

# Ormskirk Five A side League

## FOOTBALL

BY MATT SHAW

Mon, November 23  
League Fixture 3

AFC Ormskirk 8  
BPLB 16

L&D's All Stars 3  
FC Twente Bag 16

YMA 2  
FC Copenbadly 10

Hardly Athletic 6  
Top of the Kloppps 8

Flooring UK 12  
Unathletico Madrid 7

Queens Pub Rangers 18  
Shamraat Rovers 8

Wed, November 18  
League Fixture 9

Club Trop Drinks FC 9  
Real Sosobad 4

Clent FC 2  
ABCDE FC 6

Toast FC 6  
BD 4

Mutant Ninja Skrtels 9  
Scouse Ev'y Weekend 7

### League Tables

#### Monday Div One

	P	W	D	L	+	-	GD	PTS
FC Twente	3	0	0	36	9	27	9	
BPLB	3	0	0	35	16	19	9	
FC Copenbadly	3	0	0	25	9	16	9	
Queens Pub Rgrs	2	0	0	30	13	17	6	
Flooring UK	2	0	0	19	11	8	6	
Un'tico Madrid	3	2	0	1	23	18	5	
Inter	2	1	0	1	23	10	3	
Top of the Kloppps	2	1	0	1	13	13	0	
YMA	3	1	0	2	20	22	-2	
KFC	2	0	2	7	17	-10	0	
Hardly Athletic	3	0	0	3	11	29	-18	
AFC Ormskirk	3	0	0	3	15	36	-21	
L&D's All Stars	3	0	0	3	10	34	-24	
Shamraat Rovers	2	0	0	2	12	39	-27	

#### Wednesday Div One

	P	W	D	L	+	-	GD	PTS
Club Trop Drinks FC	9	7	1	1	97	44	53	22
BD	8	7	0	1	67	33	34	21
Toast FC	9	6	2	1	65	43	22	20
Clent FC	9	4	1	4	44	50	-6	13
ABCDE FC	9	3	0	6	53	60	-7	9
Mutant Ninja Skrtels	9	2	0	7	15	14	1	6
Real Sosobad	9	2	0	7	49	76	-27	6
Scouse Ev'y Wknd	9	2	0	7	46	80	-34	6
Substrd Liege	8	2	0	6	32	68	-36	6

# No Epee weepie for fencer Rich

LAST weekend, fencer Richard Michell, a sixth former at Scarisbrick Hall, attended the German cadet international at the Olympischer Fechtclub stadium, Bonn.

This is the first time Richard has fenced internationally following his selection for the Great Britain cadet squad this Autumn.

The tournament consisted of an individual event on Saturday, fol-

lowed by a team event on Sunday.

This competition was twice the size of the largest UK tournaments with 227 competitors and since it counted for national and international ranking points, it attracted some of the best fencers from around the world.

In the individual event Richard struggled to find his form and was eventually knocked out by Ondrej Strnad, the Czech number

five. On the Sunday Richard managed to adjust to the very high standard and had a much better day, fencing for the Great Britain B team.

They lost two (Italy A and Norway A) and won three of their matches (Britain C, Dutch A and German B) to finish a respectable 13th.

Richard had a couple of moments of personal triumph, beating the Italian opener, world number 8

Ricardo Abate, 5-4 and scoring 11 consecutive points against the Germans to bring his team back into contention.

Credit must also go to the British A team who only narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing fifth.

Many people have helped Richard get to this level and as always, much credit is due to the diligent preparation and coaching of David Stobbs, Scarisbrick Hall's fencing tutor.

In addition, special thanks must go to Patrick

O'Malley of Nationwide Produce PLC and Alan Draper of R. Draper Ltd. Without their financial assistance, this trip would simply not have been possible. If there are any other local businesses that would like to sponsor future tournaments, please would they email Richard through sponsorship@fencer.info.

