

CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1969/70

COMMITTEE

Five committee Meetings were held during the year, and the following is a record of attendances:—

N. A. STEEL (President)	5	E. HOLLAND (Crewe & Nantwich)	3
G. C. NODEN (Past President)	4	A. F. KOENEN (Davenport)	4
W. M. SHENNAN (Past President)	0	R. RATCLIFFE (Dukinfield)	2
W. J. THOMPSON (Past President)	0	J. N. LENTON (Hoylake)	2
A. S. CAIN (Past President)	3	J. HAIGH (Lymm)	5
W. G. HOWARD (Hon. Treas.—Past Pres.)	4	M. COHEN (Macclesfield)	3
H. V. MIDDLETON (Hon. Secy.—Past Pres.)	5	P. DELANEY (Old Anselmians)	1
T. C. KNOWLES (Vice-President)	3	Dr. A. HODGSON (Old Instonians)	3
E. J. LOADER (Vice-President)	4	H. M. CURPHEY (Old Parkonians)	5
J. E. STARK (Asst. Hon. Treasurer) ...	4	A. H. RUSHTON (Rockferrians)	2
B. F. FALLON (Bowdon)	3	A. J. HULME (Old Salians)	4
P. G. TURNER (Wilmslow)	5	D. CHADDOCK (Old Sandbachians) ...	4
W. S. PLATT (Winnington Park)	4	B. THOMPSON (Old Wirralians)	4
V. C. WHITING (Ashton-on-Mersey) ...	3	A. A. SIMPSON (Oldershaw Old Boys) ...	3
I. M. JENKINS (Shell-Carrington)	4	C. HOOLE (Port Sunlight)	5
E. J. CHARLESWORTH (Chester College) ...	3	D. H. DEAN (Sale)	2
B. WRIGHT (New Brighton)	2	J. A. K. LAWSON (Shell-Stanlow)	4
G. G. MOTTERSHEAD (Old Caldeians) ...	0	F. POVALL (Wallasey)	2
M. J. FEAZEY (Birkenhead Park)	3	H. M. SMITH (Manchester Referees Soc.) ...	4
V. E. SEABROOK (Liverpool Referees Soc.)	3	G. C. COX (Chester)	4
D. W. ALLEN (Old Birkonians)	3	R. BRYCE-SMITH (Dane)	1

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

CLUBS

Ashton-on-Mersey	Cheadle Hulme	New Brighton	Ronaldsway (Castletown)
Birkenhead Park	Crewe and Nantwich	North West Colleges	Rockferrians
Bowden	Davenport	Old Anselmians	Sale
Caldy	Dane	Old Birkonians	Shell (Stanlow)
Capenhurst	Dukinfield	Old Instonians	Shell (Carrington)
Cheshire College of Educn.	Ellesmere Port	Old Parkonians	Simon
Ches. County Fire Brigade	Helsby	Old Salians	Vauxhall Motors
Cheshire County Police	Hoylake	Old Sandbachians	Wallasey
Chester	Isle of Man, Douglas	Old Wirralians	Wilmslow
Chester College	Lymm	Oldershaw Old Boys	Winnington Park (Total 43)
Congleton	Macclesfield	Port Sunlight	

SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	King William's College, I.O.M.	Sale Grammar School
Beech Hall	Knutsford County Grammar School	Sandbach School
Birkenhead School	Lymm Grammar School	Sir John Dean Grammar School
Birkenhead Institute	Marple Hall Grammar School	Stockport Grammar School
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Mosley Hall Grammar School	Terra Nova School
Carlett Park Central College of Further Education	Oldershaw Grammar School	Wallasey Grammar School
Cheadle Hulme School	Park High School	Wallasey Technical Grammar School
Ellesmere College	Prenton Secondary School	Wellington School, Bebington
Ellesmere Port Grammar School	Ramillies Hall School	Wilmslow Grammar School
Helsby County Grammar School	Rock Ferry High School	Wirral Grammar School
King's School, Macclesfield	St. Anselm's College	Woodchurch Sec. School for Boys
	St. George's Modern Sec. School	(Total 34)

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Members will note we are pleased to show a credit balance on our Income and Expenditure Account, made possible only however by the R.F.U. Television Grant and our share of the N.W. Counties game versus the Springboks.

Our Match expenses continue to be heavy and gates at the County matches generally poor—the latter will change for the better we trust with better results this coming Season!

We are pleased to report we have been able to help four Clubs this Season with loans but must now temporarily call a halt as our Invested Income, part of which will be required for Union expenses next Season, is getting rather out of balance with the amount of Capital out on loan to Clubs.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

This is unfortunately lagging rather sadly compared with other Counties in the Northern Group. Will Clubs and Individuals please give this matter their attention. Individual members are reminded they may attend the County A.G.M. but may not vote.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for Clubs, Schools and Individual Members are due on 1 September but will be gladly accepted now:—

Clubs—Subscriptions £4.4.0 to the Cheshire Treasurer—W. G. Howard, Middlewood, Noctorum Road, Birkenhead.

