

## Fixtures and Results 2018 - 19

<b>Wolves Northern Premier League</b>		<b>Vikings Cotton Traders Championship</b>		<b>Hawks Halbro 4 East</b>		
September 1	KIRKBY LONSDALE	L	Macclesfield	W	Ashton on Mersey	L
8	Vale of Lune	W			ALDWINIANS	W
15	ALNWICK	L	Rochdale	W	Altrincham Kersal	HWO
22	Hull	L	WIRRAL	W	MARPLE	
29	LYMM	L	Blackburn	L	Rochdale	
October 6						
13	Harrogate	L	ROCHDALE	L	ASHTON UNDER LYNE	HWO
20	SANDAL	L	Firwood Waterloo	W	Broughton Park	AWO
27	Billingham	L	KENDAL	D	HEATON MOOR	HWO
November 3	ROSSENDALE	L	Stockport	W	Stockport	
10						
17	Wirral	L	ROCHDALE	L	BURNAGE	
24	BLAYDON	L	Wirral	L	Manchester	
December 1	ILKLEY	L	BLACKBURN	W	Hope Valley	
8	Kendal	L	Rossendale	HWO	Aldwinians	
15	VALE OF LUNE		FIRWOOD WATERLOO			
22						
29						
January 5	Alnwick		Kendal		ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	
12	HULL		STOCKPORT		Marple	
19	Lymm		MACCLESFIELD		ROCHDALE	
26	HARROGATE				Ashton under Lyne	
February 2					DUKINFIELD	
9	Sandal				BROUGHTON PARK	
16	BILLINGHAM				Heaton Moor	
23						
March 2	Rossendale				STOCKPORT	
9	WIRRAL				Burnage	
16						
23	Blaydon				MANCHETER	
30	Ilkley				Dukinfield	
April 6	KENDAL				HOPE VALLEY	
13	Kirkby Lonsdale				ASHTON ON MERSEY	
20						
27						



**Club President  
CHRIS GEORGE  
Welcomes  
VALE OF LUNE**



For a change, it's a pleasure to welcome people we already know, our old friends from Vale of Lune, to The Memorial Ground. Like ourselves, they were promoted into this league at the end of last season and have also found the step up hard to get accustomed to. This is the first game of the second half of the season and I'm sure each club will be looking for better results in the games ahead to at least get something positive out of the season and if possible to garner enough points to stay up.

Last week we lost a close game away at Kendal, despite five changes from the previous week. The week before we were ahead in the game against Ilkley until the last 15 minutes. Until they raised their game to overpower us, the Wolves had been competitive and arguably the better side.

I have not commented at all on this page since becoming president about the standard of refereeing but last week the man in charge was dreadful. Full credit to our lads for the way they handled the poor decision making. Even the opposition subs and management commented how unfortunate we were with some of the referees decisions. Sadly on this occasion the bad decisions were the difference between winning and losing!! When you are at the bottom of the table nothing seems to go your way. One I've never seen before is the opposition taking a quick tap penalty before the referee had even blown his whistle to award it. No wonder they scored from it.

On a positive note there were some outstanding performances last week. A well worked try from Ben Day off a great pass from Bob MacCallum was the highlight.. How often have we seen that before? Ben was outstanding on a foul rain lashed afternoon, absolutely rock solid, under a barrage of high kicks from Kendal No. 10 Nathan McCloy. His vision and sense about what's going on around remains as good as ever, even though not everything he did quite worked out quite as intended. . Kyle Mellor also looks the part, deservedly finishing a power play from the pack when he went over with ten minutes still on the clock. Conor McMurdock too played to his limit with all the heart and courage we have come to expect from him. We now look forward to playing Kendal at home later in the season and, of course, to reciprocate the wonderful Christmas hospitality we received from them before the game.

Due to the shortage of players in the first XV squad, we didn't manage to put out a 2nd XV sadly so nothing to report from the Vikings this week.

