Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL COMMITTEE of the CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD, will be held at WINNINGTON PARK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, NORTHWICH on THURSDAY 1st JULY 2004 at 6.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2003.
4. To adopt the Committee's Report.
5. To elect the Officers for the Year 2004 / 2005 The Committee nominations:
   (a) President: A.G. de B. Marrs MBE Esq.
   (c) Senior Vice-President: M.J. Lord
   (d) Vice Presidents: J.N. Lenton, E.J.F. Taylor
   (e) Northern League Representative: Steve McCafferty
   (f) Honorary Secretary: P. Rhodes
6. The following officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected:
   (b) Honorary Treasurer: B. W. Davies
   (c) Honorary Match Secretary: P. Warrington
7. To appoint Jane Cliff as Assistant Secretary
8. To confirm the appointment of M.J. Lord as RFU County Representative.
9. To elect the Committee for the year 2004/2005. One representative from each club in membership, one member from each of the Referee's Societies and two representatives from the Schools.
COMMITTEE REPORT 2003/2004 - COMMITTEE

Six Committee Meetings were held during the year and the following is a record of attendance.

P.Blakeman (Altrincham Kersal RFC) ..... 4  W. Moffat (Ramsey) ..... 0
R.Neyton (Altrincham Kersal RFC) ..... 1  A.Sproston (Reaseheath College) ..... 0
D.Ormesher (Ashton-on-Mersey) ..... 3  J.Gore (Runcorn RFC) ..... 0
H.Davenport (Birkenhead Park) ..... 2  P.Tredwell (Sale) ..... 4
M.Jordan (Bowlion) ..... 3  H.Middlebrook (Salians RFC / Past President) ..... 5
F.Price (Caldy) ..... 5  J.Wyatt (Sandbach RFC) ..... 5
T.Roberts (Capesthorne) ..... 0  R.Hasehurst (Stockport RFC) ..... 2
D.Hickman (Carrington) ..... 0  N.Kelly (Southern Nomads) ..... 0
B.W.Davies (Chester RFC) ..... 0  J.S.Stockton (The Gentlemen of Moore RFC) ..... 0
Hon. Sec (Chester Law) ..... 0  C.Connor (Vagabonds) ..... 1
P.Reid (Chester University College) ..... 0  C.Coombs (Village Spartans) ..... 1
D.Shaw (Christleton RFC) ..... 0  C.Smyth (Village Spartans) ..... 0
R.Lewis (Congleton RFC) ..... 3  P.Warrington (Wallasey) ..... 0
Mrs B Clark (Creme & Alsager RFC) ..... 0  K.Diaek (Western Vikings) ..... 0
J.M.Farr (Crewe & Nantwich RFC) ..... 6  J.Holland (Wiltonslow RUFC) ..... 0
P.E.Garrett (Douglas) ..... 1  S.McCafferty (Wiltonslow RFC) ..... 5
E.Taylor (Dukinfield RFC) ..... 4  C.Gerrard (Wirral RFC) ..... 3
D.B.Pye (Ellesmere Port) ..... 4  M.Williams (Disciplinary East) ..... 3
C.Johnston (Helsby RUFC) ..... 2  P.Watkins (Manchester Referee) ..... 4
B.Meyrick (Holmes Chapel RFC) ..... 5  W.Buckland (Liverpool Referee) ..... 3
D.Western (Hoylake RFC) ..... 6  Peter Rhodes (Ass Hoc Sec) ..... 6
A.Spark (Knutsford) ..... 1  G.Marris MBE (Hon Sec/Schools) ..... 5
C.Hurrell (Knutsford) ..... 1  D.I.Adam (Schools/Past President) ..... 5
G.Kennedy (Lymm RFC) ..... 5  J.Burton (Community Rugby) ..... 4
J.Taylor (Macclesfield RFC) ..... 5  M.Cohen (Welfare Officer/Past President) ..... 3
N.Hawkley (Marple RFC) ..... 0  C.Coveney (Past President) ..... 4
J.Pinnington (New Brighton RFC) ..... 0  G.C.Cox (Past President) ..... 5
R.McLaverty (Northwich RUFC) ..... 3  P.G.Turner (Past President) ..... 5
D.Wilde (Old Anstelians) ..... 4  F.R.Povall (Past President) ..... 6
D.A.Ewing (Old Birkonians/Past President) ..... 6  M.J.Lord (RFU Representative) ..... 5
D.P.Wright (Oldershaw RFC/Past President) ..... 6  J.N.Lenton (Past President) ..... 5
E.Flynn (Parkonians RFC) ..... 3  A.Senn (Disciplinary East Chairman) ..... 1
P.Ashcroft (Port Sunlight RFC) ..... 5  R.Gardiner (Youth Sec) ..... 0
B.Ramsden (Port Sunlight SEC) ..... 2  R.Blake (Selection) ..... 0
J.Percival (Prenton RFC) ..... 0  S.McCafferty (Winner stoo RFC) ..... 5

