

HERE WE GO AGAIN

The season kicks off on Saturday as a new look Garforth host Rotherham Phoenix at the college. Garforth will be looking to get off to a good start after a dismal season last year.

Young prop forwards Sean Danks and Guy Hawkrigde will be sandwiching the experienced head of Phil Jackson in the front row, they will be backed up by the established partnership of Jake Dolphin and Mark Trickett at lock. John Doleman, returning after 5 years of retirement joins Ian Hayes and Chris Nevison in a new look back row. Chris Garbut starts at nine with Matt Finch coming in at fly half. Steve Hall and Lee Dawson make up a dangerously handsome centre partnership with Bobby Tua, Luke Leader and James Tinsdale in the back three.

Northern Division - Yorkshire Division Three

Upcoming Fixtures

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| 04 Sep 2010 | Aireborough | v | York Railway Institute |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Baildon | v | Wath Upon Dearne |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Bramley Phoenix | v | Thornensians |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Garforth | v | Rotherham Phoenix |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Goole | v | Old Otlensians |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Halifax Vandals | v | Old Modernians |
| 04 Sep 2010 | Hessle | v | Northallerton |

MEMBERSHIPS

As well as helping the club keep afloat membership is very import to help us gain funding from local authorities for development (the more members we have the better our argument for funding). Please promote the club by asking friends, family and supporters to join. Payments should be made to membership officer Chris Nevison.....before he comes looking for you.

£35 for Players
 £15 for Juniors (Under 18's)
 £20 for non-players
 10 x annual fee for Life Time Membership

Please contact Eric for details how to make direct bank transfers or just pass your cheques on, payable to Garforth RUFC.

Start of season piss-up

The Garforth social season begins on Saturday after the game at Garforth Town with drinks, a raffle and live music provided by Chris Nevison's very own band MILK. New recruit Matt Williams has managed to "acquire" some excellent raffle prizes including a 19" TV and Blue Ray players so make sure you get down and get some tickets. See attached poster.

Captain's comments

It's the beginning of the season again and it just wouldn't be the mighty 'forth without the usual pre-season pandemonium. Desertion, retirement and injuries are old news at Garforth but whereas in previous years we've been stung by these problems this year we seem to have stripped off and taken a flying leap into the nettle bush with a box jellyfish attached to our love spuds. The mighty 'forth however goes marching on as always.

New players have arrived and old 'eds have returned meaning we start the season with a strong if rather thin squad, the atmosphere already feels better and with our first piss-up of the season on Saturday after the game I think we're well on the way to getting the old Garforth team spirit back.

The importance of Saturday's game cannot be overstated; it sets the precedence for the entire season. A good performance against Rotherham who, although a strong side are definitely beatable, would put a spring in our step ahead of our game away to Old Otlensians who will be vying for our blood after we trounced them last season.

May the 'forth be with us and may our reproductive organs swing past our knees.

Dawson

WE'RE NOT THE BARBARIANS

To avoid the haphazard appearance which can occur with people bringing their own socks and shorts players are required to purchase new items of kit from new quarter master Daniel Rushton before the game.

Prices are £10 for shorts and £3 for socks and as we know times are hard we'll give you the combo for £12 saving you a whopping 100 pence!

Remember if we're dressed as a team we're more likely to play as a team.

MUSINGS FROM PILKINGTON MANOR

It was decided by Team Talk's illustrious editor in chief, the one and only L.DAWSON Esquire, that I take a more informal but insightful approach to the Chairman's comment.

He beseeched that I generalise my keen but unconformed point of view of our sporting fellowship whilst incorporating my own perspective and je ne say quoi. He also specifically solicited me to use an air of grace and authority that befitted my position within the club and social standing. Now, it would seemingly appear that Lee's acuity of my ostensible upper class favour is some what malformed and like I said to my butler Jeeves, 'He must think I'm well to do and well spoken' to which the reply was, 'we'll you put him straight m'Lord!'

Anyway, a new season dawns and new challenges await so it's back to the office and to what the Mighty Forth do best - fight the good fight!

This season sees us with a new home so don't forget we are now travelling to Garforth Town AFC and using their facilities as our base after matches. We hope that our new affiliation will help give our club identity and attract members to keep our growth and development going for the future. Work is progressing on the eventual move of the ground but for now beers and after match analysis at the new venue is the only change.

With the first league game of the season tomorrow our minds are focused on sending a message out to the league that we will not be the whipping boys of Yorkshire 3, despite last season's form.

This season sees the return of some old faces in our hour of need and it is my good fortune to wish them well and thank them for their forth coming support in this the 2010-2011 campaign. So quick shout outs go to Finchy, Tinny, Stevo, John and albeit a bit belated as he played for us last season Skipper.

We also have other brand new faces and unfortunately not enough room to thank each and every one but you know who you are and your commitment to the club is greatly appreciated by all and we hope to keep you as part of our family in years to come.

Finally a brief word to our sponsors and partners without whose support (and brass) we would surely struggle to keep going. Garforth Town AFC, Hunters Estate Agents, Regan Plant Hire, Samsung/Euronics and AXA. I hope you all are with me when we say thank you.

So I finish by only saying welcome one and all, may the 'forth be with us and let another season commence where we relish the challenge and play some damn fine rugby! Go Garforth!!

Mark Trickett
Chairman GRUFC
Aka: Pilks