As this is the last home game for the Wolves in 2018 May I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone down at the club on Boxing Day for the annual spectacular of Wilmslow HS Old Boys v Wilmslow Uni Boys playing for "The Sue Fisher Trophy."

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September 2	Birkenhead Park	L	February 3	
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16	Caldy		17	
23	SANDBACH		24	
30				
October 7	Lymm		March 3	
14	SOUTHPORT		10	
21	Chester		17	
28			24	
			31	
November 4			April 7	
11	Macclesfield		14	
18	CALDY		21	
25	Sandbach		28	
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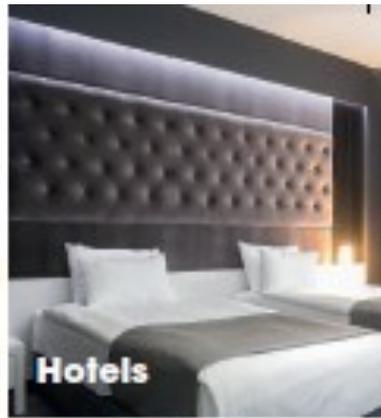


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## Restarts

Many observers of the game will have noticed how the restart has now become an important part of the game and a source of usable possession for whichever side wins the ball.

So it was with interest that I read Dick Greenwood, writing in The Telegraph recently, describing it as the third set piece. Unlike scrums and lineouts, which are heavily weighted in favour of the side with put in or throw, restarts are capable of being much more evenly contested if well executed by the player taking the kick.

Gone are the days when any old kind of kick into your opponents half of the field would do and gone are the days when you could get your breath back by approaching the catching zone at a gentle trot, allowing recipients an easy catch. Greenwood reckoned that big fast wingers chasing the kick could cause all kind of damage if the ball was put into the danger zone at the right pace and height. All the evidence is that an increasing number of No. 10s are just becoming more and more proficient with the accuracy of their kicks.

It's just another piece of the game which has changed hugely in recent years. A well placed high and hanging kick of about 12 metres, which will allow your chasers to contest for the ball as it drops can cause chaos amongst the receiving side unless they have pods of jumpers and lifters placed to take the ball as it drops towards terra firma again. And that requires organisation and practice as well to become reliable.

Here at Wilmslow, we had Max Harvey a couple of seasons ago at No. 7, who always seemed to be up to give the catcher an almighty thump when he had come to earth. His presence always caused problems and quite frequently enabled the Wolves to snatch possession in the face of an unprepared defence. More recently Danny Kennedy has got close to disrupting opposition catchers and occasionally taken unlikely ball from them. Nor have the Wolves always been solid in the face of opposition restarts. I've lost count of the number of restarts they've fouled up immediately after scoring themselves, allowing their opponents to come away with the ball and frequently to score.

## The New Minbridge

Kendal's new ground was every bit as impressive and imposing as we thought it would be. The clubhouse is a huge two storey edifice, the size of a hotel. On the ground floor are the administrative areas, toileting, a gym and changing rooms. No doubt the changing rooms will have been as luxurious as the rest of the building. I noted from the match programme an advertisement for the gym, which is open to everyone for £20 per month. On the first floor, there is a large lounge bar and an even larger function room which, I would hazard a guess, can accommodate around two hundred diners. There is access from both the bar and function room to a wide covered viewing terrace, running at least half the length of the flanking North facing pitch. Below the terrace is a seated covered stand, probably also capable of holding a couple of hundred folk. On the South side, facing Kendal town centre, is a full size 4G pitch and more pitches for both rugby and other team sports. The car parking is also attractively laid out. The whole complex is nothing like any other rugby club, we have hitherto visited.

True the whole was built for them by the purchasers of the old Mint Bridge ground, Sainsburys, but it still comes with a price.

