

In beating new opponents Five Ways Old Edwardians 6-3, **Newcastle** passed the 500 points mark for the season. Considering the conditions, the handling of both sides was remarkably good.

Newcastle fell behind to an early penalty, then won the match with an enterprising piece of play. The ball was switched rapidly through the backs to winger Phil Read, who outstripped the defence to touch down. Alan Griffiths added the goal points.

Wins by 20-0 and 30-0 in the second and third team games and a 17-0 success for the fourth team against Simons made it a clean sweep for Newcastle.

# LEEK JOLT NEWCASTLE

**NEWCASTLE**, Staffordshire Rugby Union table leaders, received a reverse at Birchall when they lost to Leek by 12-3.

Alan Griffiths landed a penalty goal to put Newcastle ahead, but John McDermot crossed for a try to give Leek a 4-3 lead at the interval.

In the second half, Leek, who had had two previous tries disallowed, scored through Richard Bebbington and Andy Lovatt. Neither try was converted.

Conceding two penalty goals in a lethargic start, **Newcastle** sharpened up their game to beat Shell 23-6. An Alan Griffiths penalty and a fine try by John Clayton roused Newcastle, whose other scorers were Bob Alcock (2) and Nick Slack with tries and Griffiths (two penalty goals) in a decisive last 20 minutes.

In other matches against Shell, Newcastle II and III won 33-0 and 108-0 respectively, the fourths beat G.E.C. 26-6 and the Veterans lost 16-6 to Preston.

**Newcastle** were 24-3 winners at **Trentham** in a meritable match, after being unable to adopt their usual open approach in the first-half.

Trentham defended stubbornly, despite being beaten in most departments, and the only first-half points came from penalty goals, with Alan Griffiths (2) and Dave Watson giving Newcastle the edge.

Newcastle moved the ball about more freely in the second-half and were rewarded with tries by Phil Read (2) and John Clayton, the scoring being completed by a further Griffiths penalty. John Wiggins replied with a penalty for Trentham.

Newcastle made it a hat-trick over Trentham by winning the second and third team games 33-0 and 53-3 respectively. Newcastle IV lost 12-12 to Salford, the Veterans beat Warren 22-6 and the Colts defeated touring Welsh team, Llanishen 10-7.

**Newcastle** registered their eighth win of the season they defeated Old Anselmians 19-7 on the Wirral. They went ahead with two beautifully-struck drop goals by Alan Griffiths and Paul Barrowclough outstripped the defence to increase the lead with a try in the corner. Griffiths then landed three penalties.

Newcastle II drew 9-9 with Old Anselmians, Newcastle III beat Old Anselmians 27-6, Newcastle IV won 46-0 against Warrington and Newcastle Vets were beaten 21-19 by Solihull Vets.

**Old Longtonians** took revenge for an early season defeat when they beat **Newcastle** 4-0 away. In appalling conditions, both teams struggled to produce any cohesion and it was obvious that mistakes would decide.

The one error that mattered came when a clearance kick under pressure travelled straight to Old Boys' winger, Forrester, who charged to within five yards of the line before passing to skipper Wainwright, who dived over.

The remainder of the game was a victory for the weather and pitch conditions.

The third team match was drawn 0-0, Newcastle winning the fourth team fixture 14-4.

Although hampered by losing John Clayton with a leg injury, **Newcastle** withstood mounting pressure to win 6-3 at Stourbridge.

After falling behind to a penalty, Newcastle mounted heavy pressure which was rewarded when Paul Barrowclough's speed took him clear and Dave Bladen, following up, scored a tremendous try. Alan Griffiths easily converted.

Newcastle III beat Stourbridge 10-4 and Newcastle Vets lost 10-9 to Stourbridge.

**Newcastle** were worthy 14-6 winners of a thrilling encounter with Willenhall.

Alan Griffiths gave Newcastle an early lead with a penalty but Dave Rose did likewise to equalise. Richard Owen restored Newcastle's lead with a fine try and Griffiths increased it with another penalty.

Paul Barrowclough added another try for Newcastle and Willenhall landed another penalty towards the end.

In other matches with Willenhall, Newcastle II won 42-0, Newcastle III won 7-0 and Newcastle IV won 11-0. Newcastle Vets lost 14-4 to G.K.N.

**Newcastle's** 13-0 victory over Glossop was their 22nd win of the season.

Alan Griffiths kicked a first-minute penalty goal to give Newcastle a tonic start and although resolute Glossop pressure kept them out for a time, the inevitable try came when Paul Barrowclough, after an elusive run, made the opening for John Clayton to touch down.

Two more penalty goals by Griffiths completed the scoring.

