

FIXTURES – SEASON 1984-85

COUNTY XV

September 15th	Cheshire v Connacht (Galway)
October 16th	Cheshire v Cumbria (Aspatria)
October 30th	Cheshire v Lancashire (Wilmslow)
November 9th	Cheshire v Northumberland (Birkenhead Park)
November 16th	Cheshire v Durham (West Hartlepool)
November 23rd	Cheshire v Yorkshire (Morley)

COUNTY B XV

Cheshire v Cumbria B (Away)
Cheshire v Lancashire B

COUNTY U21 XV

September 22nd	Cheshire Clubs U21 Competition
February 9th	Cheshire v Shropshire (Home)
February 19th	Cheshire v Staffordshire U23 (Home)
March 12th	Cheshire v Cumbria U21 (Home)
March 23rd	Cheshire v Lancashire U21 (Away)

COLTS

October 13th	Cheshire v Warwickshire (Old Salians)
October 20th	Cheshire v Staffordshire (Away)
November 3rd	Cheshire v Lancashire (New Brighton)
November 9th	Cheshire v Yorkshire (Away)
November 16th	Cheshire v Northumberland (Chester)
November 23rd	Cheshire v Durham (Macclesfield)
November 30th	Cheshire v Cumbria (Away)

SCHOOLS

November 13th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Shropshire (Away)
December 1st	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Staffordshire (Away)
December 10th	Cheshire 16 Group v Yorkshire (Macclesfield)
December 23rd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Cumbria (Away)
December 27th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Lancashire (Waterloo)
December 30th	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Northumberland (Home)
January 3rd	Cheshire 18 & 16 Groups v Durham (Home)
January 19th	North of England v Australia (New Brighton)

DIVISION

December 7th	North v Midlands (Nottingham)
December 14th	North v London (Otley)
December 21st	North v South West (Away)



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, 11th JULY 1985 at 6.30 p.m.

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

WALTER GOTT,
Honorary Secretary,
29th June 1985.

AGENDA

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th July 1984.
3. Adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.
4. Adoption of the Committee's Report.
5. Election of the Officers for Year 1985-86. The Committee's nominations are:
 - (a) President: G.C. Cox.
 - (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: A.I. Hart.
 - (d) Vice-Presidents: F.R. Povall, M. Cohen.
Proposed by N.A. Steel, seconded by D.O. Diamond: W. Gott.
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 1985-86. 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:

Proposed by the Committee:

Rule 8 — after "assistant Honorary Secretary" add "and an Honorary Match Secretary"
— after "Assistant Hon. Secretary" add "Hon. Match Secretary"."

Rule 14(iii)— delete "£3.00" add "£5.00"

Rule 34 — after CUP AND PLATE SUB-COMMITTEE add "UNDER 21 XV SUB-COMMITTEE consisting of a Chairman who shall be a member of the County Committee and six members. It shall be responsible for the selection of teams to represent the County Under 21 XV and to make travelling and hotel arrangements subject to any directions of the Committee as to finance."
9. To confirm D.O. Diamond as R.F.U. County Representative.
10. Election of the Auditor for the Year 1985-86. The Committee's nomination is: W. Potts F.C.C.A.
11. Any other business.

Wilf Platt, President of the County and Ken Pratt, President of the Manchester & District Referees' Society died in office during the season. The modest charm of both gentlemen will be missed by their many friends in Rugby Football.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT 1984/85

