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President's Welcome...

oday we are pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Luctonians RFC to Hare Lane. At Mortimer Park in September Chester looked to have the game sewn up by half time, only for Lucs to have much the better of the second half and in the end we were probably lucky to come away with the win. I'm sure today's game will be hard fought, with both sides looking to put last week's defeats behind them.

Elsewhere in the league Caldy sail on undefeated (could they go the whole season?) with Fylde and Sedgley Park second and third, eight and 12 points adrift respectively. Down at the bottom Scunthorpe's woes continued with Grasshoppers taking a much needed five points



away from Heslam Park and Huddersfield managing to get two bonus points in defeat at Sedgley.

Mixed success for Chester last weekend with both the 1st and 3rd teams losing, but the 2nds had a great win 29-22 against Fylde whilst the Devas continue to impress with a 64-17 thrashing of Oldham Ladies.

In the Premiership, Saracens keep racking up the points but with Leicester getting a much needed win against Bristol the gap at the bottom is still 18 points. At the start of the season who would have guessed that Wasps, Leicester and Saracens would be in three of the four bottom places at the beginning of January? However, with only just over a third of their season gone, there's still plenty of time for things to change.

Back in November 2002 a young ginger haired lad played his first game for Chester 1st XV, on the wing against Vale of Lune. Today Sean Green plays his 350th game and joins a very select group of six other Chester players who have reached this landmark since records began. It is therefore very appropriate that the game in which he should achieve this is against his father Tony's old club. Congratulations Sean, only another couple of seasons to make 400!!

Enjoy the afternoon everybody.

Mike Dangerfield President



Fixtures and Results 2019/20

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7	19.10.19	•	Н	24	28	1	17	3	
8	26.10.19		Α	17	42	0	17	3	
9	09.11.19		Α	27	10	5	22	5	
10		Wharfedale	Н	26	14	5	27	4	
11	23.11.19	Huddersfield	Α	27	27	2	29	3	
12	30.11.19	Tynedale	Н	36	17	5	34	6	
13	07.12.19	Stourbridge	Α	33	27	5	39	5	
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Chester 1st XV

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Player	Apps	Subs		Tries	Cons	Pens	Drops	Pts		
Shay Owen	10	2		7	18	2		77		
Alick Croft	12	2		9				45		
Harrison Vare	9	2		7				35		
Mike Craven	11	2		5				25		
William Du Randt	7			5				25		
Guy Ford	12	1		4				20		
Callum Bennett	7	1			9			18		
Mark Dixon	14	2			6	1		15		
Harry Wilkinson	10	2		3				15		
Kyle Joseph	9	3		3				15		
George Baxter	11	2		2				10		
Tom Holloway	10	1		3				15		
Sean Green	16			1				5		
Rhodri Rhys Parry	15	1		1				5		
Colin Campbell	14	1		1				5		
Tom Foden	13	1		1				5		
Jimmy Lloyd	8	3		1				5		
Andrew Oakden	6	2		1				5		
Scott Robson	3	13		1				5		
Anthony Bingham	3			1				5		
Max Himbury	2			1				5		
Ric Cottrell	9	2		•				0		
Macca Van Sertima	7	-						0		
Johnny Charmley	6	6						0		
Josh Morris	4	2						0		
Alex Reed	2	10						0		
Oliver Buckley	2	1						0		
Dan Matthews	1	3						0		
JJ Broberg	1	2						0		
Charlie Craven	1	2		1				5		
James Hattersley	1			•				0		
Dan Pemberton	1							0		
James Robins	1							0		
Josh Woods		4						0		
Wade Williams		4						0		
Sam Farrar		1						0		
Tom Gregory		1						0		
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We welcome today's opponents... Luctonians



Courtesy of http://www.luctonians.co.uk/club/luctonians/

At a glance...

President Charlie Blandford Secretary Alex Smith Director of Rugby Ryan Watkins

Last season was a landmark one for Luctonians, who were not only promoted from the Midlands Premier League by beating Blaydon in a play-off, but they set a club record of 960 points in a season. Throw in a Queen's Award for voluntary service and 2018-19 was memorable on and off the pitch.

Based in Kingsland, near Leominster in Herefordshire, the club was formed as Old Luctonians in 1948 and initially was comprised largely of Lucton School alumni. Their first matrches were played in a field behind the Angel Inn in Kingsland, but they moved to their current home, Mortimer Park in 1967.

Their most distinguished old boy is Brian Vaughan, who was capped by England, became a national selector and managed the British and Irish Lions party that toured South Africa in 1962.

Trivia fact

Brian Vaughan's nephew, Justin, played for New Zealand at cricket in the 1990s and later was appointed chief executive of NZ cricket.

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League Update

National 2 North

Luctonians 20-26 Hinckley

Hinckley kept their positive run of results going with a bonus-point victory over Luctonians.

David Peck, Joe Wilson, Rory Vowles and Callum Dacey all scored for the Hornets, who have now won four of their last five games.