Newcastle won the second team match 18-3, the thirds 28-0, but Glossop won the fourth team match 13-6. Newcastle Veterans lost 8-4 to Warrington.

**Newcastle** adapted themselves to atrocious conditions to win 15-0 at Glossop.

The game was a personal triumph for Alan Griffiths, who passed the 100 points for the season mark in kicking three penalties and a conversion. John Clayton scored a try.

Newcastle II registered a 27-0 victory over G.E.C. Linley with tries from Phil Read (2), Neville Hughes, Roy Hammond and Martin Sands. Dave Barling landed a penalty and Dave Holmes dropped a goal.

Linley lost winger Bill Cooper with a facial injury.

Linley II beat Newcastle III 14-8 and Newcastle IV had a 14-0 victory over Linley III.

**Newcastle**, mastering the conditions more readily, defeated Walsall United 9-0, their attempts to keep the game open and use their backs to advantage paying off.

Dave Watson gave them the lead with a penalty goal and was also involved in the move which led to Clive Ward scoring a try, converted by Alan Griffiths.

Newcastle II lost 18-0 to Worcester II, the thirds beat Walsall III 22-9 and the fourths were 34-10 winners over Linley III.

In a close affair, **Newcastle** defeated Macclesfield 7-3. The visitors led at half-time through a penalty goal, but fly-half Dave Holmes landed a drop goal to equalise and late in the game a break by centre Richard Owen created the opening for Paul Barrowclough to go over for Newcastle's winning points.

Newcastle lost the other games against Macclesfield, the seconds 12-0, thirds 13-10, fourths 12-0 and the Veterans 20-0, while the Colts went down 16-6 to Burntwood.

**Old Sandbachians** took an early six point lead against **Newcastle** with two penalty goals from Dave Moss, but allowed the home team to regain their composure and lost 11-10 in a tense match.

Alan Griffiths (penalty goal) and Bob Alcock (try) gave Newcastle the lead, but the visitors snatched a try from a charged down kick on the home line, only for Dave Bladen to score the winning points when he picked up an awkwardly bouncing ball expertly to go over for a try.

**Old Sandbachians** won the second and third team matches 7-3 and 8-7 respectively. Newcastle IV beat Simons 12-7 and the Veterans were 15-13 winners over Bromsgrove.

Fly-half Alan Griffiths scored all the points which gave **Newcastle** their 19-9 victory at Newport.

The referee took a firm grip on the game and from the start awarded penalties for over-robust play. Griffiths gratefully accepted, kicking four. He also landed a drop goal and scored a penalty.

Newcastle II beat Newport 17-0 (Reade two tries, Glibey one try, Barling penalty and goal); Newcastle III lost 12-10 to Newport; Newcastle IV lost 30-0 to Preston V; and Newcastle Vets defeated Newport 4-3.



## NEWCASTLE 11 OLD SANDBACHIANS 10

SANDBACH made the short journey to Newcastle last Saturday looking for a victory to avenge their defeat in the Potteries Cup Final last season and to stop a recent run of defeats. However Newcastle had other ideas, and emerged victors by a one point margin.

Sandbach started as though they meant to destroy the opposition in the early minutes and Newcastle were in panic stations when on defence. For all their pressure however, all Sandbach could show were two penalties by Dave Moss.

Two more very kickable penalties were missed and in the long run this could have been the difference between victory and defeat. After dominating most of the first half Sandbach then let Newcastle back into the game. At a loose ruck Sandbach won the ball, but there was a mix up which allowed Newcastle to get the ball, create an overlap and score in the corner but this was not converted.

The score was 6-4 to Sandbach at half time.

Newcastle started the second half strongly and the scrum half and fly half started to put in probing kicks which pushed Sandbach back to their own 22 metre area. Newcastle went into the lead for the first time when they converted a penalty. This injected new life into Sandbach and the forwards kept winning the ball but this was not used to the best advantage by the three-quarters. The forwards took the initiative and from a line-out that Newcastle won, their fly-half tried to kick clear but Rob Mayor was on him very quickly. He charged down the kick and touched the ball down for a try. The conversion attempt failed.

Sandbach had a number of scoring chances when overlaps were created but these were not used to their full advantage. Then late on in the game slack defensive work by Sandbach allowed Newcastle to regain the upper hand. It was their turn to create overlaps and from a scrappy affair they scored in the corner when an unnecessary kick through by the Newcastle centre bounced straight into the arms of the winger who scored. It was not converted.

Sandbach lost Andy Fox late on with a cut eye but this had no effect on the outcome of the game and the score remained 11-10 to Newcastle. Taking the game overall this was one Sandbach should have won but through not taking their chances and with one or two unkind bounces it slipped from their grasp.