COMMITTEE

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

W.S. PLATT President	3	P. HOLLAND (Macclesfield)	2
G.C. COX President	4	R.L. GRAY (Marple)	0
A.H. RUSHTON (Past President)	4	D.C.R. HART (Mid-Cheshire College)	1(2)
P.G. TURNER (Past President)	0	R.A. PULLIN (Moore)	5
A.F. KOENEN (Past President)	4	J. TAYLOR (New Brighton)	1
H.M. CURPHEY (Past President)	5	D.J. MASON (Old Anselmians)	4
J.E. STARK (Past President)	0	D. EWING (Old Birkonians)	3
N.A. STEEL (Past President)	6	J. EDELSTON (Old Instonians)	5
G.C. NODEN (Past President)	0	M.J. CURPHEY (Old Parkonians)	6
H.V. MIDDLETON (Past President)	2	A.J. JONES (Old Rockferrians)	4
A.I. HART (Vice-President)	3	R. LOWE (Old Saliens)	4
F.R. POVALL (Vice-President)	6	D.P. WRIGHT (Oldershaw)	4
M. COHEN (Vice-President Hon. Treas.)	5	M. HENTHORN (Pacemakers I.O.M.)	0
W. GOTT (Hon. Secretary)	6	W.J. WILLIAMS (Port Sunlight)	6
J.N. LENTON (Asst. Hon. Secretary)	4	P. HOOSEN-OWEN (Ramsey I.O.M.)	0
N.H. MIDDLEBROOK (Asst. Hon. Treas.)	5	C.J. COVENTRY (Sale)	5
D.O. DIAMOND (R.F.U. Representative)	6	R. BRINDLEY (Sandbach)	5
M. MURRAY (Ashton-on-Mersey)	0	M. GRANT (Shell Carrington)	2
G.S. ANDREWS (Birkenhead Park)	4(1)	D.B. PYE (Shell Stanlow)	4
B.F. FALLON (Bowden)	2	J. SUTCLIFFE (Simon)	0
D.I. ADAMS (Caldy)	6	G.R. DAWSON (Vagabonds I.O.M.)	0
J. WARD (Canute)	3	T. CALDERBANK (Vauxhall Motors)	0
G. HODGSON (Capenhurst)	4	J. BURTON (Wallasey)	4
M. ROONEY (Cheshire Constabulary)	0	J. TAYLOR (Weston Point)	0
M. SHEEHY (Cheshire Fire Brigade)	0	P. LYONS (Whitehouse Park)	1
R.B. HOLLAND (Chester)	5	D.W. BRAIN (Wilmslow)	4
E.H. CHARLESWORTH (Chester Coll.)	0	J. DAVIES (Winnington Park)	3
T. MOHAN (Christleton)	2	S. JAKEMAN (Winsford)	2
D.A. PALIN (Congleton)	6	D.B. LEWIS (Wirral)	1
R. HOLLAND (Crewe & Nantwich)	3	A. PARIS (Liverpool Refs. Soc.)	6
A.M. LEES (Davenport)	0	K.A. PRATT (Manchester Refs. Soc.)	0
J.F. KAY (Douglas I.O.M.)	3	P. TASKER (Manchester Refs. Soc.)	1
C. SAMUELS (Dukinfield)	0	J.W. BARRATT (Schools East)	3
K.M. STRINGER (Helsby)	5	J.M. YOUNG (Schools West)	4
D. PHILLIPS (Hoylake)	2(1)	R. PINDER (Coaching) (Co-opted)	2
P. MURRAY (Liverpool Poly)	0	J. GARDINER (Selectors) (Co-opted)	2
A. FRASER-DACKERS (Lymm)	2		

No representative from Alsager College, Manchester Insurance Institute, Peel (I.O.M.), Ramsey (I.O.M.), Ronaldsway (I.O.M.), Southern Nomads (I.O.M.).

() 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.)
Bowden	Dukinfield	Old Rockferrians	Vagabonds (I.O.M.)
Caldy	Helsby	Old Saliens	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	Manchester Insurance Institute	Ramsey (I.O.M.)	Winnington Park
Chester	Marple	Ronaldsway (I.O.M.)	Winsford
Chester College	Mid-Cheshire College	Sale	Wirral
Christleton	Moore	Sandbach	
Congleton	New Brighton	Shell (Carrington)	(Total 56)
Crewe College	Old Anselmians		