Luctonians did actually lead this contest heading into the final 10 minutes as Rob Lewis scored two tries for the home side while John Morris pinged over both conversions and a brace of penalties.

However, Dacey's effort eight minutes from time wrapped up a hard-fought triumph for Hinckley.

Caldy 40-7 Sheffield Tigers

Caldy's relentless form continued on the opening weekend of 2020 as they brushed aside Sheffield Tigers.



Luctonians' Rob Lewis

Winger Ben Jones scored a hat-trick at Paton Field as the dominant league leaders cruised to their 12th bonus-point victory of the season.

Nick Royle, Mike Barlow, Cameron Davies and John Parker also scored for Caldy, who remain eight points clear at the summit with a game in hand.

Mark Ireland's 79th minute converted try with the only points for Sheffield Tigers as they failed to stop Caldy from extending their winning run to 16 matches.

Fylde 24-17 Wharfedale

Fylde maintained their grip on second place in National Two North as they earnt a hard-fought win over Wharfedale at Woodlands.

A brace from David Fairbrother, as well as scores via Connor Wilkinson and Nick Ashcroft, proved to be enough for Fylde but the hosts had to defend resolutely in the final 15 minutes.



League Update

Sedgley Park 28-24 Huddersfield

Sedgley Park are still four points behind second-placed Fylde, with a game in hand, following a dramatic win..

The visitors led through Josh Crickmay's 19th minute try but Sam Lowthion responded for the hosts before the centre's second, in reply to a superb Tom Hodson effort, gave Sedge a 14-10 lead at the break.

Leon Simpson then went over for the home side, but a penalty try and a score eight minutes from time by Lewis Bradley put Huddersfield ahead. However, there was to be a late twist at Park Lane as Steve Collins converted his own try on 78 minutes to clinch the bonus-point win for Sedge.

Hull 18-25 Stourbridge

Stourbridge survived two late yellow-cards and a storming comeback from Hull.

Callum Morris's try and penalty helped Stourbridge to a 8-3 lead at the break and the Midlands side extended their advantage in the second period.

Morris's second, as well as scores from Jack Lea and Dan Rundle, built a 22-point lead for the visitors but the final 10 minutes was far from comfortable.

Alex Heard's try gave Hull something to shout about, but when Stour's James Rodley and Joe Heatley were sin-binned, the home side smelt blood.

Thomas O'Donnell's converted score and a penalty from Douglas Flockhart set up a tense finish in Yorkshire, but Stour held on.

Otley 16-13 Tynedale

Quick-fire second-half tries from Ben Magee and Elliot Morgan steered Otley to a narrow win over Tynedale at Cross Green.

Tynedale took the lead with an early Seamus Hutton try and they led 10-6 at the interval thanks to a Jake Rodgers penalty, either side of two kicks from his opposite number Ben Smith.

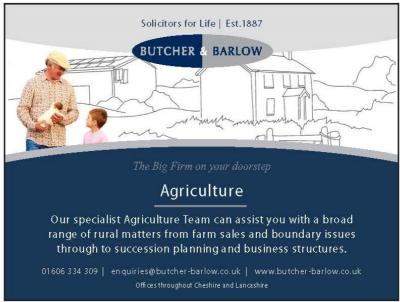
Rodgers landed his second penalty to increase Tyne's advantage, but two scores in two minutes from Magee and Morgan proved to be the difference.

Scunthorpe 7-30 Preston Grasshoppers

Grasshoppers clinched a bonus-point win to boost their survival hopes.

Tom Foster crossed to put Scunthorpe ahead after Preston had seen both Sam Wallbank and Scott Jordan sent to the sin-bin, but the visitors responded before half-time as Tom Davidson notched his second penalty of the afternoon. It was a different story after the break as Preston swiftly took control of this encounter thanks to a Chris Taylor double.







National League 2 North

								Try	Losing	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	bonus	bonus	Pts
Caldy	16	16	0	0	646	207	439	12	0	76
Fylde	17	13	1	3	508	294	214	11	3	68
Sedgley Park	16	13	0	3	468	337	131	9	3	64
Loughborough Students	17	10	0	7	529	386	143	8	5	53
Hinckley	17	9	0	8	398	377	21	8	5	49
Sheffield Tigers	17	10	0	7	394	383	11	5	3	48
Chester	16	8	1	7	365	409	-44	7	3	44
Stourbridge	17	7	0	10	403	423	-20	8	7	43
Otley	17	8	3	6	341	369	-28	2	2	42
Hull	17	7	2	8	313	332	-19	3	5	40
Tynedale	17	6	2	9	407	421	-14	6	6	40
Wharfedale	17	6	1	10	344	404	-60	3	5	34
Luctonians	17	5	1	11	353	422	-69	5	7	34
Huddersfield	17	4	3	10	355	472	-117	5	3	30
Preston Grasshoppers	17	4	2	11	286	406	-120	3	3	26
Scunthorpe	16	0	0	16	250	718	-468	4	2	6



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League Minutiae

Today's visitors

On the road Luctonians have won three, drawn one and lost five matches, slightly more successful than their home form of won two, lost six.