### Good performance from 2nds

SANDBACH 2nd XV 7  
NEWCASTLE 2nd XV 3

Sandbach 2nds won the game on Saturday at Bradwall-road by four points but this was very flattering to a mediocre Newcastle side. The side played well together but with nobody really outstanding. Roger Roberts scored a try and Chris Copestake scored a penalty Newcastle answered with a penalty. This was a good sound performance which can be built on for the next few weeks.

### Team work pays off

NEWCASTLE 3rd XV 7  
SANDBACH 3rd XV 8

This was another good workmanlike performance by Sandbach 3rds. It was a very good team display and the narrow margin of victory flatters Newcastle. Mention must go to the performance of John Dutton in the back row and of John Cliff's devastating runs. The scorers were Graham Hockenhull and John Cliff who both scored tries. Newcastle replied with a try and penalty.

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Newcastle went down for the first time since the opening week of the season when they lost 13-11 at Erdington.

For Newcastle, Dave Lock and Richard Owen scored tries and Alan Griffiths kicked a penalty. Erdington gained their victory when a lapse of concentration enabled them to go over for a try which was converted.

Newcastle won the second team game 30-0, the third team game 13-4 and the fourth team game 96-0. Newcastle Vets beat Salford 21-0.

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### JUNIOR RUGBY MERIT TABLE

#### FIRST TEAMS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	%
Crewe & Nant.	5	4	0	1	80
Newcastle	8	6	0	2	75
Leek	8	5	0	3	63
Old Longton.	10	6	0	4	60
Congleton	5	1	0	4	20
Trentham	8	0	0	8	0

#### SECOND TEAMS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	%
Newcastle	7	7	0	0	100
Crewe & Nant.	5	4	0	1	80
Congleton	5	4	0	1	80
Trentham	8	2	0	6	25
Leek	8	2	0	6	25
Old Longton.	9	2	0	7	22

#### THIRD TEAMS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	%
Newcastle	8	7	1	0	94
Old Longton.	10	5	1	4	55
Leek	6	3	0	3	50
Trentham	8	3	0	5	38



Trophies in the shape of rugby balls were awarded at Trentham to winners of Rugby Union merit competitions open to clubs in North Staffordshire and South Cheshire. They were presented by Mr. Colin Mayer, second left, who is seen with Alan Pinkney, left, of Crewe and Nantwich, winners of the first team award, and John Hamer and David Westrup, right, who received the second and third team awards for Newcastle.



## RECORD RUGBY SEASON

A RECORD season for Newcastle Rugby Club climaxed by success in the Potteries Cup led club chairman Mr. John Pointon to remark that they now had a base to build for the future when he addressed the annual meeting at their Lilleshall - road headquarters this week.

Club captain Terry Kelly said that a Colts XV would be started this season and players under 19 will be welcomed at the training sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons at their Clayton ground.

Officers elected: President, Mr. P. Smith; chairman, Mr. J. Pointon; secretary, Mr. J. Handley; treasurer, Mr. T. Quinn; fixture secretary, Mr. I. Barnes.

Terry Kelly was re-elected club captain for a second year with Nick Slack as vice-captain. Second XV captain, John Hamer; third XV captain, David Westrup; fourth XV captain, Tony Marsh; Veteran XV captain, Graham Wells.



Newcastle Rugby Club first team, with their captain, Terry Kelly, kneeling centre.

Despite a well below par performance, Newcastle had little difficulty in beating Trentham 16-0 in a Merit match.

Gaining a considerable amount of possession from the set pieces, the Newcastle backs should have had a field day but over-elaborate play led to the wasting of many chances. An Alan Griffiths penalty was followed by a forward rush from a short penalty which led to a try by Chris Williams.

Griffiths scored a further penalty and then, on the one occasion that play opened up, Richard Owen crossed for a try. Griffiths landed the conversion.

Newcastle's captain, Terry Kelly, had to leave the field with a head injury after an incident in the loose.

Newcastle II beat Trentham II, 22-3 and Newcastle III beat Trentham III, 43-0. Trentham Colts beat Newcastle Colts 33-0 and Newcastle Vets defeated Michelin II, 26-0.

In easily the best game at Lilleshall-road this season, Newcastle were 15-7 winners over Manchester Y.M.C.A., who arrived with a record superior to the home club's impressive run.

Newcastle had to withstand fierce pressure, but held firm until the last few minutes, when they conceded a try, although by this time they had a victory in the bag.

Manchester narrowly won the line-outs and rucking phases, but Newcastle controlled the scrums and had match-winners in wingers Barrowclough and Reid, who scored a try each, with Alan Griffiths converting both and adding a penalty goal.

Newcastle made it a hat-trick by winning the second and third team matches 14-0 and 22-3, but the fourths went down 13-10 to G.E.C. Stafford.

Newcastle completed a double over Walsall II by winning 16-0 away, the reward for adapting themselves more readily to the conditions.

Stern tackling kept Newcastle in check early on, but they went ahead with a penalty goal from Alan Griffiths and a try by Paul Barrowclough, after a forward break, gave them a 7-0 advantage at the interval.

Somewhat surprisingly, Walsall failed to use the strong wind in the second-half, when a further Griffiths penalty goal and a try by John Clayton, which Griffiths goaled, completed Newcastle's victory.

In other matches against Walsall, Newcastle II and III won 38-0 and 37-0 respectively, the fourths drew 6-6 with Biddulph, the Veterans went down 40-0 to Staffs. Fire Brigade and the Colts lost 36-0 to Dudley Kingswinford.

Newcastle beat Leek 10-3 in an epic merit table struggle in which both sides strove hard to find a way through the opposing defences without success until the closing stages.

Nick Barczewski, the Leek skipper, landed a penalty goal 10 minutes from the end just when a draw seemed likely but this score seemed to spark Newcastle and they crossed for tries by Dave Hancock and Chris Williams, the second of which, in the last seconds of the game, was converted by Alan Griffiths.

Newcastle II and III beat Leek II and III 10-0 and 50-3. Newcastle IV lost 10-6 to Warrington IV and Newcastle Vets lost 25-12 to Lichfield Vets.

Newcastle were impressive 24-0 winners over Chester II away, confounding the home team with a fine display of open rugby in conditions that were far from ideal.

Their policy of running with the ball paid handsome dividends and Phil Read scored two tries to bring his total for the season to 30. Other Newcastle tries came from John Tellett and Rob Mawby, Alan Griffiths kicking a conversion and two penalty goals.

Newcastle's dominance was founded on ample possession from the sterling work of the front row and hard-running by the backs.

Newcastle III beat Chester 16-0 and the Veterans went down 15-3 to Chester Veterans.

Newcastle overcame strong defensive work by Toc H. to snatch a 10-9 victory. The home team scored all their points in the first-half, when they had a gale-force wind at their backs.

Alan Griffiths got six of them with two penalty goals and there was a try for Clive Ward, after a long handling movement involving backs and forwards.

Excellent tactical kicking by Griffiths kept Newcastle in the driving seat in the second-half, but their lead was cut by three long range penalty goals from Toc H.

Newcastle II and IV teams beat Toc H. 40-4 and 66-6 respectively, the Colts going down 60-4 to Orrell.

Newcastle's recent impressive run of victories came to an end when they lost 12-7 at Shrewsbury. This looked an unlikely result when the visitors surged into a 7-0 lead, through a try by Phil Rhead and an Alan Griffiths penalty goal.

The second-half proved disastrous for Newcastle, who were forced into errors and paid a heavy price. From a midfield mix-up, Shrewsbury were presented with a try that was converted and in the closing minutes they scored again, although the try scorer looked blatantly offside.

In other matches against Shrewsbury, Newcastle II won 16-4 and the thirds won 17-0. Newcastle IV drew 10-10 with Dukinfield and the Veterans lost 3-0 to Wigan Technical College.



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Newcastle emerged from their shaky spell when they rediscovered top form to crush visiting Broughton 26-3.

Against opponents prepared to run the ball from all positions, Newcastle were always in command. Prop John Clayton crossed for three tries, winger Chris Williams added a couple and Alan Griffiths kicked three conversions.

Newcastle completed a grand slam beating Broughton at second, third and fourth team level with wins of 14-13, 9-6 and 6-4. Unfortunately the Veterans were beaten 12-6 by Newton-le-Willows and the Colts went down 14-18 to Burntwood Colts.

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Playing some of their best Rugby of the season, Newcastle overwhelmed Congleton 29-0 in their merit table match. Attacking from the start, they powered their way to a 25-0 lead at the interval.

Superior in all phases, with their pack in superb form, Newcastle impressed with close handling moves and tries were scored by Alan Wellings, winger Paul Barrowclough (2) and Nick Slack, Alan Griffiths landing three conversions and a penalty goal.

After the interval, Newcastle relaxed and allowed Congleton back in the game, but their line remained intact and Phil Read completed an easy win with a late try.

Newcastle made it a clean sweep in merit table matches with a 14-4 victory in the second team game and a 70-0 success in the third team fixture. Newcastle Veterans defeated Trentham Veterans 8-0 and the Colts lost 8-3 to Crewe and Nantwich.

