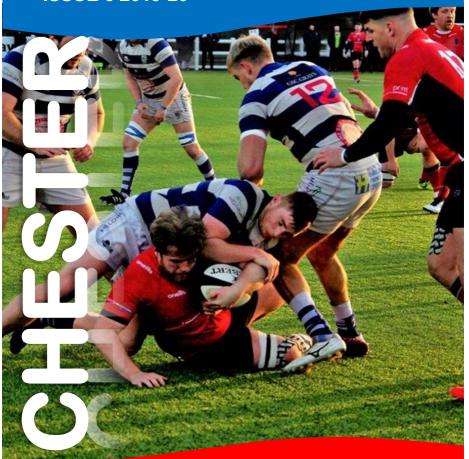


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Please respect the match officials.

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President's Welcome...

oday we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Hinckley RFC to Hare Lane. Hinckley and Chester sit at sixth and seventh in the league, both with 39 points, and our visitors come here off the back of a big win over Sheffield Tigers described on their website as 'without doubt the best performance from a Hornets side for some considerable time'.

This comment could best describe Chester's first 25 minutes at Stourbridge last Saturday, during which time we scored five tries and looked to be on the way to a substantial victory.

However, that was an end to our scoring and Stourbridge fought their way back into the game and, aided by the referee awarding an average of one penalty against us every two minutes of the



game, were within six points by the final whistle. I'm sure today's game will be hard fought with the Chester boys keen to maintain their home record.

Both our other men's sides were away last weekend, with the 2nds losing 10-12 at Blackburn, the Mighty 3s beating Macclesfield 33-19. The Devas continued their winning streak the Sunday before with a 19-5 win away at Harrogate and top the league table. Outstanding ladies!

In the European Champions Cup, Sale couldn't quite overcome Exeter at the AJ Bell and so it looks as though their campaign is over. Saracens continue to defy all logic by coming away from Thomond Park with a bonus point having rested most of their first team, and once again Clermont look as though they could go all the way with a convincing performance at Bath.

Next week sees our pre-Christmas VP's lunch when our local rivals Caldy visit us. Caldy entertain Stourbridge today and could well come to Hare Lane as unbeaten league leaders as the second half of the season begins. There will certainly plenty of vocal support for our lads, as I hope there will be today.

Enjoy the afternoon everybody.

Mike Dangerfield President



Fixtures and Results 2019/20

	Scunthorpe Preston Grasshoppers	A				39 39	
08.02.20	Fylde	Н				39	
25.01.20	Otley Sedgley Park	H				39 39	
18.01.20		Α				39	
	Luctonians	Н				39	
	Loughborough Students	Α				39	
21.12.19	_	Н				39	
	Hinckley	Н				39	
	Stourbridge	Α	33	27	5	39	5
	Tynedale	Н	36	17	5	34	6
	Huddersfield	Α	27	27	2	29	3
16.11.19	Wharfedale	Н	26	14	5	27	4
	Preston Grasshoppers	Α	27	10	5	22	5
26.10.19	Fylde	Α	17	42	0	17	3
19.10.19	Sedgley Park	Н	24	28	1	17	3
12.10.19	Otley	Α	17	18	1	16	3
05.10.19	Hull	Н	14	5	4	15	2
28.09.19	Luctonians	Α	24	20	5	11	4
21.09.19	Loughborough Students	Н	29	23	5	6	5
15.09.19	Caldy	Α	10	18	0	1	2
07.09.19	Sheffield Tigers	Α	19	25	1	1	3
Date	Opponents	Venue	For	Against	Match Points	Total Points	Tries



Chester 1st XV

Chester	RUFC A		anc			2019-2	20	
Player	Apps	Subs		Tries	Cons	Pens	Drops	Pts
Shay Owen	7	2		6	12	2		60
Alick Croft	9	2		7				35
Harrison Vare	8	2		5				25
William Du Randt	5			5				25
Guy Ford	10	1		4				20
Callum Bennett	7	1			9			18
Mark Dixon	11	2			6	1		15
Kyle Joseph	8	2		3				15
Harry Wilkinson	8	2		3				15
Mike Craven	8	2		3				15
George Baxter	11	1		2				10
Tom Holloway	7	1		2				10
Sean Green	13			1				5
Rhodri Rhys Parry	12	1		1				5
Colin Campbell	11	1		1				5
Tom Foden	10	1		1				5
Jimmy Lloyd	6	3		1				5
Andrew Oakden	6	2		1				5
Scott Robson	3	10		1				5
Anthony Bingham	3			1				5
Ric Cottrell	7	2						0
Macca Van Sertima	7							0
Johnny Charmley	4	5						0
Josh Morris	4	2						0
Alex Reed	2	7						0
Oliver Buckley	2	1						0
Dan Matthews	1	3						0
JJ Broberg	1	2						0
Charlie Craven	1							0
James Hattersley	1							0
Dan Pemberton	1							0
James Robins	1							0
Josh Woods	<u> </u>	3						0
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Wade Williams		2						0
Sam Farrar		1						0
Tom Gregory	1	1						0
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Daniella Telan	1							0
Penalty Tries	405	65		40	07	_		200
TOTALS	195	65		48	27	3	0	303





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At a glance...

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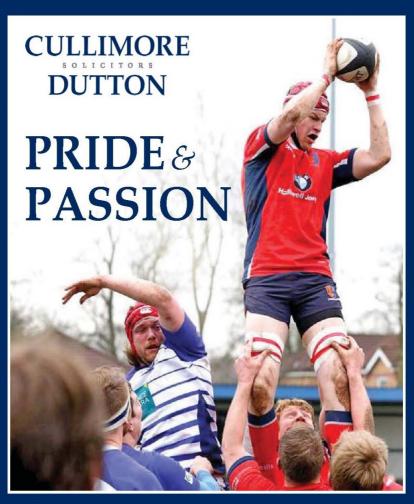
Hinckley have been at their Leicester Road ground since 1967, but in their early years they barely allowed dust to settle before they were on their travels.

By 1920 they had played at George Croft fairground, the Lawns, Mount Road, Elm Tree Drive and Ashby Road, which must have kept several Midlands removal firms in business. It worked too, because they lost only 14 matches in nine seasons while they were based at the last of those venues.

In the 1970s they reached the last 16 of the John Player Cup, losing to Leicester Tigers, and were winners of the Leicestershire County Cup four times, but the following decade will not be remembered fondly. Three relegations in three years is nobody's idea of fun, yet they turned things round and reached the National Leagues by the end of the 1990s.

Trivia fact

MJK Smith, who represented England at rugby union and cricket, the latter as captain, played for Hinckley in the 1950s.



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National 2 North

Hinckley 53-23 Sheffield Tigers

Mitch Lamb scored a hat-trick as Hinckley beat Sheffield Tigers to maintain their excellent recent form.

Tries from the impressive Joe Wilson, Callum Dacey and Lamb put the Hornets 21-17 up at the break, with a brace from Sheffield Tigers' Pete Swatkins keeping the visitors in touch.

However, Lamb went over on two more occasions as Hinckley recorded a fourth consecutive home win while Dacey and Alex Salt also crossed in the second period.

Full-back Wilson finished with 18 points to his name, whilst Mark Ireland kicked two penalties after the interval for the Tigers.

Huddersfield 25-19 Loughborough Students

Huddersfield defeated Loughborough Students at Lockwood Park to move out of the relegation places. The win took Field two points clear of the drop zone and also halted a three-game losing streak for Gareth Lewis' men.

The home side led 17-5 at half-time, with Tom Hodson and Lewis Workman going over, only after Worcester Warriors' Lewis Holsey had opened the scoring for the Students.

Richard Piper crossed for Field to stretch their lead, but a penalty try just after the hour kept Loughborough in contention.

However, Huddersfield found themselves on the right end of another close encounter as Will Milner slotted a late penalty

Tynedale 14-47 Caldy

Caldy flanker Adam Aigbokhae scored two tries as the league leaders produced a stunning display to extend their winning run to 13 matches.

Aigbokhae opened the scoring for Gareth Davies' side and Caldy found themselves 14-0 to the good at the break thanks to JJ Dickinson's effort.