● Richard Michell, fenced for Great Britain Cadet B Team



# Tarleton a Thorn in Cleveleys side



● Tarleton RFC - Chris Naish setting up another Tarleton attack

**TARLETON** .....18  
**THORNTON CLEVELEYS** .....7

BY JEFF GORDON

**F**OLLOWING a close bonus point defeat last week against table-topping, unbeaten Trafford Metrovic Tarleton knew that a win against Thornton Cleveleys was a must if they were to keep in the race with the top two teams in the league.

On a bitterly cold day both teams started at a frantic pace and both sides were throwing the ball around trying to

create gaps in what, on the day, were two very good defensive teams.

It was from defence that Tarleton opened the scoring when a great break from his 22 saw Matt Forrest make good ground before kicking through and putting the full-back under pressure, the clearance kick from Thornton Cleveleys only found Will Fell who exploited the gaps created by Matt's original run as Thornton tried to re-organise their defence.

He was also stopped but good rucking by Hugo Castle and fast hands across the

back line involving Matt Forrest and Aidan Miller saw the ball out on the right wing with Ben Walton.

He stepped his opposite number and then put on the gas to outstrip the covering defender to score a well worked team try.

Thornton Cleveleys came straight back at Tarleton and their No.15 also had a good run and set up a try scoring opportunity but luckily for Tarleton the final pass didn't go to hand and Tarleton were able to clear the danger.

The game had opened up even more

and it was Thornton Cleveleys who were in the driving seat for the next 20 minutes and eventually the pressure told when their No. 11 was put in for a good try which was converted and the away side now led by seven points to five.

Tarleton responded well to this and for the rest of the first half they camped in the Thornton Cleveleys 22 and this pressure earned them a penalty for the tackler not rolling away and Aidan Miller stepped up to the mark and slotted the three points that gave Tarleton a slender 8-7 lead at half time.

Tarleton's half time talk was about playing to their strengths and keeping the ball in hand and the tactics worked when from an impressive rolling maul Tarleton crossed the line and Tom Eckersley put the ball down for a good forwards try.

The conversion was good and Tarleton now led 15-7.

The rest of the second half saw both teams trying to create chances but both defences were playing extremely well and were both stopping any attacks by either side.

The final score of the game was from another penalty, again for the Thornton Cleveleys not rolling away from the tackle and Aidan Miller put this one over too to give Tarleton a hard earned 18-7 victory.

This keeps them in third place in the league and the Seconds also maintained their third place position with a good 38-5 away win to local rivals Ormskirk RUFC 2nds.

Tarleton have a week off but they are playing their first ever Vets match against a Southport Vets side at Carr Lane at 2.15pm. Wrap up warm and come along and watch history in the making!

# Ormskirk in chase for National Country Cup

## ATHLETICS

BY IAN MAYNE

ORMSKIRK School's Intermediate Boys cross country teams went to Canon Slade School in Bolton for the North West Regional final of the National Cross Country Cup.

The top three schools in each age group would qualify for the National Final in Bedford.

The boys had already had a taste of the Nationals last year when they travelled down to Newquay and they wanted more.

Four of the team from last year

were back to battle again.

Jack Dee-Ingham, Adam Jones, Ryan Treanor and Richard Coney were this year supported by Josh Makin and Daniel Scullion.

After an Aintree style false start in atrocious conditions the boys ran superbly.

Jack ran the perfect race to kick away at the end and finish as the overall individual winner, ably supported by Adam (fourth), Ryan (11th) and Richard (28th) the team finished second overall.

Josh and Daniel will develop further from their first experience of this level of running.

The team will be travelling down

to Bedford to compete during the first weekend of December and are hoping to improve upon their 12th place last year to finish as one of the top 10 school cross country teams in the country.

PE teacher Ian Mayne said: "This is a great achievement for these boys.

"To be going to this prestigious national final for the second successive year is testament to their hard work and we are very proud of the boys commitment and effort."

● Ormskirk School Cross Country Team

