

CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

COMMITTEE'S REPORT 1977/78

It is with regret and sadness that we have to record the death of Mr. E. J. Loader, a Past President of the County, and a staunch member of our Committee. His loss will be felt by Rugby Football as a whole.

COMMITTEE

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

A. E. KOENAN (President)	7	D. O. DIAMOND (Chester)	6
H. M. CURPHEY (Past President)	6	A. NICHOLSON (Crewe and Nantwich)	4
N. A. STEEL (Past President - Rugby Union Representative)	5	J. N. LENTON (Hoylake)	6
A. S. CAIN (Past President)	0	J. HAIGH (Lymm)	7
J. E. STARK (Hon. Treas. - Past Pres.)	7	G. P. WILSON (Macclesfield)	4
G. C. NODEN (Past President)	3	J. B. HUNTRISS (Old Instonians)	5
H. V. MIDDLETON (Hon. Sec. - Past Pres.)	7	D. J. MASON (Old Anselmians)	3
W. G. HOWARD (Past President)	1	N. H. MIDDLEBROOK (Old Salians)	6
T. C. KNOWLES (Vice-President)	5	N. A. MORRIS (Old Parkonians)	2
P. G. TURNER (Vice-President)	6	A. F. HENDERSON (Old Sandbachians)	5
A. H. RUSHTON (Vice-President)	6	N. RADCLIFFE (Old Wirralians)	3
M. COHEN (Asst. Hon. Treas.)	6	A. H. HEGGS (Oldershaw Old Boys)	6
G. C. COX (Asst. Hon. Sec.)	6	C. HOOLE (Port Sunlight)	7
B. FALLON (Bowdon)	3	C. J. COVENTRY (Sale)	5
W. S. PLATT (Winnington Park)	6	J. A. K. LAWSON (Shell-Stanlow)	5
D. STUBBS (Ashton-on-Mersey)	1	A. M. LEES (Davenport)	3
E. J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College)	3	F. POVALL (Wallasey)	7
A. L. HART (New Brighton)	3	C. DEAN (Moore)	0
D. I. ADAMS (Caldy)	5	G. R. HOLLAND (Vagabonds, I.O.M.)	0
W. GOTT (Birkenhead Park)	7	T. E. CARO (Manchester Referees' Soc.)	2
T. B. NORMAN (Birkonians)	4	G. R. READ (Capenhurst)	0
V. E. SEABROOK (Liverpool Referees' Soc.)	4	F. A. REDMAN (Vauxhall Motors)	0
M. R. GRANT (Shell Carrington)	5	T. CALDERBROOK (Cheshire Hospital)	0
J. M. YOUNG (West Schools)	4	K. DEAN (Mid-Cheshire Colleges)	2
R. I. BLAKE (East Schools)	6	P. E. POIZER (Wilmslow)	2
J. McKEENAN (Runcorn)	2	G. H. ALLEN (Ches. Police)	4
R. BOWEN (Congleton)	5	P. LEWIS (Winsford)	1
D. GILLIGAN (Dane)	0	G. LAMBERT (Simon)	0
B. HUGHES (Dukinfield)	0	R. L. GRAY (Marple)	0
		D. T. BROWN (Helsby)	0

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 Salians
Birkonians	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 Regiment 1st Battalion	Douglas (I.O.M.)	Old Sandbachians	Vauxhall Motors
Cheshire College of Education	Lymm	Old Wirralians	Wallasey
Cheshire County Police	Macclesfield	Oldershaw Old Boys	Wilmslow
Cheshire Hospitals	Marple	Port Sunlight	Winnington Park
Chester	Mid-Cheshire College	Ronaldsway (I.O.M.)	Winsford
Chester College	of Further Education	Runcorn	
Congleton			

(Total 47)

SCHOOLS

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

(Total 58)