CLUBS

Altrincham Kersal 
Ashton-on-Mersey 
Birkenhead Park 
Bowedon 
Caldy 
Capesthorne 
Castle tower 
Chester Constablebury 
Chester Regiment 
Chester 
Chester College 
Chester Law College 
Congleton 
Crewe and Alsager College 
Crewe and Nantwich 
Douglas 
Dukinfield 
Ellesmere Port 
Helsby 
Holmes Chapel 
Hoylake 
Knutsford 
Lymm 
Macclesfield 
Manchester Sale 
Marple 
Montell Carrington 
Gentleman of Moore 
New Brighton 
Northwich 
Old Anstelians 
Old Birkonians 
Oldershaw 
Parkonians 
Port Sunlight 
Prenton 
Ramsey 
Reaseheath College 
Runcorn 
Sale 
Salians 

SCHOOLS

Schools Affiliated to Cheshire RFU 2003 / 2004

Alsager School 
Altrincham G.S. 
Altrincham Prep. School 
Aquinas College 
Ashton-on-Mersey 
Ballakermere H.S. 
Beech Hall School 
Birkenhead School 
Birkenhead Sixth Form College 
Bishop Heber County H.S. 
Blacon H.S. 
Bramhall County H.S. 
Bridgewater County H.S. 
Brine Leas County H.S. 
Caldy Grange G.S. 
Castle Rushen H.S. 
Cheadle Hulme School 
Chester Catholic School 
Christleton 
Croft County Primary School 
Ellesmere Port Catholic H.S. 
Grange Grammar School 
Grappenhall Hall School 
Hartford H.S. 
Hilbre H.S. 
Holmes Chapel C.S. 
Jeff Joseph Sale Moor T.C. 
King Williams College 
Kings School Macclesfield 
Lymm H.S. 
Malbank School 
Marple Hall School 
Middlewich H.S. 
Mosslands School 
Moulton C.P. School 
Oldershaw School 
Padgate High School 
Pensby Boys H.S. 
Queen Elizabeth II H.S. 
Queens Park H.S. 
Ramilfies Hall School 
Ramsey G.S. 
Redcount St. Anselms Prep 
Ridge Danyers College 
Ruthin School 
Rydal Penrhos School 
St. Ambrose College 
St. Anselms College 
St. David's College 
St. Nicholas H.S. 
St. Ninian's H.S. 
Sale G.S. 
Sandbach School 
Sandbrook Primary School 
Sir John Deane's College 
South Wirral H.S. 
Stockport G.S. Junior 

Stockport G.S. 
Tameside College 
Tarporley County H.S. 
Terra Nova School 
The County H.S. Letchworth 
The King's School Chester 
The Rydeley's School 
Veston H.S. 
Victoria Community School 
Wallasey School 
Wallasey Consortium 
Whiston H.S. 
Whitley County H.S. 
William Hulme G.S. 
Wilmstow H.S. 
Wirral G.S. 
Woodford Lodge H.S.
Your Executive Committee has completed a very full year seeing many changes affecting all facets of the game, many of these being passed down from Twickenham's professional staff. I thank all concerned on the Executive for their time and patience needed to see through many of these changes.

To our co-opted members, Peter Rhodes (legal services), John Burton (community rugby), David Southern (regional rugby development manager) our special thanks for all your contributions and support.

Notable changes and developments have seen David Southern co-opted on to the Executive, the appointment of Jane Cliff as Administration Officer, she has taken forward many and varied County administrative procedures along side the roll of Registrar.

The Isle of Man has seen an increase in the support from officers of the County along with, it must be said, R.F.U. staff, supporting the annual visit, the opening of Ramsey's new club house and the Sweet Chariot Tour.