To put things into perspective, we at Wilmslow have to have an income of circa £250K to balance the books. It was something similar at the old Minbridge but the overheads at the new

ground are three times that. The whole operation is just on a different scale altogether. It is too large to be run by volunteers so all the staff, full time or not, are employed. There is no way that Kendal RFC can generate £750K income from rugby alone, especially by playing level 5 rugby, so they've had to rebrand themselves as a sports and social centre. That means 'Minbridge' ([www.minbridgekendal.com](http://www.minbridgekendal.com)) has to be or become a 34/7 - 31/12 operation with full time management to run the whole affair, to hire and manage the staff, to bring in the business and to maintain standards. Already Minbridge is open for lunch every day of the week. The job will be just as, if not more, demanding than that of a full time golf club secretary or manager of a hotel or commercially run gym or leisure centre. Currently 'Minbridge' is running at a loss, an eye watering loss, but their officials are confident that come next year, they will have sufficient revenues to generate at least a break even situation or even a surplus.

Something has to give, of course, and you suspect that it will have to be the traditional ambience of a local community rugby club. Indeed rugby will only be one of a score of income streams. Already, you see the complex is marketed as 'Minbridge' and you wonder (just being the devil's advocate here) whether at some stage in the future it will be bought by a professional leisure organisation with some kind of leaseback arrangement for rugby.

On the far side of the pitch, alongside the scoreboard was an electronic sign, beaming their players' portraits and names, one after another, together with the name of the position sponsor. Player's sponsors seemed to be heavily drawn from the local building trades. We were told that their players received no payments from the club but did indirectly, presumably from other sources, whatever that means. It's hard though to believe that the local Jewsons branch, for example, would be sponsoring the No. 12, inside centre position for much more than the sort of money that player sponsors donate here. And the same applies to the electrical, plumbing and building contractors that featured heavily on their sponsor list. Maybe they're talking about benefits in kind, such as free membership and use of the gym, travelling expenses and so on. I really don't know. The article in this week's Telegraph about forthcoming HMRC investigations into 'grass root' clubs will at the very least have been 'music to the ears'. I think not!

Could the 'Minbridge' model be replicated elsewhere. The answer has to be 'Yes', providing that the social dynamics are right for that kind of operation in any particular location.

It's highly unlikely that a suburban town like Wilmslow on the periphery of a major city with every amenity you could imagine would ever be able to sustain such a venture, even if Sainsburys or such like were to secure planning permission to develop our ground. And that's out of the question for certainly the foreseeable future and probably for far longer. Just imagine the outrage at even the thought of it. Nor do I sense any desire for this club to become anything other than the local rugby club for its members. We like our quaint clubhouse having its origins as a WW2 parachute training centre.

## Walking Rugby

This is a new venture at Kendal, played since January on the astro pitch at 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoons. About two dozen, both men and women over the age of fifty five are taking part, more or less regularly. Clearly it is a rise to create activity where none existed before. Ric Noden and the Fat Dads should take note.

**Wolves Appearances and Point Scorers : 2018 - 19**

	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	5	2				10
Nick Barker	3	1				5
Sam Beckett	1	2				10
Tom Bull	1					
Lewis Bundy-Davis	1	1				5
James Burgess	2					
Sam Cutts	2					
Mike Clifford	8	3				15
Stuart Costello	1					
James Coulthurst	6	1				5
Ben Day	10	2				10
Alex Donaldson	8					
Jonny Evans	1					
Charlie Gardiner	2					
Sammy Graham	12					
Ethan Harding	12	1				5
Adam Hewitt	9	1				5
Richard Hughes	2					
Chris Jones	3					
Danny Kennedy	3	2				10
Jonny Kennedy	4					
Jordan Kennedy	1					
Ollie Lee	1					
Rhodri Lewis	4					
Will Maslen	3					
Jack Masters	4	1				5
Bob MacCallum	9	2		6	18	64
Conor McMurdock	6					
Simeon Meek	9					
Kyle Mellor	3	2				10
James Nicholson	7					
Mike Parker	5					
Harry Patch	5					
Seb Pemberton	2					
Elliot Rowe	7			3		6
Matt Shufflebottom	5					
Sean Street	10	2				10
Alex Taylor	12	6				30
Robert Taylor	10					
Ollie Wilkinson	4					
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**Northern Premier League**

As the game entered its final quarter, