CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CHESHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION will be held at the CHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, HARE LANE, VICARS CROSS, CHESTER on THURSDAY 5th JULY 2001 at 6.30 pm

AGENDA

1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th July, 2000.
4. To adopt the Committee’s Report.
5. To elect the Officers for the Year 2001/2002. The Committee nominations:
   (a) President: D.I. Adams
   (c) Senior Vice-President: D.A. Ewing
   (d) Vice-Presidents: J.N. Lenton, M.J. Lord, A.G.deB.Marrs, M.B.E.
   (e) North League Representative: R. Haslehurst
6. The following officers being eligible and no further nominations being received are hereby elected:
   (a) Honorary Secretary: A.G.de B. Marrs, M.B.E.
   (b) Assistant Honorary Secretary: P. Rhodes
   (c) Honorary Treasurer: M. Cohen, J.P.
   (d) Assistant Honorary Treasurer: B.W. Davies
   (e) Honorary Match Secretary: L. Galey
7. To confirm the appointment of M.J Lord as R.F.U. County Representative
8. To elect the Committee for the year 2001/2002. One representative from each club, one member from each of the Referee’s Societies and two representatives from the Schools.
9. To elect the auditor for the year 2001/2002. The Committee’s nomination:- W. Potts F.C.A.
10. Any other Business

Graeme Marrs M.B.E.
Honorary Secretary
18th June 2001

501 Tower Buildings
22 Water Street,
Liverpool L3 1BL
Six Committee Meetings were held during the year and the following is a record of attendance.

D.I. Adams (President) ........................................ 6
D.A. Ewing (Senior Vice-President) ......................... 6
J.N. Lenton (Vice-President) ................................. 0
M.J. Lord (Vice-President) .................................. 5
A.G. de B. Mars (Vice-President) ......................... 5
P.G. Turner (Past President) .............................. 0
A.H. Rushton (Past President) ........................... 0
G.C. Cox (RFU Representative) ....................... 6
A.I. Hart (Past President) .................................. 1
M. Cohen (Past Chester) ................................... 5
F.R. Povall (Past President) ............................... 6
N.H. Middlebrook (Past President) .................. 5
C.J. Coventry (Past President) ...................... 3
D.P. Wright (Past President) ............................. 3
L. Galey (Match Secretary) ........................... 2
P. Blake (Altrincham Kersal) ............................ 2
M.R. Williams (Asheron-Mersey) ....................... 5
Mrs. E. Briscoe (Birkenhead Park) .................. 5
C. Fall (Birkenhead) ......................................... 2
T.I.F. Price (Capenhurst) .................................. 3
M. Thelwell (Capenhurst) .................................. 0
M. Lord (I.O.M. Clubs) ....................................... 5
B.W. Davies (Chester) ....................................... 5
P. Reid (Chester University College) ............... 0
D. Shepherd (Christleton) ................................... 0
R. Lewis (Congleton) .......................................... 4
Creve & Alsager College Rep. ......................... 0
J. M. Farr (Crewe & Nantwich) ..................... 4
E. Taylor (Dukinfield) ....................................... 2
D. B. Pye (Ellesmere Port) ................................... 6
B. McClean (Helsby) ......................................... 1

CLUBS

Gentleman of Moore
New Brighton
Northwich
Old Anselmians
Old Birkonian
Oldershaw
Parkonians
Port Sunlight
Preston
Ramsey
Reaseheath College
Runcomb
Sale

SCHOOLS

Schools Affiliated to Cheshire RFL 2000/2001

Ellesmere Port Catholic H.S.
Grange Grammar School
Grappenhall Hall School
Hartford H.S.
Hilbre H.S.
Holmes Chapel C.S.
Jeff Joseph Sale Moor T.C.
King Williams College
King's School, Macclesfield
Lymm H.S.
Malbank School
Marple Hall School
Middlewich H.S.
Mosslands School
Moulton C.P. School
Oldershaw School
Padgate H.S.
Pensby Boys H.S.
Queen Elizabeth II H.S.
Queen's Park H.S.
Ramillies Hall School
Ramsey G.S.
Redcourt St. Anselm's Prep.
Ridge Danyers College
Ruthin School
Rydal Penhrose School
St. Ambrose College
St. Anselm's College
St. David's College
St. Nicholas H.S.
St. Ninian's H.S.
Sale G.S.
Sandbach School
Sandbrook Primary School
Sir John Deane's College
South Wirral H.S.