The County's Strategic Plan has been reviewed by our sub-committees and considered along side the R.F.U. Strategic Plan.

The introduction of Cluster Groups to support Clubs within smaller locations, which, in many cases, have specified local needs. Thanks to Dai Adams for driving this forward, but of course, we need to build further on this initiative.

Community Club Development Programme has seen in year 1 the planned implementation of an all-weather pitch at Macclesfield, floodlighting at Chester and at Wirral, pitch drainage. This ongoing programme is supported by a North West Facility Group which is a combined Cheshire and Lancashire Group with Graeme Marrs and John Gardiner facilitating and overseeing Cheshire's interests.

Your Committee has been closely monitoring the Schools Students and Youth Review, along with the Constituent Bodies Partnership Review which the R.F.U. has now published and passed through Council.

As result of this, we consider that we, Cheshire, will need to restructure some of our Committees, this has commenced but nothing as yet has been finalised.

To facilitate an improved understanding of our current sub-committee structure, Executive Committee members have this year each been nominated to "look after" a specific sub-committee. This it is considered, will enable your Committee to ensure that any changes to the overall structure will cover all our County needs.

Conditional Funding appears to be having constant changes in its format, help has been made available through Brian Davies and his team of Auditors.

Finally, thanks to our President and the team he developed around him for moving forward at very short notice, a highly successful Sweet Chariot Tour.
COMMUNITY RUGBY SUMMER WORKSHOPS

1) RU ready for RU?* At Eagle 6.30 p.m. August 18th, 19th, 23rd or 24th
2) Funding and Finance At Widnes 6.30 p.m. July 19th
3) Child Protection At Chester 6.30 p.m. July 15th
4) Volunteer Co-ordinator** At Birkenhead Park 6.30 p.m. August 10th

You can check on the Cheshire RU website for up to date news or Phone John Burton on: 07979877448 or W. 0151 639 6508 or H. 0151 648 4341

*Please note Carrington, Capenhurst, Christleton, Helsby and Parkonians are invited to attend.
** This workshop goes towards points gained when assessing conditional funding. A certificate is awarded and another tick box is completed. Do attend.

John Burton

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's report can only be an interim statement at this time of the year. The 5th Annual Finance Meeting will be scheduled for September 2004 when the accounts for year ending June 2004 will be presented.

We have continued to receive excellent support from Daniel Thwaites Brewery for which we are extremely grateful. Their agreement to extend their sponsorship of Cheshire RFU is both welcome and necessary. The RFU continued their funding with the introduction of conditional funding for CB's this year. Conditional funding for member clubs was continued and we audited 9 clubs as part of the overall evaluation requirements.

An early forecast for the financial outcome this year suggests that we are likely to be close to break even after all the expenses have been reconciled. We have continued our financial support for all sections with record amounts being allocated to the Youth section.

My thanks to Chris Gerrard for his tireless work as Treasurer for the Youth Committee and Schools; to Brian Meyrick the Assistant Treasurer for administering the International tickets; and especially to Mike Lord who after many years, has retired as Treasurer of the Competitions/Cup Committee. Once again I am grateful to Ron Parry, our Hon. Auditor, whose professional assistance and advice has been extremely helpful in completing the accounts in a thorough and competent manner.

Bryan W Davies - County Treasurer
June 8th 2004
Report to AGM June 2004
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2004 REVIEW

By our recent high standards of achievement, this year must be counted as a disappointment. The reason remains all too clear - in spite of valiant efforts by all concerned, Cheshire still struggle at Numbers 1 to 5. When we were outplayed up front by Gloucestershire both at Twickenham and New Brighton, it was apparent that, to make a significant challenge, we needed more strength in that area. Roger Blake and his fellow selectors and coaches worked wonders, the players themselves, including our inspirational captain, evergreen Iain Taylor, strove mightily, but we came up 'just short'.

Our season opened with a 'warm up' against an Anti Assassins XV, based around Sale Jets and Leodensians, which Cheshire won convincingly, considering the strength of opposition. However, the social element of the game was marvelous and our thanks go to the AAs committee, particularly Sue Gardiner for presenting such a splendid pre-match buffet, and turning up in such numbers, along with the Cheshire 'allickadoes', thus making for a most friendly occasion. It was particularly pleasing to see such a strong contingent from Sedbergh.

The serious business started the following Saturday with the first round match against Durham at Winnington Park: preceded by a magnificently supported lunch in aid of the John Blower Trust Fund. Dean Richards spoke and finished just before the teams took the field.

