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**CHESHIRE RFU
2025/26**



RFU North - U18 Group

**CHESHIRE RFU
V
LANCASHIRE RFU**

**At Lymm Rugby Club
Crouchley Lane**

Lymm

WA13 0AS

Sunday 21st December 2025

Referee John Pemberton—Madrefs

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Rugby Union in Cheshire dates back to the very formation of the game in this Country. There is evidence of early adopters in the form of Sale F.C. (1861), Crewe Britannia (1874), New Brighton (1875) and Birkenhead Park (1871). The first reference to Cheshire Rugby Club is in the minutes of Sale F.C. in 1875; the first match being played against Liverpool in February 1876. A further game was played against Liverpool later that year and having won both games, the County challenged Lancashire. In the 1877-78 season, the County played Yorkshire for the first time (winning) and in the same year the Cheshire County challenge cup competition was also introduced. 1882 saw the first Constitution of the County officially adopted.

Despite its relatively small size, Cheshire has over 50 Rugby Union Clubs, 2 universities and 67 affiliated schools. Our clubs are involved from the very top tier of the RFU leagues (Sale Sharks in Premiership) down to level 9 (South Lancs & Cheshire 3) and in most of the North West Intermediate Leagues.

The aim of Cheshire RFU is to "Lead & Represent Cheshire Rugby Clubs and Schools" in promoting the game through our support, administration and encouragement. We believe that this will produce sustainability, enjoyment and success. Much development work is carried out by five RFU Rugby Development Officers and their band of Community Rugby Coaches all working with a huge number of club and school volunteers who are willing to give countless unpaid hours of their time.

Women's and girls' rugby is growing quickly within the County and we look forward to seeing the developments of a thriving structure involving many clubs and schools in a similar way to the growth of Mini/Junior rugby did within the men's game.

To administer all of the above there is a small band of volunteers that form the Executive Board. Each club affiliated to the County has a county representative; these representatives form the County committee. There are then numerous sub-committees that diligently run various elements of the County's activities including the Men's and Women's Senior County squads, the various age group teams, together with Cheshire mini and junior festivals, and junior cup competitions. Other administrative tasks include advice and support to our club and schools (including the operation of Governance and Discipline). Safeguarding, Developing People (Coaches, Referees, Volunteers & Administrators), Developing Facilities, Education (Regulations, Medical & Safeguarding) and Representing the views and wishes of our Clubs to the RFU. We have a responsibility to support and assist our Clubs and Schools to develop their plans with clear outcomes.

President's Message



Welcome to the young men playing and all their families and supporters from Lancashire. It's always good to play our "Old Foe" who are always a test for any County.

As I have stated many times this is the best team sport in the world and both teams are starting out on their journey in representing where they play. Just pulling on the jersey of your County is a great honour at any age and level. This is a fantastic opportunity to show case your skills and remember this is a team game, enjoy the moment.

To the Cheshire U18 Team led by Rob Davenport, Lead Coach: Josh Bate, Coach: Ben Lilley (ex Winnington Park... no pressure!) and physio Isobel Williams. Thank you for preparing our team. You work tirelessly, developing, coaching and administering the Age Grade game in Cheshire.

My thanks also go to today's host club Lymm RFC and their President John Cartwright for the use of their fine facilities, and to the referee John Pemberton from Madrefs without whom there would be no game. Enjoy your day.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters for their help in getting your players to all the training grounds and games that have brought them to this point!

We know that in the true spirit of the game that the skills of both sides will be applauded with equal enthusiasm by all of those present. It is important that all of those associated remember the Core Values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Finally to all the officials from Lancashire thanks for making the journey so close to Xmas, here's to a great cross border contest. To the Cheshire lads it would be nice to give me an early Christmas present.....WIN

