing Audley Harrison, the WBF Champion is to defend his title against the Russian Nicolay Popov on the 8th May in Bristol. The Olympic Champion will be gunning for his 16th consecutive victory since turning professional in 2001.

In cricket, Gloucestershire's former England wicket-keeper Jack Russell has signed a one year extension to his current deal, taking the 40year-olds contract up to 2005. Meanwhile, Essex fast bowler Darren Gough is targeting the 2007 World Cup squad. He retired from International Test Cricket last year but says he wants 'to keep playing for England and to help them achieve their goal of winning the 2007 World Cup'. In the County Championship Kent are top of Division One whilst Yorkshire is leading the way

in Division Two. In Jamaica, England and the West Indies are having a torrid time with the weather as another fixture set to fall foul of the weather. England lead the series one nil, at the time of writing, but with two games already washed out the remaining three fixtures look to be in considerable doubt.

Jonny Wilkinson is increasingly likely to be out for up to a year for England, he has played less than 80 minutes of competitive rugby since kicking England to World Cup success. The Newcastle Falcons player is still recovering from surgery to his shoulder and Newcastle Club coach Rob Andrews said, 'we've told him to forget about it until next season'.

The World Snooker Championships took place last week at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, and, as we go to press, the favourite Ronnie O'Sullivan looked well placed to go on to win his second title. He demolished Anthony Hamilton 13-3 at the quarter final stage and looked to have set up a semi-final encounter with Stephen Hendry. The Scot looked good for victory over Ian McCulloch. Matthew Stevens and Graeme Dott were favourites for the other two places.

Arsenal are the Premier League Champions this season, their almost inevitable victory was secured two weeks ago when they gained a point at fierce rivals Tottenham. They remain unbeaten having played 34 games and are currently ten points ahead of second placed Chelsea with 4 games remaining. The Gunners won the title at White



Hart Lane after an entertaining encounter because Chelsea had lost to Newcastle earlier in the day. That victory for the Magpies gave their fourth place ambitions a large boost and sets up the clash with Liverpool on the final day of the season. Man United's inconsistent season continued with a one nil defeat at home to bitter rivals Liverpool. At the wrong end of the table Wolves, Leicester and Leeds seem certain to fall through the Nation-wide trapdoor.

Newcastle defender Jonathon Woodgate is set to miss the Euro 2004 Championships after tearing his groin muscle in the game with Chelsea. It gives Sven-Goran Eriksson a defensive headache with the 24 year old's likely withdrawal. Chelsea striker Mikael Forssell is to spend another season on loan at Birmingham after the 23 year olds prolific season in front of goal. Chelsea defender Robert Huth has escaped a ban over his alleged stamp on Alan Shearer. Arsenal's Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp is set to

sign a one year extension to his current deal. France manager Jacques Santini is tempted by the Spurs job; he said 'if Tottenham contact me, I will listen'. Man Utd midfielder Roy Keane has played down talk of a summer move to Celtic, the Irish midfielder is reported to have had a bust up with manager Sir Alex Ferguson, 'I've two years left, I've never been happier'. Finally, Rivaldo has returned to Brazil to talk over a possible move to Bolton, the 32 year-old World Cup Winner is eager to revive his career, because he is a free agent he could still play a part this season.

Finally, Wimbledon have topped the prize money this season, the total prize money is now £9,707,280. The Championships take place at the All England Club from the 21st June to the 4th of July. The men's singles winner will now net £602,500 whilst the women's champ will walk away with £560,500, a nice pay packet for last year's winner Serena Williams.

Grizedale Girls Win The Footie

By Laura Bylund

It was a bloody scene on Sunday, April 25th down at the astro turf for the Women's 6-a-side Football tournament. After four sunny hours of play, Grizedale took it all in a stunning undefeated performance with no goals scored against. Each college, however, came out with very enthusiastic and skillful teams. Almost every game was won within a goal differential of only one, showing exactly how quality this year's competition actually was.

Bowland took the top slot of their bracket, taking them to the semi-finals against second-ranked Cartmel from the other group. The game ended in a 1-nil victory for Bowland. Grizedale played Furness in a nail-biter of a semi, which also ended in a 1-0 finish. Another win for the Gz girls thanks to the flawless

goal keeping of Rosie Wise and a carefully placed goal by Lucy Marchington. This was the only goal Furness' keeper, Finnuola Coughlan, let in for the whole tournament.

Sunburnt and fatigued, the last survivors standing battled it out in a double-timed championship game. The Bowland ladies were worthy competitors, but Grizedale had by that time entered a goal-scoring frenzy. Lucy Marchington slipped another beauty past the keeper to kick it off in the first half and Laura Bylund brought it home with 3 more in the second. Sophie Marsden and Clare Thomasson contributed to the carnage with important assists to the goals. The unflinching defense of Caroline Smith and Vicky Stockton gave Bowland little chance to answer and the game was bagged in a 4-0 victory for Grizedale. Not too shabby!

The Shrimps

By Will Pammenter

Morecambe miss out in brave display

The Shrimps went into the last match of the season knowing that the playoffs were all but out of reach. Morecambe played well and could have taken all three points but Shrewsbury, who had already beaten the Shrimps three times this season were too strong. The Shrews took the lead through Ryan Lowe early in the first half. The Shrimps countered straight back and equalized with a Wayne Curtis penalty. The Shrews took the lead before the break with a penalty of the own, much to the disappointment of the North Stand. The second half saw Morecambe come out and equalize through Nick Rogan. With the atmosphere heating up Shrewsbury scored again despite the best efforts of Craig Mawson. Morecambe

made the match all square with Curtis scoring his second. Sadly, 3-3 was the final score and Morecambe missed out on the playoffs.

The closed season has seen a clear out at Christie Park as Jim Harvey looks to improve on last seasons seventh place. The Morecambe boss has released Dave McKearney Jamie Murphy and Shaun Garnett. Influential captain, Stewart Drummond has also left Christie Park, Stewart signed for newly promoted Chester City on a free as his current deal at Morecambe ended.

Morecambe have moved to strengthen the team with the signing of experienced Jim Kelly from Scarborough. The Shrimps have also landed former Manchester United youngster Michael Twiss from Chester.

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