After a fairly evenly contested first quarter, things began to go Cheshire's way, and in the end, it was pretty much one-way traffic against a seriously weakened Durham side. When you are on top, all bounces seem to go your way - and so it was (your scribe wished three or four could be kept for the following week). As it was, the side played well; Anthony Birley giving a near faultless display, particularly with the boot, Jon Sewell, with a hat trick of tries, Ian Kennedy with a couple and David Strettle showing great improvement due to his time at Rotherham, all must have impressed the watching England Counties Squad Selector. Final score Cheshire 77 Durham 3.

So, on to a quarter final at Otley against Yorkshire. Immediately, our shortcomings were exposed. Yorkshire, with an all Otley front row and two big men in the second row, proceeded to give our scrummage a hard time. The hooker and captain scored three times himself, a prop another and the reserve hooker a fifth from the front row and most from heavy rolling mauls. To be fair, we never really looked like winning but, such is the spirit in the side, with ten minutes to go, Cheshire were only one score behind at 28-34, after some scintillating back play, featuring Strettle and Coulbeck, a debutante at full back, and good kicking from Birley. Ben Foden showed class behind a pack going backwards too often, with Chris Planchant, who unfortunately is qualified for Wales, outstanding. That said,
the 'we're not giving in' spirit was evident throughout. Final score Cheshire 28
Yorkshire 46.

The third match was against the holders Lancashire, who had surprisingly lost to Northumberland in the first round, at Macclesfield, a most marvellous venue. Sadly once again the 'tight' found us wanting and within fifteen minutes, Lancashire, had what should have been an unassailable lead of 21 points. The fact that Birley had the chance to level the scores at 29 all with five minutes remaining (unfortunately he missed) was further evidence of the dogged determination of the Cheshire side. All gave their all (your scribe particularly remembers a superb take at the lineout by Richard Bradshaw who had Adam Kettle charging to the posts for a fine try) but alas, again not quite enough, Cheshire lost 26-32. This should mean that, unless the format has changed for next year, Cheshire will start the next campaign away to perhaps Lancashire or Yorkshire or Northumberland or Warwickshire. That might be tough.

Our thanks go to our sponsors, Daniel Thwaites and Dennis Palin: to our hosts, Sale, Winnington Park and Macclesfield; to our selectors, Roger Blake, David Partington, Kevin Brookman and Brian Hayes: to our coaches Steve Rule and Steve Dorrington: to our faithful, but somewhat dwindling in number, supporters: to our hugely supportive President David Ewing, and finally, to our players for giving themselves to the Cheshire cause - in these days where loyalty can be, and indeed is, put under severe pressure, we are extremely proud of Iain Taylor and our men. Our congratulations go to Ben Foden and David Strettle on their selection for the Counties Touring Side and commiserations to several who didn't quite make it. G.M.

PLAYERS REPRESENTING CHESHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - 2004

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THWAITES BITTER CHERISHIRE CUP/PLATE COMPETITIONS

This has been a difficult season in the Cup competition. Because of the pressure of league rugby some teams were reluctant to play Cup games on the same weekend as league games, although they knew this was likely when they entered, and this led to a number of withdrawals. Other teams also withdrew having drawn opposition from a higher league! Again not an unlikely event in a Cup competition. I don't know what has happened to the concept of the minnow winning against the odds, which is the essence of the Cup rugby, but this has been sadly lacking in the competition this year. The Plate competition ran much more smoothly. The format of the competition will be reviewed again before next season.

Our Chairman, Gordon Kennedy, has had enough of the bickering that has taken place over the last few seasons and after many years service as Secretary and latterly Chairman of the Cup and Plate committee has decided enough is enough, although he will still help when required. We thank him for his commitment to the cause of Cup rugby in Cheshire and hope that some more people with the same commitment can be found for next season.

We thank Caldy and Stockport for hosting this year's Cup and Plate Finals and Thwaites for their continued presence and support at the Finals themselves, as well as their long term sponsorship. Thanks also to the Liverpool and District Referees Society who supplied the officials for both games.

In the Plate Final at Stockport Crewe and Nantwich beat Ellesmere Port 27-13

In the Cup Final at Caldy Chester beat Wirral 20-13

Special thanks go to the Wirral club who stepped in at relatively short notice when Macclesfield withdrew from the Final because of their league commitments.

