

Semper Mores Boni



Anti Assassins

v

Lancashire Royals



West Park RUFC

Kick Off—2:00pm

Tuesday 27th December 2022



Anti Assassins RUFC

2022-2023

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Welcome from the President of the Anti-Assassins

On behalf of the Anti Assassins it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to West Park Rugby Club today. Whether you are a Lancashire Royals player, official or supporter I hope you enjoy a convivial welcome.

To the Anti Assassins Squad I would like to thank you all for representing this proud club and hope you, the coaches, management and supporters enjoy the day as much as our Lancashire Royals opponents do.

Sincere thanks must also go to the match officials, Henry Pearson, our referee and his assistants running the touch Dan Cook and Tim Brown. They work so hard to ensure we all enjoy the game. Also thanks to our hosts here at West Park for entertaining our squads, courtesy of our Sponsor M.J. Worsley & Sons.

At this time of year it is wonderful to enjoy some social rugby which is highly competitive but played in the true spirit of the game.

I hope you all have a memorable afternoon and I would like to send you very best wishes for 2023

Peter Hughes BEM

President





Anti Assassins

1. Jack Kelly	West Park
2. Tom Williams	West Park
3. Joe Randa	Waterloo
4. Paul Arnold	West Park
5. Connor Scrivens	Blackburn
6. Cameron Railton	Waterloo
7. Tom Tindall	Waterloo
8. Jack Weare	Waterloo
9. Darren Wilson	West Park
10. James Ratcliffe	Waterloo
11. Luke Harrison	Hawcoat Park
12. Ellis Wolstencroft	Thornton Cleveleys
13. Patrick Selkirk	Doncaster Phoenix
14. Scott Jordan	Rossendale
15. Jack Calveley	Southport
16. Tom Hampson	Wigan
17. Joe Crompton	Thornton Cleveleys
18. Ayrton Campbell	Rochdale
19. Richard Loveday	Broughton Park
20. Ryan Morgan	West Park
21. Toby Harrison	Fylde
22. Jonathan Roberts	Chester

Director of Rugby

John Greenwood

Kit Manager

Roland Heptonstall



Lancashire Royals

1. Oliver Berry	West Park
2. John Hodgkinson	Wigan
3. Mike Ashdown	Bolton
4. Chris Halli	Liverpool St Helens
5. Jonti Wilson	Aspull
6. Jake Bennett	Ormskirk
7. Matty Ledson	Liverpool Collegiate
8. Scott Murphy	Tyldesley
9. Nathan Fisher	Ormskirk
10. Kurt Gledhill	Thornton Cleveleys
11. Louis Molyneux	Aspull
12. Liam Hill	West Park
13. Sam Firth	Heaton Moor
14. Jack McFarlane	Thornton Cleveleys
15. Ross Hayden	Bolton
16. Dominic Anderson	Chorley
17. Jack Burden	Leigh
18. Craig Meadwell	Wigan
19. Adam Lewis	Tyldesley
20. RConnor Orrell	Bolton
21. Wayne Bullough	Wigan
22. Danny Green	West Park
23. David Adebo	Heaton Moor
24. Pete McKeown	Liverpool Collegiate
25. Chris Ramwell	Vale of Lune

Chairman of Selectors:	Howard Hughes
Lead Coach:	Martin Scott
Assistant Coach:	Chris Marsh
Physio:	Jack Oliver
Manager:	Dickie Buckley

Anti-Assassins of Yesteryear



The current A-As' President refereeing Stonyhurst College v Anti-Assassins in 1967.



Barry Jackson, (Broughton Park, Lancashire and England) far right is in support of the ball carrier, Mike Hindle, (Fylde and Lancashire), with Terry Horrocks, (Fylde), arriving on the scene. A young John O'Driscoll, (later Manchester, Lancashire, Ireland and British & Irish Lions) is in the background, playing for Stonyhurst.

The Anti-Assassins Rugby Union Football Club (A-As) was founded in 1950 when three Old Sedberghians, all members of Bury RUFC, Stewart Faulds, Geoff and Arthur Kenyon, were invited to pick a Northern team to play against the masters and Old Boys (The Assassins) of Sedbergh School, Cumbria. This invitation team carried on playing a variety of fixtures, mainly in the North, helping to develop rugby football at leading schools, celebrating special club occasions and raising money for established charities. 'Semper Mores Boni', (Good Behaviour Always), is the motto of the club!!

As the Game has changed, the A-As have modified their programme. Initially they played against the 1st XVs of independent schools in the North, such as Sedbergh, Rossall and Stonyhurst, with current Internationals occasionally playing against the schoolboys and always passing on coaching tips over a half-pint of shandy. When the Game went professional in 1995 and players were contracted to their clubs, it became more difficult for current representative players to turn out for invitation sides. At the turn of the century, when regulations forbade adults to play against under-age players, the A-As changed to playing against Old Boys' teams of schools such as Giggleswick and Kirkham as well as the Oxbridge sides.

One of the main priorities of the A-As' committee, led by the legendary Monsieur le President Stewart Faulds for 48 years, was to arrange tours to rugby playing locations all over the world. In the amateur days, the A-As visited Australia, Canada, East Africa, South Africa and USA, amongst other countries. Local destinations over the water included Galway, the Isle of Man, Jersey and Ulster and tours were also undertaken to European countries such as France, Holland, Italy and Spain. During the last couple of decades the regular travels abroad have been to participate in Sevens or Tens tournaments. These have included visits to Trinidad for the Caribbean Sevens; Dubai for the International Tens which was part of the World Rugby Sevens; Madrid; Stockholm and more recently to the Ibiza Tens. Plans are in hand to visit Bulgaria in summer 2024 and Cyprus summer 2025.

With its origins at Sedbergh School, the club has always maintained a close relationship with that renowned rugby-playing school – Alma Mater of Lord Wavell Wakefield of Kendal, John Spencer and Will Carling all Captains of England. The club initially played an annual fixture against the school but when regulations changed, this fixture was succeeded by the Old Sedberghians which is now traditionally played on the second Sunday of term for the Stewart Faulds Cup.

Past A-As' players include over one hundred internationals, sixteen England captains and three England captains. An invitation to represent the A-As has delighted many players, be they just good community club members or seasoned Internationals, over the last seven decades. Long may the A-As continue to allow the young men of today the opportunity to share our game with players from different clubs and enjoy the camaraderie of non-competitive matches in the United Kingdom or overseas.

The A-As thank Lancashire County RFU officials for the arrangements; West Park RUFC for the use of their facilities and club stalwart and Past President Lancashire County RFU Malcolm Worsley for his generous sponsorship. We wish you all a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Peter Hughes (President A-As) December 2022