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 1978-79-80

		1978-79			
October	4th (Wed.)	Cheshire	v. Staffordshire (Wilmslow)		
October	4th (Wed.)	NORTH OF ENGLAND	v. ARGENTINE (Headingley)		
October	21st	Cheshire	v. Cumbria (Keswick)		
October	28th	Cheshire	v. Lancashire (Sale)		
November	4th	Cheshire	v. Yorkshire (Headingley)		
November	11th	Cheshire	v. Northumberland (Chester)		
November	18th	Cheshire	v. Durham (Birkenhead Park)		
December	2nd	NORTH OF ENGLAND	v. NEW ZEALAND (Birkenhead Park)		
		1979-80			
October	13th	Cheshire v. Cumbria (Wilmslow)			
October	20th	Cheshire v. Lancashire (away)			
October	27th	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (New Brighton)			
November	3rd	Cheshire v. Northumberland (away)			
November	10th	Cheshire v. Durham (away)			
		1980-81			
October	11th	Cheshire v. Lancashire (Chester)			
October	18th	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (away)			
October	25th	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Birkenhead Park)			
November	1st	Cheshire v. Durham (Sale)			
November	8th	Cheshire v. Cumbria (away)			

COACHING

The Sub Committee this year have formed a Coaching Society and meetings have been held during the season.

W. Freeman (Senior Coach for New Zealand), visited the County during the season and meetings were held at Chester College and the New Brighton Club.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Once again gave the County the support and we look forward to an increase in numbers during the coming season.

CHESHIRE RUGBY

ACCOUNTS for the year ended

1976/77	EXPENDITURE								£ p	£ p
£										
	MATCH EXPENSES									
	Team Insurances								30.00	
	Selection Committee Expenses ..								22.00	
	Squad Training								270.00	
	Staffordshire at Burton-on-Trent								72.00	
	Lancashire at Manchester								30.00	
	Yorkshire at Wilmslow								358.00	
	Durham at West Hartlepool								488.00	
	Northumberland at Gosforth								486.00	
	Cumbria at New Brighton								317.00	
	Laundry and Medical								42.00	
3263										2115.00
	GENERAL EXPENSES									
	Individual Members								64.00	
	Committee								638.00	
	Printing and Postage								91.00	
	R.F.U. Subscription								2.00	
	Subscription Ass. Sports Authorities ..								8.00	
	Bank Charges								23.00	
979										826.00
	OTHER EXPENSES									
	Grant to Cheshire Colts								250.00	
	Sundries								152.00	
1393										402.00
410	Cheshire Schools									411.00
550	Cheshire Colts									584.00
36	Cheshire Cup									358.00
—	Coaching Committee									63.00
	Sweepstakes									1095.00
5158	Centenary Account									—
£11789										£5914.00

BALANCE SHEET a

1976/77	LIABILITIES								£ p	£ p
£										
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT									
	As at 31 May 1977								8046.00	
8046	Centenary Account Debit Balance ..								4.00	8050.00
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income								1514.00	6536.00

£8046

£6536.00

Examined and found correct.

T. N. Lowndes, F.C.A.

6 July, 1978

FOOTBALL UNION

31st May, 1978 (Season 1977/78)

1976/77	INCOME							£ p	£ p
£	GATE RECEIPTS								
	Cumbria at New Brighton							201.00	
	Yorkshire at Wilmslow							718.00	
1840									919.00
	SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVABLE								
628	Individual Members							547.00	
338	Clubs							392.00	
3	Club Loan Interest (Gross)							52.00	
165									991.00
1134									
	INVESTMENT INTEREST								
110	Forward Trust							84.00	
230	Liverpool Building Society							169.00	
340									253.00
	OTHER RECEIPTS								
	Sale of Ties							1.00	
313									1.00
175	ADVERTISING								100.00
380	Cheshire Schools								455.00
663	Cheshire Colts								405.00
536	Cheshire Cup								334.00
—	Sweepstakes								942.00
5528	Centenary Account								—
									4400.00
	Excess of Expenditure over Income								1514.00
£11051									£5914.00

Assets at 31st May, 1978

1976/77	ASSETS							£ p	£ p
£	LOANS TO CLUBS								
	As at 31 May, 1977							2172.00	
	Less Yearly Club Repayments							220.00	
2172									1952.00
	STOCK OF TIES								
134	Individual Members as at 31 May, 1977							134.00	
	Less Sales							76.00	
									58.00
	COLTS TIES								
nil	As at 31 May, 1977							nil	
	Add Purchases							92.00	
									92.00
94	COUNTY COLOURS								
	As at 31 May, 1977							94.00	
	Less Presented to Players							42.00	
									52.00
157	TIES								
	As at 31 May, 1977							157.00	
	Less Sales							1.00	
								156.00	
	Less Presented to Players							9.00	
									147.00
300	Loan Old Wirralian Cheshire Cup							300.00	
	Repayment							265.00	
	Outstanding								35.00
	INVESTMENTS								
	Forward Trust Ltd.							1000.00	
4062	Liverpool Building Society							3005.00	4005.00
	BALANCE AT BANKERS								
	General Account							64.00	
	No. 2 Account							7.00	
	Deposit Account							9.00	
	Colts Account							19.00	
	Cup Account							9.00	
	Schools Account							50.00	
									158.00
	Cash in Hand								37.00
£4062									£6536.00