Both games were well attended, particularly the Cup Final. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers.

The Sub Committee is going to be reorganised for next season. We thank those who have served on it during the past season and look forward to their continued support in the future.

Barry Pye (Cup Secretary)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Membership costs £15 per annum or £117.50 for life and is excellent value which includes free entry to all Home County Championship Games and to County Cup and Plate Finals. Members can also apply for Home International Tickets, but these priviledges are only available to paid up members. Because VAT is payable on non playing subscriptions, these were increased by £3, many members have not yet paid the increase. Ties are available at £7 each and Sweaters for £30 from Honorary Secretary Dennis Western, 118 Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral, CH61 6XQ. Tel: 0151 648 3208.

Membership stands at Life 183, Ordinary 108.

Committee members are urged to join and recruit more members.

D.W.
The Society has experienced a range of mixed emotions this year, with the loss of several friends. Particularly the passing of Graham Saunders at the start of the season, left the many who knew him, both numb and grateful for a life so dedicated to Rugby. His contribution to the society was immeasurable and to his widow Joan, the Society wish to make it known that her loss is felt equally by all his colleagues in the Rugby world, he was an inspiration to many. The friends of the Society that we also lost, Alan Walker from Liverpool St. Helens and Alan Welsby of the Manchester Society were men of great standing and were universally recognised as being dedicated to the betterment of Rugby Football, their shoes will be difficult to fill. In addition, the recent illness that has befallen Ken Bracewell, shows how fallible we all are to Mother Nature; Ken we wish you a speedy recovery, our thoughts are with you.

The year has also seen the tremendous commitment to the Society by our retiring President, Geraint Davies, his enthusiasm for Rugby appears to be boundless, his work rate endless and Margaret's patience inexhaustible. He has been a true ambassador for the Society and anyone who has been on the end of that infamous first digit have always known that he is on their case. Wherever there was a rugby related situation, game, meeting or conference, there was Geraint. On behalf of the society thank you for your contribution. Whilst talking of retirements, it will be strange not to be contacting Alan Worthington in the position of Chairman of Finance, Alan has served the Society in this capacity for more years than he would care to mention and his proposed elevation to succeed Geraint is a reflection of the esteem in which the Committee hold him. To his proposed successor, Dave Edmunds, I hope you realize what you are taking on! But to you Alan, many thanks for the efficiency and accuracy you have undertaken in keeping the Society buoyant, although you are abdicating, you will still no doubt have a watchful eye on your successor.

A special mention must also go to an Honorary Life Member of the Society, who after 50 years involvement in Rugby Football, as Teacher, Coach, Referee, Advisor, President of the Society etc, etc, President of Cheshire RFU and Welshman!! Dai Adams has confirmed his retirement (I am sure he will still be around the scenes) from his active roles - too numerous to mention. Dai, you have been an inspiration to many and I am sure there will be many other words said about his career, from me Dai, Thank you.

In relation to an issue mentioned last year, it is sad to report that Match Official Abuse has again come into the spotlight, without going into the particular semantics of the incidents, it is necessary to request the full support of the Constituent Bodies into any cases of Match Official Abuse. The game is currently receiving the highest level of publicity after the euphoria of the magnificent victory by Woodwards heroes in the World Cup and to preserve the games
integrity, all levels of officialdom must display a united front and ensure the eradication of the potentials of abuse and the abusers, however difficult this may be. This, in particular starts with referees themselves who must ensure that their behaviour and actions are without reproach. Everyone who pulls on a rugby shirt must be offered a high level of control and authority, which communicates back to the players in their own discipline and thereby enhances the game of Rugby Football.

On the field the Society have again been well represented at the higher levels, in the spotlight have been Ian Robinson who has secured promotion to the National Panel of Referees, congratulations Ian and Nick Buckton, who with the wealth of rugby knowledge his family have, has performed with great credit. Dave Edmunds, has maintained his high standards on the pitch and Steve Lander, whilst most of his season has sadly been off the pitch, has created a unique aspect to refereeing with his support and analysis of Referees during this time with the England squad indeed Steve would have it be said that without him the outcome might have been different on the 22nd of November. Happily the society has been represented on the hallowed turf of Twickenham this year but modesty forbids me to say anymore, (I don't think flag waving really counts). In the ranks of the mere mortals, Jim Morrell and Phil Stokes are displaying the potential to develop and with the level of new probationary members showing a healthy upsurge I am positive that the standards within the society will continue to move forward. My thanks must also go to the Society's training officers for their endeavours and whilst various debates will always rage as to the most productive development aids for referees the long-term future of the Society would appear to be in the ascendency.

