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2025/26

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

CHESHIRE

V

NOTTS LINCS & DERBY

at Chester R.F.C.

Hare Lane, Littleton,

Chester CH3 7DB

Sunday 24th May 2026

2pm kick off

OFFICIALS

Referee: David Randall Lpool Society

AR1: Neil Fallon Lpool Society

AR2: Kate Thompson Lpool Society

4th Official: Garry Williams Lpool Society

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President's Message



It gives me great pleasure to welcome the players, officials, family and friends of Notts/Lincs& Derby (NLD) to Chester RFC this afternoon. On behalf of Cheshire Rugby, I would like to thank Chester RFC for staging today's match and our thanks are extended to the officials David Randall, Neil Fallon, Kate Thompson and Garry Williams from the Liverpool Referee's society for giving their time today. We know we are in for a quick and free flowing game.

It is important that the women of both counties are given the opportunities to develop their rugby skills, and these matches are invaluable in identifying and giving recognition to these young women who are the future of our clubs and the national game.

To the volunteers that make these opportunities possible, thank you. Without your support the Women's game won't continue to grow and such opportunities as today would be lost. To all the family and friends also present here today I'd would also like to say thank you. Without your efforts in supporting these women at training and matches, we would not be witnessing the results of their hard work this afternoon.

To the players I'd like to say that to represent your County is a great honour. I still have my own County blazer from many years ago which I still wear with pride. It's a wonderful achievement and is a testimony to your hard work under the direction of your coaches and brings recognition to your club and the teams you represent. Enjoy every moment, have fun and good luck. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we're all looking forward to seeing you all in action today.

Finally, as always, a special thank you goes to the coaches, management and medical staff of the squads who give their time so willingly. I am sure the women appreciate all your efforts and the advice given. I look forward to watching some exciting and open rugby and I hope everyone enjoys the game this afternoon.

Dewi Morris
President, Cheshire RFU

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.



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.

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:

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Club (if any)

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| 5. | KIRSTY MORLEY | WINNINGTON PARK |
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| 7. | KACIE LAWTON (C) | MACCLESFIELD |
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HEAD COACH: CHRIS SHEPPHARD
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 BACKS COACH:PAULA BRADBURY
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| 4. | SOPHIE CARTWRIGHT | STAMFORD |
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