

CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1975/76

COMMITTEE

Five committee meetings were held during the year and the following is a record of attendances:

H. M. CURPHEY (President)	5	D. O. DIAMOND (Chester)	4
N. A. STEEL (Past President - Rugby Union Representative)	4	D. SIMMONS (Crewe and Nantwich)	1
A. S. CAIN (Past President)	1	J. N. LENTON (Hoylelake)	4
J. E. STARK (Hon. Treas. - Past Pres.)	4	A. CUMMINS (Lymm)	2
G. C. NODEN (Past President)	2	M. P. HOLLAND (Macclesfield)	1
H. V. MIDDLETON (Hon. Sec. - Past Pres.)	5	J. B. HUNTRISS (Old Instonians)	4
W. G. HOWARD (Past President)	5	D. J. MASON (Old Anselmians)	4
E. J. LOADER (Past President)	1	A. H. RUSHTON (Rockferrians)	4
T. C. KNOWLES (Vice-President)	5	N. H. MIDDLEBROOK (Old Saliens)	3
A. E. KOENAN (Vice-President)	5	N. A. MORRIS (Old Parkonians)	4
P. G. TURNER (Vice-President)	3	A. F. HENDERSON (Old Sandbachians)	3
M. COHEN (Asst. Hon. Treas.)	4	N. RADCLIFFE (Old Wirralians)	5
G. C. COX (Asst. Hon. Sec.)	4(1)	C. J. HELSBY (Oldershaw Old Boys)	1
B. FALLON (Bowdon)	2(1)	C. HOOLE (Port Sunlight)	4
W. S. PLATT (Winnington Park)	3	C. J. COVENTRY (Sale)	4(1)
P. WHITING (Ashton-on-Mersey)	3	J. A. K. LAWSON (Shell-Stanlow)	4
E. J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College)	3	A. M. LEES (Davenport)	1(1)
A. L. HART (New Brighton)	5	F. POVALL (Wallasey)	5
D. I. ADAMS (Caldy)	4	D. GURNEY (Moore)	2
W. GOTT (Birkenhead Park)	5	G. R. HOLLAND (Vagabonds, I.O.M.)	0
T. B. NORMAN (Birkonians)	5	J. K. WAGNER (Manchester Referees' Soc.)	2
V. E. SEABROOK (Liverpool Referees' Soc.)	3	D. N. WOOLF (Capenhurst)	2
M. R. GRANT (Shell Carrington)	2	F. A. REDMAN (Vauxhall Motors)	0
J. M. YOUNG (West Schools)	4	S. J. HUMPHREY (Cheshire Hospital)	0
R. I. BLAKE (East Schools)	4	K. DEAN (Mid-Cheshire Colleges)	0
A. C. RYDER (Runcorn)	1	P. E. POIZER (Wilmslow)	2
R. BOWEN (Congleton)	2	G. H. ALLEN (Ches. Police)	3

() = Substitutes

The following is a list of Clubs and Schools affiliated with the County and Rugby Union:

CLUBS

Ashton-on-Mersey	Crewe and Nantwich	New Brighton	Shell (Carrington)
Birkenhead Park	Dane	Old Anselmians	Shell (Stanlow)
Birkonians	Davenport	Old Instonians	Simon
Bowdon	Dukinfield	Old Parkonians	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)
Caldy	Helsby	Old Rockferrians	Vauxhall Motors
Capenhurst	Hoylelake	Old Sandbachians	Wallasey
Cheshire College of Education	Douglas (I.O.M.)	Old Wirralians	Wilmslow
Cheshire County Fire Brigade	Lymm	Oldershaw Old Boys	Winnington Park
Cheshire County Police	Macclesfield	Port Sunlight	
Cheshire Hospitals	Marple	Ronaldsday (I.O.M.)	
Chester	Mid-Cheshire College	Runcorn	
Chester College	of Further Education	Sale	
Congleton	Moore	Old Saliens	(Total 46)

SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	Douglas High School (IOM)	St. Ambrose College
Bebington County Secondary	Helsby County Grammar	St. Anselm's College
Birkenhead Institute County Comprehensive	Heber County High	St. Mary's College
Birkenhead School	Henry Meoles Senior Comprehensive	Sale Boys Grammar
Beech Hall Preparatory School	Hyde County Grammar	Sandbach School
Bramhall County High School	Kings School, Macclesfield	Sir John Deane's Grammar School
Broadoak Comprehensive	King William's College (IOM)	South Cheshire Central College of F.E.
Bromborough County Secondary School	Knutsford County Comprehensive	South Trafford College of F.E.
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Lymm Grammar School	Stockport Grammar School
Carlett Park College of Technology	Marple Hall School	Stockport School
Castle Rushen High	Moreton Middle School	Terra Nova School
Cheadle Hulme School	Moslands Senior Comprehensive	Wellington School
Cheadle Moseley County Grammar	Nantwich and Acton Grammar	Whitby County Comprehensive
Cheshire Schools' Union	Oldershaw Grammar School	Wilmslow County Grammar School
Christleton High	Park High School	Wirral Grammar School
	Ramillies Hall School	Woodchurch High School
	Rockferry High School	(Total 48)

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Regrets that the Balance Sheet is not included but it will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

RUGBY UNION REFEREES

Clubs with members who are interested in taking up refereeing are asked to write to the Secretary of the Liverpool and District Referees' Society and/or the Manchester and District Referees' Society at the following addresses:

Manchester and District Referees' Society:
K. A. Pratt,
7 Brookdale Road,
Bramhall,
Cheshire.

Liverpool and District Referees' Society:
P. R. Collins,
1 Kensington Road,
Formby,
Merseyside L37 6EL

COUNTY FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1976/77

1976-77	September 22nd	(Trial) Cheshire v. Staffordshire (home)
	October 19th	(Trial) Cheshire v. British Police (New Brighton)
	October 30th	Cheshire v. Lancashire (Birkenhead Park)
	November 6th	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (away)
	November 13th	Cheshire v. Durham (Chester)
	November 20th	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Wilmslow)
	November 27th	Cheshire v. Cumberland and Westmorland (away)

Seasons 1977/78 and 1978/79 will be given at a later date as from 1977/78 rotation of fixture will take place.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The County side had a good season. They forced a replay in the Northern Group with Lancashire who beat them in this game to become champions of the North. The side, as it has been showing in the past few years, is developing into a team which could win the Championship in the very near future. Congratulations to A. Maxwell and S. Smith on again playing for England.

Cheshire v. Lancashire	WON	28-12
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	WON	10-6
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	13-3
Cheshire v. Northumberland	LOST	3-28
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	21-16
Cheshire v. Lancashire (Replay)	LOST	3-13

		Lancashire	Yorkshire	Durham	Northumberland	Cumberland and Westmorland	Replay Lancashire
S. Midgelow (Sale)	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	—	—	—	—
C. Toone (Sale)	—	—	—	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.
G. Lee-Gallon (Birkenhead Park)	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
G. W. M. Jones (Wilmslow)	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.
*J. M. Howard (Bedford)	—	—	—	—	—	—	L.C.
A. Maxwell (Headingley)	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	R.C.
P. Welton (New Brighton)	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	—
*C. Shingles (Wilmslow)	—	—	—	—	—	R.W.	—
*T. Eaglesham (Manchester)	—	—	—	—	—	Replacement	F.B.
†*D. Newman (Birkenhead Park)	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	Replacement F.H.
S. J. Smith (Sale)	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.
†*S. Miles (New Brighton)	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. Lansbury (Sale)	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.
J. Robinson (Wilmslow)	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
P. Shufflebottom (Wilmslow)	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
†*M. Dearman (Orrell)	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	—	—	M.R.	M.R.
J. Gardiner (Sale)	—	—	—	—	M.R.	—	—
J. Hitch (Wilmslow)	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.
C. Rodgers (Wilmslow)	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
†*M. Murray (Sale)	L.	L.	L.	L.	L.	L.	L.

*Ties †Caps

CHESHIRE CUP

Clubs from the Isle of Man again entered the Competition and found that it was very costly both for them and Clubs having to travel to the Island and mainland. Help towards this cost has been given by the Rugby Union. In future if more than one Club in the Island enters the Competition would it not be a bad idea if the Clubs in the Island played one another first on a Knockout basis and then the Winner enter the Competition. (This is a suggestion to help with expenses.)

Final: Sale v. Birkenhead Park.

Winners: Sale.

TIES AND BLAZER POCKET BADGES

Ties and Blazer Pocket Badge replacements can be obtained only from the Honorary Secretary in writing, enclosing a remittance of £1.50 for a tie and price ruling at the time of purchase for a blazer pocket badge.

TIES

Individual members Centenary Ties can be obtained from the Individual member Secretary on payment of £1.50.

Centenary Ties can also be obtained from the Assistant Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and F. Povall on payment of £1.50.

CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION - 1975-76 REPORT

Results - 19 Group

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	WON	35-15
Cheshire v. Lancashire	WON	12-10
Cheshire v. North Wales	WON	30-10
Cheshire v. Northumberland	WON	31-9
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	35-0
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	9-6

26 Boys played for Cheshire.
10 Boys in England Trials.
3 Boys played for England.

Results - 16 Group

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	LOST	4-21
Cheshire v. Northumberland	LOST	6-12
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	19-0
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	7-6

2 Boys in England Trials.
2 Boys played for the North of England.

Results - Colts

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	WON	18-7
Cheshire v. Cheshire Schools	WON	16-12
Cheshire v. Durham	LOST	3-4
Cheshire v. Staffordshire	WON	31-0
Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	0-7
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	LOST	0-17
Cheshire v. Northumberland	WON	13-10
Cheshire v. Cumbria	LOST	0-18

7 Boys FINAL NORTHERN TRIAL.
4 Boys played for Northern Counties Colts.
2 Boys England Final Trial and England Squad.
2 Boys played for England.

Cheshire Colts Shield

Final: Macclesfield v. Old Anselmians Winners: Macclesfield

Mini Rugby

This season has seen a continued growth and once again Clubs are congratulated for all they are doing to encourage the game.

COACHING

The Sub-Committee have once again tried to offer their services and have given attention to Mini Rugby which one feels sure, will benefit all Clubs.

CENTENARY - 1976-77

The Sub-Committee has worked hard making arrangements for this advent and below a list of Centenary events is given.

September 12	County Seven-a-side v. Plate Competition	(Winnington Park)
October 3	An International XV v. Cheshire	(Birkenhead Park)
January 8	Cheshire Schools Under 19 v. Lancashire	(Sandbach School)
March 27	Lancashire v. Cheshire (under old Laws, etc.)	(Sale)
April 1977	Cheshire Schools Under 19 Tour to Canada	
April 15	Centenary Dinner	Grosvenor Hotel, Chester

The Centenary Sevens has been sponsored by Express Dairy (Northern) Limited.
An International XV has been sponsored by Peter England.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The Secretary has done a wonderful performance and the County thanks him for his devoted attention, and we hope this will bring new members during our Centenary Season.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cheshire Rugby Football Club

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION will be held at the CHESTER RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUBHOUSE, CHESTER on THURSDAY, JULY 22nd, 1976 at 6.30 p.m.

H. V. MIDDLETON,
Hon. Secretary.

Sunnybank Flat 1,
Holly Road North,
Wilmslow.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 29th July, 1975.
3. Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of Committee's Report.
5. To consider and approve:
 - Rule 3 Membership - *Delete*: sub-paragraph (iii) in total. According to R.F.U. Lancashire is the constituent body for these clubs. *Delete*: (iv) and renumber (iii).
 - Rule 8 *Delete*: (of whom there shall be not more than three, exclusive of Past Presidents).
 - Add*: (of whom there shall be not more than four, consisting of two from East Cheshire, and two from West Cheshire, exclusive of Past Presidents).
 - Rule 15 To read £2 instead of £1.
 - Rule 35 Emergency Committee - *Delete*: consisting of the Officers and three other members.
 - Add*: consisting of the Officers and four other members, (two from East Cheshire and two from West Cheshire).
 - Rule 44 Club Accounts - *Delete*: "£300 or more" and *Add*: "exceeding £1,500".
 - Delete*: "or an Incorporated" both to line in with R.F.U. Rules.
 - Rule 47 *Delete*: "or an Incorporated" in line with R.F.U. rules.
6. Election of Officers for the year 1976-77.
 - The Committee's nominations:
 - (a) President: H. M. Curphey.
 - (b) Vice-Presidents: A. S. Cain, W. G. Howard, T. C. Knowles, N. A. Steel, G. C. Noden, E. J. Loader, A. E. Koenan, J. E. Stark, H. V. Middleton, P. G. Turner.
7. The following Officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected.
 - (a) Honorary Secretary: H. V. Middleton.
 - (b) Assit. Honorary Secretary: G. C. Cox.
 - (c) Honorary Treasurer: J. E. Stark.
 - (d) Asst. Honorary Treasurer: M. Cohen.
8. Election of the Committee for the year 1976-77. A representative from all Clubs affiliated to the County.
9. Election of Auditors.
 - C. N. Lane, F.C.A.
 - The Albany, Liverpool.
10. Any other business.