Off the pitch, one trend has persisted, the Monthly and mid monthly meetings have continued to disappoint, in terms of attendance. The format has changed and despite pleas for all members to attend, our individual members must look at their own contributions and commitment to the Society. Last year the success of the newsletter was blamed for the lack of attendance (this year its quality has been maintained - thanks Colin) and the Committee made a decision not to send the magazine to non-attendees, this process will continue to persuade members to attend at least mid monthly meetings, I re-iterate my plea from last year if anyone has any suggestions to improve the format of these meetings then please contact your local co-ordinator.

The Handbook format was changed last year and it would appear to have been favourably received, yes there were one or two errors in the final draft, my letter box has been comparatively empty after the proof readers omitted my address from its rightful place - more of the same I say. The handbook will continue in the same format this year, although there are several amendments required to sections, which will be completed in time for publication.

Finally our centenary is looming up much quicker than any of us realise and the Centenary Dinner Committee have outlined their plans, these seem to be spectacular to say the least and it will soon be time for the Society to move into its second century, let us do so with the foundation firmly in place to re-establish the Society as a fore runner in the refereeing circles.

Martin Buck
A season when England won the Web Ellis Trophy and the biggest talking point was the referee. I say this not to point out how important we are to the game but to show that referees have to make the hard decisions in a game. Of course the players or the spectators don't always appreciate these decisions but the referee makes them in good faith to the best of his/her ability. Most of the clubs and players understand this but there are a few who resort to referee abuse. This is having a serious effect on the increasing number of referees who are leaving the game. The Society appreciates the help and support Cheshire Rugby Football Union gives to stop abuse of match officials.

The cry-off rate of referees this season has been very high. With some weeks over 70% of the original appointments having to be re-arranged. We are hoping for a marked improvement in availability for next season. The re-appointment team of Paul Johnstone, Andy Dawson, Rob Sheard, John Harries and Colin Durkin has ensured that appointments on a weekly basis have been covered. They have acted with exceptional professionalism in this regard, often in difficult circumstances. Please continue to work with them, notifying them quickly of any game changes and only ringing them during their published office hours.

Mike Hamlin reired from RFU Referee Panel at the end of this season and the Lancashire Cup Final was one of his last games as one of the County's top referees'. We wish Mike well in his new role, coaching referees.

The Society continues to develop and promote referees. It is well represented at RFU level and Northern Group and is developing referees through the Federation Development Squad. If you are interested in becoming a referee get in touch with the Society Recruitment Officer or any Society Referee.        Paul Watkins
Once again it has been an exciting year full of change and development. England’s performance in becoming world champions in RWC 2003 has meant that opportunities have never been greater to take the game onto a new level. Thousands of people who have never been to a rugby club went out and bought an England Rugby shirt.

The Sweet Chariot Tour was the RFU initiative to make the most of that national feel good factor. Cheshire’s leg of the tour in mid February began in the Isle of Man then returned to the mainland where the Webb Ellis trophy travelled around the County, visiting city and town centres and was seen by over 10,000 people. The army of volunteer marshals and stewards who represented their clubs at these events deserve special thanks.

The first legacy of Sweet Chariot to rugby community in Cheshire was the excellent partnerships created with the Local Authority Sports Development officers who are an invaluable source of help and information to all clubs. The second legacy is the vast increase in participation across the game.

The number of schools playing, primary school Tag Rugby has increased by 40%, secondary school participation has increased by 30%. Clubs have reported between 10 & 20 increases in Junior players and most clubs have had new adult players joining our old players returning to playing as a result of the World Cup win.

A new rugby club has been formed in Knutsford, they have already played their first fixture defeating Northwich 3rd XV and are registered for the intermediate leagues next season. New junior sections at New Brighton, Parkonians and Helsby have started this season and Knutsford will be up and running next season. The increase in playing participation has seen an increase in demand for coach education and development. The courses run across Cheshire this year have been attended by 969 coaches and teachers. This summer’s courses at University College Chester have seen a 30% increase in candidate numbers. The number of people attending Adult courses in Cheshire is one of the highest in the Country.

