

## Newcastle rugby new captain

THE BEST season in their history was commented upon by chairman John Pointon at the annual meeting of Newcastle Rugby Club.

Mr. Pointon was congratulating retiring skipper Terry Kelly and the meeting elected a new captain — Peter Howland, who joined the club last season after having experience with Wilmslow.

The remaining captains were re-elected as follows: second team, John Hamer; third team, Dave Westrup; fourth team, Tony Marsh; veterans' team, Graham Wells.

Club officials: president, P. S. Smith; chairman, John Pointon; secretary, Nigel Quinn; treasurer, Terry Quinn; chairman of selectors, Arthur Hudson.

The club face a testing start to the season, for they meet Wilmslow in their opening match. Training starts at Lilleshall-road, Clayton, next Monday and continues on Monday and Wednesday evenings.



Newcastle R.U.F.C. first fifteen, with their captain, Peter Howland, centre of the front row.

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Newcastle overwhelmed a Burton team 52-4, their fitter pack providing the foundation for some incisive play from the backs.

Ten tries were scored by Rob Mawby (3) and Paul Barrowclough (3), with Richard Owen, Phil Read, Terry Kelly and Phil Jolley making up the tally. Dave Holmes landed six conversions. This runaway win was achieved despite losing wing-forward Clive Ward with an eye injury early on.

In other matches against Burton, Newcastle II won 10-7, but the thirds lost 4-0. Newcastle went down 6-4 to Macclesfield in a colts match.

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With the score 0-0 three minutes from the end, the Newcastle v. Walsall game looked to be an inevitable draw. But then the Walsall winger intercepted on his own line and won a long chase back to the corner.

Newcastle's misery was not complete, however, for with last move of the game, Tinkler, the Walsall No. 8, crashed over for a push-over try which was converted.

In other matches against Walsall, Newcastle second team won 26-0, the thirds won 16-4, and the fourths drew 14-14. Newcastle Vets beat Burnage 6-0 and their Colts lost 9-0 at Burntwood.

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Due to a large number of injuries, Newcastle fielded their second team against Willenhall and did well to hold a more experienced team to a 10-0 margin.

Newcastle III defeated Willenhall II 49-0 and the fourths lost 4-0 to Willenhall III. In a veterans match, Newcastle beat Newton-le-Willows 27-4.

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Newcastle, with a much-changed side, gave a lacklustre display in losing 11-6 at home to Walsall United. Andy Griffiths kicked two penalty goals for Newcastle, who paid a heavy price for poor tackling.

In other games against Walsall, Newcastle II. won 9-3 and the thirds drew 0-0. Newcastle IV. defeated Ashton-under-Lyne 25-4 and the Veterans lost 26-3 to Trentham.

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Newcastle took some time to establish their superiority against Ashbourne, but assumed control to win 28-3. Tries were scored by Peter Howland, Phil Read (2), Rob Mawby, Clive Ward and Terry Kelly, Dave Holmes landing two conversions.

Newcastle II. lost 15-11 to Chorley, the thirds beat Chorley II. 8-0 and the fourths lost 20-4 to Chorley III. In the colts match, Newcastle were 47-0 winners over Chorley.

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Newcastle atoned for recent loss of form by overwhelming a Stourbridge team 30-3, their most successful period being the second-half, when their opponents had no answer to the strong running of sharp backs.

Tries were scored by Phil Luke, Rob Mawby (2), Phil Read and Alan Roberts, with Alan Griffiths landing two conversions, a drop goal and a penalty goal.

Stourbridge had the better of the other matches, winning the second team game 17-0, the thirds 15-13 and the fourths 4-3. Newcastle won the veterans' match 26-6 and their colts lost 16-3 to Crewe and Nantwich.

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After leading 10-6 at the interval, Newcastle were overwhelmed in the second-half by Wolverhampton and lost 30-10.

Tries by backs Owen and Alcock, plus a conversion from Griffiths, gave Newcastle their early ascendancy, but an injury to prop-forward John Clayton and the absence of regular wingers Barrowclough and Reid told as the home side staged their comeback.

Newcastle II. won 8-4, but Wolverhampton took the third and fourth team games 12-9 and 14-8 respectively. Newcastle beat Old Longtonian 14-4 in a Colts match.

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Old Longtonians and Newcastle drew 6-6, with both sides having their dominant periods.

Old Boys suffered an early setback when a wayward penalty kick by Newcastle was caught by Longton stand-off Keeling, who attempted a clearance kick. His effort was charged down by Newcastle's Barrowclough, who also won the touchdown. Griffiths added the points with a simple conversion.

Longtonians reduced the arrears with a well-struck penalty goal by scrum-half Forrester and the same player levelled the scores with another penalty, superbly kicked from the touchline.

Newcastle won the second, third and fourth team games, by 18-16, 11-0 and 18-0 respectively.

Newcastle V beat Warren 47-0 and Newcastle Colts had a 12-6 victory over Aspul Colts.

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NEWCASTLE'S visit to Broughton was rewarded with a 16-12 win in a scrappy game in blustery conditions. The home side's points came from four long range penalty goals, Newcastle scoring tries by Alan Wellings and Rob Mawby, with two penalties and a conversion from Alan Griffiths.

Full-back Stan Frobisher had an impressive debut and the return of Wellings improved the back-row performances.

Newcastle won the second and third team games 26-3 and 7-6 respectively, the Veterans losing 26-6 to West Park away.

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Newcastle overwhelmed Old Anselmians, who started the game short-handed and paid the penalty with a 68-7 defeat. The visitors had little to offer, even after the eventual arrival of their missing players.