Nick Royle, Aigbokhae, Ben Jones, Tom Sanders and Rhys Hayes completed the seven-try romp for Caldy, who are now four points clear at the summit.

Jonathan Cousin and Guy Pike scored Tynedale's tries, but the North-East club had no answer to the impeccable table toppers.



Fylde 17-10 Sedgley Park

Fylde have created some breathing space in the race of a top two spot after defeating rivals Sedgley Park at Woodlands.

Tries from Scott Rawlings and Tom Carleton, plus a penalty from Greg Smith, put the hosts 17-0 up early in the second half.

James Harper crossed to get Sedge on the board and three points from the boot of Steve Collins put the visitors right back into this contest with 25 minutes remaining.

Fylde's Jacob Connor was also sin-binned, but despite immense pressure from Sedge, Fylde held out to secure what could be a crucial win.

Scunthorpe 24-62 Otley

Otley ran in 10 tries to inflict a heavy defeat on bottom of the table Scunthorpe at Heslam Park.

The visitors were 26-17 up at half-time and they ran riot in the second-half as they took the game away from the hosts.

Max Johnson, Alex Beaumont and Paul Petchey all starred for the Yorkshire outfit as they grabbed two tries apiece, whilst Joe Graham, Henry Roberts, Ben Steele and Elliot Morgan also crossed for Otley.

The Greens had been firmly in this contest at the break after scores via James Dyson, Will Scammell and Grant Elliot, but Dyson's second was all Scunthorpe could muster up after the interval.

Preston Grasshoppers 13-18 Hull

Preston Grasshoppers' tough run of form continued as they suffered another defeat against Hull at Lightfoot Green.

Paul Arnold's side are currently eight points from safety in National Two North after slipping to their sixth straight loss.

For Hull, this was their third successive victory and Gary Pearce's men are six points clear of danger, but they had to come from behind in Lancashire.

A converted try and two penalties from Preston's Nick Gregson gave the Hoppers a 13-3 lead shortly after half-time, but scores from Stephen Johnson and Tom O'Donnell, plus a second penalty from Simon Humberstone, saw Hull battle back to secure the victory.

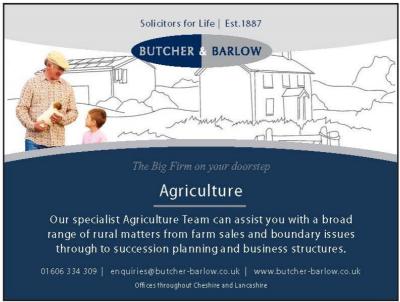
Wharfedale 25-5 Luctonians

Wharfedale ended a three-game winless run with a comfortable victory.

Fly-half Jack Blakeney-Edwards slotted over two penalties in the first-half as Dale opened up a 6-5 lead at the interval, after Aiden Cheshire had gone over for Luctonians on 24 minutes.

Blakeney-Edwards then added a converted try in the second period before the hosts capitalised on yellow cards shown to Luctonians' Owien Harriott-Davis and Callum Young. Both Oli Cicognini and Oscar Canny dotted down.







National League 2 North

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Try Bonus	Losing Bonus	Pts	
Caldy	13	13	0	0	499	180	319	9	0	61	
Fylde	14	11	1	2	446	258	188	9	2	57	
Sedgley Park	13	10	0	3	342	270	72	6	3	49	
Loughborough Students	14	8	0	6	409	326	83	6	4	42	
Sheffield Tigers	14	8	0	6	315	319	-4	4	3	39	
Chester	13	7	1	5	303	274	29	6	3	39	
Hinckley	14	7	0	7	339	329	10	7	4	39	
Tynedale	14	6	2	6	368	343	25	6	4	38	
Stourbridge	14	6	0	8	361	337	24	7	6	37	
Otley	14	6	2	6	298	341	-43	2	2	32	
Hull	14	5	2	7	267	289	-22	3	4	31	
Wharfedale	14	6	1	7	282	326	-44	2	2	30	
Huddersfield	14	4	3	7	306	402	-96	4	1	27	
Luctonians	14	3	1	10	301	376	-75	5		25	
Preston Grasshoppers	14	3	1	10	256	371	-115	2	3	19	
Scunthorpe	13	0	0	13	222	573	-351	4	2	6	



Did You Know?

