

Cheshire U18 visit to Cumbria.

Cheshire U18 arrived at a new refurbished Kendall RFU, facilities that most top clubs would love to have including a 4G pitch that would prove to be a first for a number of the young ladies.

Cheshire started strong with some strong running from Skipper Nicole Bell at 12, braking the gain line and bring in her support players.

First try of the day came from Emily Ford, a nice side-step and using her pace to score. Emily caused problems for the defence all afternoon, but not to be out done was Charlotte Bradley after scoring against Lancashire she again showed how elusive she can be scoring out wide from a move that started in Cheshire's own half.

Some strong forwards 'carries' from VC Scarlett Fielding, Daisy Hibbert-Jones and Sophie Wright making good yards with ball in hand.

Hannah Magee, starting at 9 for the first time showed good control and connection. The ever lively Elissa Jennings was at 10 and Elissa continued her try scoring form with 2 more to her name. Hannah used her speed and strong hand off to good affect making quick yards in the first half. Support by Daisy and Maya Toff produced a quick recycle and a first try for Cerys Lancaster handing off two players and diving over the line.

The first half continued in a similar vein with Cheshire making good ground out wide, but players being isolate from support and Cumbria turning over ball at the brake-down.

Half time came with Cheshire on top but Cumbria not making it easy, a few changes including the introduction of Ellie Smallwood using her speed out wide and scoring twice.

Unfortunately for Cheshire, the brake-down was still slowing their process going forward but a strong defence held Cumbria for long periods of the game. Cheshire was happy to counter on any loose play from Cumbria with Holly Lonsdale and Alexandra Dunne scoring from long range. The final scores came from Charlotte Blakeborough and Christine Lawson. Both had strong games in defence at 6 & 7 and showed good strength and fitness to finish their tries.

Cumbria never gave up. They achieved a well worked try using a well-structured pack of forwards, looking after the ball, whilst making the hard yards. Cheshire finally ran out of players as Cumbria continued their forward drives and earning a well deserve try late in the game.

Prop Scarlett fielding added to her try with 5 conversions. Another prop Kimberley Harrogate added a conversation late in the 2nd half. Final score Cumbria 5 – 77 Cheshire.

A good come back for the young Cheshire ladies, after a very close loss to Lancashire. Their next game is on 3rd December vs Yorkshire. 2pm kick off at Winnington Park RFC.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.