It was one-way traffic, with 10 of Newcastle's 12 tries coming from the backs. Scorers were Paul Barrowclough (3), Mark Holcroft (2), Richard Owen (2), Chris Williams, Rob Mawby, Phil Read, Nick Slack and Peter Howland, Alan Griffiths landing 10 conversions.

In other matches against Old Anselmians, Newcastle II lost 17-6, the thirds won 40-11 and the fourths 28-6. Newcastle Veterans lost 43-3 to Lichfield.

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# Rugger recruits sought

## A big recruiting drive has been mounted by Newcastle Rugby Club.

Although Club officials are impressed by the number of players already turning out for training sessions at Clayton's Lilleshall Road ground, they stress that new members will be most welcome.

Newly-appointed First Team Captain Peter Howland, formerly with Wilmslow Rugby Club, said: 'There is somewhere in the region of fifty players turning up for training at present and we are delighted but there is still plenty of room for anyone else who would like to join us.'

Peter, a solicitor, said

that the Club's image in the past might not have been taken too seriously.

'If people wanted good stamina rugby they would tend to go somewhere else,' he admitted.

'But this season there is a much better standard of rugby and a lot more emphasis on winning. Last season we

lost ten matches and won 29 and although we do play serious and competitive rugby we still manage to have a good time into the bargain.'

There are six teams at the Newcastle Club including a veterans' and a colts' side and players ages range from 15 to 49.

## Young luck

Peter said that the Club had been lucky enough to have a good number of high standard young players emerging during the last couple of seasons and he cited winger Paul Baraclough

and centre Rob Morby who are both in the Staffordshire Under-23 side.

Anyone interested in playing rugby at Newcastle should contact Peter at the Club on Newcastle 617042 or call at the ground on any Monday or Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm when they will be made welcome.

## New image?

Youngsters should not be deterred from making enquiries because there are facilities to teach new members the game.

In mid-September the Club are recommencing their popular training sessions for six to fourteen year-olds on Sunday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. Details can be obtained from coach Don Griffiths on Newcastle 617042.



Newcastle recorded a 13-3 win over Old Longtonians, who had the misfortune to lose two players through injury in the second-half.

An Alan Griffiths penalty gave Newcastle an early initiative and their backs, moving smoothly, caused problems for a resolute Old Boys defence. One enterprising move ended with Paul Barrowclough outstripping his rivals for a fine try, Griffiths converting.

Until decimated by injury, Old Longtonians had more of the game in the second-half, but could not stop Newcastle from adding a further try through Steve Frobisher. Alan Miller landed a consolation penalty for the losers.

Newcastle made it a clean sweep by winning the second, third and fourth team games 17-10, 14-9 and 22-13 respectively. Newcastle Colts beat their Veterans 18-10.

Newcastle snatched a deserved 12-all draw in their Merit Table clash at Willenhall but were left to reflect on conceding careless penalties early in the match.

Willenhall went ahead with a try and the first careless penalty gave the home side a solid start. Alan Griffiths kicked a penalty to revive the visitors and in the second half Newcastle were well on top before giving away yet another needless penalty.

This score spurred Newcastle on to the attack and another Griffiths penalty followed by a fine try by Phil Read which was goaled by Griffiths earned the draw.

Newcastle enjoyed a hat-trick of victories over Willenhall with the seconds winning 39-3, the thirds 18-3, and the fourths 22-nil. The Veterans lost 7-nil to Bromsgrove while the Colts pipped Burnage Colts 18-16.

After conceding two early penalty goals, Newcastle pulled themselves together to defeat Shell (Carrington) 26-6 away.

Using their faster back division to advantage, Newcastle attempted to run the ball whenever possible, with Mark Holdcroft prominent in the centre and Bob Mawby contributing some forceful running from full-back.

Tries came from Paul Barrowclough (2), John Clayton (2), Phil Read and David Hancock, with Alan Griffiths landing one conversion.

Newcastle made it a hat-trick by winning the second and third team matches 19-4 and 18-6 respectively.

Holding a 14-3 lead, Newcastle went off the boil and allowed Shrewsbury to rally for a 14-14 draw. Rob Mawby and Phil Read (tries), Steve Frobisher and Dave Holmes (penalty goals) scored for Newcastle.

In other matches against Shrewsbury, Newcastle II lost 14-13, the thirds won 26-3, the fourths lost 21-0. Newcastle Veterans lost 12-7 to Bromsgrove and the Colts beat Burntwood 47-4.

A spirited performance from the pack paved the way for Newcastle's 6-3 win over new opponents Ruskin Park.

Playing well as a unit, the Newcastle forwards excelled in all departments, but fierce tackling kept them in check. While the backs showed some clever touches, they were unable to break through, Alan Griffiths getting the points from two penalty goals.

Newcastle II lost 6-0 to Erdington, but won the third and fourth team games 10-7 and 22-6 respectively. Newcastle Veterans lost 8-6 to Solihull and the Colts went down 36-6 to Leigh.

Newcastle did enough to have beaten Metrovick by a handsome margin, but had to be content with a 13-3 win.

A long-range penalty goal from Alan Griffiths put Newcastle in front and it was left to Nick Slack to put some authority into the proceedings when he paved the way for a try by Rob Mawby between the posts. Griffiths converted.

Mark Holdcroft added Newcastle's second try, Metrovick replying with a penalty goal.

In other matches against Metrovick, Newcastle II won 16-7, the fourths lost 10-4 and the Veterans won 4-3. Newcastle Colts lost 14-3 to Willenhall.

After scoring two early tries, Newcastle did not make the most of their superiority and had to be content with a 18-7 win over Toc H.