Their wins have come at Tynedale on the opening day of the season, a thriller by all accounts (36-33), Scunthorpe (40-8) and, most recently, Stourbridge (14-10). They also ran Sedgley Park close in north Manchester, losing out 34-40. They sit 13th in the league and have scored 60 tries.

Their top try scorer is centre Frank Kelly with 11

Their top scorer is Louis Silver with 59 points (two tries,17 conversions and nine penalties)

They have no ever presents (Chester have only have one in Sean Green). Joe White has 14 appearances.

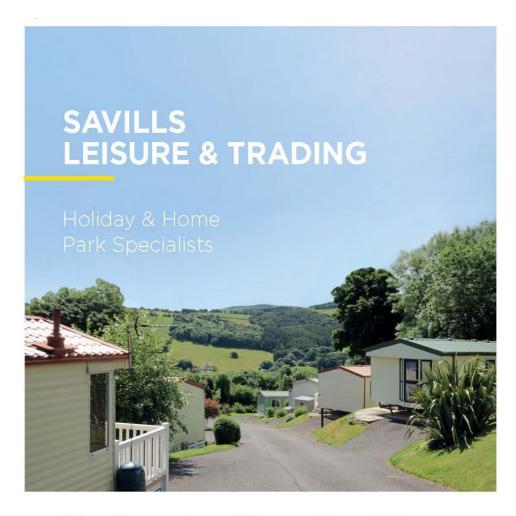
Like Chester, Luctonians have three players of the same surname: Cheshire, namely Aiden, Jake and Drew. Chester have the Craven clan, who made their first joint appearance last week at Loughborough

League wise

- Loughborough continue to lead the way with the number of players used now standing at 56.
- There have now been 11 penalty tries awarded with Wharfedale the principal beneficiaries with three being awarded to them.
- Scunthorpe have now conceded 103 tries while Caldy, unsurprisingly, are top try scorers with 90, and Chester's conquerors from last week, Loughborough, are next highest with 73.



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Chester v Caldy



Power packs: The front rows become acquainted during Chester's last home game against Caldy.



And he is just the referee!: Tim Allat cuts an imposing figure as he polices the action last time at Hare Lane.



Chester v Caldy



Back burners: The three-quarters of both sides emulate their forward colleagues as they compete for the ball.



Lock and tackle: Second row Jonny Charmley strives to find space - any space - during the 53-12 defeat.





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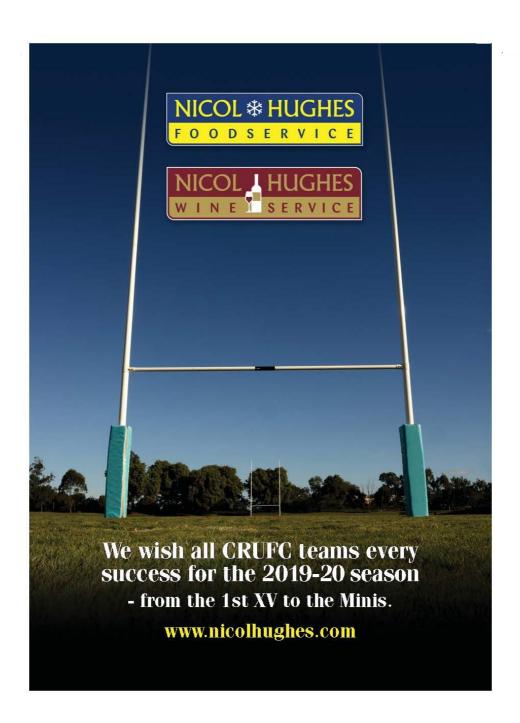
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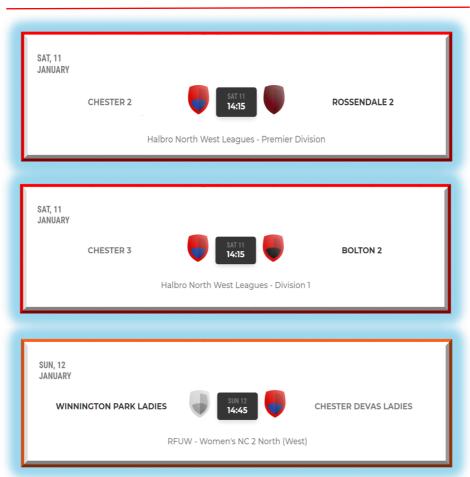
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Tom Holloway 9 Louis Silver

Colin Campbell (capt) 1 Connor Deignan

Alick Croft 2 Callum Young

Rhodri Rhys 3 Joe White

Harry Wilkinson 4 Cameron Tawfik

Jimmy Lloyd 5 Owien Harriott-Davies

James Slater 6 Max Hill

George Baxter 7 Matt Hackley (capt)

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