Kind Regards

Dewi Morris
President of Cheshire



CHESHIRE RFU

1.Matti Sangares	Wirral Met College	Caldy RFC
2.Alex Gibson	Sir John Deanes College	Chester RFC
3.Morgan Simmonds	Bishop Heber High Sch	Chester RFC
4.George Shelton	St Anselm's College	Chester RFC
5.Tom Hazelton	Calday Grange GS	Caldy RFC
6.Isaac Waldron	St Anselm's College	Caldy RFC
7.Jamie Cope	Kirkham GS	Lymm RFC
8.Louis Hayes-Green	Birkenhead Sch	Caldy RFC
9.Dylan Husbands	Sandbach Sch	Sandbach RFC
10.Jamie Arista	St Anselm's College	Caldy RFC
11.Ruben Smith	Calday Grange GS	Caldy RFC
12.Roman Deans	Stockport GS	Stockport RFC
13.Nelson Misantoni	South and West Cheshire College	Chester RFC
14.Toby Neal	Lymm HS	Lymm RFC
15.Frazer Hancox	St Anselm's College	Chester RFC
16.Ted Ginivan	Cheadle Hulme School	Stockport RFC
17.Noah Green	Bishop Heber High Sch	Chester RFC
18.Zach Boschi	Sandbach Sch	Sandbach RFC
19.Charlie Chadwick	St Ambrose College	Stockport RFC
20.Joe Fletcher	Bikenhead 6th Form College	Birkenhead Park RFC
21.Matthew Harrison	Lymm High Sch	Lymm RFC
22.Rob Waring	Calday Grange GS	Caldy RFC
23.Dan Stanton	Birkenhead Sch	Birkenhead Park RFC
24.Josh Grace	Lymm HS	Lymm RFC
25.Harry Walker	Sir John Deane's College	Winnington Park RFC
26.Millar Anderson	Kirkham GS	Wilmslow RFC
27.Tom Cross	Sandbach Sch	Sandbach RFC
28.Max Wilson	Kirkham GS	Caldy RFC
29.Oliver Mitchell	Sandbach Sch	Sandbach RFC
30.James Davies	Sir John Deane's College	Chester RFC
31.Isaac Sobolewski	Sir John Deane's College	Chester RFC
32.Charlie Worsfold	Kirkham GS	Lymm RFC
33.Ieuan Jeffreys-Steele	Stourport 6th Form College	Chester RFC
34.Tom Edwards	Bishop Heber High Sch	Whitchurch RFC
35.William Bruce	Wilmslow High Sch	Wilmslow RFC
36.Austgin Titchiner-Roberts	Llandrillo College	Chester RFC

Team Manager: Rob Davenport Lead Coach: Josh Bate: Assistant Coach: Ben Lilley
Physiotherapist: Isobel Williams



LANCASHIRE RFU

1.Troy Tabi	St Helens College	Liverpool St Helens RFC
2.Shayan Ahmed	Lancaster RGS	Vale of Lune
3.Jedeon Swanepoel	Reaseheath College	Warrington RFC
4.Joe Meadows	n/a	Leigh RFC
5.Oscar Geddis	n/a	Sedgley Park
6.Samuel Leyland	Myerscough College	Leigh RFC
7.Harry Aldred	Clitheroe RGS	Blackburn RFC
8.Alfie Halliday	Kirkham GS	Sedgley Park
9.Finlay McDaid	Lancaster RGS	Vale of Lune RFC
10.Jaxon Cole	Myerscough College	Burnley RFC
11.Tom Forrest	Bolton Sch	n/a
12.Thomas Bradburn	Ripley St Thomas Acad.	Vale of Lune RFC
13.Edward Pearson	Lancaster RGS	Garstang RFC
14.Harrison Dickinson	Rochdale 6th Fm College	Littleborough RFC
15.Oscar Hankin	Myerscough College	n/a
16.Matt McCoy	Myerscough College	n/a
17.Samuel Curran	AKS Lytham	Fylde RFC
18.Jasper Cummins	Lancaster RGS	Vale of Lune RFC
19.Joe Marsh	Myerscough College	Leigh RFC
20.Asger Anderson	Merchant Taylors Sch	Firwood Waterloo
21.Tommy McGuirk	AKS Lytham	Fylde RFC
22.Harry Wright	Kirkham GS	Preston Grasshoppers RFC
23.Nathaniel Barkowski	- Martin Scarisbrick Hall	Southport RFC
24.Harry Stainton	Myerscough College	Vale of Lune RFC
25.Rory Greenhalgh	n/a	Sedgley Park RFC
26.Max Musson	Kirkham GS	Fylde RFC
27.Joseph Wotton	Stonyhurst College	n/a
28.Henry Latham	Cardinal Newman College	Garstang RFC
29.Lincoln Gladwin	Scarisbrick Hall Sch	Bolton RFC

Team Manager: Gavin Butterworth Lead Coach: Rob Jones

Assistant Coaches : Theo Hulbert, Gabe Maguire, Alex Gaughan

Physiotherapist: Sarah Bailey