Altrincham Kersal
Ashoton-on-Mersey
Birkenhead Park
Bowdon
Caldy
Capenhurst
Castletown
Cheshire Regiment
Chester
Chester College
Chester Law College
Christleton
Congleton

Alsager School
Altrincham G.S.
Altrincham Prep. School
Aguinas College
Ashoton-on-Mersey
Ballakermie H.S.
Beech Hall School
Birkenhead School
Birkenhead Sixth Form College
Bishop Heber County H.S.
Blacon H.S.
Bramhall County H.S.
Bridge water County H.S.
Brine Leas County H.S.
Calday Grange G.S.
Castle Rushen H.S.
Chaddeiulm School
Chester Catholic School
Christleton H.S.
Croft County Primary School

B.M. Meyrick (Holmes Chapel) ......................... 3
D. Western (Hoylake) ....................................... 5
G. Kennedy (Lymm) ......................................... 5
E. J. F. Taylor (Macclesfield) ......................... 5
N. Hawkley (Marple) ........................................ 0
S. Lapinskas (Monte ll Carrington) ..................... 0
J. C. B. Pinnington (New Brighton) ...................... 3
R. McAvoy (Northwich) ..................................... 1
D.J. Mason (Old Anselmians) .......................... 3
D. A. Ewing (Old Birkonian) ........................... 6
D.P. Wright (Oldershaw) .................................... 3
N. Morris (Parkonians) ...................................... 1
P. Ascott (Poynton) .......................................... 2
J. Perceval (Prenton) ......................................... 2
A. Sproston (Reaseheath College) ...................... 0
J. Gore (Runcomb) ............................................ 0
P.B. Tredwell (Sale) ......................................... 0
R. Remond (Saliens) ......................................... 0
J. Wyatt (Sandbach) .......................................... 0
R. Haslehurst (Stockport) ................................... 3
J.S. Stockton (The Gentlemen of Moore) .............. 1
S. Halliday (Vagabonds) ..................................... 3
M. Chatham (Wallasey) ...................................... 2
R. Green (Wilmoss) ............................................ 3
W. Booker (Wingston Park) .................................. 2
C. Gerrard (Wirral) ............................................. 5
G. Hughes (Manchester Referees) ....................... 0
W. Buckland (Liverpool Referees) ..................... 0
A. G. de B. Mars (Schools) .............................. 5
D.I. Adams (Schools) ....................................... 6
S. Crompton (Wirral Academy) ......................... 1
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - - - ABANDONED
125 Celebration Match v. Anti Assassins
Cheshire 26 - A A's 49

Disappointingly, the County Championship was abandoned due to a combination of petrol strikes, foul weather and the foot and mouth epidemic, leading to severe fixture congestion and the consequent unwillingness of clubs to release players.

Therefore the only match played by the County XV was against the Anti Assassins in the 125 Celebration Match at Sale. Cheshire lost 26-49 in an entertaining game. Ian Kennedy shone for the County, scoring three times.

Our thanks go to Mr. John Gardiner the President of the Sale Club, Neil Thallow the Secretary and Phil Winstanley and his colleagues at Sale Sharks for all the work they put in to host the game and to the AA’s for providing such strong, but ideal, opposition.

