

# CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

## COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Centenary Year 1976/77

### COMMITTEE

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

H. M. CURPHEY (President) .. .. .	4	D. O. DIAMOND (Chester) .. .. .	5
N. A. STEEL (Past President - Rugby Union Representative) .. .. .	6	N. CAPENER (Crewe and Nantwich) .. .. .	4
A. S. CAIN (Past President) .. .. .	0	J. N. LENTON (Hoylake) .. .. .	2
J. E. STARK (Hon. Treas. - Past Pres.) .. .. .	6	P. HAMPSON (Lymm) .. .. .	0
G. C. NODEN (Past President) .. .. .	3	M. P. HOLLAND (Macclesfield) .. .. .	0
H. V. MIDDLETON (Hon. Sec. - Past Pres.) .. .. .	6	J. B. HUNTRISS (Old Instonians) .. .. .	5
W. G. HOWARD (Past President) .. .. .	6	D. J. MASON (Old Anselmians) .. .. .	3
E. J. LOADER (Past President) .. .. .	6	A. H. RUSHTON (Rockferrians) .. .. .	5
T. C. KNOWLES (Vice-President) .. .. .	6	N. H. MIDDLEBROOK (Old Saliens) .. .. .	5
A. E. KOENAN (Vice-President) .. .. .	5	N. A. MORRIS (Old Parkonians) .. .. .	5
P. G. TURNER (Vice-President) .. .. .	4	A. F. HENDERSON (Old Sandbachians) .. .. .	4
M. COHEN (Asst. Hon. Treas.) .. .. .	5	N. RADCLIFFE (Old Wirralians) .. .. .	5
G. C. COX (Asst. Hon. Sec.) .. .. .	6	B. SCOTT (Oldershaw Old Boys) .. .. .	0
B. FALLON (Bowdon) .. .. .	2	C. HOOLE (Port Sunlight) .. .. .	6
W. S. PLATT (Winnington Park) .. .. .	6	C. J. COVENTRY (Sale) .. .. .	6
P. WHITING (Ashton-on-Mersey) .. .. .	2	J. A. K. LAWSON (Shell-Stanlow) .. .. .	3
E. J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College) .. .. .	3	A. M. LEES (Davenport) .. .. .	3
A. L. HART (New Brighton) .. .. .	6	F. POVALL (Wallasey) .. .. .	5
D. I. ADAMS (Caldy) .. .. .	5	D. GURNEY (Moore) .. .. .	0
W. GOTT (Birkenhead Park) .. .. .	6	G. R. HOLLAND (Vagabonds, I.O.M.) .. .. .	0
T. B. NORMAN (Birkenonians) .. .. .	6	T. E. CARO (Manchester Referees' Soc.) .. .. .	4
V. E. SEABROOK (Liverpool Referees' Soc.) .. .. .	4	C. D. ROBERTSON (Capenhurst) .. .. .	3
M. R. GRANT (Shell Carrington) .. .. .	5	F. A. REDMAN (Vauxhall Motors) .. .. .	0
J. M. YOUNG (West Schools) .. .. .	5	S. J. HUMPHREY (Cheshire Hospital) .. .. .	0
R. I. BLAKE (East Schools) .. .. .	1	K. DEAN (Mid-Cheshire Colleges) .. .. .	1
J. McKEENAN (Runcorn) .. .. .	2	P. E. POIZER (Wilmslow) .. .. .	3
R. BOWEN (Congleton) .. .. .	3	G. H. ALLEN (Ches. Police) .. .. .	0
D. GILLIGAN (Dane) .. .. .	0	R. J. S. GALLEY (Ches. Fire Brigade) .. .. .	1

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

### CLUBS

Ashton-on-Mersey	Crewe and Nantwich	Moore	Sale
Birkenhead Park	Dane	New Brighton	Old Saliens
Birkenonians	Davenport	Old Anselmians	Shell (Carrington)
Bowdon	Dukinfield	Old Instonians	Shell (Stanlow)
Caldy	Helsby	Old Parkonians	Simon
Capenhurst	Hoylake	Old Rockferrians	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)
Cheshire College of Education	Douglas (I.O.M.)	Old Sandbachians	Vauxhall Motors
Cheshire County Police	Lymm	Old Wirralians	Wallasey
Cheshire Hospitals	Macclesfield	Oldershaw Old Boys	Wilmslow
Chester	Marple	Port Sunlight	Winnington Park
Chester College	Mid-Cheshire College of Further Education	Ronaldsway (I.O.M.)	
Congleton		Runcorn	(Total 45)

### SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	Hartford Comprehensive	St. Ambrose College
Appleton Hall	Hazel Grove High School	St. Anselm's College
Bebington County Secondary	Helsby County Grammar	St. George's Middle
Birkenhead Institute County Comprehensive	Heber County High	St. Hugh's College
Birkenhead School	Henry Meoles Senior Comprehensive	St. Mary's College
Beech Hall Preparatory School	Hyde County Grammar	Sale Boys Grammar
Bramhall County High School	Kings School, Macclesfield	Sandbach School
Broadoak Comprehensive	King William's College (IOM)	Sir John Deane's Grammar School
Bromborough County Secondary School	Knutsford County Comprehensive	South Cheshire Central College of F.E.
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Lymm Grammar School	South Trafford College of F.E.
Carlett Park College of Technology	Marple Hall School	Stockport Grammar School
Castle Rushen High	Moreton Middle School	Stockport School
Cheadle Hulme School	Mosslands Senior Comprehensive	Terra Nova School
Cheadle Moseley County Grammar	Nantwich and Acton Grammar	Wellington School
Cheshire Schools' Union	Oldershaw Grammar School	Whitby County Comprehensive
Christleton High	Park High School	Wilmslow County Grammar School
Douglas High School (IOM)	Poynton County High	Wirral Grammar School
Eastham C. S. School	Ramillies Hall School	Woodchurch High School
	Rockferry High School	(Total 55)

### HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Regrets that owing to business pressure the Balance Sheet will be presented later.

### 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 SEASONS 1977-78-79

1977-78			1978-79		
October 15th	..	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Gosforth)	October 14th	..	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (away)
October 22nd	..	Cheshire v. Durham (Hartlepool)	October 21st	..	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Chester)
October 29th	..	Cheshire v. Cumbria (New Brighton)	October 28th	..	Cheshire v. Durham (Birkenhead)
November 5th	..	Cheshire v. Lancashire (away)	November 4th	..	Cheshire v. Cumbria (away)
November 12th	..	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (Wilmslow)	November 11th	..	Cheshire v. Lancashire (Sale)
1979-80					
		October 13th .. Cheshire v. Lancashire (away)			
		October 20th .. Cheshire v. Yorkshire (New Brighton)			
		October 27th .. Cheshire v. Northumberland (away)			
		November 3rd .. Cheshire v. Durham (away)			
		November 10th .. Cheshire v. Cumbria (Wilmslow)			

### COACHING

Clubs have not been of great help to the Coaching Committee but the County hope they will help and we feel sure they would be of great benefit to Clubs who are running Mini Rugby and various age groups.

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

We are pleased to report an increase in our membership and hope a steady growth will continue. This year has seen our first Honorary Individual Life Member, W. Fletcher, who we have honoured for all the hard work he has done for the players of the County.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The County was hoping that after the last two seasons we might have had a successful season this year but as always happens when one thinks like this the opposite will generally happen and it certainly did this time. Cheshire have the potential players but they did not seem able to put all their skills together when necessary. Let us hope that this will happen during the coming season.

Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	3-31
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	LOST	6-13
Cheshire v. Durham	LOST	3-18
Cheshire v. Northumberland	LOST	0-11
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	14- 3

