



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, 12th JULY 1984 at 6.30 p.m.

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

WALTER GOTT,
Honorary Secretary.
29th June 1984.

AGENDA

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th July 1983.
3. Adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of the Committee's Report.
5. Election of the Officers for Year 1984-85. 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, 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 1984-85. One representative from each Club, one member from each of the Referees' Societies and two representatives from the Schools.
8. To receive the Clubs' nomination of D.O. Diamond as R.F.U. County Representative.
9. Election of the Auditor for the Year 1984-85. The Committee's nomination is: W. Potts F.C.C.A.
10. Any other business.

Frank Neil, the County Physiotherapist, died during the season and his cheerfulness and dedication to the players will be sadly missed.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT 1984/85

COMMITTEE

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

W.S. PLATT (President)	7	A. FRASER-DACKERS (Lymm)	5
A.H. RUSHTON (Past President)	6	P. HOLLAND (Macclesfield)	4 (1)
P.G. TURNER (Past President)	3	R.L. GRAY (Marple)	0
A.F. KOENEN (Past President)	5	D.C. HART (Mid-Cheshire College)	2
H.M. CURPHEY (Past President)	6	R. PULLIN (Moore)	5 (1)
J.E. STARK (Past President)	0	J. TAYLOR (New Brighton)	5
N.A. STEEL (R.F.U. Rep - Past Pres.)	3	D. MASON (Old Anselmians)	4
G.C. NODEN (Past President)	0	D. EWING (Old Birkonians)	2
H.V. MIDDLETON (Past President)	5	J. EDELSTEN (Old Instonians)	5
G.C. COX (Senior Vice-President)	7	M.J. CURPHEY (Old Parkonians)	5
A.J. HART (Vice-President)	5	A. JONES (Old Rockferrians)	4
F.R. POVALL (Vice-President)	7	R. LOWE (Old Salians)	4
W. GOTT (Hon. Secretary)	7	D.P. WRIGHT (Oldershaw)	5
M. COHEN (Vice-President - Hon. Treasurer)	5	P.A. LISTER (Port Sunlight)	5
J.N. LENTON (Asst. Hon. Secretary)	5	C.J. COVENTRY (Sale)	6 (1)
N.H. MIDDLEBROOK (Asst. Hon. Treasurer)	5	R. BRINDLEY (Sandbach)	3
P. WHITTING (Ashton-on-Mersey)	0	M.R. GRANT (Shell Carrington)	4
G.S. ANDREWS (Birkenhead Park)	6	D.B. PYE (Shell-Stanlow)	6
B.F. FALLON (Bowdon)	3	J. SUTCLIFFE (Simon)	0
D.I. ADAMS (Caldy)	6	G. DAWSON (Vagabonds I.O.M.)	0
M. DAVIES (Capenhurst)	2 (1)	T. CALDERBANK (Vauxhall Motors)	0
M. ROONEY (Cheshire Constabulary)	3	J. BURTON (Wallasey)	5
P. HOLLAND (Cheshire Fire Brigade)	0	J. TAYLOR (Weston Point)	0
D.O. DIAMOND (Chester)	7	P. LYONS (Whitehouse Park)	0
E.J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College)	0	D.W. BRAIN (Wilmslow)	4
T. WILLIAMS (Christleton)	0	J. DAVIES (Winnington Park)	6
D. PALLIN (Congleton)	5	S. JAKEMAN (Winsford)	1 (1)
G. EVANS (Crewe and Nantwich)	5	D.B. LEWIS (Wirral)	5
A.M. LEES (Davenport)	3	A. PARIS (Liverpool Refs. Soc.)	6
J. KAY (Douglas I.O.M.)	2	K. PRATT (Manchester Refs. Soc.)	1
D. BOLER (Dukinfield)	0	R. BLAKE (Schools East)	0
K. STRINGER (Helsby)	1 (1)	J. YOUNG (Schools West)	6
D. PHILLIPS (Hoylake)	5	R. PINDER (Coaching) (Co-opted)	5
		J. GARDINER (Selector) (Co-opted)	1
		R.B. HOLLAND (Mini) (Co-opted)	5

No representative from Alsager College, Peel (I.O.M.), Ramsey (I.O.M.), Ronaldsway (I.O.M.), Pacemakers (I.O.M.), Southern Nomads (I.O.M.), Canute, Liverpool Polytechnic.

() indicates substitute attending.

The following is a list of Clubs and Schools affiliated with the County.

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 Salians	Vauxhall Motors
Canute	Hoylake	Oldershaw	Wallasey
Capenhurst	Liverpool Polytechnic	Pacemakers Veterans (I.O.M.)	Weston Point
Cheshire Regiment 1st Battalion	Lymm	Peel (I.O.M.)	Whitehouse Park
Cheshire Constabulary	Macclesfield	Port Sunlight	Wilmslow
Cheshire Fire Brigade	Marple	Ramsey (I.O.M.)	Winnington Park
Chester	Mid-Cheshire College	Ronaldsway (I.O.M.)	Winsford
Chester College	Moore	Sale	Wirral
Christleton	New Brighton	Sandbach	
Congleton	Old Anselmians	Shell (Carrington)	(Total 55)
Crewe College			

SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	Henry Meols School	Rock Ferry High School
Appleton Hall High School	Hyde High School	Ruskin County High School
Bebington County Secondary School	Kings School, Macclesfield	Ruthin School
Beech Hall School	King William College	Rydal School
Birkenhead School	Knutsford County High School	St. Ambrose College
Birkenhead Institute High School	Leftwich High School	St. Anselm's College
Blacon High School	Malbank County High School	St. Mary's College
Bramhall High School	Manor School	St. Nicholas School
Broad Oak Comprehensive School	Marple Hall School	Sandbach School
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Marple Ridge High School	Sale Grammar School
Carrlet Park College of Technology	Middlewich County High School	Sir John Deanes School
Cheadle Hulme School	Mossdam Comprehensive School	Stockport College of Technology
Christleton High School	Mostyn House School	Stockport Grammar School
Douglas High School	New Mills Comprehensive School	Stockton Heath High School
Fallbroom High School	Oldershaw Comprehensive School	Stockport School
Grange County School	Oughtrington High School	Tarporley County High School
Greenfield High School	Park High School	Terra Nova School
Harefield High School	Pownall Hall School	Weaverham County High School
Hartford High School	Poynton County High School	Wellington School
Hazel Grove High School	Queen Elizabeth II High School, Peel	Whitby Comprehensive School
Heber High School	Ramillies Hall School	Wirral Grammar School
Helsby High School	Ramsey Grammar School	Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School
		(Total 66)

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

It was not a successful season but the County managed to win the play off match against North Midlands to remain in Division 2. The team will have to work hard next season to stay in the Division and the selectors will be keeping a close watch on the U21 and B XV's for potential senior players. The Chairman, Ian Hart, and Alan Fraser-Dackers have retired from selection and the County thanks them for their dedication. John Gardiner has been elected the new Chairman and already the Selection Committee has been out and about watching players for next season. The results for season 1983-84 were:

Cheshire v Cornwall Lost 0-20
Cheshire v Kent Lost 18-35

Cheshire v Hertfordshire Lost 16-22
Cheshire v North Midlands Won 17-3

Players representing the County were:

		Cornwall	Herts.	Kent	North Mids.
	C. Rowe (Lymm)	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.
	P. McShane (Fylde)	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
	R. Beaton (Wilmslow)	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.
	R. Johnson (New Brighton)	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.	L.C.
* +	H. Thomas (Lymm)	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	-
	G. Glynn (Orrell)	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.	F.H.
	H. Fitton (Sale)	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.
*	C. Gleave (Winnington Park)	P	-	-	-
* +	A. Birchall (Winnington Park)	H	H	H	H
	J. Cairns (Birkenhead Park)	P	-	-	-
	S. Bull (Broughton Park)	L	L	L	L
*	J. McKeowan (Liverpool)	L	-	-	-
	P. Sherratt (Sale)	B.S.	-	-	-
	D. Partington (Wilmslow)	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
* +	S. Gallagher (Waterloo)	No. 8	No. 8	No. 8	No. 8
	S. Harris (Broughton Park)	-	P	P	P
* +	P. Brough (Sale)	-	P	P	P
+ +	G. Lievesley (Winnington Park)	-	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.
* +	B. Keevil (Sale)	-	L	L	L
	P. Kolokotroni (Birkenhead Park)	-	-	-	L.W.

* Ties + Badges

COUNTY COMPETITIONS' RESULTS

ALEX LAWRIE CHESHIRE CUP Final: Sale 40 Birkenhead Park 3

CHESHIRE PLATE Final: Chester 17 Crewe & Nantwich 7

CHESHIRE COLTS' SHIELD Final: Birkenhead Park 4 Macclesfield 3

CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' COMPETITION Final: Wirral G.S. 9 St. Anselms C. 8

EXPRESS DAIRIES' COLTS' WHEATSHEAF SEVENS Final: Lancashire 19 Durham 9

The Competitions make a significant contribution to County and Club funds and the County is grateful to Messrs. Alex Lawrie Factors Ltd. for sponsoring the Cup Competition which has enabled us to form an U21 XV this season. Sale finished second in the Northern Merit Table which will mean that Cheshire will have two representatives in the John Player Cup next season.

CHESHIRE SCHOOLS R.F.U.

Another exciting season for the Schools winning nine games out of ten and the 16 group had only one penalty goal scored against them. The future looks very rosy and hopefully the 18 group players will be seen in the U21 team in the near future. After many years of loyal service Roger Blake hands over as 18 Group secretary and coach and we are grateful for his help to County football.

18 Group Results

Cheshire v Shropshire Won 10-9
Cheshire v Warwickshire Won 27-9
Cheshire v Lancashire Lost 4-7
Cheshire v Cumbria Won 27-3
Cheshire v Durham Won 16-9

Eight boys were in England trials.
One boy was in England squad.

16 Group Results

Cheshire v Shropshire Won 30-3
Cheshire v Northumberland Won 10-0
Cheshire v Lancashire Won 13-0
Cheshire v Durham Won 13-0

Four boys were in England trials.

CHESHIRE COLTS

The boys have worked hard to produce creditable results in the County Championship. A feature of the season was the smart turnout in new County blazers matched by the enthusiasm of the officials. The season culminated in a tour to South Wales to see the Wales versus England Youth International and on the way losing to Pembrokeshire, 6 – 10 and beating North Midlands 22 – 3. The boys should now be aiming for places in the U21 squad. The results were:

Cheshire v Cumbria Lost 10-12
Cheshire v Lancashire Lost 6-9
Cheshire v Northumberland Won 10-6

Cheshire v Durham Won 15-12
Cheshire v Yorkshire Won 3-0

Three boys played for North & Midlands against Italy.

CHESHIRE UNDER 21 XV

In this, the first year, a lot of hard work was put in by the players and officials and although the Staffordshire team was too experienced, the side put together a creditable 80 minutes performance against Cumbria. The under 21 XV is the stepping stone to senior football and all Clubs are asked to support it with nominations for players and officials. The results were:

Cheshire v Staffordshire Lost 13-33

Cheshire v Cumbria Lost 13-21

CHESHIRE B XV

The enthusiasm of the players and officials was not reflected in the results but a great deal was learnt regarding the players and some will be elevated into the County squad next season. With the advent of the under 21 XV a much greater feed through the system will be available. The results were:

Cheshire v Cumbria Lost 9-16
Cheshire v Lancashire Lost 12-25

Cheshire v North Wales Lost 12-34

COACHING

Clubs are still not giving sufficient emphasis to coaching and the improvement of personal techniques and skills. Every Club should formulate a policy on coaching and then encourage members to fulfil the objectives of this policy. The County can help with advice and courses from Mini football to 1st XV's and is prepared to help in a practical way to meet the needs of potential coaches.

MINI AND JUNIOR

Seventeen Clubs run Mini and Junior sections and all enjoyed a full list of friendly matches whilst keeping an even balance with coaching sessions. This season the standard of rugby has been high due to improved coaching following successful courses and referees' seminars. The aim is to maintain these standards and make improvements for the future to provide more skilful players for Schools, Clubs and the County.

ISLE OF MAN

Douglas had another good run in the County Cup before going down to Birkenhead Park in a closely fought match. Clubs on the Island would like to increase fixtures with Mainland Cheshire Clubs.

The Manx Sports Council is sponsoring Year of Sport 85 and it is hoped to stage coaching and referee clinics and special matches.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The subscriptions are a great financial support to the County and are being kept at the remarkable level of £3.00 per annum. This gives free entry to home County matches and to the finals of the Cup, Plate and Shield competitions. The individual Members Bar will be available again next season and will be hosted by the Chairmen.

SENDING OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY

There is still a disturbing number of players sent off, especially young players. The Rugby Football Union directs that players sent off shall be suspended forthwith from further play for a period of 30 days and the Disciplinary Committee may impose a further period of suspension or punishment. A player is not allowed to referee, run touch nor coach during his period of suspension and any player sent off three times in five years will have his case reviewed by the R.F.U. The County makes a charge of £5 to a Club for each case to help defray the costs of administration.

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 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:

C. Parker,
61 Bold Lane,
Aughton, Ormskirk,
Lancashire L39 6SG

R.F.U. R.N.L.I. APPEAL

Cheshire supported the appeal and through the outstanding efforts of a special Sub-committee a cheque for £2,100 was forwarded to Twickenham on behalf of the County. This was the result of, matches Cheshire v President's R.N.L.I. XV at Hoylake and the Isle of Man v Cheshire B at Douglas, patronage of the appeal and the sale of a very attractive brochure. The President of the R.F.U. honoured the County by attending the Hoylake match with his wife. Thanks are due to all who supported the appeal, the Hoylake and Douglas Clubs and to Martin Curphey, Norman Steel and the members of the Sub-committee.

R.F.U. REPRESENTATIVE

Norman Steel, our representative on the Rugby Football Union Committee retires this year after 13 years of dedication to the interests of the County at Twickenham. He has given 50 years of active support to Cheshire as player, team secretary, touch judge and President. He has been R.F.U. liaison officer to most of the major touring sides of the rugby playing world and was tour manager of the North West party to South Africa. The Cheshire R.F.U. thanks Norman Steel for his many years of loyal service to the County and Rugby Football.

FIXTURES – SEASON 1984-85

COUNTY XV

September 26th	Cheshire v Staffordshire (Wilmslow)
October 13th	Cheshire v Cumbria (Keswick)
October 27th	Cheshire v Durham (Chester)
November 10th	Cheshire v Cornwall (Redruth)
November 24th	Play Off (Wilmslow if at home)

COUNTY B XV

Cheshire v Lancashire B
Cheshire v Cumbria B (Winnington Park)
Cheshire v North Wales (Birkenhead Park)

SCHOOLS

November 18th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Shropshire (Home)
December 2nd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Staffordshire (Away)
December 19th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Northumberland (Away)
December 20th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Durham (Away)
December 27th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Lancashire (Home)
January 3rd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Cumbria (Home)

COLTS

November 3rd	Cheshire v Cumbria (Home)
November 11th	Cheshire v Lancashire (Orrell)
November 17th	Cheshire v Yorkshire (Macclesfield)
November 24th	Cheshire v Northumberland (Away)
December 1st	Cheshire v Durham (Away)

DIVISION

November 28th	Northern Division v Australia (Waterloo)
December 29th	Northern Division v Romania (Birkenhead Park)