The Cheshire Squad was:-
(Caps were not awarded)
Richard Hopkinson (Lymm) Sean Kay (Chester) Steven Dodd (Birkenhead Park) John Plant (Macclesfield) Neil Lomax (Cambridge Univ) Ian Kennedy (Birkenhead Park) Dominic Castle (Sale) Scott Goodfellow (Macclesfield) Steve Diamond (Macclesfield) Steve Mannion (Macclesfield) Jeremy Bostock (Macclesfield) Lee Hodgers (Birkenhead Park) Will Harrison (Sale) John Shuddall (Birkenhead Park) John Sewill (Sale) Matt Pennington (Caldy) Louis Marx (Stockport) Giles Hazelton (Whitchurch) Peter Craven (Chester) Kevin Brookman (New Brighton) Jed Hill (Wilmslow) Andy Monaghan (Macclesfield) Leigh Kenhaugh (Vagabonds)

CONSTITUENT BODY SEVENS
This year, Counties were invited to enter just one Seven (last year it was two) for the tournament, the final stages of which were played at Twickenham on County Day, the first day of a weekend Festival. There was a sufficiently large entry for the North to have a play-off to provide two sides for Twickenham. This comprised three matches each for Northumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire - and the ‘event’ took place at Wetherby RFC on a lovely Sunday in May. Cheshire lost heavily to Yorkshire, beat Lancashire in a nail biting thriller and ‘ran out of steam’ against Northumberland, having held them to 10-12 at halftime.

Frankly, Cheshire didn’t deserve to advance the organisation of the side was haphazard to say the least, and we were badly let down in certain quarters. But thanks to David Ewing for his determination, Brendon Bailey and Gareth Jones for coaching/managing the side and the players themselves for giving their all (some were comprehensively ‘knackered’, having played six games of sevens the day before, and others were carrying knocks of varying degrees of severity). Thanks too, to the Wetherby Club and David McInnes, the Yorkshire Secretary, for hosting a pleasant day.

COUNTY COMPETITIONS RESULTS
Thwaites Cheshire Cup Final New Brighton beat Winnington Park
Thwaites Cheshire plate Final Runcorn beat Caldy
State Schools U.14 Cup Lymm H.S.
State Schools U.13 Cup Not completed for
Schools 18 Group Senior Cup Wirral G.S.
Schools 18 Group Sevens Wirral G.S.
Schools 16 Group Sevens Bramhall H.S.
Schools 15 Group Sevens Wirral G.S.
Clubs U.17 Cup Birkenhead Park
Clubs U.16 Cup Chester
Clubs U.15 Cup Winnington park
Clubs U.14 Cup Chester
Clubs U.13 Cup Lymm
Clubs U.12 Minis Festival Altrincham Kersal
UNDER 20’S RESULTS
Cheshire 18 Northumberland 21
Cheshire 46 Cumbria 10
Lancashire 11 Cheshire 20
Yorkshire 25 Cheshire 7
North Midlands 33 Cheshire 16

Seven players Richard Hopkinson (Lymm), James Duckers (Sale) Christian Jones (New Brighton), Mark Harris (Manchester University) Ollie Hewit, Gavin Woods, and Grant Little (all Chester) represented the North on Wednesday in their victory over the South West at Chester.

CHESHIRE RFSU 18 GROUP REPORT
The season started with trials held at the King’s School, Macclesfield in late September. This was followed by a final trial and development session at the same venue. Many thanks to King’s School for their hospitality.

The first game was away in Northumberland and involved the whole squad staying overnight in a hotel (arrangements courtesy of Halewood Travel Ltd.) The bonding and camaraderie generated off the pitch were not reflected in the performance against a powerful Northumberland side. The Cheshire front five were found wanting and a 17-22 loss could have been greater without the excellent defensive work of Brace, Keep and Handley in the back row.

Changes in the squad for the Cumbria game ensured a better balance and more pace in the pack. Again the back row were outstanding and the front five competed well against a one dimensional Cumbrian eight. The backs were able to shine with good ball. Foley, Culligan and Struttle were impressive, as were both scrum-halves used, Moore and Halewood.

Final score: 36-0

The away game against Yorkshire saw Cheshire draw 12-12 in a game we probably deserved to win. The all-round team effort was excellent and we played the more constructive rugby. James Moore at scrum-half was lively, and once again Handley, Keep and Brace were very effective. Murphy on the wing also excelled.

