

AMATEUR SOCCER

Battling Bedians back on track

DISASTER struck early in this Thwaites Lancashire North One clash when fly-half John Rashid left the field with a groin injury that could keep him out of action for weeks.

Bedians got moving with a fine try by man-of-the-match Jonathan Griffiths, and he added the conversion and a penalty before Bedians let in

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Heaton Moor for a converted try just before half time.

A scrappy first half left Bedians leading 10-9 and they knew they needed to get their basics right after the break and to start dominating at lineout and scrum.

A try by Nigel Williams set

Bedians back on track, and that was followed by a spectacular score when wing-forward Eddie Fanning raced around the front of a lineout and beat off three tacklers to find the corner.

Bedians' skipper Martin Ansbro admitted afterwards that it hadn't been one of their better performances, but the win left Bedians a

point clear at the top of the table.

The second team had a convincing 20-5 win at Moor with a powerful performance from the front five and the back row of Phil Parker, Mark Dodson and Jack Rowley.

Rowley crossed for two first half tries and this effort was backed up by some stout defence from centres Steve

Lomo and Andy Smith. Frank Driscoll also looked in fine form.

Scrum-half James Riley sniped away for his first try of the season and wing Greg Whelan, playing his first game at fly-half, also got on to the scoresheet.

Second row Lee Prescott was voted man-of-the-match.

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