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Newcastle had a clean sweep against Old Longtonians, winning all four matches in scoring 81 points against 16.

The first team merit table battle was a typically hard-fought battle, with the Old Boys taking an early lead from a Dave Law penalty, only for Dave Hancock to reply with a try and Alan Griffiths increased Newcastle's lead with a penalty goal.

Dave Lock also crossed for a Newcastle try, Griffiths adding another penalty, as did Law for the losers.

In the second team match, Neville Hughes (try) and Dave Holmes (penalty) scored in Newcastle's 7-3 win and the third team's 36-7 success featured five tries from Phil Read and one each from Dick Nadin and Pat Smith, Mark Evans landing four conversions. Newcastle IV won 24-0 and their Veterans beat Wilmslow IV. 13-7.

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A fight for the ball as Newcastle Rugby players break-up a Broughton attack during home team Newcastle's 28-3 victory on Saturday.

## Newcastle's revenge

NEWCASTLE R.U.F.C. took revenge on Burton by beating them by 16pts. to 3, turning the tables for a one-point defeat on the opening day of the season.

Despite the conditions, Newcastle's backs ran strongly whenever the opportunity presented itself and with John Clayton and Chris Genders prominent, their pack drove hard at Burton to set up good chances.

A break in the centre by Rob Mawby left Burton floundering and he scored under the posts, Alan Griffiths adding the goal points.

Phil Jolley touched down in the corner as Newcastle kept up the pressure and Mawby staged a repeat when he scythed his way through to score between the posts again. Griffiths converted.

In other matches against Burton, Newcastle II lost 18-4, but the thirds won 16-7. Newcastle IV defeated Simon 7-0 and the Veterans went down 16-10 to Solihull.

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Newcastle, given the tonic of an early score from a Nick Slack drop goal, went on to defeat Ashbourne 34-0. Tries were scored by Paul Barrowclough, Dave Bladen, Rob Mawby and John Clayton, with Dave Watson landing three conversion kicks and Dave Barling three penalty goals.

Clayton and Clive Ward were prominent in the loose, despite Newcastle being reduced to 14 players when fly-half Barling retired at half-time with an ankle injury.

Newcastle II and III lost 7-6 and 16-6 respectively to Chorley I and Chorley II, the fourths beating Chorley III 24-6. The Veterans lost 19-15 to Warrington.

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Alan Griffiths landed four penalties for Newcastle in their 18-7 home victory over Burnage. The other points came from a Nick Slack try which Griffiths converted.

Newcastle II beat Burnage 26-0, Newcastle III lost 6-7 to Burnage, Newcastle IV drew 6-6 with Burnage and Newcastle Vets had a 32-0 victory over Burnage.

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Newcastle defeated Metrovick 11-0, overcoming the problem of mastering a heavy and workmanlike pack, although it was made more difficult by the early departure of Alan Roberts with a knee injury.

Tries were scored by hooker Peter Howland and wing Paul Barrowclough, a penalty goal by Alan Griffiths completing the scoring.

In other matches against Metrovick, Newcastle II lost 14-11, but the thirds, fourths and Veterans won 14-10, 10-9 and 43-7 respectively.

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After struggling to find their form early on, Newcastle impressed in the second-half and defeated Wolverhampton II. 23-9. Two early penalty goals by the home team shook Newcastle, who were lucky to lead 7-6 at the interval through a Dave Watson penalty and a Paul Barrowclough try.

It was a different story in the second-half, when fly-half Alan Griffiths provided the spark for tries from Rob Mawby (2) and Clive Ward, with Griffiths landing two conversions.

In other matches against Wolverhampton, Newcastle II lost 15-7, the thirds won 8-6 and the fourths lost 15-7. Newcastle V. beat Rugeley III. 88-0.

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**STOKE-ON-TRENT RUGBY UNION  
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The Stoke-on-Trent Club would like to offer  
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officials and spectators at this evening's match.

For Newcastle, and Crewe and Nantwich  
the final will be a fitting climax to what has  
been for both Clubs a most successful season.

If they produce the standard of Rugby of  
which they are capable, we can expect an  
entertaining evening.

The best of luck to both sides and our thanks to  
Alan Nussey for organising the competition.

**COLIN RIDGE (Chairman)**

First Aid facilities will be provided by  
The St. John's Ambulance Brigade

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J. TONTSCH	14	RIGHT-WING	14	P. READ
J. WATSON	13	CENTRE	13	R. MAWBY
L. BALL	12	CENTRE	12	M. HOLDCROFT
C. BISHOP	11	LEFT-WING	11	P. BARROWCLOUGH
J. FERGUSON	10	OUTSIDE-HALF	10	A. GRIFFITHS
R. FODEN	9	SCRUM-HALF	9	N. SLACK
J. LAWTON	1	PROP	1	C. WILLIAMS
R. LINDOP	2	HOOVER	2	P. HOWLAND (Captain)
R. POTTS	3	PROP	3	C. COOPER
D. STOREY	4	LOCK	4	A. ROBERTS
J. BOYLE	5	LOCK	5	D. HANCOCK
J. BAKER	6	WING-FORWARD	6	J. TELLETT
D. JOHNSON	7	WING-FORWARD	7	P. JOLLEY
R. KNOWLES	8	No. EIGHT	8	J. CLAYTON
S. FLOOD		RESERVE		
R. KNOWLES		RESERVE		

Officials : Referee - C. PERRY    Touch Judges - A. UNWIN & A. NUSSEY



# VETS TRIUMPH!

Following their entertaining win over Sale Vets our noble band of warriors sailed forth to Whitchurch for their annual Vets Tournament. Their expectations were fulfilled by sharing the Trophy with WEST PARK. A stirring performance which meant playing 2 hours and 10 minutes in near tropical conditions before the ref took pity on them. A well as sharing the trophy they won two match balls and some beer! A splendid gesture was the presentation of one of the balls by skipper Looker to our Colts in recognition of their narrow victory over their elders. Tony Marsh wants to know when the 4th XV will be presented with theirs!!!!



# COLTS IN CARDIFF

by putting the road for a weekend in Cardiff. On the Saturday they watched England Colts defeat Welsh Youth and played their game against the Colts of Llanishen on the Sunday. In a fine performance they ran out 18-10 victors - dominating in the forwards and producing strong running in the backs. Sherrin, Riley Vipart and Shaw using their physical presence to good effect with Miller, Lewis and Merkin showing pace. Mark Evans capped the day with a Terry Holmes like try from the half way line. On this display several of the older Colts should be pushing for senior places next season. LETS SEE THEM AT PRE-SEASON TRAINING.

The most colourful spot of the weekend was young Evans swooping big brothers club jumper for a very red Welsh Centenary one - but the week ends hot spot must have been young Keith Dale on the lose and going out for a curry!!!!

**U.23...** Again Robmawby and Paul Barraclough have been selected several times to play for the County U.23's and Clive Ward was substitute for the Presidents XV.

**MINIO EVERY SUNDAY 10:30.** Contact Don Griffiths RUGBY Helpers wanted.

# CLUB JUMPERS

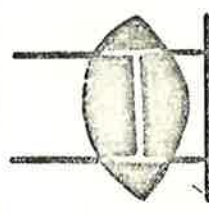
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DICKIE EONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON....

Escorted by Messers Dale, Matthews and Kelly the Colts shook off the disappointment of their narrow Cup defeat by Crowe and achieved

by putting the road for a weekend in Cardiff. On the Saturday they watched England Colts defeat Welsh Youth and played their game against the Colts of Llanishen on the Sunday. In a fine performance they ran out 18-10 victors - dominating in the forwards and producing strong running in the backs. Sherrin, Riley Vipart and Shaw using their physical presence to good effect with Miller, Lewis and Merkin showing pace. Mark Evans capped the day with a Terry Holmes like try from the half way line. On this display several of the older Colts should be pushing for senior places next season. LETS SEE THEM AT PRE-SEASON TRAINING.

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# NEWCASTLE RUGBY CLUB NEWS

## 1ST XV CUP WINS ENCOURAGING

Bringing another successful season to a close we are again in the throes of the Potters Cup. A preliminary round brought us a home game with STOKES, which proved to be a crunching contest with Newcastle winning 23-15. Forbisher touching down well after combining well with Barraclough, Howland and saving a sharp break by Slack and Clayton. After a sharp break by Slack and Clayton, scoring twice against his old club Cliffe, adding the rest of the points with his boot. A well deserved win, but will it bring us any where nearer a 1st XV game in the first round OLD SANDBACHians set a formidable task providing very stiff opposition. In a keenly fought contest the visitors seemed to have gained the upper hand just before half time, but the pack put in some fine work to change the pattern.

On April 21st Congleton provide us with SEMI-FINAL opposition with the winners playing back on Cliffe + Nantwich in the final on Wednesday 25th April at Stoke.



## CLUB DINNER

CHANGE OF DATE: OWING TO CLUB COMMITMENTS STEVE SMITH IS NOW UNABLE TO BE OUR GUEST AT THE ANNUAL DINNER AND THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FRIDAY.....

**7th MAY** AT THE CREST.

TICKETS: £9:00  
AVAILABLE FROM NIGEL QUINN AND TEAM CAPTAINS.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT



## MERIT TABLE

On the Merit Table scene the 1st XV are again missing out despite losing only 1 game. It seems that the Gods or could it be referees do not smile upon us. The 2nd XV too have lost their grip upon the trophy they won last season, but the 3rd XV under Napoleon Westrup have again conquered all and have won the trophy for the 3rd year in a row! CONGRATULATIONS!

**200** The £500 draw was won by **MR. N. WELLINGS** (Alan's Dad)

**COUNTY 7s**  
SUNDAY 25TH APRIL  
at WOLVERHAMPTON

## AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN PONTON AND DALLY FOR THEIR 3 STAR AWARD IN THE NEW EDITION OF THE "LEGON RONAY MICHELS GUIDE TO RUGBY CLUBS & CABS". THIS WAS NO DOUBT DUE TO A STRONG LOSEY OF CLUB MEMBERS!

# CLUB A.G.M.

- \* Takes place on Monday
- \* 12th July
- \* Make an effort, better!

## LEADING TRY SCORERS

- PAUL BARRACLOUGH 29
- PHIL RHEAD 20
- CHALKIE WHITE 20
- DAVE EVANS 17
- ROB MAWBLY 16
- JOHN WOOD 12

## LEADING POINTS SCORERS

- ALAN GRIFFITHS 175  
1 TRY 26 PENS 46 GOALS 3 DROPS
- PAUL BARRACLOUGH 116  
29 TRIES
- DAVE MILLER 114  
7 TRIES 14 PENS 22 GOALS
- DAVE HOLMES 107  
2 TRIES 9 PENS 31 GOALS 2 DROPS

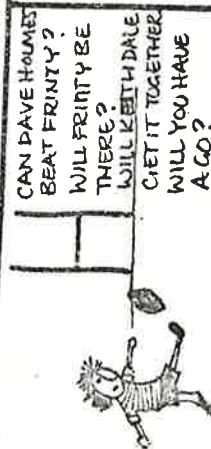


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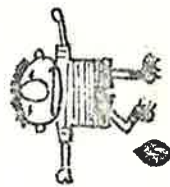
It is pleasing to see the coverage local rugby is given these days by RADIO STOKES. The local press is sadly giving less and less space to the game, but the air waves are doing us proud - with team news, match reports, live commentary and in depth after the match interviews. Although Chris Monks always gives Pete Howard 15 mins after a game to find his lungs.

KEEP FIT DURING THE CLOSE SEASON - THROW A FRISBEE!  
CONTACT NICE SLACK OR BOB ALCOCK FOR INDIVIDUAL CONCHING.



CAN DAVE HOLMES BEAT FRINTY?  
WILL FRINTY BE THERE?  
WILL KEITH DALE GET IT TOGETHER?  
WILL YOU HAVE A GO?

THE ANNUAL GOAL KICKING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY.....  
**5th MAY at 7.00pm**

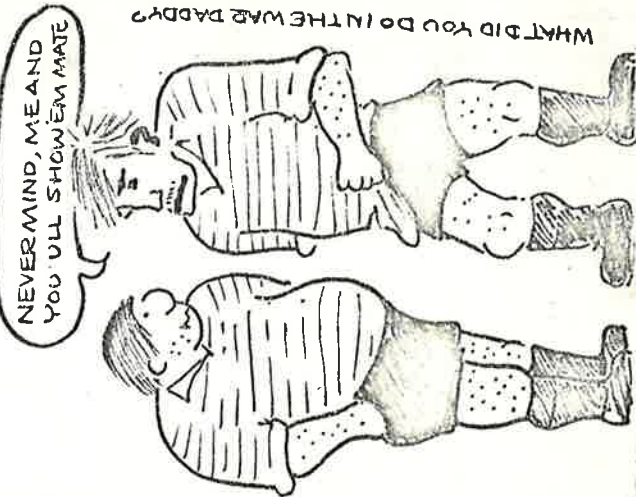


LAST YEARS WINNER...  
**SAM GIBNEY.**

## SOCIAL - EVENTS

AS WELL AS THE CLUB DINNER, MAY 7TH, IT IS HOPED THAT 'CAPTAINS NIGHT' WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY.

JOHN HAMER & TONY STUBBS ARE PLANNING BARBECUES DURING THE SUMMER SO KEEP IN TOUCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS. DON'T FORGET THE CLUB IS STILL OPEN DURING THE CLOSE SEASON - MONDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY LUNCH. - STAY IN TOUCH!