SCHOOLS

Altrincham Grammar School	Hyde High School	Ruskin County High School
Appleton Hall High School	Hyde Sixth Form College	Ruthin School
Ballakermeen Junior High School	Kings School, Macclesfield	Rydal School
Bebington County Secondary School	King William College	St. Ambrose College
Beech Hall School	Knutsford County High School	St. Anselm's College
Birkenhead School	Leftwich High School	St. Mary's College
Birkenhead Institute High School	Malbank County High School	St. Nicholas School
Bishop Heber County High School	Manor School	Sandbach School
Bishop High School	Marple Hall School	Sale Grammar School
Blacon High School	Marple Ridge School	Sir John Deanes School
Bramhall High School	Middewich County High School	Stockport College of Technology
Broadoak Comprehensive School	Mosland School	Stockport Grammar School
Caldy Grange Grammar School	Mostyn House School	Stockport School
Carlott Park College of Technology	New Mills Comprehensive School	Stockton Heath High School
Cheadle Hulme School	Oldershaw Comprehensive School	Tarporley County High School
Christleton High School	Oughtrington High School	Terra Nova School
Dormie House School	Park High School	Weaverham County High School
Douglas High School	Penketh High School	Wellington School
Falbroome High School	Pensby Secondary School	Whitby Comprehensive School
Grange County School	Poynton County High School	Wilmslow County High School
Hartford High School	Queen Elizabeth II High School, Peel	Wirral Grammar School
Hazel Grove High School	Ramillies Hall School	Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School
Helsby High School	Ramsey Grammar School	
Henry Meols School	Rock Ferry High School	(Total 70)

the future but greater support is required from the West of the County.

Cheshire v Cumbria Won 10-6
Cheshire v North Wales Won 18-11

Cheshire v Lancashire Lost 14-37

COACHING

Clubs should give greater priority to coaching which will improve players' skills and techniques. Places are available on R.F.U. courses at all levels and the County positively supports Club coaches and potential coaches to obtain places. This year the County Coach has been upgraded to R.F.U. Senior coach, two coaches have passed at intermediate level and another has received the R.F.U. Coaching Award and we congratulate them all on their achievements.

ISLE OF MAN

Rugby football is strong at Club and School level on the Island and we are pleased that the Clubs are well represented in the Cheshire Cup each year. Three Island representative sides are travelling to the mainland to play Old Parkonians and Wallasey on the 21st and 22nd September and on the 26th October the Island plays an RAF side when the President of the R.F.U. will be the principal guest.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The County is fortunate in having a strong individual membership which provides good financial support. It is proposed to increase the subscription mainly due to the increased cost of postage and printing, but it still gives admission to home County matches and to the finals of the Cup, Plate and Colts' Shield. The Individual Members' Bar will be available again next season which should prove an attraction for the Lancashire game.

SENDING OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY

Overall the number of disciplinary cases has reduced but too many players are sent off. Whilst under suspension a player is not allowed to referee, run touch nor coach. 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.

YOUTH

The Youth Committee has been very active in its first year not only with its own meetings but at R.F.U. meetings in various parts of the country. It has been decided to run a weekend residential course at Chester College from 30th August to 1st September for administrators, coaches and others interested in youth football at Mini, School, Colt or U21 levels. We are grateful for the financial support provided by the R.F.U. for this venture. The County will be appointing a Youth and Schools liaison officer for a two year pilot scheme and an announcement is expected shortly.

MINI AND JUNIOR

Mini football is the introduction to Rugby and needs to be handled with great care and sensitivity. The County is able to give a lead and all Club representatives should attend the meetings and take part in the discussions. Club coaches are encouraged to go on the special courses which must benefit the boys.

CHESHIRE SCHOOLS R.F.U.

A quite outstanding season for the 18 group with 100% wins on the home scene followed by a tour of Romania. The boys were a credit to the County, a point underlined by the Chairman of the County Council when she entertained the party to dinner at County Hall. The 16 group had a mixed season after a lot of hard work by the boys and their coaches and it will be interesting to follow their progress as they move up to senior level.