Seven clubs in Cheshire/Sport Cheshire have achieved the first stage of the RFU Seal of Approval; Caldy, Northwich, Chester, Eagle, Lymm, Macclesfield and Wirral. Those clubs working towards the process need to keep up the momentum to meet the required standards to achieve Seal of Approval. Those clubs who have not yet started must start to take the first steps to avoid being left behind.

Cheshire are leading the way in the North West with the establishment of club clusters. The Executive have attended meetings with all clusters. The concept of clusters is to help cascade information and devise local strategies for local needs. This will help clubs, schools and colleges to work together at a local level to see the game grow and the individuals within it to achieve their full potential.

Steve Peters
RFU Regional Rugby Development Officer for Cheshire
YOUTH REGISTRATION

This season Cheshire have registered/re-registered 1,392 players on the RFU
database and removed 464 players who are either no longer playing or are now
playing Senior Rugby, there is still quite a lot of work to be done to get the
database up to date, however, I must thank the majority of clubs who have
worked so hard to get their registrations sorted out and who have responded well
to the new system that has been put in place. We have 2 extra clubs on the list
this season, Dukinfield and Helsby.
The summary for Cheshire now stands at 5063 registered players.

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Summary for Cheshire (31 Clubs) 5063
GRAND TOTAL 5063

CHESHIRE YOUTH RESULTS

Fixtures - County Under 18's (Clubs)

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<td>Macclesfield</td>
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15 Group
There were some initial problems with the organisation of the West Area squad but Brendan Bailey and Mike Briers became involved and they contributed well to the intra county series of games which were dominated by the East area. Many thanks to the clubs involved, the East area were fortunate to train at Stockport and play their games under lights at Wilmslow. The county squad then had a very successful season only losing to Lancashire A, the large squad enabling games to be played at A and B level. The squad was also very successful at the National 10's weekend at Rugby School eventually winning the Plate Competition. The squad are looking forward to the coming 16 group season.

16 Group
This group started with an excellent win against a touring Gloucester side and the omens pointed to an excellent season. However they were brought back to reality, only winning 5 points to 3 against Staffs, however the B team recorded a 58 points to 5 victory. They beat Cumbria 26 points to 5. Against Durham the A team lost narrowly but the B team won comfortably. The A team lost 22 points to 5 against Yorkshire and 25 points to 15 against Lancashire. The following were selected for the North of England trial R. Kay, M. Thomas, J. Salter, G. Newton, D. Moore, D. Jones and D. Williams. None were selected for the North Squad.

18 Group
The season started brightly with away wins against Cumbria and Yorkshire but then lost narrowly to Durham 16 points to 13 and Lancashire 10 points to 6 in games which could have been won. The following went on to represent the North of England S. Wright, J. Unsworth, A. Roberts, J. Clay, A. Bray, A. Davies and A. Donaldson.

Cup competitions were held for the 18, 16, 15 Group sevens and for the John Young Cup (18 Group) The final of the North of England State Schools cup was between Wilmslow HS and Lymm HS which Lymm won.

There have been changes in the organisation of Schools rugby, from now on the 18 Group will be run by the RFU and the 16 Group and below by the ERFSU. At the Schools AGM it was recommended that if possible we should carry on as previously with fixtures against the other Northern Counties at the various age levels. It was also decided to hold the EGM when more details were known about the changes, this will be in the near future. One change will be that selection for the 16 Group North of England Squad will involve a festival of four teams over part of a weekend.

R. Davies
The 2003/04 Season has proven highly successful for the Cheshire Under 15 squad, in terms of both results, but more importantly player development. A total of 52 players have played for the County representing 26 different schools and 10 Clubs. In all but one of the seven 15 a side games we utilised all replacements (10), the exception being Lancashire "A" where eight were utilised. Thirty four players represented the Cheshire "A" team including two players not originally selected for the County squad, who were subsequently recommended by the Development Squad Manager. These were two of six additions to the squad during the season and both were involved in the successful National 10's Campaign.

The coaches have aimed to foster a caring and learning environment for the players, and we have all been excited and at times astounded by their behaviour, ability and commitment to one another and to the County. By the end of the season we were particularly pleased to see the "team boosting" that had clearly developed.