League Minutiae

Hinckley have had a balanced season so far, winning and losing seven matches.

On the road they have won two and lost four of their six fixtures, beating Hull and Scunthorpe. They have gained three losing bonus points and three try bonus points on their travels, losing three matches by five points at Sedgley Park, Wharfedale and Tynedale, so they are tricky opponents.



At home they have picked up four try bonus Mitch Lamb points and they have good momentum going into

the game today having scored 85 points in the last two weeks against Stourbridge and Sheffield Tigers.

Their only ever present so far is Mitch Lamb, who is also their leading try scorer with nine, and their leading scorer is Joe Wilson with 94 points (five tries 24 conversions and seven penalties).

- ♦ 556 players have been used in the League to date.
- ♦ 10 penalty tries have been awarded.
- ♦ Caldy need one more point to top 500 for the season to date.
- \$\delta\$ 5314 points have been scored in the 220 games so far.



Not many people know that......



Chester v Tynedale



The two towers: Rik Cottrell reaches to disrupt Tynedale's line-out ball during Chester's 36-17 victory



Line of vision: Dan Matthews weighs up his options as he prepares to test the Tynedale defence



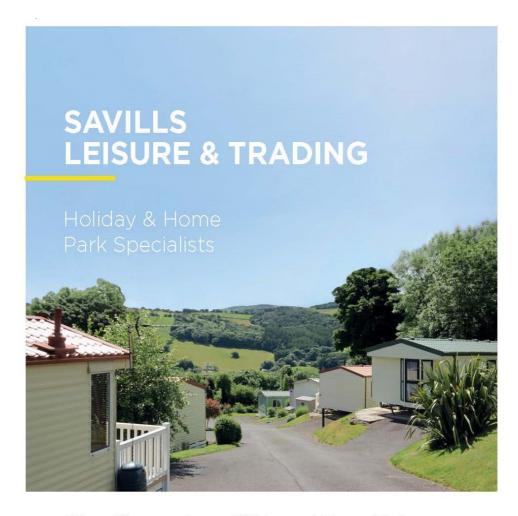
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Shadow boxing: The setting sun gives a tussle for possession an artistic glow last time at Hare Lane



A labour of shove: Chester's steam engine cranks up a gear to increase the pressure on Tynedale's pack



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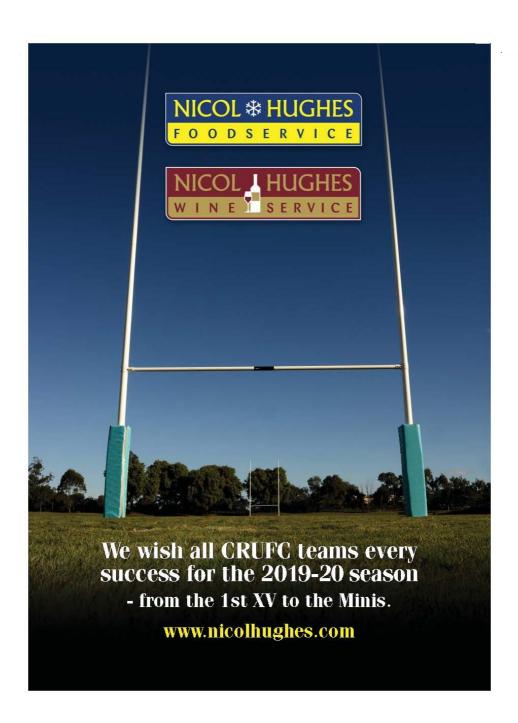
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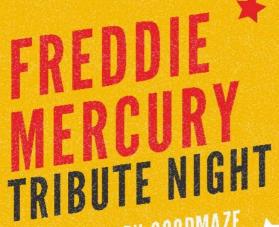




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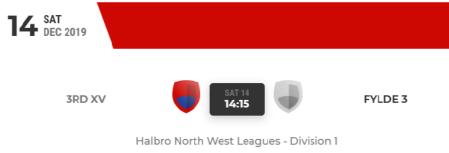
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