J. E. STARK, Hon. Treasurer,
6, Sandy Lane,
Chester CH3 5UL.
(Tel: 0244-47342).

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 27th, 1978 at 6.30 p.m.
 H. V. MIDDLETON,
 Sunnysbank Flat 1,
 Holly Road North,
 Wilmslow.
 Hon. Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 21st. July, 1977.
3. Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of Committee's Report.
5. To consider and approve alteration to the following Rules
 (1) *Rule 11 and 45*: Delete March 1st and substitute April 30th.
 (2) *Rule 8*: Delete first part and substitute:
 "The Officers of the County Union shall be a President, Past Presidents, Senior Vice-President, Vice-Presidents of whom there shall be not more than four, the Rugby Football Union County Representative etc." (man four),
 (3) *Rule 28*: After "Each of the Referees' Societies", add "Plus two Representatives from the Schools (one from the East and one from the West)."
 Delete the last sentence from this Rule.
 (4) *Rule 39*: Delete and substitute the following:
 "The Chairmen of each Sub-Committee, other than the Selection Committee, shall submit their report to the Full Committee at each meeting, and shall hand same in writing to the Hon. Secretary for record purposes."
 (5) *Rule 35*: Finance Committee: Delete the first sentence and substitute:
 "Consisting of the President, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. Assistant Secretary, the Rugby Football Union Representative, the Hon. Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer) of each Sub-Committee."
 Emergency Committee: Delete and substitute the following:
 "Consisting of the officers of the County who shall deal with all complaints against Clubs and all matters of urgency."
 Match and Ground Committee: Delete the first sentence (10 lines) and substitute:
 "Consisting of the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Assistant Secretary and one member of the Committee from each Club staging County or Representative Games."
 Create *Disciplinary Committee (East)* to read:
 "Consisting of seven members of whom one shall be Chairman. No disciplinary hearing may consist of more than 3 members of whom 1 shall be Chairman. This Committee shall deal with all complaints against players on the field."
 Create *Disciplinary Committee (West)* to read:
 "As per Disciplinary Committee (East) above."
 Mini Rugby: shall be controlled by a Committee which shall meet at least twice a season. It shall consist of a Chairman who shall be a member of the County Committee, a member of the County Committee from the East of the County and one from the West, plus the officer i/c Mini Rugby in each Club playing Rugby at this level.
 To consider and approve Rule 15 to read as follows:
 (i) In the case of each Club (other than a School Club) and of each University Club £15.00 payable by Bankers' Order to the Hon. Treasurer on September 1st each year.
 (ii) In the case of each School Club £5.00 plus such amount as may be needed to cover the subscription to the Rugby Football Union (which must be transmitted by the County Union).
6. Election of Officers for the year 1978-79. The Committee's nominations:
 (a) President: A. E. Koenen.
 (b) Past Presidents: A. S. Cain, W. G. Howard, N. A. Steel, G. C. Noden, H. M. Curpney, J. E. Stark, H. V. Middleton.
 (c) Vice-Presidents: P. G. Turner, A. H. Rushton, W. Platt.
 7. The following Officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected.
 (a) Honorary Secretary: W. Gott.
 (b) Assist. Honorary Secretary: G. C. Cox.
 (c) Honorary Treasurer: J. E. Stark.
 (d) Assist. Honorary Treasurer: M. Cohen.
 8. Election of the Committee for the year 1978-79. A representative from all Clubs affiliated to the County.
 9. Election of Auditors.
 T. Lowmes, F.C.A.
 10. Any other business.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Once again the County side did not fulfil the promise it had been showing for the last few years. It still has the potential players so let us hope that season 1978/79 will be the year when they put all their skills together at the necessary time.

