



# CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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, HARE LANE, VICAR'S CROSS, CHESTER on THURSDAY, 14th JULY 1983 at 6.30 p.m.

The Hawthorns,  
Neston Road,  
Ness,  
South Wirral, L64 4AT.

WALTER GOTT,  
Honorary Secretary.  
30th June 1983.

### AGENDA

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th July 1982.
3. Adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of the Committee's Report.
5. Election of the Officers for Year 1983-84. The Committee's nominations are:
  - (a) President: W. S. Platt
  - (b) Past Presidents: H. V. Middleton, G. C. Noden, N. A. Steel, J. E. Stark, H. M. Curphey, A. F. Koenen, P. G. Turner, A. H. Rushton.
  - (c) Senior Vice-President: G. C. Cox.
  - (d) Vice-Presidents: A. I. Hart, F. R. Povall.

Proposed by H. M. Curphey, seconded by N. A. Steel:  
Vice-President: M. Cohen.
6. The following Officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected:
  - a) Honorary Secretary: W. Gott.
  - b) Assistant Honorary Secretary: J. N. Lenton.
  - c) Honorary Treasurer: M. Cohen.
  - d) Assistant Honorary Treasurer: N. H. Middlebrook.
7. Election of the Committee for the year 1983-84. One representative from each Club, one member from each of the Referees' Societies and two representatives from the Schools.
8. Consideration of proposed alterations to the Rules:
  - a) Proposed by the Committee:
    - Rule 7 — after "free" and before "admission" insert "ground".
    - after "County Matches" and before "and County Trial matches" insert ", the Final of the Cheshire Cup, the Final of the Cheshire Plate, the Final of the Colts' Shield".
    - after "County Final" add "Entry to County Championship matches shall be by the production of a ticket voucher and to the Finals of the County Competitions by the production of the County Membership Card."
    - Rule 14 — delete and re-number the following Rules.
    - Rule 15(1) — delete "and of each university club,"
    - delete "£15.00" and add "£30.00."
  - b) Proposed by W. Gott and seconded by M. Cohen:
    - Rule 35 — add "COACHING SUB-COMMITTEE consisting of a chairman who shall be a member of the County Committee and six members. It shall advise the County Committee on all coaching matters and cater for the coaching needs of all those affiliated Clubs and Schools within the jurisdiction of the County Committee."
    - Rule 44 — delete "£1,500" and add "£5,000"
9. Confirmation of the Committee's nomination of N. A. Steel as R.F.U. County Representative.
10. Election of the Auditor for the Year 1983-84. The Committee's nomination is: W. Potts F.C.C.A.
11. Any other business.