		Lancashire	Yorkshire	Durham	Northumberland	Cumbria
†*R. Johnson	(New Brighton)	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	—	—
S. Midgelew	(Sale)	—	—	—	F.B.	F.B.
G. Lee-Gallon	(Birkenhead Park)	R.W.	R.W.	—	—	—
†*J. Drake	(Sale)	L.W.	L.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
A. Maxwell	(New Brighton)	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	F.H.	F.H.
†*A. Percival	(Sale)	L.C.	L.C.	—	R.C.	R.C.
†*J. Whitehead	(Birkenhead Park)	—	—	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.
†*C. Hardy	(Chester)	—	—	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.
D. Newman	(Birkenhead Park)	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	—	—
S. J. Smith	(Sale)	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.
S. Miles	(New Brighton)	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. Lansbury	(Sale)	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.
†*T. Simon	(Sale)	P.	P.	P.	—	—
J. Robinson	(Wilmslow)	—	—	—	P.	P.
†*R. Kaskow	(Sale)	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
M. Dearman	(Orrell)	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
*B. Wilkinson	(Sale)	B.S.	B.S.	—	—	—
M. Murray	(Sale)	L.	L.	—	L.	L.
C. Rodgers	(Sale)	O.S.	O.S.	—	—	—
†*A. Norman	(New Brighton)	—	—	L.	B.S.	B.S.
*D. Partington	(Wilmslow)	—	—	O.S.	—	—
† T Eaglesham	(Manchester)	—	—	B.S.	O.S.	O.S.

\*Ties †Caps

## 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 Ties can be obtained from the Individual member Secretary on payment of £1.60.

## CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION - 1976-77 REPORT

### Results - 19 Group

Cheshire v. Cheshire Colts	WON	22- 7
Cheshire v. Warwickshire	WON	17-13
Cheshire v. Lancashire	DRAW	4- 4
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	12- 9
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	11- 9
26 Boys played for Cheshire.		
9 Boys in England Trials.		
2 Boys in England Squad.		
1 Boy played 4 games for England.		

### Results - Colts

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	LOST	0-10
Cheshire v. Staffordshire	LOST	14-18
Cheshire v. Schools Under 19	LOST	7-22
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	8- 4
Cheshire v. Northumberland	LOST	4-13
Cheshire v. Durham	LOST	6-22
Cheshire v. Lancashire	WON	4- 0
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	LOST	8-24
2 Boys played for the North of England.		
-1-Boy played for England.		

### Canadian Tour - 19 Group

Cheshire v. Vancouver Island Junior Cruiser Side	WON	9- 4
Cheshire v. James Bay AA Juniors	WON	12- 9
Cheshire v. Vancouver Reps	WON	12- 8
Cheshire v. Fraser Valley Junior Reps	WON	29-10
Cheshire v. B.C. President's Junior Selected XV	LOST	3- 6
Cheshire v. B.C. Junior Selects	LOST	3-20

### Results - 16 Group

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	WON	16- 4
Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	4-18
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	25- 0
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	8- 0
23 Boys played for Cheshire.		
2 Boys in England Squad.		
1 Boy played for England.		

## CHAMPIONSHIP

The Isle of Man Club once again entered the Competition but we are awaiting the decision of the Isle of Man Sub-Committee as to what arrangements they are making for 1977-78. This year's Competition was enjoyed by the Clubs who took part.

Final: Sale v. Wilmslow.  
Winners: Sale.

## ISLE OF MAN

During the season the County Committee were approached by Clubs in the Isle of Man and asked if they could form a Sub Committee of Cheshire on the Island in order that they could handle affairs in the Island. The Cheshire Committee agreed to their request and we now have a Sub Committee in the Island under the title of the Isle of Man Federation of Rugby Clubs who will control the selection of an Isle of Man team or produce a Champion Team of the Island (for the Cheshire Cup), allocate Referees for fixtures in the Island, discipline local players as and when necessary and arrange travel, accommodation, etc.

## 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 21st, 1977 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 22nd July, 1976.
3. Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of Committee's Report.
5. Election of Officers for the year 1977-78.  
The Committee's nominations:  
(a) President: A. E. Koeman.  
(b) Vice-Presidents: A. S. Cain, W. G. Howard, T. C. Knowles, N. A. Steel, G. C. Noden, E. J. Loader, H. M. Curphey, J. E. Stark, H. V. Middleton, P. G. Turner, A. H. Rushton.  
The following Officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected:  
(a) Honorary Secretary: H. V. Middleton.  
(b) Assist. Honorary Secretary: G. C. Cox.  
(c) Honorary Treasurer: J. E. Stark.  
(d) Asst. Honorary Treasurer: M. Cohen.
6. Election of the Committee for the year 1977-78. A representative from all Clubs affiliated to the County.
8. Election of Auditors.  
Vacancy.
9. Any other business.