

Stafford 29 – 14 Newcastle
Saturday 23rd August 2008



Stafford RUFC opened their 2008-09 season with a pre-season friendly at home against Newcastle (Staffs). The Castlefields team was held to a draw for the first fifteen minutes but with some good ball handling the scoring was opened by Richard Walklate with Jonathan Watson Jones converting with a dropped kick conversion bouncing off the post and through creating a lead of 7-0.

The second being lead by Jonathan Watson Jones whose 'light-footed' movements out-maneuvered the Newcastle defence but sadly missed the conversion. Just before half-time Stafford was starting to look to dominate the field with Richard Walklate scoring a try out-pacing the Newcastle Defence.

At half time Stafford made few changes to the starting line-up but as the second half got under-way this physical and demanding match started to take its toll on the two teams with Ben Ryder taking a knock to what looked to many from the side-lines to his arm but was soon up and running.. Stafford forced another try through a nicely handled pass. As the last quarter approached, Stafford started to lose their dominating grip of the score sheets with Newcastle scoring two tries and converting both.

Stafford Travel away to Trentham on Tuesday Evening KO 7:30pm.