Schools—Subscriptions to the Cheshire Schools Treasurer—V. C. Whiting.

Individual Members Subscriptions—10/6d. to G. A. Ainslie, 9 Blackheath Drive, Moreton, Wirral. (A standing Order form is enclosed for members still paying by cash—it would be more convenient to them and Mr. Ainslie if they would please complete and return the form to him (Individual Members Representatives) right away.

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 & District Referees' Society:
J. C. A. Ormrod, Esq.
22 Lea Road,
Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Liverpool & District Referees' Society:
V. E. Seabrook,
Dorvic,
Sandfield Park, Liverpool 12.

Your Committee submitted the following names to the Rugby Football Union for inclusion in the County Panel of Referees:—

A. M. Lees (Davenport); B. Leigh; I. Trevithick (Liverpool District).

COUNTY FIXTURES FOR SEASONS 1970-71-72-73

1970-71	31st October (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Durham (Wilmslow)
	7th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Lancashire (New Brighton)
	21st November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Cumberland & Westmorland (Kendal)
	28th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (Halifax)
	12th December (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Gosforth)
	19th December (Saturday)	...	England Trial (Wilmslow)
	17th April (Saturday)	...	England v. Presidents (XV) (Birkenhead Park)
1971-72	23rd October (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Sale)
	30th October (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Durham (away)
	6th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Lancashire (away)
	20th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Cumberland & Westmorland (Chester)
	27th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (Birkenhead Park)
1972-73	21st October (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Northumberland (Gosforth)
	28th October (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Durham (Birkenhead Park)
	4th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Lancashire (Wilmslow)
	18th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Cumberland & Westmorland (away)
	25th November (Saturday)	...	Cheshire v. Yorkshire (away)

CHESHIRE RUGBY

ACCOUNTS for the year
(SEASON

1968/69		EXPENDITURE						
£			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	MATCH EXPENSES							
	Trial Games		120	1	1			
	Durham at Durham City		240	1	8			
	Lancashire at Waterloo		31	13	0			
	Cumberland & Westmorland at New Brighton		145	16	6			
	Yorkshire at Sale		189	2	6			
	Northumberland at Birkenhead Park		166	18	3			
	Laundry and Medical		23	1	3			
847	(comparable Season 1967/68-£786)						916	14 3
	SCHOOLBOY SECTION							
	Committee Expenses		43	8	4			
	Printing and Stationery		1	7	0			
	Match Expenses		339	12	10			
	Subs. E.S.U. and R.F.U.		4	3	0			
313							388	11 2
	GENERAL EXPENSES							
	Committee		89	9	8			
	Printing and Stationery		186	1	11			
	Team Insurance		7	10	0			
	R.F.U. Subscriptions		2	0	0			
	County Colours		-	-	-			
459							285	1 7
	OTHER EXPENSES							
25	R.F.U. Film						-	- -
	Donations to National Police Fund						34	10 0
	Balance excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital Account						261	15 9
£1644							£1886	12 9

BALANCE SHEET as at

1968/69		LIABILITIES						
£			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT							
	As at 30th April 1969		6613	19	2			
	Add transfer from Income & Expenditure Account		261	15	9			
£6613							6875	14 11

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Examined and found correct.

W. H. Walker & Co., Chartered Accountants (Hon. Auditors).
42 Castle Street, Liverpool, 2.

7th June, 1970.

FOOTBALL UNION

ended 30th April, 1970
(1969/70)

1968/69	INCOME			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	GATE RECEIPTS								
	Trial Games — U.A.U. at Chester	...	...	49	5	0			
	Cumberland & Westmorland at New Brighton	...	...	43	8	6			
	Yorkshire at Sale	...	...	118	15	0			
251	Northumberland at Birkenhead Park	...	...	53	0	0			
	(Comparable Season 1967/68-£258).						264	8	6
	SCHOOLBOY SECTION								
	Cheshire County Council Grant	...	...	100	0	0			
	Cheshire C.C. and Local Borough Grant (Easter Tour 1969)	...	...	132	12	0			
	Cheshire C.C. and Local Borough Grant (Irish Tour)	...	...	149	8	6			
	Sale of Photographs	...	...	7	0	0			
172	School Affiliation Fees	...	...	61	0	0	450	0	6
	SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVABLE								
164	Individual Members	...	...				140	18	6
158	Clubs	...	...				162	8	6
	Subscriptions Collected from Clubs for R.F.U.	...	...	63	0	0			
	Less paid to R.F.U.	...	...	63	0	0			
92	Bank Interest	...	...				58	13	6
56	Club Loan Interest (gross)	...	...				50	0	0
	Investment Interest—5% Nat. Devel. Bonds (gross)	...	...	50	0	0			
86	Forward Trust Ltd. (less Income Tax)	...	...	48	2	11			
	Liverpool Building Society	...	...	5	1	11			
	Profit on Sale of National Defence Bonds	...	...				103	4	10
							20	0	0
	OTHER RECEIPTS								
4	Sale of County Colours	...	...				1	17	0
142	Television Grant for R.F.U.	...	...				183	12	0
210	Share North West Counties v All Blacks	...	...				-	-	-
	" " " " v Springboks	...	...				451	9	5
309	Balance excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account	...	...				-	-	-
£1644							£1886	12	9

at 30th April, 1970

1968/69	ASSETS			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	LOANS TO CLUBS								
	As at 30th April, 1968	...	...	2939	6	0			
	Add New Loans (4 Clubs)	...	...	1480	0	0			
				4419	6	0			
2939	Less Yearly Club repayments	...	...	570	6	0	3849	0	0
	STOCKS OF TIES								
104	Individual members' ties as at 30/4/68	...	...	103	18	8			
	Less Sold during Season	...	...	12	15	0	91	3	8
11	Schoolboy Ties as at 30/4/69	...	...	11	1	6			
	Add purchased during Season	...	...	97	11	10			
				108	13	4			
	Less Sold during Season	...	...	13	7	1	95	6	3
	INVESTMENTS								
2000	£1,000 Deposit in Forward Trust Limited	...	...	1,000	0	0			
	£1,600 Deposit in Forward Trust, Liverpool Building Society	...	...	1,600	0	0	2600	0	0
	BALANCE AT BANKERS								
	General Account	...	...	12	10	8			
1559	Deposit Account	...	...	309	15	10			
				322	6	6			
	LESS			82	1	6	240	5	0
£6613							£6875	14	11

W. G. Howard, Hon. Treasurer.
Middlewood,
Noctorum Road,
Birkenhead.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

This was a great disappointment as a lot of hard work had been done by the selection committee and the County coach. At the beginning of the season players were attending special squads in different parts of the country and now one feels that players had too much to do and this could have had an effect.

For the coming season it is suggested that Trial games are played on both sides of the County and a side then picked on each side of the County to play a game before the Cheshire v. The Rest teams are picked.

A Squad will be formed during the early part of July and once again be in the hands of B. Wright.

25th October	...	Cheshire v.	Durham (away)	...	LOST
1st November	...	Cheshire v.	Lancashire (Home)	...	LOST
8th November	...	Cheshire v.	Cumberland & Westmorland (away)	...	DRAWN
29th November	...	Cheshire v.	Yorkshire (away)	...	LOST
13th December	...	Cheshire v.	Northumberland (away)	...	LOST

		U.A.U.	Durham	Lancs.	Cumbd. & Westmld.	Yorks.	Northmb'd.
D. W. Hallas	(Broughton Park) ...	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	F.B.	—
*R. Green	(Wilmslow) ...	—	—	—	—	—	F.B.
R. W. Hooks	(Chester) ...	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	—	—	—
*C. Kynnersley	(Davenport) ...	—	—	—	R.W.	R.W.	—
G. Jones	(Wilmslow) ...	R.C.	R.C.	R.C.	—	—	L.W.
†G. Baker	(Wilmslow) ...	F.H.	F.H.	L.C.	L.C.	F.H.	R.C.
*D. Matthews	(Birkenhead Park) ...	—	—	—	—	L.C.	L.C.
*N. Hodgkinson	(Wilmslow) ...	—	L.W.	—	—	—	—
P. S. Maxwell	(New Brighton) ...	R.W.	R.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	R.W.
P. Scurfield	(Liverpool) ...	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	S.H.	—
*R. D. Whalley	(Birkenhead Park) ...	—	—	—	—	—	S.H.
†*C. Toone	(Sale) ...	L.C.	L.C.	F.H.	F.H.	R.C.	F.H.
J. R. Crellin	(Liverpool) ...	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.
N. Coleclough	(Liverpool) ...	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.	H.
A. Newall	(Sale) ...	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	F.R.	—
*A. Dunn	(Birkenhead Park) ...	—	—	—	—	—	F.R.
P. Stagg	(Sale) ...	—	—	—	M.R.	M.R.	—
†*P. Shufflebottom	(Wilmslow) ...	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.
B. Limb	(Wilmslow) ...	M.R.	M.R.	M.R.	—	—	M.R.
P. Bullivant	(New Brighton) ...	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	—
*K. White	(Birkenhead Park) ...	L.	L.	—	—	—	L.
D. E. Barker	(Wilmslow) ...	—	—	L.	L.	L.	B.S.
R. Haslehurst	(Birkenhead Park) ...	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
* Tie	† Caps						

CHESHIRE CUP

This competition was reintroduced during the season and very nearly all Clubs in the County took part.