John Clayton and Rob Mawby collected touch-downs in Newcastle's bright start, but they had to wait until the second-half before increasing their margin. Paul Barrowclough added two more tries, Alan Griffiths converting one.

In other matches against Toc H., Newcastle II won 13-10, the thirds 10-4 and the fourths 24-6, but the Colts went down 16-6.

Newcastle made heavy weather of extending their unbeaten run to seven matches, taking a long time to settle before beating Congleton 25-10.

When they finally adapted to a small pitch, tries came from Paul Barrowclough, Rob Mawby, Phil Read and Clive Ward, Alan Griffiths landing three conversions and a penalty goal.

It was success all the way for Newcastle, with the second team 7-3 winners over Congleton and the thirds romping home 68-0. On tour in South Wales, Newcastle Colts beat Llanishen, Cardiff, 18-7.



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## PRESENTATIONS

The President will present Full County Colours  
to the Players who have represented Staffordshire in the  
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1965-68	W. G. Snelson	Lichfield
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## Staffordshire Rugby Union

President: J. A. Heckle, Esq.

## President's Dinner

at  
Tillington Hall, Stafford

on  
FRIDAY, 15th APRIL, 1983

## Programme Notes

Tonight's match between the respective 1982 Winners of the Potteries Cup and the Owen Cup for the Beacon Radio Shield is the inaugural contest, but will henceforth be an annual feature in the County Calendar.

For many years, Clubs in North Staffordshire and South Cheshire have competed for the Potteries Cup, and a similar annual competition for Staffordshire Clubs south of the Potteries has been held in the last two years for a perpetual Trophy presented by John Owen, the former England Forward. By mutual consent, Stoke 1st XV do not compete in the Potteries Cup and Burton, Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth, Walsall and Wolverhampton are not invited to compete in the Owen Cup.

Newcastle and Rugeley offer the promise of an exciting and keenly-contested game. Should the result be a draw, the two Clubs will share the Beacon Radio Shield, which has been generously donated for annual competition by Beacon Broadcasting Limited of Wolverhampton.

All concerned owe considerable thanks variously to Burton R.U.F.C. for staging the game, to the organisers of the Potteries and Owen Cups, especially Stewart Fletcher, Mike Southall and colleagues, for their hard work behind the scenes, and to Jane Kent and ladies of the Burton, Newcastle and Rugeley Clubs for their excellent catering arrangements.

### Newcastle

Newcastle R.U.F.C. was formed in 1947 and now runs four senior teams, as well as a Veterans XV and Colts. They retained the Potteries Cup in 1982 with a fine performance in the final against Crewe & Nantwich.

They include the current Staffordshire winger, Paul Barracough. Rob Mawby played alongside Barracough in Staffordshire's pre-Championship match against North Wales this season.

### Rugeley

The Rugeley Club was also formed in 1947 and now runs three senior teams and a Colts XV. Last season was a particularly successful one, the 1st XV winning 21 of their 29 matches.

In the 1982 Owen Cup, their victims included Willenhall in the semi-final and local rivals Burntwood in the final, which was played in the best possible spirit by both teams. The winning try came from a 75-metre dash by winger Malcolm Ainger.

This season they have been hampered by the loss of key players through injuries, but have derived satisfaction from fine performances in very close defeats away against Tamworth and Lichfield 2nd XVs.

### The Referee

Bill Jones is a Journalist and Writer who lives in Tamworth. His varied life has taken him to faraway places and has included refereeing in Cornwall, reporting cricket from the West Indies and acting as an Aide to Kerry Packer in Australia.

## 1982 BEACON RADIO SHIELD

POTTERIES CUP HOLDERS

# NEWCASTLE

Maroon & White

1 goal  
2 tries

D. Watson  
P. Read  
R. Mawby  
R. Owen  
P. Barracough  
D. Holmes  
N. Slack  
C. Cooper  
P. Howland (capt)  
C. Williams  
~~D. Hancock~~ N. Palmer  
D. Bailey  
C. Huxley  
~~J. Clayton~~ J. Telleff  
P. Jolley

OWEN CUP HOLDERS

# RUGELEY

Amber & Black

15 K. Crutchley  
14 S. Winter (capt)  
13 D. Kenny  
12 B. Winter  
11 M. Ainger  
10 S. Barber  
9 N. Stinson  
1 I. Bailey  
2 R. Barber  
3 K. Archer  
4 K. Kent  
5 M. Parker  
6 C. Pierpoint  
8 K. Lycett  
7 M. Hollins

#### Replacements

G. Lewis 16 M. Davies  
~~A. Roberts~~ S. Frobisher 17 S. Moralee

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D. Rouse

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We also cordially welcome the County Selectors today and hope their visit is worthwhile.

Congratulations to the 1st XV on extending their unbeaten run with a hard-earned win at Leamington, and also to our Second XV who stood in for their Seniors at Worcester on Wednesday night and beat CINDERFORD 12-9.

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 8. G. Tinker [Walsall]

Replacements -

P. Mannaing [Burton], S. Lewis [Walsall]

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The N.W.R.U. extends a warm welcome to the STAFFORDSHIRE players and officials  
 and looks forward to an entertaining game. We also wish to thank WREXHAM RFC  
 for the use of its excellent ground and facilities.

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Admission by Programme - 30 p.

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Newcastle were too strong in all departments for Shell and in an entertaining display of open rugby cruised to a 48-0 victory.

Paul Barrowclough (2), John Tellett (2), Nick Slack, Phil Read, Mark Holdcroft, Dave Holmes, Craig Huxley, Nick Palmer and Phil Jolley crossed for tries. Dave Watson converted two.

Newcastle II lost their first match for two months, going down 15-7 to Old Bilians, John Wood (try) and Alan Griffiths (penalty goal) scoring. The thirds lost 8-3, but the fourths beat Old Bilians 29-3.

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Taking an early lead, Newcastle went on to beat Manchester Y.M.C.A. 19-10 in another impressive performance. Alan Wellings, in his first senior appearance of the season, Nick Slack and Phil Read scored tries, Dave Watson converting two and kicking a penalty goal.

Mark Holdcroft (2) and Graham Lewis crossed for touchdowns in Newcastle II's 17-7 win and Y.M.C.A. were also beaten at third and fourth team level, by 20-3 and 10-6 respectively. Newcastle Veterans beat Dudley Kingswinford 9-7, but the Colts lost 12-3 to Old Longtonians.

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Newcastle touched impressive form in beating Old Aldwinians 31-7, their superior all-round performance proving too much for a team boasting a good record this term.

Peter Howland, Paul Barrowclough, Richard Owen (2), Dave Watson and John Clayton scored tries, Dave Holmes dropping a goal and Watson landing two conversions.

Graham Lewis kicked two penalty goals for Newcastle II, who lost 7-6 to Old Aldwinians. Newcastle III beat Old Sandbachians III 20-0, the colts beat Old Aldwinians 18-4, but the veterans lost 20-8 to Wilmslow IV.

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Despite being weakened by late withdrawals, Newcastle had little difficulty in continuing their unbeaten run, overcoming Toc H. 24-3.

Fly-half Dave Holmes was in good form with his tactical kicking, enabling Newcastle to keep the opposition pinned back, and the backs used their possession to advantage.

Tries were scored by Phil Read (2), Richard Owen and Dave Werikhe, making his senior debut, Holmes dropping a goal and Graham Lewis landing a conversion and a penalty goal.

Newcastle lost the second team match 6-0, but won the Colts clash 8-6. Newcastle Veterans lost 21-10 to Sale.

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## THE WINNERS!



The Potteries Rugby Cup has been won by Newcastle Staffs Rugby Union Football Club. Peter Smith (left) presents the Trophy to the club captain, Terry Kelly (right) as the club chairman, John Pointon, looks on.

## Newcastle R.U.F.C.

Founder-member of Newcastle R.U.F.C., Mr. Peter Smith, re-elected as president, congratulated club captain Peter Howland on last season's results when the club held their annual general meeting.

The first team won the Potteries Cup and the third team retained the merit table award for a third year.

Officers elected: chairman, Mr. J. Pointon; secretary, Mr. A. Hudson; treasurer, Mr. T. Quinn; fixture secretary, Mr. R. Griffiths; match secretary, Mr. D. Westrup; team secretary, Mr. J. Hamer; first team captain, P. Holland; second team captain, T. Kelly; third team captain, R. Goodwin; veterans' captain, G. Looker.

Pre-season training will be held at the Lilleshall-road ground each Wednesday from July 28 (7.30).

After an indifferent opening spell, Newcastle pulled their game together and, with their backs looking particularly sharp, produced a fine exhibition of open play to defeat new opponents Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys 40-9.

Dave Watson and Nick Slack were the pick of the backs and they opened up the Old Boys' defence to such an extent that seven tries were scored, by Slack, Rob Mawby, Phil Jolley, Alan Roberts, Mark Holdcroft and Chalkie White (2). Dave Holmes converting six.

Newcastle lost the second team match 17-3, but won the third team fixture 32-6. Against Manchester V, Newcastle IV were beaten 39-4.

Newcastle extended their unbeaten run by defeating Old Longtonians 10-3. Winger Paul Barrowclough scored two tries, Dave Watson converting one. Bob Adams landed a penalty for the Old Boys.

Old Longtonians won the second team match 15-12, but Newcastle took the third and fourth team games 12-3 and 46-0 respectively. Newcastle Colts lost 42-0 to Leigh.

Newcastle's backs held the key to Newcastle's 22-3 victory over Old Longtonians in the first round.

A try by Phil Reade after a counter attack put Newcastle ahead and although John Davies reduced the deficit with a penalty Old Boys were unable to find their rhythm.

Using their faster backs to great advantage, Newcastle increased their lead with further tries by Reade, Mark Holdcroft and Rob Mawby. Dave Holmes added two penalties.

Newcastle had only themselves to blame for their 6-4 defeat against Old Sandbachians. They created a number of chances, but could not develop sufficient finishing power.

A break from full-back Steve Frobisher led to Phil Read crossing for the game's only try, but the Old Boys were successful with two penalty kicks and held on, despite fierce Newcastle pressure.

Old Sandbachians won the second and fourth team games 26-6 and 7-6 respectively, Newcastle winning the third team fixture 20-6. Newcastle Veterans lost 4-0 to Lymm, with their Colts going down 26-4 to Crewe and Nantwich.

Against new opponents Mold, Newcastle were in arrears to an early penalty, but fought back well for a 14-7 victory.

They took the lead with a fortuitous try, much against the run of play, by John Clayton. Although limited in their possession, Newcastle's backs developed greater pace and further tries were added by Phil Read and Steve Frobisher.

Newcastle III. were 39-12 winners against Mold, who won the second, fourth and Colts matches 40-12, 28-8 and 11-0.

Newcastle defeated Leek 9-0 in a typical clash of local rivals. It took a penalty goal by Dave Watson to break the early deadlock, after Leek's eager pack had caused problems in the loose.

Rob Mawby was prominent in Newcastle's backs and it was from one of his breaks that Paul Barrowclough used his speed to score in the corner, Watson converting with a splendid kick.

Newcastle won the second team match 17-6, with tries from Alan Roberts, Steve Frobisher and John Tallett, Graham Lewis adding a conversion and a penalty goal. Newcastle won the third team match 35-6, their fourths lost 10-0 to Simons, the Veterans beat Solihull 17-9 and the Colts lost 24-3 to Leek.

Newcastle surrendered their unbeaten record, a momentary loss of concentration allowing a late try to Wolverhampton II, who won 18-16.

Conceding early penalty goals, Newcastle took some time to settle, but Phil Read outstripped the defence for a try and two penalties from Dave Holmes put them back in the game.

A break by Rob Mawby and a fine handling move led to Chris Williams crossing for a try, converted by Holmes, but with a 16-12 advantage Newcastle surrendered a converted try in the closing stages.

Newcastle II drew 0-0 and their third team lost 10-8 in other matches against Wolverhampton. Newcastle IV beat Winnington Park 21-18, the Veterans lost 14-11 to Dudley Kingswinford and the Colts drew 12-12 with the Dudley side.

The pace of Paul Barrowclough and a policy of running with the ball were decisive factors in Newcastle's 24-9 win over Ashton-on-Mersey.

Peter Howland, Barrowclough and Craig Huxley scored tries for the winners, with Dave Watson contributing the remaining points through three conversions and two penalty goals.

Tries by Lindsay Evans and John Wood, one converted by Alan Griffiths, who also landed two penalties, gave Newcastle a 16-14 win in the second team match, Ashton won the third team fixture 12-11, but Newcastle were 14-4 winners at fourth team level.



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**Old Longtonians'** unbeaten record in the local merit table came to an end when **Newcastle** defeated them 12-4, after the visitors had taken an early lead through a Bob Adams try.

Newcastle gradually pulled themselves back into the game, taking the lead when Richard Owen scored between the posts for Dave Watson to add the extra points. Old Longtonians had the better of things in the second-half, but could not break through.

Newcastle's backs showed more imagination and Phil Read touched down after a run down the wing. Watson again converted.

Tries from Nick Palmer, Paul Shaw and Steve Smith, with a penalty from Graham Lewis, gave Newcastle a 15-0 win in the second team match. Newcastle also won the third and fourth team games 19-10 and 29-6, but Old Longtonians won the Colts fixture 46-0. Newcastle Veterans drew 13-13 with Macclesfield.

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After conceding an early penalty, **Newcastle** dominated the game against **Metrovick** to win 26-3. They dictated play in all phases and after Dave Holmes had dropped a goal, Phil Read and John Tellett crossed for tries converted by Dave Watson, who also landed a penalty goal.

Newcastle's attack lost its way in the second-half and their only reward for marked superiority came when winger Paul Barrowclough used his speed to run in two late tries.

Mark Holdcroft (3) and John Wood scored tries in Newcastle's 24-13 win in the second team match, Alan Griffiths contributing two penalty goals and a conversion; the third team won 12-0, but Metrovick had a 19-3 success in the fourth team game. Newcastle beat Metrovick 18-3 at veteran level, the Colts losing 27-3 to Ruskin Park.

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**Newcastle** completed their programme by beating **Ruskin Park** 12-10 to remain unbeaten away since the beginning of October. They trailed 10-6 at one stage, but Rob Newby ran between the posts to score the winning try, converted by Dave Holmes, who had earlier goaled the touchdown by Craig Huxley.

In 36 matches, Newcastle won 27, drew one and lost eight in a highly successful season.

Mark Jennings (try) and Sam Gilbey (conversion, penalty goal) scored in Newcastle's 9-6 win in the second team match and the thirds made it a clean sweep by winning 7-4.

## PAUL'S TRIES

**Newcastle Rugby Club** became first holders of the **Beacon Trophy** yesterday when they beat **Rugeley** 10-0 at **Burton**.

All the points came in the second half — from two tries by **Paul Barrowclough**, one of them being converted by **Dave Watson**.

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**Newcastle** continued their improved form with an 18-6 win against merit table opponents **Willenhall**, the foundation of success lying in a dominant pack.

Wing-forward **Craig Huxley** crossed for a try, converted by **Dave Watson** and although **Willenhall** came back with two penalty goals, **Watson** restored Newcastle's advantage with two similar efforts. Steady defence by **Willenhall** denied Newcastle further tries, but **Dave Holmes** dropped two superb goals under pressure.

Newcastle outclassed **Willenhall** in the second team match, scoring 15 tries in an 85-0 victory. **Alan Griffiths** contributed 29 points, with a try, penalty goal and 11 conversions. Newcastle III lost their first merit table match for three years when they went down 7-6 at **Willenhall**, who won the fourth team game 32-13.

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**Newcastle** had early and late scoring surges in their 56-0 win over **Trentham**, who fought hard but were unable to contain fitter opponents in the later stages.

**Steve Frobisher**, **Richard Owen** and **Rob Mawby** crossed for tries as Newcastle swept 16-0 ahead, but it was not until the last quarter that their superiority really became apparent. **Mawby** (2), **Nick Slack**, **Craig Huxley** and **Paul Barrowclough** (3) added further tries, **Dave Watson** bringing his total of conversions to eight.

**Newcastle** won the second team game 25-12, **Ian Dale**, **Mark Holdcroft** and **Phil Read** (tries) and **Alan Griffiths** (drop goal, two conversions, two penalty goals), with **Andy Nicklin** (try) and **Nigel Davis** (conversion, penalty goal, drop goal) replying. Newcastle III won 10-6, but **Trentham** Colts had an 8-4 win. Newcastle Veterans lost 24-0 to **Newton-le-Willows** and **Trentham** Veterans beat **Dudley Kingswinford** 10-6.

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**Newcastle** kept up incessant pressure against **Old Salians** and were rewarded with a 34-10 victory.

They opened the scoring with a try by **Rob Mawby** which **Dave Watson** converted and increased their lead with further tries from **Paul Barrowclough** and **Craig Huxley**.

**Old Salians** got back into the game with a try, a penalty and a drop goal but **Barrowclough** eased the situation with an opportunist try. **Mawby** completed a hat-trick and **Watson** landed two more conversions.

**Steve Frobisher** dropped a neat goal to give Newcastle II a 3-0 win against **Old Salians**; Newcastle III beat **Old Salians** 10-0; Newcastle IV lost 20-6 to **Old Salians**; Newcastle Vets beat **Warren** 18-9; and Newcastle Colts lost 16-7 to **Burntwood**.

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A resounding 20-9 win was just reward for Newcastle's domination of **Erdington**. Newcastle fell behind to two penalties before they could shake off the effects of the journey, but then they took a firm grip on the game.

### Late rally

Tries came from **Phil Read**, **Richard Owen**, **John Tellett** and **Phil Jolley**, with **Dave Watson** adding two conversions. **Erdington** staged a late rally but a penalty was all they were allowed.

Also against **Erdington**, Newcastle II lost 20-9 and Newcastle III won 15-6. Newcastle IV beat **Winsford** 10-9, the Vets lost 16-0 to **Whitchurch** and the Colts were beaten 21-7 by **Dudley Kingswinford**.

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**Newcastle** maintained their 100 per cent. **Potteries** merit table record with an impressive 17-3 win at **Shrewsbury**, their pack domination and penetrating runs from the backs being the deciding factors.

**Rob Mawby** crossed for two first-half tries, with **Dave Watson** adding the goal points once, and although **Shrewsbury**, with the benefit of a strong breeze, reduced their deficit, **Watson** (try) and **Alan Griffiths** (penalty goal) underlined Newcastle's superiority.

A hat-trick of tries from **David Werikhe** and touchdowns from **Steve Frobisher** and **Sam Gilbey** enabled Newcastle to win the second team match 24-0 and keep their 100 per cent. merit record. Newcastle lost the third team fixture 10-9, but won the fourths match 7-4. Newcastle Colts lost 28-0 at **Burntwood**.

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In poor conditions and against a much heavier pack, **Newcastle** used their extra speed to advantage and wore down **Kings Norton** to cruise to a 39-0 win.

Their policy of concentrating on a running game paid handsome dividends, **Phil Read** (2), **Dave Bailey**, **Richard Owen** and **Dave Watson** (2) crossed for tries, the last-named also kicking six conversions and a penalty goal.

Tries by **John Wood**, **Dave Clayton**, **Graham Lewis**, **Mark Holdcroft**, **Martin Sands**, **Lindsay Burke**, **Mark Jennings** and **Sam Gilbey** set up Newcastle's 50-6 win in the second team game, **Alan Griffiths** contributing six conversions, a drop goal and a penalty goal.

Newcastle also won the third and fourth team matches, 39-0 and 34-0 respectively, their Veterans losing 10-9 to **Rainhill**.

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**Newcastle** scraped home by 24-21 against **Leek** in an exciting local Derby. In a game of distinct halves, Newcastle took advantage of the wind and slope to lead 18-3 at the interval, with tries from **Simon Shepherd**, **Phil Read**, **Rob Mawby** and **Chris Williams**, **Dave Watson** converting one.

**Richard Owen** went over for another try early in the second half, **Watson** adding the goal points, but a lively **Leek** whittled down their deficit.

**John Cooper** kicked a penalty goal, scored a try and landed three conversions, **John Harper** and **Nigel Duffin** adding touchdowns.

Newcastle won the second and third team games 42-0 and 22-3, their fourth team beat **Eccleshall** 32-0 and the Veterans drew 6-6 with **Old Longtonians**.

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**Newcastle's** backs were again in dominant mood as they demoralised **Ashbourne** to gain a 42-3 victory.

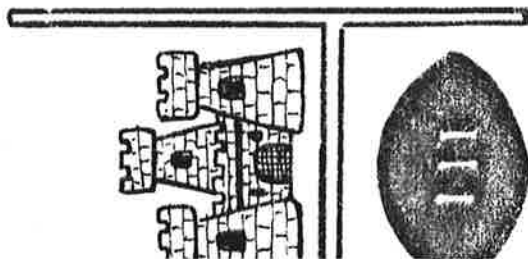
Scoring two early tries through full-back **Nick Holdcroft**, Newcastle's back division opened up the **Ashbourne** defence at will and added six more tries, from **Phil Reads** (2), **Rob Mawby**, **Richard Owen**, **Alan Roberts** and **John Tellett**. **Dave Holmes** landed five conversions.

Newcastle II beat **Chorley** 20-15 and their third team were 15-13 winners over **Chorley II**, but the fourths lost 13-3 to **Chorley III**. Newcastle Veterans lost 28-16 to **Ashton-under-Lyne**.

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C. WILLIAMS

P. HOWLAND

J. CLAYTON

N. PALMER

S. SHEPHERD

C. WARD

P. JOLLEY

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G. AINGER

N. EMBRY

K. JONES

M. ASHTON

A. PERRY

M. GREEN ..... CAPT.

G. WILLIAMS

G. DAVIES

J. PERRY

T. DOHERTY

G. SHORTHOUSE

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A. BARLOW

D. GOLDSTONE

KICKOFF ..... 2.30 PM.

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STAFFS SOCIETY.