18 Group Results

Cheshire v Shropshire Won 33-14
Cheshire v Staffordshire Won 15-4
Cheshire v Northumberland Won 21-10
Cheshire v Durham Won 24-10
Cheshire v Lancashire Won 3-0
Cheshire v Cumbria Won 23-6

Two boys played for England

16 Group Results

Cheshire v Shropshire Won 54-0
Cheshire v Durham Won 22-12
Cheshire v Northumberland Lost 4-22
Cheshire v Lancashire Won 12-6
Cheshire v Cumbria Lost 0-4
Cheshire v Yorkshire Lost 6-18

One boy played for England

CHESHIRE COLTS

The Colts worked hard through the season but the results were a little disappointing. However there was great enthusiasm in the squad and the boys were a credit to the County both on and off the field.

Cheshire v Warwickshire Won 14-6
Cheshire v Cumbria Won 20-16
Cheshire v Yorkshire Lost 12-17
Cheshire v Durham Lost 0-22

One boy played for England

Cheshire v Staffordshire Won 21-3
Cheshire v Lancashire Lost 3-11
Cheshire v Northumberland Lost 7-9

CHESHIRE UNDER 21 XV

The formation of a County U21 side had proved to be a great success and has disclosed potential Rugby talent at this age group. The results have been rewarding to the players and officials for the hard work they have put in, culminating in the win against a strong Lancashire side.

Cheshire v Lancashire Won 22-6

Cheshire v Cumbria Won

CHESHIRE B XV

An encouraging season for the players and officials with two wins offset by a loss but the forwards were magnificent and the players have shown pride in the County. The spirit promises much for

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Quite an encouraging season in all aspects from selections, arrangements, results and enjoyment. The Cornish game was a disappointment when a tremendous finishing surge by Cheshire should have brought the win the team deserved.

Next season sees a reversion to the Divisional grouping with two mid-week fixtures which should be a help to our supporters.

Cheshire v Cumbria Won 16-14
Cheshire v Cornwall Lost 6-9

Cheshire v Durham Lost 13-22
Cheshire v Eastern Counties Won 44-6

Players representing the County were:

		Cumbria	Durham	Cornwall	Eastern Counties
C. Rowe	(Lymm)	F.B.	—	F.B.	F.B.
H. Thomas	(Sale)	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.	L.W.
* A. Wright	Lymm	L.C.	R.C.	L.C.	L.C.
R. Johnson	(New Brighton)	R.C.	F.B.	—	—
* G. Jennion	(Sale)	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.	R.W.
G. Glynn	(Orrell)	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
A. Burchell	(Winnington Park)	H	—	—	—
* P. Sheridan	(Wilmslow)	P	P	P	P
B. Keevil	(Sale)	L	L	L	L
* C. Shaw	(Sale)	L	L	L	L
P. Sherratt	(Sale)	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.	B.S.
* N. Thomson	(Birkenhead Park)	O.S.	—	—	—
* A. Lawson	(Sale)	No. 8	No. 8	—	—
* L. Renwick	(Broughton Park)	—	L.C.	R.C.	R.C.
* P. Hackett	(Birkenhead Park)	—	H	H	H
D. Partington	(Wilmslow)	—	O.S.	O.S.	O.S.
* M. Kenrick	(Sale)	—	—	No. 8	No. 8
* Ties					

COUNTY COMPETITIONS' RESULTS

ALEX LAWRIE CHESHIRE CUP Final: Sale 31 Lymm 0
CHESHIRE PLATE Final: Sandbach 11 Macclesfield 9
CHESHIRE COLTS' SHIELD Final: Macclesfield 13 Winnington Park 12
EXPRESS DAIRIES' COLTS' WHEATSHEAF SEVENS Final: Lancashire beat Cheshire
CHESHIRE U21 TOURNAMENT: New Brighton 0 Wirral 0

The Competitions were keenly contested in the best spirit of the game with Sale adding the Cheshire Cup to their leadership of the National and Northern Merit Tables. The Lymm Club has been rewarded with a place in the John Player Cup next season as runners-up in our competition. We are again most grateful to Messrs. Alex Lawrie Factors Ltd. for their continued financial support of the Cup Competition.

