

WARRINGTON RUGBY UNION



OFFICIAL CLUB PROGRAMME





A Message from the President

I would like to welcome you all to Warrington RUFC and as we enter a new decade a new home at South Warrington Sports Club, Stockton Lane, Grappenhall.

Warrington has enjoyed some success over the past years, since our promotion to North One West but it doesn't get any easier. This year the competition looks to be even harder than last season with clubs of great tradition such as Vale of Lune, and Wilmslow and promoted clubs Altrincham Kersal, back this season, Bowdon and Keswick newcomers to this league, as in life, changes offer new challenges.



Once again, it seems that there will be no such thing as an easy game but that also ensures a good level of entertainment for spectators and enjoyable, testing matches for the players.

Annual plea, we can all contribute in so many ways as those who have gone before us as Members of WRUFC have done. Players need to remember that it is not just about playing. Fund raising and making sure everything runs smoothly on match days and all the other small but essential tasks is not just the province of those of us who are at the age where sadly playing is no longer possible. The more people who volunteer and get stuck in, the stronger our Club will become.

Former players making a perhaps an infrequent visit to the Club are more than welcome we can always find something for you to do! You will have taken a lot out of the game. Please think seriously about what you can put back in, just as there were the "old farts" in your day who made sure that the baths were run, the tea made, the pitch marked ,the game refereed, the raffle run and so on.

I would also take this opportunity to thank all spectators, and especially visiting spectators, for buying this programme. We are not a rich club so rely on the income which we generate ourselves from sponsorships, events, raffles, occasional donations, programme sales and now bar sales. So many thanks for your contributions, which help to fund the playing side of our activities as well as helping us to enhance the facilities.

Once again, I wish a very warm welcome to all of you, Warrington supporters as well as visitors, match officials and players. We hope you will enjoy the rugby on offer and that you will also enjoy the beer and banter in the bar after the match.

GEOFF PERKS President, Warrington RUFC



Welcome to Northwich RUFC

Warrington RUFC extends a very warm welcome to the players, officials and spectators of Northwich RUFC. We look forward to an enjoyable game and drinks in the bar afterwards.

Northwich RUFC formerly known as Mid-Cheshire College RUFC (MCC) was established in 1964. Their story really starts in 1965 when John Chappell, a lecturer at the College, thought he could form a Rugby club rather than play as a casual team. In the early 70's the Club colours were standardised to black shorts and gold socks. The colour of jerseys had earlier changed from the original maroon with one amber stripe to the now familiar all black. The early 90's consisted of many league restructures made by the RFU and also saw a change of name from Mid Cheshire College to Northwich RUFC. Season 1990/91 sees another successful campaign for Northwich, winning the opening game 13-12 v Manchester, in Courage North West Div. 1.2006/07 was a season to remember for Northwich RUFC who went undefeated in South Lancs & Cheshire League 1, Cheshire Vase winners and EDF Energy Senior Vase winners' .defeating Bradford Salem 18-13 at Twickenham In season 2011/12 Northwich played in North One West but for season 2012/13 transferred to Midlands One West which proved very disappointing so 2013/14 they came back to South Lancs/Cheshire 1 gaining promotion as champions in 2015/16 to North One West which is where they are today.

Close games with Warrington in Season 2016/17 Northwich finishing with a league position of 3rd, Warrington 6th, and won both games, a high scoring game at Moss farm 41-36 and a single point victory in the return - 26-27. Similar results in 2017/18 Northwich winning - 33-23 and 11-13 and the final league positions of 3rd and Warrington 8th. In season 2018/19 Warrington triumphed in both matches 20-10 at Moss Farm and 30-7 at home, with Northwich ending the season in 4th and Warrington in 9th

Today sees the return fixture when Warrington after a tight first half lost 27-3 at Moss Farm. After a good win last time out Northwich will want to keep their momentum going again today, whilst Warrington will hope for better things. In a local derby a hard game is predicted, may the best side win on the day.

Final word - Warrington coach Andy Roberts who was up-beat on the match with Burnage last time out and his assessment. "Perhaps, we didn't have the rub of the green but I was very impressed with the rugby the lads played and the way they totally committed themselves right up to the final whistle."

Footnote

The Warrington club would remind supporters to refrain from the use language that today is considered defamatory, offensive or that could be seen as abuse or harassment to other spectators, players or officials, whether anything you may consider right or wrong in the game you are watching.

Thank you

What's Coming Soon



FIXTURES

ROUND 1

- WALES V ITALY SAT 01 FEB - 2.15
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- **IRELAND V SCOTLAND** ٠
- FRANCE V ENGLAND SUN 02 FEB 3.00

- **IRELAND V WALES**
- **ROUND 2** SCOTLAND V ENGLAND
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- FRANCE V ITALY SUN 09 FEB 3.00

- **ITALY V SCOTLAND**
- **ROUND 3** WALES V FRANCE SAT 22 FEB - 4.45
- ENGLAND V IRELAND SUN 23 FEB 3.00

- SAT 22 FEB 2.15
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- **IRELAND V ITALY** SAT 07 MAR - 2.15
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- **ENGLAND V WALES** SAT 07 MAR - 4.45 **ROUND 5**
- SCOTLAND V FRANCE SUN 08 MAR 3.00

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RUGBY'S GREATEST

Keep an eye out for 6 Nations promotions at the bar.



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.



Warrington Rugby Union - Micros Team

Our Team is made up of boys and girls from Year 1 or Reception classes. Micros rugby is non-contact (i.e. No tackling) and all about learning the basic skills of the game. We also introduce the core values of rugby – TREDS – Teamwork; Respect; Enjoyment; Discipline and

Sportsmanship. Alongside this there is lots of running around and more than anything having FUN!

Training starts at 9.30am and lasts for around 45 minutes. Players should wear suitable kit with boots - warmer clothing will be necessary until further into Spring and bring a water bottle. On most Sunday's there are breakfast butties, teas/coffees etc for sale in the

clubhouse and the bar is open by the time training finishes!

As Micros coaches we aim to make the rugby experience as much fun and as inspiring as we possibly can for every child and to give them the best start in their rugby careers. We are all CRB/DBS cleared and at varying stages of our coaching qualifications.

Parking is limited at the club; we have a dedicated area on the verge at the front of the carpark for

Micros as we are the first to arrive on a Sunday morning.

We do require more coaching help so please let me know if you are willing to help in any shape or form. We do ask parents to get involved too, so parents wear trainers and be ready for some fun.

Any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to drop me a line on lucyblacksell@btinternet.com or 07989 307735.

Looking forward to vou coming along and joining in the fun















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Warrington Rufc 1st XV 13-19 Birkenhead Park Rufc 1st XV

Although they once again had to settle for a single losing bonus point, Warrington could well have won this game and their performance showed a distinct improvement over their early season meeting with Park, when they shipped 50 points. However, the spectre of relegation still looms large and much will depend on the results of their next four games.



The opening ten minutes of this game saw Warrington in total charge. With all the play in the Park half, the hoe side were unlucky not to go ahead when a telling break from the industrious Jonny Evans eventually forced a kickable penalty but Luke Gilooley was just wide with his attempt. Warrington were unlucky again when a charge down gave Jack Morgan an open run to the line but the referee decided that there had been a knock-on and a scrum was awarded. Minutes later the ball was moved across the field and Warrington's ubiquitous hooker Alex Stewart showed great sleight of hand as he dummied twice before drawing the defence and feeding Tom Arnold, who exploited the space to speed over and touch down under the posts to allow Luke Gilooley an easy conversion.

Park then realised that they had a marked weight advantage up front and, after a period of relentless pressure, their pack combined to rumble over between the sticks. The conversion made it all square. Shortly afterwards, the Park backs combined well to create a good try for their left winger and, as Warrington missed another penalty attempt, the sides turned around with Park leading 12-7.



The second period saw Warrington again on the attack and they were once more unlucky when a scintillating break from Max Caldwell came to naught as the final pass went awry. Darren

Norman then reduced the visitors' lead to just two point with a well-struck penalty and Warrington could well have taken the lead when Max Caldwell again found a gap but was forced into touch feet from the



At this stage the Park forwards once again started to dominate but a brilliant defensive scrum seemed to have seen off the danger. Unfortunately, when Park stole possession at a Warrington line-out, their muscular number 8 broke from the ensuing ruck his forwards backed up well to allow their veteran substitute to use his bulk to crash over. The try was converted. Warrington cut the lead to six points with a second Norman penalty and although they strove manfully to break out of their own half to get within striking distance of the Park line, they were unable to score the try that mattered and had to be content with the losing bonus point.

"All in all, this was a very good performance," reflected coach Andy Roberts. "However, we made too many mistakes when scoring chances were on offer. Next week, we travel to Burnage, who are currently second in the league, so that will be a real test."

1st XV League Table & Recent Results

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13		Warrington	2	0	14	99	122	221	470	-249	0	4	4	12
12		Bowdon	3	0	13	162	142	304	556	-252	6	0	6	18
11		Broughton Park	4	0	11	235	75	310	431	-121	3	4	7	23
10	•	Vale of Lune	6	0	10	210	142	352	383	-31	6	5	11	35
9		Douglas (I.O.M.)	9	0	7	228	145	373	337	36	8	1	9	45
8		Penrith	8	0	7	237	186	423	383	40	12	2	14	46
7		Stockport Stockport	10	0	6	287	139	426	366	60	9	2	11	51
6		Birkenhead Park Altrincham Kersal	10	0	7	231	159	470	303	167	10	3	13	53
4	•	Northwich	12	0	4	202	224	426	309	117	7	1	8	56
3	•	Firwood Waterloo	12	0	4	281	219	500	295	205	8	1	9	57
2		Wilmslow	11	0	4	303	179	482	312	170	13	2	15	59
1		Burnage	12	0	4	341	232	573	390	183	13	2	15	63

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BURNAGE

Burnage Rufc 1st XV 57-25 Warrington Rufc 1st XV

On the face of it, Warrington were well-beaten at Burnage but the final score-line in no way reflects the competitiveness, gritty defence and occasional attacking flair demonstrated by this ever-improving young side on the Manchester side's small, 3G pitch.

Although Warrington began strongly, it was Burnage who first set the tins on the scoreboard rattling. A 50 yard break from the Burnage right wing was just halted five yards out but the home side then combined well before their inside centre broke through three tackles to touch down and allow an easy conversion. A strong break from Danny Fleming broke into Burnage territory and Luke Gilooley exploited this with a well-struck penalty.

Burnage replied almost immediately with a second try. However, Warrington came back after the Burnage restart from a missed penalty. The kick was collected by Sean Callander and the talented number eight broke tackles before storming forty yards to touch down. Luke Gilooley converted to reduce the home side's lead to just two points.

Burnage soon replied, after a suspect offside, when a poor Warrington clearance gave their busy right winger the space to cross for his second try, which was converted. The sides then exchanged penalties and turned around with Burnage leading 22-13.

Warrington could have taken the lead early in the second period when a superb beak from Tom Arnold was not exploited as it should have. Burnage then forced a scrum close to the Warrington line. Warrington managed to gain a scrum on their own put in but a rare strike against the head gave the Burnage number eight the opportunity to force his way over.



Sixteen points adrift, the game seemed to be over but Warrington once again cut the deficit when their iconic skipper, Josh Downes, who was inspirational throughout, muscled his way over. Luke Gilooley added the extras to reduce the Burnage lead to a manageable nine points.

Warrington then started to put together some of their best rugby of the match. Unfortunately Lady Luck was not on their side. First, Tom Arnold was robbed of the ball in the tackle after an incisive run and the Burnage winger ran forty yards to score a try which was converted. Then, a pass was intercepted on the half-way line and suddenly the score was 43-20 to Burnage. Two more Burnage tries soon followed and the home side led by 37 points.

However, Warrington had the final word when excellent inter-passing and of-loading between the forwards and backs saw Jonny Evans touch down. The final five minutes belonged totally to Warrington, who threw all caution to the wind in search of a fourth try, and bonus point, but this was not to come.

Warrington coach Andy Roberts was up-beat in his match assessment. "Perhaps, we didn't have the rub of the green today but I was very impressed with the rugby the lads played and the way they totally committed themselves right up to the final whistle."

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Warrington RUFC vs. Northwich RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC Colours: Green, Scarlet & White.

NORTHWICH RUFC Colours: Black & Amber.

Saturday 1st February 2020. Kick off 2:15pm

Referee: Mr John Pemberton

		Tries	Pens/DG	Con			
15	K. Wardley				T. Husbands	15	
14	M. Caldwell				R. Dale	14	
13	T. Arnold				S. Naylor	13	
12	J. Stride				S. Davidson	12	
11	J. Morgan				S. Burmah	11	
10	L. Gilooly				N. Baldwin	10	
9	O. Hudson				M. Poste (C)	9	
8	S. Callander				C. Dale	8	
7	P. Lynch				T. Clark	7	
6	H. Kellett				P. Williams	6	
5	D. Fleming				P. Fray	5	
4	J. Downes (C)				C. Heywood	4	
3	T. Green				J. Maddocks	3	
2	A. Stewart				C. James	2	
1	A. Rowan				M. Bradshaw	1	
16	C. White				K. Clarke	16	
17	J. Hudson				J. Woods	17	
18	G. Percival				M. Thompson	18	
	Andy Roberts		Head Coac	h	Martin Poste		

Warm welcome to today's guests, opposition and referee, We hope a great day and game is enjoyed by all.

Today's Match Sponsored by,

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North One West Fixtures 2019-2020-1

Date	Opposition	Result	Sponsor
Sept 07	Douglas (I.O.M) (A)	20 - 8 L	
Sept 14	Vale of Lune (A)	28 - 18 L	
Sept 21	Birkenhead Park (A)	50 - 7 L	
Sept 28	Burnage (H)	52 - 12 L	
Oct 5	Northwich (A)	27 - 3 L	
Oct 12	Altrincham Kersal (H)	25-22 L	
Oct 19	Wilmslow (H)	47-22 L	
Oct 26	Bowdon (A)	P	
Nov 9	Firwood Waterloo (H)	17-7 L	
Nov 16	Keswick (A)	12-6 L	
Nov 23	Stockport (H)	32-7 L	
Nov 30	Bowdon (A)	23-15 W	
Dec 7	Penrith (A)	29-10 L	
Dec 14	Broughton Park (H)	20-19 W	
Jan 4	Vale of Lune (H)	21-18 L	
Jan 11	Birkenhead Park (H)	19-13 L	
Jan 18	Burnage (A)	57-25 L	
Feb 1	Northwich (H)		
Feb 8	Altrincham Kersal (A)		
Feb 15	Wilmslow (H)		
Feb 29	Bowdon (H)		
Mar 7	Firwood Waterloo (A)		
Mar 14	Keswick (H)		
Mar 21	Stockport (A)		
Mar 28	Penrith (H)		
Apr 4	Broughton Park (A)		
Apr 18	Douglas (I.O.M) (H)		

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WRUFC 2019 Quiz

Get in the mood for Paul's Big Quiz Night on Friday 7th February start 8pm at the club

Pot Luck

- 1. In which quiz were clues identified by Greek letters, which were replaced by hieroglyphs in series 4?
- 2. Who became the first British citizen to perform a spacewalk in 2016?
- 3. What were introduced by Chancellor Harold Macmillan on 17 April 1956 as a means of encouraging people to save?
- 4. Which athletic shoe and clothing manufacture's logo is called the 'swoosh'?
- 5. What rank of nobility comes between Earl and Baron?
- 6. What everyday product comes from the Aztec word for 'bitter water'?
- 7. When poet David Dunbar stood for parliament in Dumfries in 1857, what expression did he use to describe the town?
- 8. Who married Margaret Kempson in 1942 and Margaret Roberts in 1951?
- 9. On which social media website would you find 'Larry'?
- 10. Which of the following foods were not rationed during the Second World War but rationed afterwards: Bread, Milk, Cheese or Eggs?

Famous People

- 11. How many times has Madonna been married?
- 12. What nationality was Marie Antoinette?
- 13. Who married Danielle Bux in 2009 and is often referred to as 'Leicester's favourite son'?
- 14. Who was the first poet to be buried in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey?
- 15. Martin Luther King was fatally shot in which city?
- 16. In 1930, who married archaeologist Max Mallowan, having met him in an archaeological dig?
- 17. Who is married to American actress and film producer Jennifer Garner?
- 18. Who had had three children: Susanna, and twins Hamnet and Judith?
- 19. What was Mrs. Beeton's first name?
- 20. Graca Machel was married to who?

Answer will be posted on the Warrington RUFC web site on Sunday morning.

www.warringtonrufc.com

Thanks for taking part



WRUFC Quiz **Answer Page**



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Warrington RUFC 2nd XV 55-0 Liverpool University Veterinarian School RUFC

A Warrington second fifteen with a sprinkling of first teamers proved much too strong for a University side, which is currently rebuilding after the graduation of the bulk of its senior team members. Although the young students failed to cross the Warrington line, they competed right up to the final whistle.

Warrington attacked from the kick-off and they came close to scoring when their rangy young second row, Ryan Eastwood, broke through but knocked on close to the line. However, continuous pressure eventually provided space for evergreen winger Mark Tickle to touch down, Andy Almond converted to make the score 7-0. Warrington's exciting young centre Harry Stevens then showed his talent with two scintillating breaks and the ball was recycled after the second for Jonny Evans to score Warrington's second try, which was again converted by Andy Almond.

Max Caldwell then showed his pace with a defence-splitting run and Jack Stride was on hand to finish off and score in the corner. Andy Almond converted from the touchline. Tom Greene then showed that pace was not the sole preserve of the backs with a forty yards touchline break before handing onto Max Caldwell who made the score 26-0 at half time.

It didn't take long for Warrington to increase their lead when Mark Tickle crossed again and then Ryan Eastwood showed determination and strength to touch down close to the posts. Andy Almond's conversion took the score to 38-0. The tins on the scoreboard were kept rattling when a long clearance kick from Liverpool was fielded by Max Caldwell. The full back fed Jack Stride and the elusive centre showed both pace and a lovely side-step to score and allow Almond an easy conversion.

Some great inter-passing and off-loading, and exquisite sleight of hand from prop Tom Greene, created just enough space for man-of-the-match Mark Tickle to sneak over for his hat-trick try. The final word was left to young Luke Turner, who went over in the corner, showing pace that his father always believed he had.

"We were extremely clinical today," was the summing up of captain Andy Almond. "We took advantage of every opportunity and our finishing was exceptional."



Warrington RUFC 2nd XV 22-19 Burnage RUFC 2nd XV

In a highly entertaining and nerve-jangling game, Warrington just managed to sneak through against a highly competitive Burnage fifteen..

Warrington attacked with vim from the off. An intelligent inside pass from back rower George Percival to the bulky Ryan Jones, making his debut as prop, nearly brought early dividends but the youngster was brought down 5 metres short. Continued forward pressure brought its reward 5 minutes later, however, when No8 Sam Wood muscled his way over from short range. Skipper Andy Almond added the extras to make it 7-0. Burnage nearly levelled the scores 2 minutes later. A deft grubber kick split the Warrington back line but a quick recovery by full back Luke Turner gained Warrington a touch-down under the posts and averted a seven pointer.

Although Warrington's back line had a distinctly make-shift appearance, with Dan Griffiths unaccustomedly at stand off and back rower Kirk Drummond at centre, some skilful off- loading and well-timed passing between the two and fellow centre Chris Riley took Warrington from 22 to 22 to keep Burnage deep in their own half. From a Burnage throw in on their 5 metre line out, Percival stole the ball which was quickly recycled and skipper Almond found Griffith on the crash, carrying three would-be tacklers, for Warrington's second try. 12-0 Warrington continued to exert pressure and a good kick chase by full back Turner pinned the visitors in their 22, giving skipper Almond an easy three points when they were penalised for holding on after the tackle.

Burnage now began to get themselves into the game and only a try-saving tackle by winger Tom Heaps, the first of at least three, saved the day. Burnage too were their own worst enemy as another break out wide exposed the Warrington line but a try went a begging as the last pass was forward. The visitors camped on the Warrington line and the sustained pressure resulted in yellow cards in quick succession, first for back rower Dan Johnson and then for stand off Griffiths. Reduced to 13 men. Warrington leaked a try on the stroke of half time to make the score 15-7. From the restart Burnage began to dominate possession and Heaps' try-saving tackling was once again required to snuff out some good back play from the visitors. However, Burnage gained dividends from clever back play and pulled back a second try 10 minutes into the half to creep within three points. With the game increasingly being played in the Warrington half, a penalty to the home side was quickly taken by Almond who took the ball up to the Burnage 5 metre zone to give much-needed relief. Warrington now threatened the Burnage line but an interception by the Burnage centre reversed the threat and again it was Heaps who saved the day with a last-ditch tackle, deep in Warrington's 22.

Good touch kicking by Almond and Griffiths relieved the pressure and gained a line-out back on the Burnage 10 metre line. A wild palm-back by Burnage was snapped up by back rower Harry Stevens, who waltzed round the full back for Warrington's third try, converted by Almond, to make the score 22-12. With 20 minutes to go, this cushion was by no means secure. Ten minutes from full timet, Burnage pulled back another try, leaving a fraught 10 minutes for Warrington to defend their three point lead before they could celebrate the win.

Enjoying the victory, skipper Almond said "We worked hard for the win and I am particularly pleased with young Ryan Jones who had his first game at prop today. I think we got the rub of the green today as Burnage did fluff a number of chances but I also think our defensive aggression contributed to these mistakes."

2nd XV League Table & Recent Results

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13	Fylde 3	3	0	12	163	38	201	537	-336	0	0	0	25
12	Bolton 2	3	0	12	120	39	159	439	-280	3	0	3	28
11	Liverpool Uni Vets	2 4	0	9	63	141	204	392	-188	2	0	2	30
10	Macclesfield 3	5	0	9	184	134	318	453	-135	0	0	0	34
9	Broughton Park 2	7	0	7	155	149	304	258	46	4	0	1	42
8	Sedgley Park 3	7	0	7	186	201	387	250	137	3	0	3	45
7	Bowdon 2	8	0	6	151	105	256	388	-132	1	0	1	47
6	Warrington 2	7	0	8	196	171	367	263	104	5	0	5	48
5	Rochdale 2	8	0	7	125	113	238	214	24	3	0	3	49
4	Chester 3	10	0	5	140	219	359	236	123	0	0	0	55
3	Glossop 2	10	0	5	271	125	396	245	151	0	0	0	55
2	Burnage 2	10	0	5	328	174	502	254	248	2	0	2	57
1	Kirkby Lonsdale 2	12	0	2	233	155	388	150	238	2	0	2	64
Pos	Team	W	D	L	HF	AF	F	А	Diff	Losing Bonus	Winnin . g	Adj	Pts

JANUARY 2020

SAT, 11 JANUARY

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ROCHDALE 2

Halbro North West Leagues - Division 1

SAT, 18 JANUARY

WARRINGTON 2







BURNAGE 2

Halbro North West Leagues - Division 1

SAT, 25 JANUARY

WARRINGTON 2







LIVERPOOL UNI VETS 2

Halbro North West Leagues - Division 1

The Lancashire County Cup Competition Story So Far

Under 14's

"Warrington U14's started their round robin stage of the cup with a visit from Ruskin Park, a team who, two years ago had destroyed them 75-0.

Warrington started very strongly scoring three tries without reply but lapses in concentration and poor focus saw the visitors score late in the match to make the final result a nail-biting 24-22 win for Warrington.

Round two meant a first ever visit to Heaton Moor, who were miraculously able to host the game when everywhere else was underwater.

After two minutes Warrington might have hoped for a cancellation as Moor ran in a try on the wing and looked capable of more. However, Warrington dug in and turned the game around and by the second half Moor were in damage limitation mode, despite a consolation score for the hosts, Warrington ran out winners 38-10.

In contrast, round two against Manchester was played in glorious conditions but with a similar theme. Manchester's powerful winger crossed in the opening minutes and the manner of this try and a subsequent near-miss looked ominous.

Warrington levelled the score but Manchester continued to press. Warrington were stronger in the forwards and a pleasing awareness of this advantage saw the forwards keep the ball and it was their work that led to three further tries and a hard-fought victory 24-5.

Fixture four had to be played away at West Park against a team the 14s had never beaten. Warrington took an early two-try lead but WP fought back to level the match. In the last minute Warrington scored what they thought would be the winning try but a further 'last minute' appeared from nowhere and when the ref put the whistle to her lips to blow for a knock-on, Warrington stopped playing only to watch the referee then lower her whistle and WP go over unopposed. 19-19!

Fylde visited Warrington in round five, and once again the U14s decided to help the opposition along with some soft scores before pressing on the gas and finishing them off.

Remarkably at half time the game was even despite Warrington dominance but this told in the second half with three tries without reply, Warrington running out 32-10 winners.

Widnes was rained off so the final pool game was at our new GSH home against Sefton. The inconsistency of previous games was not in evidence as the 14s ran in seven unanswered tries for an impressive 45-0 victory."



Under 15's

After finishing runners up in Pool B and making it to the Cup semi-final as u14's, the bar was set pretty high to improve. Promotion to the top group (Pool A) provided a tougher fixture list, but the boys were keen to take on the challenge.

The first round, back in September, was at home against Sefton, a team that we have had plenty of tight games in the past, but the Wire lads were firing on all cylinders and ran out impressive 30-0 winners (maximum winning margin in Cup games), with Conor Keane leading the way with 2 tries.

In November we had back to back games against Preston Grasshoppers (home) and Liverpool St Helens (away).

Preston was a repeat of last year's Quarter Final, when Warrington won 15-10. After weathering a powerful forward based onslaught by Preston, the Wire team gained the upper hand and superior backs play saw them triumph 32-5.

LSH knocked us out in the semi last year, so there was a score to settle. Despite going 7-0 down after 5 minutes, Wire soon asserted their dominance in all aspects of play, and a dazzling Archie Caldwell second half hat-trick saw us run out convincing 34-14 winners.

Into December, unfortunately the away trip to Liverpool Collegiate was called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

The following week we travelled to Leigh to take on last year's Cup winners. This was a very tense game, with both defences proving hard to break down. Leigh scored first, but Wire hit back to level just before half time; Stephen Antrobus touching down after a textbook driving maul following a Wire line out levelled the score just before half time. Midway through the second half, a mazy, jinking run by Ben Hartill saw him touch down under the posts put Wire out in front 12-5 after the conversion. Leigh closed the gap to 12-10 with 10 minutes left to play, and the tension was clearly rising, with both sides raising the intensity in an attempt to force the breakthrough. Sam Marshall landed a long range penalty for Wire with 2 minutes remaining to make it 15-10, and Wire were able to run out the clock for a fantastic victory.

The final group game against Blackburn was another casualty of the weather.

After going unbeaten Wire topped the group table, and look to take this form into the knock out stages, which begin on 2 Feb against Rossendale, which will be the u15's first game at their new home ground.



	Team	P	W	D	L	BP	PF	PA	Diff	Pts	
1	Warrington	6	4	2	0	0	111	29	82	24	
2	Leigh	6	4	0	2	1	130	85	45	22	
3	Preston GH	6	3	1	2	0	79	74	5	19	
4	Liv St Helens	6	2	2	2	1	97	70	27	17	
5	Liverpool Coll	6	1	2	3	2	39	67	-28	14	
6	Sefton	6	1	2	3	2	24	63	-39	14	
7	Blackburn	6	1	1	4	1	22	114	-92	12	

Under 16's

The 3 times Lancashire cup champions, the u16's initially struggled in the defence of this year's trophy losing the opening 2 group games away to Waterloo and at home to Fylde. They struggled with injuries and the season overlap with rugby league meaning they could not afford another loss if they where to retain the cup. So far they haven't disappointed with demolitions is Manchester, Collegiate and Vale of Lune in the rest of the group games to put us back on track.

They face Fleetwood in the quarter final and if successful will be aiming for revenge against Waterloo and Fylde in the semi and final!



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Waterloo	V	Warrington		Warrington	٧	Rossendale		Warrington	V	Fleetwood	
Wigan	V	West park		Leigh	V	Rochdale		Liverpool Collegiate	V	Rossendale	
Rochdale	V	Manchester		Preston Grasshoppers (A)	V	Vale of Lune		Waterloo	V	Liverpool St Helens	
Vale of Lune	V	Preston Grasshopppers		Liverpool St Helens	v	Manchester		Fylde	V	Littleborough	

The Lancashire County Cup Competition Dates

Under 15's Sunday 2nd February @GSC KO. 11:15

Under 14's & 16's 15th March venues and timings TBC

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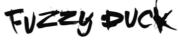
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