The Lancashire game was a disappointment. Our team was weakened by the last minute withdrawal of the Lymm High School contingent on Daily Mail duty. Although their replacements battled hard, this was not a great Cheshire performance against admittedly, a strong Lancashire side.

Result: Lost 0-44

The final game against Durham was hosted by King’s Shool (thanks again). A 17-8 win was a fair result and reflected a gutsy performance by the whole side.

The squad was well represented at North Trials. The following were all involved:

J. Handley (Wilmslow H.S) J. Keep (King’s Macclesfield) P. Murphy (AGS).

D. Struttle (Lymm) J. Moore (WGS) T. Foley (St Ambrose) Culligan (Caldy G.S)

Handley, Keep and Murphy all played for the North.

Many thanks to Paul Halewood and Dave Thompson for their support.

U16 REPORT
The season was marked by the co-operation between the Clubs and Schools and many thanks must go to those people who made it a success. The initial Trial involved the usual cast of thousands, (changes will be in operation for the coming season) so could people please be careful with the calibre of their nominations in future, but there were enough selectors to produce the teams for the final Trial.

Due to the weather the preparation for the first games was disrupted but the first game against Cumbria resulted in a 28pts to 17 victory but it was disappointing in that the B team fixture was cancelled. The weather caused the cancellation of the next fixture at A and B against Staffs and also training sessions, so our preparation for the Yorkshire game was not ideal and we lost 26pts to 5 although the game was much closer than the score suggests. Lancashire at A and B level was also cancelled which left the final fixture in the sequence against Durham at both A and B level. The A team lost in the dying moments 15pts to 17 but the B team ran out comfortable winners with over 40pts on the board.
After Christmas several fixtures were played to fulfil previous Clubs’ fixtures but the squad sessions continued to be disrupted by the weather. Games against Lancashire clubs and Yorkshire clubs resulted in defeats but usually it was only in the first half as the second half involved a recovery but sadly not enough points were scored.
The Easter holidays saw the development of an Anglo-Scottish tournament involving Lancashire, Cheshire, Glasgow, Caledonia, played over five days. As a warm up we played Lancashire and in a very entertaining game Cheshire won 39pts to 32 all our points being scored in the second half. The game against Caledonia was lost at Preston but we beat Glasgow at Macclesfield to round off a very long season and many thanks to those players, officials and parents who saw it through.

Adam Newton (Bramhall H.S.) Ben Fowden (Bishop Heber. H.S.) Jamie McLaughline (St Anselms College) Rob Burchell (Weaverham H.S.) are all to be congratulated for playing for the North of England and Ben Fowden who played for England A.

### U15 GROUP

This was the season that Cheshire Schools and Cheshire Clubs combined their resources. A squad of 46 were chosen and fixtures were played against county school and county club sides.
The format in selecting the players was the same as previous years involving district selection and inter district games. Club involvement ensured the availability of many coaches at county level.
Coaching sessions were held every week and there were highlights from a successful season. Unfortunately the county teams were very limited in their back play and the results were poor.

Two county Fixtures ‘A’ and ‘B’ were lost in Cumbria because of the foot and mouth epidemic and in Durham due to waterlogged pitches.

#### Results

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This is my last report as I am resigning as U15 secretary and would like to thank Bob Davies for his support over the years and to many coaches who have contributed so much to the development of the U15’s.

The amalgamation with the county clubs has meant that the season is very long and the amount of work involved is much greater. It is vital that the schools section can contribute equally in the organisation and coaching otherwise the clubs will take over the U15 group.

### U14 CUP

Lymm High School won the competition held at Weaverham High School and represented the county at the North of England state schools finals.

### U13 CUP

Due to the poor weather this was not held this year.

#### REFEREE SOCIETIES

Our sincere thanks to the referees of the Liverpool and Manchester Societies for providing officials for so many games within Cheshire. Both Societies are short of referees and clubs are asked to:-

1. Encourage ex players to take up refereeing
2. Make referees feel welcome so that they want to come back again.

There has been a disturbing increase in the number of cases involving not only verbal abuse, but also man-handling, and definite intimidation of referees by spectators.

