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2025/26

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**SENIOR MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
DIVISION 2**

CHESHIRE

V

CUMBRIA

at Chester R.F.C.

Hare Lane, Littleton,

Chester CH3 7DB

Saturday 23rd May 2026

KO 3.00pm

OFFICIALS (MADREFS)

Referee: Ollie King

AR1: Neil Everett

AR2: Simon Vale

4th Official: Ben Moore

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NOTES



CODE OF RUGBY

Everyone involved in rugby in England, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is expected to uphold the Core Values of our sport.

Teamwork · Respect · Enjoyment
Discipline · Sportsmanship

- Play to win - but not at all cost.
- Win with dignity, lose with grace.
- Observe the Laws and regulations of the game.
- Respect opponents, referees and all participants.
- Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs.
- Value volunteers and paid officials alike.
- Enjoy the game.

THIS IS RUGBY.

President's Message



It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Chester RUFC for today's Bill Beaumont Championship Div 2 final pool match.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a heart felt welcome to Cumbria RFU from the President Tim Wragg to all those travelling officials, players, friends and family this afternoon. Please enjoy our Cheshire Hospitality.

Playing in the County Championship is the pinnacle of a Community Player's Rugby Journey. 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, times have changed but the desire drive and enjoyment for playing for your county hasn't .

To the Cheshire Men's Team led by Gareth Davies, Coaches: Christian Jones, Derek Salisbury, Tom Morton, Oli Longmore Physio: Chimieze Chukwudire and Team Manager Claire Winter. Thank you for preparing our team. You work tirelessly, developing, coaching and administering the game in Cheshire.

My thanks also go to today's host club Chester RFC and their President Peter Craven for the use of their fine facilities, to Aquaserv for their continued sponsorship of our Men's programme and to Shrey Sports for sponsoring our kit and to the officials Ollie King, Neil Everett and Simon Vale without whom there would be no game. Enjoy your day.

May the Coaches, Supporters and the Players all have a great time here today in Cheshire. 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.

Enjoy the day and to the Victors the Spoils!

Dewi Morris

President Cheshire RFU

Possible Outcomes from today's fixture for Cheshire and Cumbria

Today we have the final stage of the Bill Beaumont Division 2 league stages and this competition is balanced on a knife edge. Absolutely finely poised.

Both Counties still have a shot at reaching next week's Semi-Finals as the *best placed runner-up* — but they'll need to do it the hard way. Nothing straightforward about this one.

A bonus-point victory is absolutely crucial today. That means five points on the board: get the win and cross for four tries or more. Simple enough in theory... much harder when the whistle blows. But that's only part of the equation.

They'll also have one eye firmly fixed on Northumberland against Durham, assuming that Northumberland keep up their winning record. Then you throw Staffordshire into the mix — and they either need to lose to East Mids, win without a bonus point, or be held to a draw.

Confusing? Oh, absolutely. Welcome to grassroots rugby mathematics at its glorious best. But what it *does* mean is this: both sides still have everything to play for today. Every carry matters. Every turnover matters. Every point could prove decisive.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is exactly what makes County rugby so compelling. So buckle up — because we could be in for a cracking contest this afternoon.

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CHESHIRE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Individual Membership is open to all, and supports County Football at all levels. It gives:

- Free entry to County matches.
- Free entry to Finals of the Cheshire Cup, Plate Vase, Bowl Competitions
- Members can also apply for International Tickets through the County.

APPLICATION FORM

Name.....

Please (where possible) provide an email address as all of our communication is now done via email and the website, many thanks

Email Address:

Address Telephone No.

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Club (if any)

Membership Fee £35

Life Membership £280.00

Please complete & and return to:

Mark Jordan - markhordan@hotmail.com

Cheshire RFU..... We do Rugby

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.

Finally, as we approach our 150th year, we are grateful to all of the people who through their support and dedication feel the same passion for the game of Rugby Union as we do; long may it continue.



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| 2. | THOMAS COE | STOCKPORT |
| 3. | NIALL GRANT | ANSELMIAN |
| 4. | HAYDEN LONG (C) | WIRRAL |
| 5. | JAMES REEVE | WIRRAL |
| 6. | TOM METCALFE | STOCKPORT |
| 7. | JORGE LEWTAS | BIRKENHEAD PARK |
| 8. | WILLIAM NELSON | BOWDON |
| 9. | JACK BUSBY | SANDBACH |
| 10. | BEN BROOKS | BOWDON |
| 11. | WILL MORRIS | WIRRAL |
| 12. | LEWIS WINTERBOTTOM | BOWDON |
| 13. | HARRY LEWIS | MANCHESTER |
| 14. | CIARAN CONNOLLY | BOWDON |
| 15. | RHYS JAMES (VC) | WIRRAL |
| 16. | MATTHEW DAVIES | SANDBACH |
| 17. | ARCHIE LEE | SANDBACH |
| 18. | MICHAEL BYRNE | ANSELMIAN |
| 19. | ORSON O'RORKE | HARROGATE |
| 20. | ROBIN LOWNDES | WINNINGTON PARK |
| 21. | ISAAC WRIGHT | SANDBACH |
| 22. | TOM HUGHES | STOCKPORT |
| 23. | MARK WILLIAMS | WIRRAL |

CHAIR OF SELECTORS: GARETH DAVIES

COACHES: CHRISTIAN JONES, DEREK SALISBURY, TOM MORTON, OLI LONGMORE

PHYSIO: CHIMIEZE CHUKWUDIRE—TEAM MANAGER CLAIRE WINTER



CUMBRIA RFU

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| 1. | ARRAN SULLIVAN | ASPATRIA |
| 2. | TOM GRAHAM (VC) | CARLISLE |
| 3. | JACK GASKELL | PENRITH |
| 4. | WILL ADDYMAN | KESWICK |
| 5. | CHRIS GRAHAM | ASPATRIA |
| 6. | PATRICK WOSTLEHOLME | KENDAL |
| 7. | LEWIS BELL | KESWICK |
| 8. | TOM MCCULLOCH (C) | NORTHERN |
| 9. | JAKE STEWART | KIRBY LONSDALE |
| 10. | RYAN SCOTT | ASPATRIA |
| 11. | DAN SHORROCK | KENDAL |
| 12. | ALFIE BRADSHAW | KENDAL |
| 13. | BEN CLARK | KESWICK |
| 14. | BEN O'HALLORAN | KENDAL |
| 15. | LEWIS TINGEY | CARLISLE |
| 16. | ALEX BRIGGS | KIRBY LONSDALE |
| 17. | LEWIS DAVIES | KESWICK |
| 18. | ADAM BROUGH | COCKERMOUTH |
| 19. | JOHN SWALLOW | KENDAL |
| 20. | JACK SHANNON | HAWCOAT PARK |
| 21. | SHANE CUSACK | ASPATRIA |
| 22. | BEN LAWSON | KIRBY LONSDALE |
| 23. | JASON TAIT | CREIGHTON |

Head coach: Dan Bowman

Coaches: Reece Tomlinson, Gareth Gore, Chris Park

Performance Manager: Gary Hewer, Physio: James Watson

Team Manager: Elliot Walker, Kit & Logistics Support: Jason Donoghue

Logistics Support: John Ladell