



ECCLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1897

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2019/20 SEASON AGM

Walking Rugby Section Report

Walking Rugby at Eccles is now approaching its 2nd year and has no "Off Season" as such until now. Eccles RFC were one of the first clubs in the region to embrace Walking Rugby and our group remain the largest to date.

Our challenge over the last 12 months was to maintain the interest within the group which proved quite difficult during summer 2019 with the resurfacing of our new 3G artificial pitch taking longer than predicted and the cutting of the long grass on the pitches also being delayed.

However, we overcame these difficulties and the Club still has a strong set of hard-core guys and gals who turn up regularly and play very enthusiastically every Monday evening at 7.00pm, despite the varied weather conditions.

The group have a strong bond and keep in touch through their own What's-app group and their skills and fitness levels have gradually increased since the start of the walking rugby sessions. New players from within the club are always welcome so why not give a try! We have players who have joined us from other clubs and locations however, we are finding it difficult to recruit further a field, as the growing popularity of the game has now seen it taken up by other local clubs in our area.

Covid-19 restrictions brought a halt to Walking Rugby activities. Our challenge in the months ahead will be to re-instate the momentum we had gained and get our Walking back up to speed. To this end a meeting is planned for Tuesday 28th July 7.30pm at the club to discuss how we return and a first session is proposed for the Monday 3rd August 7pm.

Alan Bent.

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