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President's Welcome...

Today we welcome high flying Fylde to Hare Lane. Last season they inflicted our first loss on the AGP but we returned the favour at Woodlands, thanks in part to the vociferous support of our VPs on their away-day. This season our visitors are enjoying themselves, winning 15 of their 21 games, including a very convincing home win against our Chester boys, and sit second in the league. However, last weekend saw both our sides lose and so we look forward to a competitive encounter this afternoon.

Elsewhere in National 2 North Loughborough Students look as though they maybe putting more effort into the Wednesday BUCS league and were beaten at Hull, while down at the bottom Scunthorpe, Grasshoppers, Otley and Huddersfield were all beaten but Luctonians won at home to Sheffield Tigers to ease their relegation worries. However, with still nine games of the season left and only nine points difference between eighth and 14th in the table, every win home or away is important. No game for our 2nds last week but the 3rds had a thumping 69-10 win over Bowden 2nds. Away from the senior sides, congratulations are due to the seven of our U16 players selected to play for Cheshire; well done lads, you are our future.

So what have we learnt from the first week of the Six Nations? That England flatter to deceive, their coach should perhaps learn to keep his mouth shut before the game and if not for Jonny May the result would have been much worse. That France can be unbeatable in Paris with the crowd behind them and now they have a certain defence coach anything is possible. That Ireland are going through a mid-life crisis and need more match winners than just Johnny Sexton. That Scotland will soon start getting the wins they deserve once they can keep hold of the ball over the try line and Finn Russell out of the bar. And lastly that Italy really shouldn't still be in the competition, so it's difficult to comment on Wales as the opposition was so poor.

Enjoy the afternoon everybody.



Mike Dangerfield
President



Chester 1st XV

Fixtures and Results 2019/20

	Date	Opponents		For	Against	Match points	Total points	Tries
1	07.09.19	Sheffield Tigers	A	19	25	1	1	3
2	15.09.19	Caldy	A	10	18	0	1	2
3	21.09.19	Loughborough Students	H	29	23	5	6	5
4	28.09.19	Luctonians	A	24	20	5	11	4
5	05.10.19	Hull	H	14	5	4	15	2
6	12.10.19	Otley	A	17	18	1	16	3
7	19.10.19	Sedgley Park	H	24	28	1	17	3
8	26.10.19	Fylde	A	17	42	0	17	3
9	09.11.19	Preston Grasshoppers	A	27	10	5	22	5
10	16.11.19	Wharfedale	H	26	14	5	27	4
11	23.11.19	Huddersfield	A	27	27	2	29	3
12	30.11.19	Tynedale	H	36	17	5	34	6
13	07.12.19	Stourbridge	A	33	27	5	39	5
14	14.12.19	Hinckley	H	19	18	4	43	3
15	21.12.19	Caldy	H	12	53	0	43	2
16	04.01.20	Loughborough Students	A	31	64	1	44	5
17	11.01.20	Luctonians	H	25	29	2	46	4
18	18.01.20	Hull	A	16	27	0	46	2
19	25.01.20	Otley	H	36	17	5	51	6
20	01.02.20	Sedgley Park	A	14	27	0	51	2
21	08.02.20	Fylde	H				51	
22	15.02.20	Scunthorpe	A				51	
23	22.02.20	Scunthorpe	H				51	
24	29.02.20	Preston Grasshoppers	H				51	
25	07.03.20	Wharfedale	A				51	
26	21.03.20	Huddersfield	H				51	
27	28.03.20	Tynedale	A				51	
28	04.04.20	Stourbridge	H				51	
29	18.04.20	Hinckley	A				51	
30	25.04.20	Sheffield Tigers	H				51	
				456	509	51	51	72



Player	Apps	Subs	Tries	Cons	Pens	Drops	Pts
Shay Owen	13	2	7	22	2		85
Alick Croft	13	3	9				45
Harrison Vare	10	3	7				35
Harry Wilkinson	14	2	6				30
Mike Craven	11	2	5				25
William Du Randt	8		5				25
Mark Dixon	18	2	1	6	1		20
Guy Ford	16	1	4				20
Kyle Joseph	12	3	4				20
Scott Robson	6	14	4				20
Callum Bennett	7	1		9			18
Tom Holloway	14	1	3				15
Jimmy Lloyd	12	3	3				15
Dan Pemberton	5			1	3		11
Sean Green	19	1	2				10
Colin Campbell	18	1	2				10
Tom Foden	17	1	2				10
George Baxter	15	2	2				10
Rhodri Rhys Parry	19	1	1				5
Andrew Oakden	6	2	1				5
Max Himbury	6		1				5
Anthony Bingham	3		1				5
John Charlie Craven	2	4	1				5
Ric Cottrell	9	2					0
Macca Van Sertima	7						0
Johnny Charmley	6	9					0
Josh Morris	4	2					0
Alex Reed	2	14					0
Oliver Buckley	2	1					0
Dan Matthews	1	3					0
JJ Broberg	1	2					0
James Hattersley	1						0
James Robins	1						0
Jonny Roberts	1						0
Ed Slater	1						0
Wade Williams		7					0
Josh Woods		4					0
Richard Harry Craven		3					0
Oliver Powell Jones		2					0
Sam Farrar		1					0
Tom Gregory		1					0
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Penalty Tries			1	1			7
TOTALS	300	100	72	39	6	0	456



Did You Know?

League Minutiae

Today's opponents

Fylde have won eight of their 11 away fixtures this season, gaining seven try bonus points in the process. They have lost at Caldy, Sheffield Tigers and Huddersfield on the road and, after today, they still have to travel to Loughborough, Hull and Sedgley Park

At home they have won seven, drawn one and lost two, scoring six try bonus points.

Their top points scorer is Greg Smith with 199 points (5T, 63 C, 16 P) and their leading try scorer is Tom Carleton with 20.

They have multiple players who have started every game: Greg Smith, Tom Carleton, Conor Wilkinson, Tom Grimes, Ben Gregory, Scott Rawlings and Adam Lanigan. Elliot Horner and Adam Lewis have also featured in all this season's match day squads.



Greg Smith

In contrast, Chester have only three players who have been in every match day squad: Sean Green and Rhodri Rees Parry, who have started 19 matches and come on a substitutes in the other one. Mark Dixon has 18 starts and two substitute appearances.

National 2 North Statistics

Loughborough are now up to 63 players used this season.

Caldy have scored 10 per cent of the total tries in the League so far -109.

Fylde are second in the try-scoring stakes with 96.

Scunthorpe have conceded 137 tries to date.



Not many people know that.....



We welcome today's opponents... Fylde



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They moved to their current ground, Woodlands, in 1920 where the players still run out in shirts of claret, gold and white, which are the colours of Huddersfield Old Boys. Before you ask, the club's historians don't know either.

One former Fylde player will be familiar, Bill Beaumont, but Fylde also have another very illustrious old boy. Malcolm Phillips, a product of Arnold School, Blackpool, won 25 England caps at centre between 1958 and 1964. He was President of the RFU in 2004/5 and served on the International Rugby Board for a number of years.

Trivia fact

The name Fylde goes back to Saxon times and means a low-lying piece of land between two estuaries.

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National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Try bonus	Losing bonus	Pts
Caldy	20	20	0	0	776	246	530	15	0	95
Fylde	21	15	1	5	654	375	279	13	3	78
Sedgley Park	20	15	0	5	548	444	104	9	5	74
Hinckley	21	13	0	8	513	431	82	10	5	67
Loughborough Students	21	11	0	10	602	503	99	10	5	59
Stourbridge	21	9	0	12	569	544	25	11	8	55
Tynedale	21	9	2	10	515	498	17	8	6	54
Sheffield Tigers	21	11	0	10	453	480	-27	5	3	52
Chester	20	9	1	10	456	509	-53	9	4	51
Wharfedale	21	9	2	10	454	462	-8	4	5	49
Hull	21	9	2	10	398	414	-16	4	5	49
Luctonians	21	8	1	12	430	495	-65	7	7	48
Huddersfield	21	7	3	11	443	529	-86	7	4	45
Otley	21	8	3	10	396	505	-109	2	3	43
Preston Grasshoppers	21	4	3	14	351	497	-146	3	4	29
Scunthorpe	20	0	0	20	299	925	-626	4	2	6



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League Update

National 2 North

Fylde 17-27 Hinckley

Hinckley extended their winning run to six matches against Fylde as they dented the Lancashire club's faint hopes of automatic promotion.

The visitors had opened up a 15-point lead by half-time thanks to tries from scrum-half Ben Pointon and winger Callum Dacey.

However, after the break, the the Hornets shot themselves in the foot as two yellow-cards allowed Fylde to hit back.

Tom Carleton, Chris Briers and Phillip Mills all crossed to give the home side the lead, but Hinckley were able to muster up a response. Matthew Lasis' try edged the away side ahead before Oli Povoas' score three minutes from time sealed another excellent win for the Midlands club.



Chris Briers

Otley 12-31 Caldý

Fylde's defeat coupled with this bonus-point win for Caldý ensured the Wirral side have a 17-point lead at the top

Gareth Davies' side secured their 20th consecutive win of the campaign as they ran in five tries at Cross Green.

Touchdowns by Ben Jones, Jacob Ainscough and Nick Royle gave the runaway league leaders a 17-7 advantage, with Josh Hall going over for Otley.

Tries from JJ Dickinson and Gavin Roberts secured yet another victory for Caldý while Hall's second was a consolation as Otley dropped into the bottom three of the division.

Hull 33-20 Loughborough Students

Hull secured an excellent win over Loughborough Students to move six points clear of the relegation zone .

Tomasi Tanumi's try helped the hosts to a 7-5 half-time lead, with hooker Nathan Langdon crossing for Loughborough.

The second period then burst into life as scores from Latu Makaafi and centurion Lee Birch gave Hull a 16-point lead.

The Students hit back with three unconverted tries from Fergus Guiry, Charlie Hudson and Sam O'Leary-Blade, but Keane Naylor and Will Hall came off the bench to ensure a vital victory for the home side.



League Update

Scunthorpe 15-76 Stourbridge

After suffering a heavy defeat against Fylde in Round 20, Stourbridge responded in some style as they hammered bottom of the table Scunthorpe.

Stour flew out of the blocks as tries from Joe Heatley and Jack Lea gave the visitors an early 12-0 lead.

The away side continued to put their foot down as Dan Rundle, Mark Harrison and Llyr Griffiths crossed for 33-0 advantage at half-time.

Jacob Hardy got one back for Scunthorpe, but Stour stayed ruthless as Josh Tringham, Stefan Thorp, Lea (2), Rundle, Arthur Morgan and Chris Scott all went over in the second period.

Gareth Mist and Paul Cook did dot down for Scunthorpe, but this was a 20th straight defeat for the Greens.

Preston Grasshoppers 14-29 Tynedale

Preston Grasshoppers' hopes of beating the drop suffered another setback after they lost to Tynedale at Lightfoot Green.

Tyne led 14-7 at the break with Jake Rodgers and Ben Haigh crossing for the visitors while Preston responded through an Oliver Trippier converted try.

Matthew Ouston scored Tynedale's third try following the interval and shortly after, Guy Pike secured the bonus-point for the North-East club.

A Rodgers penalty ultimately wrapped up the win whilst Alastair Murray's late try was merely a consolation for Hoppers, who are now 16 points from safety.

Luctonians 26-7 Sheffield Tigers

Luctonians have moved five points clear of the relegation zone after a brilliant victory over Sheffield Tigers.

In recent weeks, the battle for survival has intensified and Ryan Watkins' side are still keeping their heads above water after three wins from their last four matches.

The hosts did trail 7-5 at half-time as Josh Watkins' try was cancelled out by a converted Alan Symcox effort.

However, the second-half belonged to the Lucs as Watkins, Francis Kelly and Drew Cheshire all crossed to secure another superb triumph for the Herefordshire outfit.

Wharfedale 10-3 Huddersfield

Wharfedale boosted their survival chances after securing a gritty win over rivals Huddersfield at the Avenue.

Matt Speres scored the game's only try on the stroke of half-time and his effort was enough to hand the Greens a potentially crucial win in their battle to avoid the drop.

Jack Blakeney-Edwards also landed a penalty, while three points from the boot of Will Milner was all Huddersfield could muster.

Victory for Dale means they are now six points clear of the drop whilst Huddersfield sit just two points above the trapdoor.



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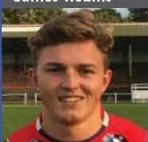
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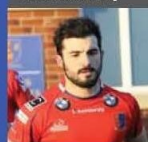
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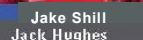
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Chester v Otley



Pass acts: Dan Pemberton (above) and Scott Robson display sleights of hand last time at Hare Lane.

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Chester v Otley



Captain marvel: Skipper Colin Campbell stretches towards super hero status with a try in the 36-17 win.

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Max velocity: Otley prepare to meet the pace of Max Himbury during Chester's last home game.



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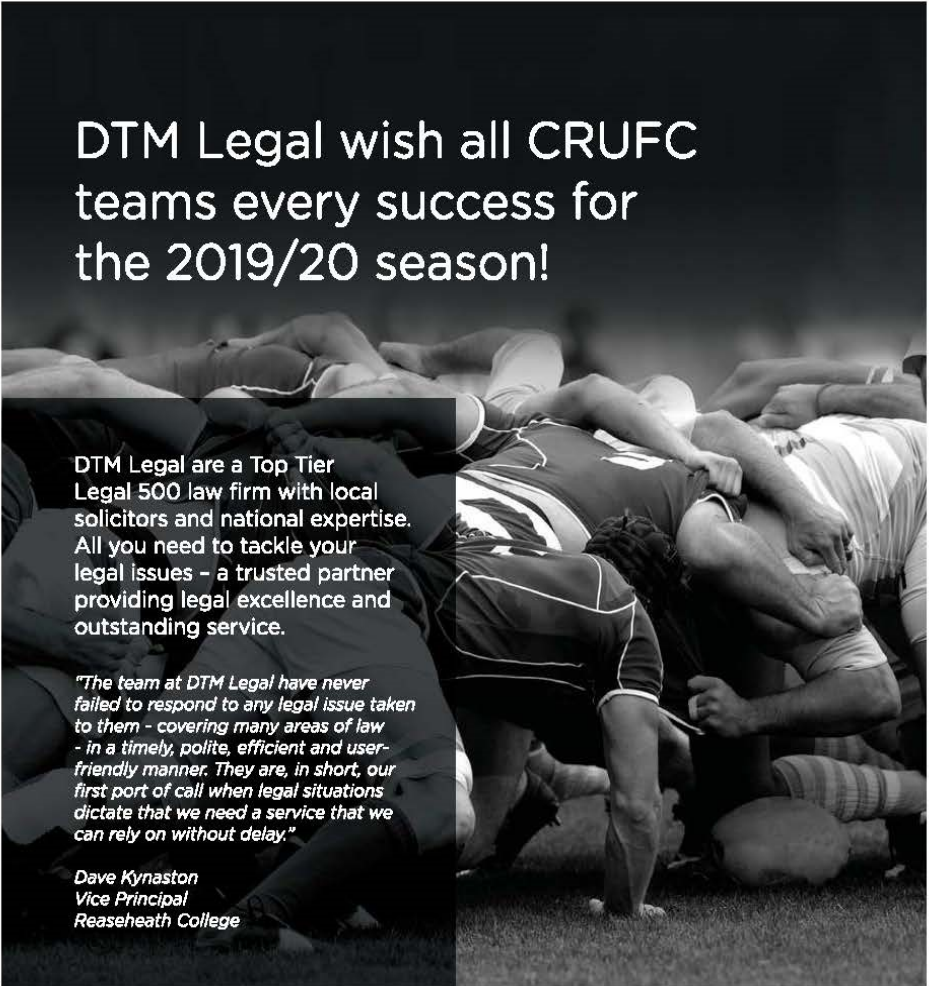


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Saturday 21 March

Ladies - join us for an afternoon all about you Saturday 21 March

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MENU

Starter: Sharing boards of breads, cured meats,
cheese olives and hummus

Main course: Chicken, dauphinoise potato, pod vegetables,
red wine reduction

Pastry parcel of sweet potato and Mediterranean vegetables, red lentils,
sweet pepper sauce, watercress, herb oil (V/VE)

Dessert: Mini Easter egg cheesecake, chocolate sauce

Your ticket price includes entry to the First XV game against Huddersfield.

We look forward to welcoming you a delightful afternoon at Hare Lane.

Tickets are £27.50 per person and can be bought online:
<https://webcollect.org.uk/crufc/event/ladies-lunch-march-2020>



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success for the 2019-20 season
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The Weekend's Other Games

SUN, 09 FEBRUARY

CHESTER DEVAS



SUN 9
14:45



WORKINGTON LADIES

RFUW - Women's NC 2 North (West)

SUN, 09 FEBRUARY

CALDY RFC



SUN 9
10:30



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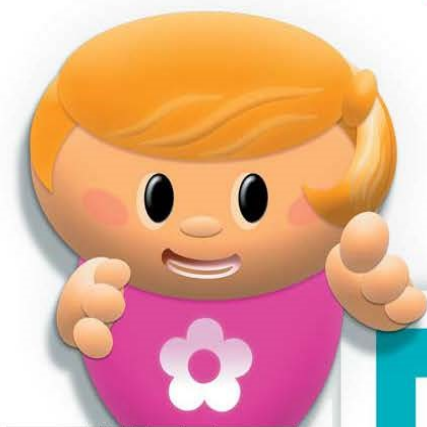
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Today's teams...

CHESTER v FYLDE

Mark Dixon	15	Tom Carleton
Harrison Vare	14	Lex Botha
Sean Green	13	Connor Wilkinson
Tom Foden	12	Scott Rawlings
Max Himbury	11	Tom Grimes
Dan Pemberton	10	Greg Smith
Tom Holloway	9	Adam Lanigan
Colin Campbell (capt)	1	Elliot Horner
Scott Robson	2	Ben Gregory
Alex Parkes Reed	3	Adam Lewis (capt)
Harry Wilkinson	4	Ollie Parkinson
Kyle Joseph	5	Jacob Conner
Oliver Powell Jones	6	Ben Vernon
George Baxter	7	Phill Mills
Guy Ford	8	David Fairbrother
Wade Williams	16	Matt Ashcroft
Alick Croft	17	Drew Stephenson
Jonny Charmley	18	Nick Ashcroft
Tom Gregory	19	Hal Chapman
Charlie Craven	20	Chris Briers



Ref Ieuan Davies
AR1 Jimmy Taggart
AR2 Tim Dyer

NEXT GAME
Scunthorpe
15 February
AWAY