From reports of the Clubs taking part the competition was well received and very well supported. It is hoped that for the coming season the County will have the pleasure of seeing all Clubs in the County taking part.

The finalists for this season were Sale and Old Salians, Sale being the winners.

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 17/6 for a tie and 45/- for a blazer pocket badge.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S TIE.

An individual Member's tie can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer on payment of 17/6.

SUNDAY AND CLOSE SEASON FOOTBALL.

Clubs are requested not to encourage the arrangement or organisation of Rugby Football matches to be played in the close season. Your Committee have considered this matter very carefully and have obtained a ruling from the Rugby Union. Only in very special or extraordinary circumstances will the arrangement of matches to be played between the 1st May and 31st August receive consideration.

It has been decided by your Committee that although the playing of Rugby Football on Sundays is not to be encouraged it is unnecessary for Clubs to apply for permission to arrange such matches.

SCHOOLBOYS' SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The above committee once again were pleased with the games played in both groups, at the beginning things did not look as good as the result turned out.

It has been suggested that a competition should be held between the Schools in the County.

Fixtures are arranged for both Groups for next season.

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 CLUB-HOUSE, CHESTER, on THURSDAY, JULY 2nd, 1970, at 6-30 p.m.

H. V. MIDDLETON,
Hon. Secretary.

The Warren,
Bramhall Park Road,
Bramhall, Cheshire.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 11th July, 1969.
3. Adoption of Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of Committee's Report.
5. Election of Officers for the year 1970/71.
The Committee's nominations:
(a) President: N. A. Steel
(b) Vice-Presidents: A. S. Cain, W. M. Shennan, W. G. Howard, T. C. Knowles,
N. A. Steel, H. V. Middleton, J. E. Stark,
W. J. Thompson, G. C. Noden, E. J. Loader
6. The following Officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected:
(a) Honorary Secretary: H. V. Middleton.
(b) Assistant Honorary Secretary: N. A. Steel.
(c) Honorary Treasurer: W. G. Howard.
(d) Assistant Honorary Treasurer: J. E. Stark.
7. Election of the Committee for the year 1970/71.
A representative from all Clubs affiliated to the County.
8. Election of Honorary Auditors:
Committee's nomination: W. H. Walker & Co.
9. Any other business.

Cheshire Rugby Football Union

Schools Committee Report 1969 - 70.

19 Group:

2.	1.	70	at Galwegians R.F.C.	v Galway	won 51-0	
10.	1.	70	at Widnes R.F.C.	v Lancashire	lost 0-22	
28.	3.	70	at Winnington Park R.F.C.	v Cumberland & Westmoreland	won 10-6	
	2.	4.	70	at Birkenhead Park F.C.	v Northumberland	won 19-9
	3.	4.	70	at New Brighton R.F.C.	v Durham	won 18-3

15 Group:

21.	3.	70	at Old Parkonians R.F.C.	v Shropshire	won 39-0	
28.	3.	70	at Winnington Park R.F.C.	v Cumberland & Westmoreland	lost 8-17	
	2.	4.	70	at Birkenhead Park F.C.	v Northumberland	won 16-11
	3.	4.	70	at New Brighton R.F.C.	v Durham	won 26-3.

19 Group:

In all, 29 players from 19 schools were called upon for the 5 games. Most of these changes came about during the three Easter games due to injuries and players unavailability for certain games. Fortunately we were able to retain a nucleus of the side, whilst the rest were slotted in and played superbly. Undoubtedly our success this season was due to the squad training and the apparent strength in depth in the schools. The thanks of the schools go to the County committee for their dedicated and wholehearted support, especially to those on the schools committee who help us so much in the promotion of schoolboy Rugby in Cheshire.

15 Group:

The side was workmanlike rather than brilliant and knitted into a good team as a result of the coaching weekends and practice games. There were no outstanding individuals, but a general level of competence and a willingness to work. The thanks of the 15 Group committee go to all clubs who hosted our games, to the referees who controlled them and to the boys who worked hard and played so well.

The County 15 Group Sevens Tournament was played at Calday RFC and resulted in a win for Calday G.S. over Sandbach S.

Courses:

The County Education Authority organised a four day coaching course at Croxall College during the last week in August at which 36 boys from over 20 schools had places. Plans are well ahead for a similar course in August 1970. Our thanks go to the County Authority and the Physical Education Organisers for their tremendous support.

Fixtures 1970 - 71.

15 & 19 Group.

19.	12.	70.	Shropshire (away)	to be confirmed.
2.	1.	71.	Warwickshire (home)	to be confirmed.
13.	4.	71.	Cumberland and Westmorland	(away)
15.	4.	71.	Northumberland	(away)
16.	4.	71.	Durham	(away)
9.	1.	71.	Lancashire	(home)