This matter is exercising your Executive and the General Committee. It is sufficiently widespread for the RFU to be organizing a Conference at Twickenham later in the year, solely to consider Disciplinary Matters.

For more information on Referees’ Societies contact the following:-

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CHESHIRE MERIT TABLES SEASON 2000/2001

The Tables commenced on 23rd September 2000 with the following Clubs electing to take part in their respective Table.

**Wirral Table**
- Old Anselmians 2nd XV
- Birkenhead Park 2nd XV
- Chester 3rd XV
- Ellesmere Port 2nd XV
- New Brighton 3rd XV
- Wallasey 2nd XV
- Wirral 2nd XV

**East Table**
- Altrincham Kersal 2nd XV
- Crewe Nantwich 2nd XV
- Lymm 2nd XV
- Macclesfield 3rd XV
- Marple 2nd XV
- Sandbach 2nd XV
- Stockport 2nd XV
- Wilmslow 2nd XV

The Clubs were to contact each other and arrange their games on mutual agreement throughout the season. It was planned that the games would be played by 24th March 2001 for the Wirral table and 14th April for the East Table. Due to the Atrocious weather conditions and the outbreak of Foot and Mouth I was willing to accept results of games played up to 28th April 2001.

From the information I have been given the Final Table positions are as follows.

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* Awarded 4 points for Marple and Sandbach not playing fixture.

THWAITES BITTER CHESHIRE CUP REPORT, MAY 2001

This season it has been difficult to fit the cup and plate matches in. Spare weekends in the season's structured season were few and far between and it did not help, in the cup, that the free weekends for the national league side did not coincide with those of the rest. The fuel strike, the bad weather and the foot and mouth outbreak all in some way contributed to the problems. This meant that some games (including the Cup Final) had to be played midweek, a system which is not ideal and which the competitions sub-committee hope can be avoided next season. (The Executive committee have suggested fixed dates (Sunday's) with no changes allowed and this coincides with the Sub-Committee’s thinking.)

Still we made it eventually, although, to say we had problems arranging the date for the cup final would be an understatement. The finalists got to the Final, which was held at Chester on Wednesday 2nd May as under:-

NEW BRIGHTON
- 1st round, seeded to 2nd round
- 2nd round, w/o vs. Wilmslow
- Quarterfinal, home to Birkenhead Park, won 30-11
- Semi-Final, away to Stockport, won 10-0

WINNINGTON PARK
- 1st round, away to Port Sunlight, won 51-5
- 2nd round, home to Altrincham Kersal, won 19-12
QuarterFinal, home to Vagabonds (IOM), won 27-12
Semi-Final, home to Oldershaw, won 49-6
In the final, after a very competitive game, the result was:-
NEW BRIGHTON 27 v WINNINGTON PARK 11
NEW BRIGHTON thus retained the trophy for the fourth consecutive year.
In the plate final, played at Lymm on Sunday 25th March, RUNCORN beat CALDY to retain the trophy.

Winnington Park and Oldershaw are the nominations for next season’s Tetley Bitter Cup competition.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
Membership is excellent value and includes free entry to all Home County Championship games and to the County Cup and Plate Finals. Members can also apply for Home International tickets, but all these privileges are only available to paid up members. Ties are available at £6 each and sweaters for £25 from the Hon Secretary Dennis Western, 118, Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XQ. Tel: 0151-648 3208

Over the past three seasons 10 members have been lost through deaths and resignations, but mainly due to non-payment. 5 new members brings a net loss of 5. Committee members are urged to join and recruit more members. As at the end of season 00-01 membership totals stand at 188 life and 117 ordinary.