*Rugby*  
*Sportsmens' Dinner*

at the

SAXON CROSS MOTEL

on

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1982

at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

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*Paul Costa*

*John*

*Sam Lawrence*

# Menu

CREAM OF LEEK SOUP

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CONTRE-FILET OF BEEF BORDELAISE

BUTTERED CARROTS AND WHOLE GREEN BEANS

LYONNAISE AND CREAMED POTATOES

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HOME MADE SHERRY TRIFLE

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A SELECTION OF CHEESES

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COFFEE WITH MINTS

Guest Speakers :

W. B. BEAUMONT, O.B.E.

F. E. COTTON



# STAFFORD WERE TOO STRONG FOR NEWCASTLE

Newcastle 1st XV . . . 3  
Stafford 1st XV . . . 30

In the quarter-finals of the Staffordshire Rugby Cup, Newcastle played hosts to Stafford, who included in their line-up G. Whitmore, last season's English Colleges full back, and "Charlie" Barlow at No.8, who has been selected for the England Under-23 squad.

From the start it was Stafford on the attack, and only some solid defending by the home side prevented them from scoring.

Despite keeping Newcastle penned in their own half, it was not until 16 minutes had gone before Stafford managed a score. After three unsuccessful penalty attempts, it was left to skipper Mick Green to put the visitors 3-0 up with a penalty, and this was done with the aid of an upright!

Newcastle began to come into the game, and it was Stafford's turn to go on to the defensive. They soaked up all that Newcastle could offer and returned to the attack. After 34 minutes a long kick by Perry saw home stand-off Dave Holmes knock-on in his own 22, and from the scrum Barlow broke clear of two tackles and put Green in for a try, which he converted to put the visitors 9-0 ahead.

This sparked Newcastle and there followed an inspired spell of attacking play, which culminated in Holmes reducing the arrears to 9-3, with a penalty for offside.

Stafford began the second half very strongly, and after only three minutes Green kicked a penalty to make it 12-3. It was at this point that Newcastle lost prop Chris Williams with a leg injury, his place being taken by Julian Bebbington. The home side were again kept in their own half for a long period and were defending well.

After 18 minutes Stafford's forwards and backs combined to put flanker

Gouldstone over for a try, which Green converted, to push the score on to 18-3. Three minutes later a flowing three-quarter move saw wing Ashton cross for a try, Green again converted and the visitors were 24-3 ahead.

Try as they might, Newcastle could not get back into the game, and their only scoring chance came through an unsuccessful penalty attempt.

Six minutes from time, Gouldstone scored his second try for Stafford, after some very good approach work by Barlow. Mick Green again converted to take his points tally to 18, and the scoreline to 30-3.

It was a very businesslike performance by the visitors, and although beaten, Newcastle did not disgrace themselves, and should learn from their experiences.

Other results:- Leek 2nd XV 7, Newcastle 2nd XV 8; Newcastle 3rd XV 9, Leek 3rd XV 9; Newcastle 4th XV 12, Leek 4th XV 0.

Fixtures (12.11.83):- versus Willenhall, kick off 2.30pm. Newcastle Vets v Bromsgrove Vets (away).

OLD Longtonians failed to complete the double over local rivals Newcastle when they lost 15-9, in a game dominated by penalty kicks.

For the second week running, the Old Boys sound defence ensured their line was not crossed out but they again lost out in the kicking duels by conceding too many penalties and missing out on their own opportunities.

Newcastle kicked off with the wind in their favour and were soon deep into Longton territory without seriously threatening to score but undisciplined Longton play gave Newcastle a penalty oppor-

tunity which Griffiths readily accepted.

The Old Boys then fought back and, although giving Newcastle a lesson in scrummaging, another Longton indiscretion gave Griffiths the chance to increase the Newcastle lead.

However, Longton quickly struck back and Bob Adams was able to reduce the Newcastle lead with a penalty goal and with the Longton forwards now beginning to take control of the game they became victims of a number of refereeing decisions which seemed to spot all Longton indiscretions but miss Newcastle's similar of-

fences.

As a result Newcastle although under a lot of pressure, were able to increase their lead with yet a further Griffiths penalty goal which went over via the crossbar and Longton's miserable first half was completed when a similar effort by Bob Adams hit the Newcastle crossbar and bounced back into play giving Newcastle a 9-3 half time lead.

Old Longtonians began the second-half driving Newcastle back into their own half with their forwards dominating the scrums, mauls and rucks.

It was no surprise when a Bob Adams penalty goal was able to reduce their arrears but Newcastle stuck gamely to their task and two further long range penalty goals by Griffiths gave them a 15-6 lead.

The Old Boys then started a number of concerted attacks which had Newcastle desperately defending their line, but sound defence, aided by a couple of Longton dropped passes, failed to bring a well deserved try and in the end they had to take advantage of another Bob Adams penalty.

Further sustained Old Boys' pressure failed to bring an equalising score and once again Longton were left to rue that their own indiscretions had brought about another defeat in a game they should have won without any problems.

In other games against Newcastle, the second and third teams lost 13-12 and 21-3 respectively but an inspired fourth team performance gave them a well-earned 14-9 victory.

**In A game of changing fortunes, Newcastle R.U.F.C. snatched an 11 points to 10 victory over Leek in a local merit table match.**

The lead changed hands three times. Two penalty goals by Jonathan Cooper put Leek 6-0 ahead, Newcastle replied with tries through Dave Watson and Paul Barraclough to hold an 8-6 advantage at half-time, then Leek edged in front again with a try by Lockett. With seconds remaining, Alan Griffiths gave Newcastle a win with a penalty goal.

Leek won the second team match 21-0, but Newcastle III and IV won 13-6 and 21-7 respectively. Leek IV lost 39-6 to Handsworth, their Colts beating the same opposition 13-3.