# COMMITTEE'S REPORT 1982/83

## COMMITTEE

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

A. H. RUSHTON (President) .....	7	A. FRASER-DACKERS (Lymm) .....	3
P. G. TURNER (Past President) .....	3	P. HOLLAND (Macclesfield) .....	4 (1)
A. F. KOENEN (Past President) .....	6	C. BRIFFA (Malpas) .....	0
H. M. CURPHEY (Past President) .....	7	R. L. GRAY (Marple) .....	0
J. E. STARK (Past President) .....	0	D. C. HART (Mid-Cheshire College) .....	3
N. A. STEEL (R.F.U. Rep — Past Pres.) .....	7	R. PULLIN (Moore) .....	5
G. C. NODEN (Past President) .....	0	J. TAYLOR (New Brighton) .....	4
H. V. MIDDLETON (Past President) .....	6	D. MASON (Old Anselmians) .....	4
W. S. PLATT (Senior Vice-President) .....	7	D. EWING (Old Birkonians) .....	3
G. C. COX (Vice-President Asst. Hon. Sec.) .....	7	E. G. WILLIAMS (Old Instonians) .....	2 (1)
A. I. HART (Vice-President) .....	4	M. J. CURPHEY (Old Parkonians) .....	6
C. HOOLE (Vice-President) .....	6	A. JONES (Old Rockferrians) .....	1
F. R. POVALL (Vice-President) .....	5	R. LOWE (Old Saliens) .....	3
W. GOTT (Hon. Secretary) .....	7	D. P. WRIGHT (Oldershaw) .....	4
M. COHEN (Hon. Treasurer) .....	7	P. A. LISTER (Port Sunlight) .....	3
N. H. MIDDLEBROOK (Asst. Hon. Tres.) .....	5	C. J. COVENTRY (Sale) .....	6 (1)
G. MOTT (Ashton-on-Mersey) .....	1	R. BRINDLEY (Sandbach) .....	3
G. S. ANDREWS (Birkenhead Park) .....	7	M. R. GRANT (Shell Carrington) .....	5
B. F. FALLON (Bowdon) .....	1	D. B. FYE (Shell-Stanlow) .....	4 (1)
D. I. ADAMS (Caldy) .....	5	J. SU'CLIFFE (Simon) .....	0
M. THELWELL (Capenhurst) .....	1 (2)	G. DAWSON (Vagabonds I.O.M.) .....	0
M. ROONEY (Cheshire Constabulary) .....	1	T. CALDERBANK (Vauxhall Motors) .....	0
P. HOLLAND (Cheshire Fire Brigade) .....	0	J. SHALLCROSS (Wallasey) .....	5
D. O. DIAMOND (Chester) .....	3 (1)	J. TAYLOR (Weston Point) .....	1
E. J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College) .....	0	P. LYONS (Whitehouse Park) .....	0
F. M. ASTALL (Christleton) .....	0	D. W. BRAIN (Wilmslow) .....	4
D. PALIN (Congleton) .....	4	J. DAVIES (Winnington Park) .....	5
G. EVANS (Crewe and Nantwich) .....	2	J. LEARY (Winsford) .....	2
A. M. LEES (Davenport) .....	1	D. B. LEWIS (Wirral) .....	5
J. KAY (Douglas I.O.M.) .....	3	V. SCHWARZ (Liverpool Refs. Soc.) .....	5 (1)
S. PRATT (Dukinfield) .....	0	K. PRATT (Manchester Refs. Soc.) .....	3
K. STRINGER (Helsby) .....	1	R. BLAKE (Schools East) .....	2
J. N. LENTON (Hoylake) .....	6	J. YOUNG (Schools West) .....	6
		R. PINDER (Coaching) (Co-opted) .....	2 (3)

No representative from Alsager College, Peel (I.O.M.), Ramsey (I.O.M.), Ronaldsday (I.O.M.), Pacemakers (I.O.M.), Southern Nomads (I.O.M.)  
 () indicates substitute attending.

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

## CLUBS

Alsager College	Crewe and Nantwich	Old Birkonians	Shell (Stanlow)
Ashton-on-Mersey	Davenport	Old Instonians	Simon
Birkenhead Park	Douglas (I.O.M.)	Old Parkonians	Southern Nomads (I.O.M.)
Bowdon	Dukinfield	Old Rockferrians	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)
Caldy	Helsby	Old Saliens	Vauxhall Motors
Capenhurst	Hoylake	Oldershaw	Wallasey
Cheshire Regiment 1st Battalion	Lymm	Pacemakers Veterans (I.O.M.)	Weston Point
Cheshire Constabulary	Macclesfield	Peel (I.O.M.)	Whitehouse Park
Cheshire Fire Brigade	Marple	Port Sunlight	Wilmslow
Chester	Malpas	Ramsey (I.O.M.)	Winnington Park
Chester College	Mid-Cheshire College	Ronaldsday (I.O.M.)	Winsford
Christleton	Moore	Sale	Wirral
Congleton	New Brighton	Sandbach	(Total 54)
Crewe College	Old Anselmians	Shell (Carrington)	

## SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	Henry Meols School	Rock Ferry High School
Appleton Hall High School	Hyde County Grammar School	Ruskin County High School
Ashton-on-Mersey School	Kings School, Macclesfield	Ruthin School
Bebington County Secondary School	King William College	Rydal School
Beech Hall School	Knutsford County High School	St. Ambrose College
Birkenhead School	Leftwich High School	St. Anselm's College
Birkenhead Institute High School	Malbank County High School	St. Mary's College
Blacon High School	Marple Hall School	St. Nicholas School
Bramhall High School	Marple Ridge High School	Sandbach School
Brosdock Comprehensive School	Middlewich County High School	Sale Grammar School
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Mossland Comprehensive School	Sir John Deanes School
Carlett Park College of Technology	Moseley School	South Trafford College of Further Education
Cheadle Hulme School	Mostyn House School	Stockport Grammar School
Christleton High School	New Mills Comprehensive School	Stockton Heath High School
Dee High School	Oldershaw Comprehensive School	Stockport School
Douglas High School	Oughtrington High School	Tarporley County High School
Fallibroome High School	Park High School	Terra Nova School
Grange High School	Penketh High School	Weaverham County High School
Greenfield High School	Pownall Hall School	Wellington School
Harefield High School	Poynton County High School	Whitby Comprehensive School
Hartford High School	Priestly College	Wirral Grammar School
Hazel Grove High School	Ramillies Hall School	Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School
Heber High School	Ramsey Grammar School	
Helsby Grammar School	Reddish Vale Comprehensive School	

(Total 70)

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Prior to this season, Cheshire was experiencing many problems in the Northern Championship, but the change to National Rugby placed the County in Division Three where we were able to rethink and make a fresh approach to our game. Consequently we won our Division gaining promotion to Division Two. We believe our organisation to be right, we have an excellent coaching committee and our natural aim is, in due course, to attain Division One status. We have no illusions, it will not be easy and it will require maximum effort. There is tremendous spirit among the players and we look to all Clubs to support us in achieving this goal. The results were:

Cheshire v. Sussex Lost 9-15      Cheshire v. Eastern Counties Won 19-13  
 Cheshire v. Staffordshire Won 26-12      Cheshire v. Cumbria Won 12-10

		Sussex	Staffordshire	Eastern Counties	Cumbria
+ C. Rowe	(Sale)	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.
* P. Kolokotroni	(Birkenhead Park)	R.W.	—	—	—
B. Ollier	(Wilmslow)	R.C.	—	—	L.C.
* + P. Dobbins	(Birkenhead Park)	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	—
* + P. McShane	(Birkenhead Park)	L.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
G. Glynn	(Broughton Park)	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.
* + H. Fitton	(Sale)	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.
* + J. Cairns	(Birkenhead Park)	P	P	P	P
R. Tinsley	(Birkenhead Park)	H	H	H	H
S. Harris	(Broughton Park)	P	P	P	P
+ S. Bull	(Broughton Park)	L	L	L	L
* + J. Mitchell	(Lymm)	L	L	L	L
P. Sherratt	(Sale)	B.S.	B.S.	—	B.S.
M. Murray	(Ashton-on-Mersey)	No. 8	No. 8	No. 8	No. 8
D. Partington	(Wilmslow)	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
R. Beaton	(Wilmslow)	—	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.
* + G. Bird	(Lymm)	—	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.
* J. McHugh	(Birkenhead Park)	—	Replacement	—	—
* G. Lievesley	(Winnington Park)	—	—	B.S.	—

\* Ties      + Badges

## COUNTY COMPETITIONS' RESULTS

CESHIRE CUP Final: Sale 29 Alsager College 13

CESHIRE PLATE Final: New Brighton 23 Mid Cheshire College 9

CESHIRE COLTS' SHIELD Final: Winnington Park 14 Old Salians 7

CESHIRE SCHOOLS COMPETITION Joint Holders: Kings S. Macclesfield and Wirral G.S.

COLTS WHEATSHEAF SEVENS Final: Lancashire beat Durham

The finals of the competitions make a substantial contribution to the County funds and should also benefit Clubs in the earlier rounds. With Sale at the top of the Northern Merit Table, Alsager College has qualified to enter the first round of the John Player Cup Competition next season.

**CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**  
**Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1983 (Season 1982/83)**

EXPENDITURE		£	£
1982			
	<b>MATCH EXPENSES</b>		
	Staffordshire at Chester	522	
	Sussex at Birkenhead	485	
	Cumbria at Wilmslow	582	
	Eastern Counties at Ipswich	1748	
	Less Thorn Travelling Expenses	<u>1270</u>	478
	District XV Expenses	353	
	Player's Travelling Expenses	1481	
6798	Selection Playing Committee & Squad Training	<u>952</u>	4853
	<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
	Individual Members	140	
	Committee Expenses	350	
	Programmes	377	
	Printing, Stationery & Postage	332	
	Membership Cards	733	
	Secretary's Expenses	469	
4576	Bank Charges	<u>94</u>	2495
	<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
	Cheshire Schools	2221	
	Cheshire Colts	2560	
	Cheshire Cup and Shield	347	
3501	Coaching	<u>497</u>	5625
	<b>TICKETS</b>		
1585	International		<u>1176</u>
			<u>14149</u>
	<u>16460</u>		

INCOME		£	£
1982			
	<b>MATCH RECEIPTS</b>		
	(less proportion paid to visitors)		
	Staffordshire at Chester	119	
	Sussex at Birkenhead	116	
	Cumbria at Wilmslow	236	
	Eastern Counties at Ipswich	53	
1760	Northern Division	<u>900</u>	1424
	<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVABLE</b>		
	Individual Members	1237	
	Clubs	854	
1831	Club Loan Interest	<u>30</u>	2121
	<b>INVESTMENT INTEREST</b>		
	Forward Trust	162	
	Deposit Account	212	
1165	Capital Investment Account	<u>329</u>	703
	<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
	Cheshire Schools	1719	
	Cheshire Colts	969	
	Cheshire Cup and Shield	836	
	Television Fees	1600	
	Thorn County Championship	750	
	Administration Fees (Sending Off)		
	Less Expenses	317	
	Advertising	540	
7851	Sale of Ties, etc.	<u>19</u>	6750
	<b>TICKETS</b>		
1458	International		1176
2395	Excess of Expenditure over Income		1975
			<u>14149</u>
	<u>16460</u>		

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 30th April, 1983**

1982		£	£
£			
	<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
	As at 30th April, 1982	9061	
	Add Income Tax Refund	257	
		<u>9318</u>	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	1975	7343
	Cup Fees 1983/84 Received in Advance		160
9061			<u>7503</u>
	Less Sundry Debtor		51
			<u>7452</u>
	<u>9061</u>		

1982		£	£
£			
	<b>LOANS TO CLUBS</b>		
	As at 30th April, 1982	720	
	Less Yearly Club Repayments	<u>320</u>	400
	<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
1413	Forward Trust Ltd.		1575
	<b>R.F.U. DEBENTURES</b>		
2	As at 30th April, 1982		2
	<b>BALANCE AT BANK</b>		
(606)	General Account	746	
1085	No. 2 Account	1235	
5008	Deposit Account	3328	
164	Colts Account	176	
858	Cup Account	5	
417	Schools Account	<u>(15)</u>	5475
			<u>7452</u>
	<u>9061</u>		

Examined and found correct  
W. Potts, F.C.C.A.,  
Macclesfield,  
(Signed) W. POTTS  
1st June, 1983

Hon. Treasurer,  
Mark Cohen,  
Linnells, Marlborough Drive,  
Tytherington, Macclesfield, Cheshire.



## **CHESHIRE SCHOOLS R.F.U.**

The results were very encouraging with the boys winning eight games out of the ten and there is an increase of six schools affiliated to the County.