Cheshire v. Northumberland	LOST	6-29
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	18- 3
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	33-12
Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	3-13
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	LOST	0-12

		Northumberland	Durham	Cumbria	Lancashire	Yorkshire
S. Midgelow	(Sale)	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.
K. J. Drake	(Sale)	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.
*†J. Whitehead	(Birkenhead Park)	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.
*†D. Ling	(Sale)	R.C.	R.C.	—	R.C.	R.C.
*R. Beeton	(Wilmslow)	—	—	R.C.	—	—
*†J. Basnett	(New Brighton)	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
S. Rule	(Sale)	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.
S. Smith	(Sale)	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	—
*N. Price	(Birkenhead Park)	—	—	—	—	S.H.
S. Miles	(New Brighton)	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
*†R. Tinsley	(Birkenhead Park)	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.
J. Robinson	(Wilmslow)	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.
M. Dearman	(Orrell)	M.R.	—	—	—	—
*†C. Davenport	(Wilmslow)	—	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
*P. Shufflebottom	(Wilmslow)	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
†D. Partington	(Wilmslow)	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.
C. Rodgers	(Sale)	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
*†I. McKee	(Sale)	L.	L.	L.	L.	L.

*Ties †Cap

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 - 1977-78 REPORT

Results - 19 Group

Cheshire v. Cheshire Colts	WON	26-12
Cheshire v. Warwickshire	LOST	0- 7
Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	9-20
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	29- 0
Cheshire v. Durham	LOST	4-13
Cheshire v. Northumberland	WON	9- 6

23 Boys played for Cheshire.
 2 Boys played for North of England v. Australia.

Results - Colts

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	LOST	9-13
Cheshire v. Staffordshire	WON	13- 3
Cheshire v. Schools Under 19	LOST	12-26
Cheshire v. Cumbria	DREW	12-12
Cheshire v. Northumberland	WON	18-10
Cheshire v. Cardiff	LOST	10-13
Cheshire v. Durham	LOST	6-13
Cheshire v. Lancashire	LOST	7-16
Cheshire v. Yorkshire	LOST	4-16
Cheshire v. Somerset	WON	19-14

2 Boys played for the North v. South.
 1 Boy played for England.

Results - 16 Group

Cheshire v. Warwickshire	WON	12- 3
Cheshire v. Lancashire	WON	10- 6
Cheshire v. Cumbria	WON	13- 3
Cheshire v. Durham	WON	13- 0
Cheshire v. Northumberland	WON	18- 3

2 Boys in Final Trial.
 1 Boy played for England.

Under 16 Seven Competition

Final: St. Ambrose College v. Birkenhead. Winners: St. Ambrose College.

Cheshire Colts Shield

Final: Lymm v. New Brighton. Winners: Lymm.

Schools

The 16 year old Group we congratulate on a great season having won all their games. Once again this Committee has worked hard and the County thanks them for all they do to encourage the growth of Rugby.

Colts

The County were pleased to see how members of the Committee responded to the call for help with the Colts Sub Committee and formed a full Committee. This has resulted in an improvement and it is hoped that success will follow. This year the Colts had a tour which was a success.

Mini Rugby

Still growing in the County and it is now hoped that a Sub Committee will be formed in the County to help where possible, Clubs running Mini and Junior Rugby.

COUNTY SENIOR CUP Final: Sale v. Birkenhead Park Winners: Sale

ISLE OF MAN

The Isle of Man Sub Committee are proposing to help in 1979, the island, when it celebrates one thousand years of Tynwald Government. Perhaps the County will be able to take part in some way.

NEW MEMBERS

The County are pleased to accept as members two new Clubs. The Cheshire Regiment (1st Battalion) and Winsford.

The County Committee eighteen months ago formed a working Committee to examine the running of the County's affairs. This committee have made suggestions to the County Committee which have been approved and below are given some of the points approved.

- (1) That the number of Sub-Committees shall be increased.
- (2) That the establishment of existing Sub-Committees be enlarged, and that of area Sub-Committees be in line with this revised manning.
- (3) That each Club Representative shall sit on at least one Sub-Committee.

And from the Agenda for the General Meeting you will see that a number of alterations to the rules have been forwarded by the Committee for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

Sending off the Field of Play It has been agreed that £5 will be paid by Clubs for each case toward the expenses of the hearings.