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**CHESHIRE RFU**  
**2025/26**



**Jason Leonard U20 Championship North**

**CHESHIRE RFU**

**v**

**LANCASHIRE RFU**

**At Lymm Rugby Club**

**Crouchley Lane**

**Lymm**

**WA13 0AS**

**Sunday 22nd February 2026**

**2.30pm K.O**

**Referee Jeffrey Ainslie - Madrefs**

**AR1 Nathan Power - Madrefs**

**AR 2 Rosie Proctor - 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 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



A Big Cheshire welcome to all those that have travelled from Lancashire. From the President Ian Spivey to all the travelling officials, players, friends and family.

The County U20's Championship is the start for some on their journey to higher honours for the county! When I took over the role of President one of the main areas I wanted to promote and back was the county structure, for all age groups male and female! It's where I started and i will always be grateful to Cheshire RFU for that opportunity, ( back then it was

the U21's) times have changed but the desire drive and enjoyment for playing for your county hasn't .Fun is part of this and as the person who gave his name to the U 20's tournament. Jason Leonard, he would be the first to promote this. My old playing mate Jase or more aptly named The Fun Bus!! played hard and harsh but always within the spirit of the game and always had plenty of fun afterwards!

To the officials – Jeffrey Ainslie referee, Nathan Power AR1 & Rosie Proctor AR2 (Manchester and District Society) we thank you. I'm confident that the players and spectators will abide by the Core Values of the Game.

To the Cheshire U20 team led Ian Stanton, Head coach Dave Jones , Assistant Coach Adam Wellington ,Physio Vicky Ainsworth and Club liaison Nick Jones. Thank you for preparing our team. You work tirelessly, developing, coaching and administering the game in Cheshire.

May the Coaches, Supporters and the Players all have a great time here today at Lymm RFC. 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, my thanks to the Lymm RFC President John Cartwright, Club Manager Alan Troy and his staff that have helped put this game on and allowed us to use your great ground and facilities.

Go well both sides

Dewi Morris

President Cheshire RFU



# CHESHIRE RFU

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|-----|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | CHARLIE FORD         | NORTHWICH       |
| 2.  | IOAN VICKERS         | WIRRAL          |
| 3.  | JAKE JONES           | STOCKPORT       |
| 4.  | DOUGLAS DOBSON       | HARTBURY        |
| 5.  | ZAC RANCE            | CHESTER         |
| 6.  | JOE FLETCHER         | BIRKENHEAD PARK |
| 7.  | MARCUS JAREGA (CAPT) | STOCKPORT       |
| 8.  | JIM LEVENE           | WIRRAL          |
| 9.  | WILL TIGHE           | BIRKENHEAD PARK |
| 10. | WILLIAM BRIDGEWATER  | WILMSLOW        |
| 11. | DAN WOODS            | ANSELMANS       |
| 12. | MATT BOWDEN          | ANSELMANS       |
| 13. | THEO IRVINE          | CHESTER         |
| 14. | JAMES LANCASTER      | MACCLESFIELD    |
| 15. | BEN LAVENDER         | HARTBURY        |

## SUBSTITUTES TO BE SELECTED FROM:

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| JOSEF HEALEY     | WIRRAL                |
| DYLAN ASHTON     | SANDBACH              |
| JOE SHONE        | CHESTER               |
| KURTIS MCCARTHY  | STOCKPORT             |
| SEB VALENTINE    | STOCKPORT             |
| EAMON SLAVIN     | LYMM                  |
| ALEX TOMLINSON   | SALE FC               |
| DAN STANTON      | BIRKENHEAD PARK       |
| JAMES MORRIS     | CHESTER               |
| CALLUM MACGREGOR | MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY |
| MATT BARLOW      | SANDBACH              |
| PADDY PHYTHIAN   | WIRRAL                |
| ZAC HENDERSON    | SALE FC               |

Team Manager: Ian Stanton

HEAD COACH—DAVE JONES: ASSISTANT COACH: ADAM WELLINGTON

PHYSIO: VICKY AINSWORTH CLUB LIAISON: NICK JONES



# LANCASHIRE RFU

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|-----|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | HARRY COXHILL          | WEST PARK ST HELENS  |
| 2.  | JAMES NOBLETT          | PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS |
| 3.  | GEORGE REAY            | LYMM                 |
| 4.  | ARCHIE KENNEDY         | FIRWOOD WATERLOO     |
| 5.  | PADDY O'LOUGHLIN       | ROCHDALE             |
| 6.  | CHARLIE FEELEY         | WIDNES               |
| 7.  | LEWIS FUSCO            | SOUTHPORT            |
| 8.  | CAMERON MCINTYRE       | FYLDE                |
| 9.  | ARCHIE HAMER           | BURNLEY              |
| 10. | LEWIS JEANS            | BROUGHTON PARK       |
| 11. | LEWIS GEORGE           | WIDNES               |
| 12. | JOE HORNE              | ROCHDALE             |
| 13. | JOE DONNELLY           | ROCHDALE             |
| 14. | JOSH WARHURST          | TYLDESLEY            |
| 15. | MASON FILLINGHAM       | WIGAN                |
| 16. | REUBEN MAFI            | WIDNES               |
| 17. | HARRISON KENT- MANNION | WIGAN                |
| 18. | JAMIE STEWART          | MMU                  |
| 19. | JOSH SUTCLIFFE         | VALE OF LUNE         |
| 20. | GED FORSHAW            | TARLETON             |
| 21. | TARAN MATHAUDA         | PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS |
| 22. | MYLES MCCLAGGAN        | HEATON MOOR          |
| 23. | ANTHONY HARGETT        | LANCASTER UNIVERSITY |

TR SAM FITZSIMON

WIDNES

TR WOODY GILLIANT

GARSTANG

Team Manager: Ian Pearson Lead Coach: Chris Johnson

Assistant Coaches : Theo Hulbert, Alex Gaughan

Physiotherapist: Hayley Sumner