### **18 Group Results**

Cheshire v. Shropshire Won 34-4  
Cheshire v. Warwickshire Won 11-4  
Cheshire v. Lancashire Lost 13-25  
Cheshire v. Cumbria Won 27-7  
Cheshire v. Durham Won 18-13

Nine boys were in England trials.

### **16 Group Results**

Cheshire v. Shropshire Won 34-0  
Cheshire v. Northumberland Won 24-4  
Cheshire v. Lancashire Lost 4-14  
Cheshire v. Cumbria Won 8-3  
Cheshire v. Durham Won 25-12

One boy played for England.

## **CHESHIRE COLTS**

There was a strong finish to the County Championship with a pleasing win against Cumbria, the eventual Champions. The results were:

Cheshire v. Warwickshire Lost 6-12  
Cheshire v. Northumberland Lost 7-19  
Cheshire v. Cumbria Won 19-15  
Cheshire v. Yorkshire Won 22-6

Five boys were in England trials.

Cheshire v. Staffordshire Won 16-0  
Cheshire v. Durham Lost 0-3  
Cheshire v. Lancashire Draw 9-9

Two boys played for England.

## **CHESHIRE DISTRICT XV**

The fixtures were strengthened and although the results were two losses the enthusiasm was still there. Next season the team will be called Cheshire B XV and will be a feed to the County side. The aim is still stronger fixtures. The results were:

Cheshire v. North Wales Lost 4-7

Cheshire v. Lancashire B Lost 12-29

## **UNDER 21 XV**

During the season it was decided to form a team to encourage boys from the successful Schools and Colts sides of previous seasons. The Committee was impressed by the keenness of the boys and a match was played against the Presidents XV led by the County Captain, although the result was a loss the future is very promising.

## **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Membership subscriptions have made an increased contribution to County funds and the Individual Members' bar will be provided at home matches again next season. The subscription will be at the same level and membership is open to all supporters of the Cheshire R.F.U. with free entry to home County matches and the finals of the County Cup, Plate and Shield competitions. The special tie is obtainable from the Individual Members' Secretary.

## **ISLE OF MAN**

This is the growth area of Rugby Football with seven Clubs. Douglas had a good run in the Cup Competition with three mainland Clubs flying to the Island to play their ties.

## **SENDING OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY**

There is a disturbing increase in the number of players sent off and the Rugby Football Union is monitoring the records of Counties. A charge of £5.00 is made on Clubs for each case towards the cost of the Disciplinary Sub-Committees.

## **COACHING**

One more coach achieved the R.F.U. qualification and the County is sponsoring another to the course this summer. Coaching seminars are held within the County and are instructive to all who are interested in coaching. Potential coaches should contact the Chairman for details of the R.F.U. and other coaching courses.

## **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:**

J. K. Wagner,  
154 Prestbury Road,  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire SK10 3BR

**Liverpool and District Referees' Society:**

A. Havard,  
78 Trafalgar Road,  
Birkdale, Southport,  
Merseyside PR8 2NJ

## **FIXTURES — SEASON 1983-84**

### **COUNTY XV**

September 11th	Cheshire v. President's XV (RNLI) (Hoylake)
September 18th	Cheshire v. Connacht (Home)
October 8th	Cheshire v. Cornwall (New Brighton)
October 22nd	Cheshire v. Hertfordshire (Rickmansworth)
November 12th	Cheshire v. Kent (Birkenhead Park)
November 26th	Play Off (Chester, if at home)

### **COUNTY B XV**

September 18th	Cheshire v. Isle of Man (RNLI) (Douglas)
April 5th	Cheshire v. Lancashire B (Orrell)

### **SCHOOLS**

November 20th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v. Shropshire (Whitchurch)
December 18th	Cheshire 18 Group v. Warwickshire (Northwich)
December 22nd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v. Lancashire (Away)
December 27th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v. Northumberland (Sale)
January 3rd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v. Cumbria (Away)
January 7th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v. Durham (Northwich)