NORTHERN COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE (NCL)
The STRUCTED SEASON for 2001 - 2002 has now been finalised and circulated to clubs, there will be no changes to the leagues’ present format.
Notable changes to the regulations for next season is as follows:-
1) When a postponement of a league match occurs for whatever reason, the game now must be played on the next available Saturday. League secretaries will enforce this appeal for further postponement will be heard by the NCC.
2) Players who have never been registered will now be allowed to register after the 1st March deadline.
3) Due to spot checks at league matches on player eligibility in other regions highlighting serious registration irregularities, it will be within the rights of either league secretaries or CB League Representatives to attend a match and cross reference individual player’s details against the Match Card.
4) An additional “box” is to be added to the Match card for the Referee to indicate how the home Club “managed” the ground with respect to unauthorised spectators, coaches, substitutes etc encroachment on to the field of play. A tick will indicate that the referee has had a problem.
5) Kick off times are to be amended. An increase of travel funding for 2001-2002 is possible.
6) The NCC is to continue to support County Cup competitions whereby priority is given to rearranged cup dates over postponed league matches, the North being the only division to do so.
7) The 0 - 0 win has been successfully applied in other areas and have minimised end of season problems. The NCC has accepted the principle on the proviso that should a no score points affect the final promotion/demotion position, all the offending club’s scores would be discounted. It was agreed to accept the format for all levels, however, the club selection difficulties must produce a team albeit, of unregistered or borrowed players. Failure to fulfil the fixture will result in the 2 point penalty and a re-play.
8) Clarification of the “essential front row replacement” regulation is being drafted.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
This year saw the existence of the Executive Committee for the first time. It took a while for it to find its feet but I would like to feel that it performed a valuable function during the year. It required a conscious effort for the committee not to be supersede the role of the General Committee, although timing sometimes necessitated that some matters, which should otherwise have been dealt with by the General Committee, were handled by the Executive Committee.
Probably the most important outcomes were the recruitment of John Burton to oversee the forthcoming work with regard to the implementation of the Blackman report and John Taylor to manage the formulation of the CB’s Strategic Plan. I was disappointed that the RFU was not further forward in their preparation of material to help CBs draw up their Strategic Plans, and would have preferred to be further advanced this time. I hope however that everyone will support John Burton and John Taylor during the next period, which I’m sure will require clear thinking and a disciplined approach.
The subject of abuse of referees, not necessarily by players, is beginning to become too frequent a subject on agendas, and I would like to think that all members, clubs and individuals alike, will endeavour to help in this area. A significant reduction in the level of abuse, by spectators, players and administrators, is needed if the decline in the number of referees is to be halted.
Finally, I should like to thank those who have helped me during the year and hope that you will support your new chairman as much.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Last year was the first time that the Treasurer did not present accounts to the AGM caused by moving the year end from 30th April to 30th June. The account for the 14 months for 1st May 1999 to 30th June, 2000 were presented and approved in the 1st Annual Finance Meeting on 14th September, 2000.
This should have been the first year when a 12 month year covering the whole of a season’s activities could have been presented to the 2nd Annual Finance Meeting which will be held at Chester Club House on 13th September, 2001 at 6.30pm. Unfortunately this has not been a normal season because the foot and mouth outbreak meant that the County Competitions were abandoned along with many other games. Our strongest support goes out to our many friends in these Counties that have been hit the hardest if only because so many players and supporters in these counties come from farming families.
The County uses its income to support a strong County side and gives representative Rugby to many differing age groups. We support Coaching Courses for development squads and clubs, players and coaches and ensure the continuing availability of a Youth Development Officer.
To fund these activities we are appreciative of the support and sponsorship from Thwaites Brewery for not only our County Cup but in this our 125 Anniversary Year their substantial backing for our Celebratory Dinner.
We have received continued support from Denis Palin Sportswear, from the County Cup Committee and the Individual Members and its Committee. The Treasurer is also grateful for the many members of the County who look after County sides, Cup Competitions, Coaching courses and in general make everything possible.
Lastly, our major income source are the grants from the RFU which ensure that Rugby continues to thrive in the Counties. The Volunteers in the counties make sure that these funds are put to the best possible use in all Counties at a far lower cost, and with greater affect, than the full time paid officials which is the alternative. But to do this we need more of you - the members in the County need to support their Club and the County - in order to produce flourishing thriving Rugby in the County of Cheshire.