In terms of playing performance, inclusive of the National 10's the squad scored some 4 tries with the following results:

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The coaching Team of Dean Waddingham, Jon White, Graham Muckalt and Pete Sherratt would wish to extend their particular thanks to the Clubs that hosted training sessions and fixtures, namely Lymm, Winnington Park, Sandbach and Macclesfield, and particularly to Dave Muckalt who provided valuable specialist support in advance of the National 10's tournament. Parental support has also been a key component of the success achieved. Finally, as Manager, the guidance offered by Reg Unsworth, and support in arranging coaches from Dave Ewing (and ties from Chris Gerrard), has been greatly appreciated.

Whilst the season has largely been well run and successful, the Coaching Teams evaluation of the season has highlighted the following issues for consideration:

- The attendance of Cheshire RFU hierarchy and the RDO at matches would have been highly advantageous, and efforts should be made to encourage and co-ordinate this in future seasons.
- The process of selection from District to full County squads needs to be better clarified including respective responsibilities, and effectively communicated.
- Concern exists over the lack of guidance we have been able to provide to a motivated and bonded squad about what happens next year. This year's coaching staff have learned a lot about how these players perform under pressure, and are concerned that this learning should not go to waste. There is a desire amongst a number of coaches to maintain involvement with this squad.
- The core of this squad, supplemented by an injection of a limited number of outstanding players who have not been involved with the County this year, provides significant potential for next year. The current coaching team would wish to put in place a limited summer programme for the core (32) players within the squad, to prepare them for a demanding and potentially outstanding season. It is recommended that planning to identify additional players of the appropriate standard commence significantly prior to school year end.
- Difficulties obtaining physio/medical support is a problem which needs addressing. Player safety is considered to be the paramount priority, and as such the arrangement of County employed coaches as enjoyed by other Counties (eg Leicestershire), should be urgently considered.
- Cheshire appeared the "poor relation" in terms of kit provided to players and coaches, particularly at the National 10's tournament.
- Improved understanding of the "EFDC/Academy" structure, and a regular communication channel with County Coaches, would prove beneficial.

Dean Waddingham
Manager Cheshire Under 15's
WEST CLUBS DISCIPLINARY RECORD
FOR SEASON 2003-2004

Total number of incidents 27

OFFENCES COMMITTED

Verbal Abuse / Dissent 5
Punching / Fighting 15
Kick / Stamping 1
Dangerous Play 1
Misconduct 2
Punching / Stamping 1
Aggressive Retaliation 1
2 Yellow Cards 1

Season 2003-2004 saw a marked improvement to players on field misdemeanours 27 compared to 37 in 2002-2003.

We all know our game is a physical one and everyone knows there is a fine line between what you can and cannot do.

The one thing I find disturbing is the Abuse / Dissent of our Referees. They are there to administer the LAWS and without whom we cannot play our beloved game.

On a lighter note, I wonder how many 'Player Abuse' forms I would receive if the Referee was allowed to comment on a Players ability during a game.

I sincerely hope the 2004 - 2005 season sees a further reduction in 'RED CARDS'.

D. H. Wilde (Secretary)
CHILD PROTECTION / WELFARE SUPPORT

There are 45 clubs in the county who were requested to inform the county that they had in place a Child Protection / Welfare person, had produced a policy document and were ensuring the necessary registration of all persons working with young people below the age of 18.

Within the county, of these 45 clubs, 10 indicated that they had no youth teams and therefore need take no action. 2 clubs have still not replied but 33 clubs have confirmed details of their arrangements. In view of this response each club has carried on completing their organisations knowing the legal requirements as set by the Government and the standards as set by the RFU.

It will be necessary to confirm the updated position for entry in the County Year handbook 2004-2005 and a short questionnaire will be sent to each clubs welfare person shortly.

I very much appreciate the assistance and the progress made by so many of the clubs, not only in instituting these policies but in recruiting knowledgable and able persons to act as club welfare personnel.  

Mark Cohen ~ June 2004

JUNIOR CUP WINNERS 2003/2004:
U13 Stockport
U14 Lymm
U15 Wilmslow
U16 Stockport
U17 Marple
U19 Caldy

MINI FESTIVAL WINNERS:
U7 Chester
U8 Chester
U9 Altrincham Kersal
U10 Northwich
U11 Sandbach
U12 Wirral

Cup finals venue: The venue for the 2004/5 cup finals will be Winnington Park. The date for the finals is confirmed as 24/04/05

Geoff Pugh
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