NEVER MIND, ME AND YOU'LL SHOW 'EM MATE

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR DADDY?



## Points spree

Alan Griffiths piled up the points as Newcastle moved into the next round of the Potteries Rugby Cup when they beat Old Sandbachians 15-12.

Griffiths landed three penalties and a drop goal with Mark Holdcroft adding a drop to give Newcastle a tie with Congleton at the next stage.

## Newcastle triumph

Newcastle last night won the Potteries Rugby Union Cup by beating Crewe and Nantwich 18-4 in the final at Hartwell.

For Newcastle, Paul Barrowclough scored two tries and Alan Griffiths landed both conversions and two penalties.

## Rugby Cup finalists

Newcastle will meet Crewe and Nantwich in the final of the Potteries Rugby Union Cup at Stoke-on-Trent's ground next Wednesday.

Last night Newcastle beat Congleton 24-3, their points coming from tries by Phil Read, Richard Owen and John Tellett; Alan Griffiths converted all three, and also kicked two penalties.

In their semi-final, Crewe and Nantwich beat Leek 6-3 at Birchall. Alan Pinkney kicked two penalties for Crewe and Jonathan Cooperone for Leek.

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Making light of poor conditions, Newcastle overwhelmed new opponents Kings Norton 54-6 at Lilleshall-road with a fine display of open rugby.

Star performer was winger Paul Barrowclough, who crossed for five tries, others coming from Peter Howland (2), Mark Holdcroft, Clive Ward, John Clayton and Steve Frobisher, with Alan Griffiths converting five of them.

In other matches against Kings Norton, Newcastle II won 8-0, the thirds won 14-3, but the fourths lost 16-14. Newcastle Veterans lost 18-6 to Newton-le-Willows.

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Peter Howland, captain of Newcastle, holds the Potteries Rugby Union Cup at their 35th annual dinner at the Crest Hotel, Newcastle. With him, from the left, are: Mr. John Pointon, chairman; Mr. Peter Smith, president; and Mr. Ken Morgan, who replied to the toast to the guests.

After an indifferent start, Newcastle defeated Crewe and Nantwich 17-6 in their final merit table fixture. The home team began brightly, Leighton Ball going over for a try, converted by Alan Pinkney, but Newcastle gradually assumed command.

A try by Paul Barrowclough, converted by Alan Griffiths who also landed a penalty goal, gave Newcastle a 9-6 half-time lead and late in the game Phil Read's pace took him clear for two more tries.

Newcastle made it a hat-trick by winning the second and third team games 20-8 and 8-6 respectively. Newcastle Colts lost 9-4 to Stafford.

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In a morass of mud, Newcastle fought back from a 6-0 deficit to win 17-12 at Glossop. Skipper Peter Howland and prop Chris Williams crossed for first-half tries, Alan Griffiths also kicking a penalty goal.

Mark Holdcroft added a third try after the interval, Griffiths adding the extra points.

Newcastle seconds and thirds won 18-0 and 20-0 respectively against Glossop, the fourths lost 21-10 to Metrovick, the Veterans were beaten 15-3 by Warrington and the Colts lost 13-7 to Old Sandbachians.

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Falling behind to a penalty goal, Newcastle gradually assumed control to beat Burnage 20-6 at home. Encouraged by fine work from their back row, Newcastle indulged in some spectacular handling moves.

Alan Griffiths landed two penalty goals and Newcastle's lead was increased by tries from Rob Mawby and Mark Holdcroft, Griffiths completing the scoring with two more penalties.

The second team game was drawn 23-23, Newcastle won the third team fixture 24-3, Burnage IV winning 3-0.

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Leek had no answer to powerful running by Newcastle's backs, who had a field day in their 38-4 victory. Tries were scored by Phil Read (2), Mark Holdcroft (2), Clive Ward, Alan Griffiths and Paul Barrowclough, with Griffiths adding the goal points on five occasions.

In a memorable weekend, Newcastle won the second and third team games against Leek 27-9 and 72-4 respectively, their fourths beat Eccleshall 10-6 and the Veterans recorded two victories, 9-7, against Solihull and by 27-6 against Sale 24 hours later.

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Playing some of their best rugby of the season, Newcastle were far too powerful and constructive for Macclesfield and won 22-3 away.

Rob Mawby, Phil Read and Chris Williams crossed for Newcastle tries, Alan Griffiths kicking two conversions, a penalty goal and a drop goal.

In other matches against Macclesfield, Newcastle II drew 9-9, the thirds won 17-4, the fourths lost 31-6, the Veterans lost 34-10 and the Colts lost 8-0.

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