

SPORTS

Newsletter

Welcome...to the weekly newsletter from the Sports Union.

BUCS

The final week of BUCS fixtures saw Hallam involved in 7 fixtures. The highlight of the week from Hallam is undoubtedly the success of the Women's Rugby Union 1st XV who beat UCLAN 36-5 in the northern conference cup final. The only other victory of the day was gained by the Women's Tennis team who beat Leeds Met 3rd team 8-4.



A loss to Sheffield University's 3rd XV in a close fought encounter saw the Men's Rugby Union 2nd team denied promotion by their bitter rivals. Losses elsewhere for Men's Rugby Union 1st and 3rd XV's, Men's Football 4th XI and Women's Basketball 2^{nds} rounded off what was, in the end, a poor week for Hallam with an overall win percentage of just 28.6%.

Fixtures & Results

[Click Here](#) for this week's Results

Varsity

This Wednesday sees the beginning of the 15th annual varsity event. The event all kicks off with men's rugby union 1st XV at Abbeydale sports club. The full list of fixtures is available [here](#). Tickets for all of the varsity events are available now from pod 4 of the HUBS along with Varsity XV t-shirts and Hallam foam fingers! Be sure to turn up to as many fixtures as possible and show your support.

Finally make sure you check out the promo video on YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cZ-H7bmfA4>

Sports union AGM

The sports union AGM is coming up on the 11th April at 6.15pm at Stoddart 7140. It will be run in much the same manner as your club AGM's and is available for all members of the sports union (club members).

During this meeting the standing sports committee for the 2011/12 academic year will be elected. There are 10 committee positions available, if you would like to nominate yourself to stand on the sports committee you need to fill out a form of why you would be suitable for the role ([Click Here](#)) and email it to rjhoole@hotmail.com.

Elections

A big thank you goes out to everyone who voted in the full time officer and union elections and huge congratulations to those students who have been elected - all of whom are members of sports clubs!

- Jake Kitchiner - President (Football)
- Colan Leung - Sports Officer (Rugby League)
- Helen Bodsworth - Democracy and Communications Officer (Netball)
- Helen Francis - Activities Officer (Women's Basketball)
- Carl Hawkes - Welfare and Community Officer (Swimming and Waterpolo)
- Scott Storey - Education Officer (Lacrosse).

Hallam Women's Rugby Crowned Northern Conference Cup Winners



Hallam knew that the final was always destined to be both a physically and mentally challenging meeting, with both teams desperate to be crowned Northern Conference Cup Winners. Despite Hallam being unbeaten in the league, and with some impressive score lines too, there was no time for complacency, as they knew UCLan would be quick off the mark and ready to pressurise Hallam from the start.

Everyone was in good spirits on the journey to York, especially after the last visit, only a few weeks previously, resulted in Hallam becoming League Champions. On arrival, there was a discernable hunger for Cup Winners Medals apparent from both teams, especially as this would be the first time for Hallam.

At kick off UCLan showed a promising start, pressurising Hallam in their own 22, but Hallam soon focused and cleared the ball out of their own half, although the next 15 minutes led to some frustrating rugby for both teams. Hallam eventually stepped it up a gear and scored the first points of the match. Great rucking from Hallam and good team work enabled Charlotte Coatsworth and Lizzie Gladman to set up Vickie Sellers to run 60 meters to score under the posts. Shereen Hutton added the conversion.

Hard tackles and competitive rucking from Hallam soon had UCLan defending in their own half

again, but messy hands from both teams led to the beginning of what seemed to be endless scrummaging. Flashes of Hallam's brilliance were seen in the final 15 minutes of the first half; however excellent defensive covering by UCLan kept Hallam from scoring. With 5 minutes left UCLan seemed to lose focus and conceded 12 points. Another great try by Vickie Sellers with a powerful run down the wing for the first, followed by Shereen Hutton taking 4 players over the line with her and adding the conversion herself to make it 19-0 at half time.

Half Time University of Central Lancashire 0 Sheffield Hallam 19

The second half started with some nail biting end to end rugby, although assaults by Hallam on the UCLan try line could not be withstood for too long and soon UCLan's energy was showing signs of dwindling. Once again Hallam's back line was able to make the most of UCLan mistakes, with Sellers picking up a loose ball and running in her third. Hutton, again, added the two additional points, with a kick straight through the middle of the uprights.

Hallam ensured they used the entire width of the pitch, targeting UCLan's weaker winger, and when fly half, Rosie Mankee, saw a gap in their defence, both winger, Vickie Sellers, and outside centre, Lizzie Gladman, offered supporting options. However, it was a quick pop pass to flanker, Salome Ashie-Neequaye, that saw another five points on the board to take the score-line to 31-0.

Despite some notable individual efforts in a scrambled defence after UCLan managed to break through Hallam's defensive line, UCLan did manage to score a good team try. They were unable to convert for the extra points.

A powerful chase at the re-start saw the ball turned over instantly, and Hallam spent the final 20 minutes deep in UCLan's 22. Flashes of Hallam's brilliance were once again seen in the

final minutes; excellent defensive covering by Hallam's pack saw UCLan's fullback unable to clear the ball, and a last minute tap-tackle also put a stop to their fly half's bid to take the ball into Hallam's half. Phase after phase pushed UCLan back into their own 22 and a stolen line out gave winger Sellers a chance to storm down the wing to score her fourth, and the last points of the game.

Full Time
University of Central Lancashire 5 Sheffield Hallam 36

Interested in Gymnastics?

Keen 1st year student and Gymnast Jenny Swallow is searching for students of all abilities and experiences who are interested in gymnastics! She is keen to start up a new gymnastics club and wants to hear from you, whether you can help her start her club or simply just want to be a member! Contact her on jeswallo@my.shu.ac.uk for more information!

Kit collection

Can those people who have ordered kit from Kitlocker please make an effort to collect it from the activities pod at the HUBS on Wednesday morning. Lee from Kitlocker will be in the activities pod between 9:30am and 12:30pm on Wednesday to issue kit.

The Big Ask

Fancy getting £500 or an ipod nano for just giving your opinion?

All you need to do is fill in our short, multiple choice online survey and you could win £500, an ipod nano or Sheff One tickets.

Just go to www.hallamunion.org to complete the survey.