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Questionmaster Tim Brownsett, far right, addresses the captains of the six teams involved in the final of the Newcastle R.U.F.C. sports quiz at the Lilleshall Road clubhouse last week. Quickprint Design fought off the challenge from Cavalier, Victoria (Newcastle), Lion F.C., Swankers and Seven Stars to lift the trophy.



## Newcastle 2nd XV... 10 Macclesfield 2nd XV... 0

NEWCASTLE fielded a very experienced 2nd XV for the visit of Macclesfield to Lilleshall Road.

From the start, the Newcastle team applied a great deal of pressure, which resulted in an early try for full-back Richard Gray, putting them 4-0 ahead.

The home-side were very strong in all departments, and apart from a few long defensive kicks, Macclesfield were spending most of the time in their own 22.

Newcastle increased their lead after 22 minutes, when scrum-half Martin Sands, broke away, releasing the backs and wing, John Wood, went over in the corner for a try.

Stand-off, Alan Griffiths, converted with a dif-

ficult kick from the bye-line to make the difference 10-0.

Macclesfield began to come into the game from the re-start, but Newcastle's strong tackling defence prevented them from scoring.

The second-half began as the first, with Newcastle on the attack, and there back row of Dale, Ward and Huxley featured prominently.

Despite all the pressure, Newcastle did not score again the final pass letting them down.

Macclesfield had no answer, and apart from one breakaway which Griffiths easily dealt with, they did not look like scoring.

The home side ran out easy winners, if a little disappointing in not making the result more emphatic.

## Changes hit their game

DUE to injuries and unavailability, Newcastle were forced into team changes for Saturday's fixture against Birmingham-based King's Norton.

With captain Richard Owen, as well as Nick Slack and Paul Barraclough unavailable, Dave Locke retained his position at centre, and Martin Sands and John Wood came in at scrum-half and wing respectively.

King's Norton began strongly; the referee awarded them a penalty in the third minute and fly-half, Ray Powell, opened the scoring to give the visitors a 0-3 lead.

Newcastle IXV 10 Kings Norton IXV 18

Three minutes later, Powell increased their lead to 0-6 with another well-taken penalty, following a scrummage infringement.

Newcastle began to get back into the game, and a fine saving tackle by the visitors full-back stopped home centre Bob Mawby just short after a very good thirty yard break.

A penalty after fifteen minutes enabled full-back Dave Watson to cut the lead to 3-6.

It sparked off a period of good possession and pressure, and Watson with another penalty levelled the scores after twenty five minutes.

Newcastle's joy was short lived, however, when, following a five yard tap penalty King's Norton pro-

duced a well-worked 'wedge' move and second row, Dickie Brookes, crashed over for a try.

Powell added the points and the visitors were ahead again 6-12.

A further penalty by Powell after thirty seven minutes ended the scoring and King's Norton lead at the break 6-15.

The second half began as the first, with King's Norton applying a great deal of pressure, keeping Newcastle penned in their own half.

However, they could do little to stop Newcastle scoring after nine minutes.

A fine pack move saw scrum-half Martin Sands, break through five players and give a well timed pass to put wing Dave Werikhe, over for an unconverted try.

Newcastle hard to break down the King's Norton defences but were unsuccessful on every occasion.

It was Powell again who put the visitors further ahead with a well-struck penalty after twenty minutes, giving them a 10-18 advantage.

This completed the scoring and the half ended with the visitors still on top.

At the final whistle, it was a jubilant King's Norton side who went into the dressing rooms having captured what must be to them a very important scalp.

Other results: Kings Norton IIXV 0 Newcastle IIXV 30; Newcastle IIIXV 3 Kings Norton IIIXV 9; Solihull Vets 0 Newcastle Vets 0.

Fixtures: versus Trentham; kick off 2.30 p.m. Newcastle Vets v Newton le Willows Vets.

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Newcastle were 26-9 winners over Congleton in an open merit table fixture. Solid tackling early on denied Newcastle reward, but Griffiths kicked three penalty goals and Howland then crossed for a try, converted by Griffiths.

With both sides running the ball on a narrow pitch, Newcastle went further ahead through another Griffiths penalty and strong running and good handling led to two tries for Barraclough.

Newcastle made it a clean sweep, winning the second, third and fourth team games 29-0, 39-0 and 28-0 respectively. Their Veterans had a 9-3 win over their Newton-le-Willows counterparts.

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Newcastle's fifth successive victory came by a 21-10 margin over Old Salians to avenge a defeat earlier in the season. With their front five in good form the pack dominated for long periods. Paul Barraclough's first-half try was converted by Alan Griffiths, who landed four second-half penalty goals. Nick Slack dropped a goal.

Newcastle II went down 23-0 to Lymm, the thirds beat Newport III 29-9, Dave Werikhe (3) and Mark Williams scoring tries, the fourths beat Newport IV 6-4 and the Veterans had a 16-0 win over Solihull.

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Despite having seven regulars in Paris for the international, Newcastle overcame an uncertain start to beat Erdington 19-16. All the points came in the second-half, with tries by Rob Mawby and Alan Wellings, one of which was converted by Alan Griffiths, who also kicked two penalty goals and a long-range drop goal.

Newcastle II lost 10-3, but the thirds won 23-6, also against Erdington.

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Recovering from a disastrous first-half, Newcastle defeated Macclesfield 10-9 away. The home team capitalised on Newcastle's errors to lead 10-0 at the interval, but two penalty goals by Dave Watson and a try by Paul Barraclough turned the tables as Newcastle ended their ways.

In other games against Macclesfield, Newcastle II won 10-0, the thirds lost 24-10 and the fourths won 13-7.

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Newcastle R.U.F.C. 2nd XV who won 8-7 away to Leek 2nd XV.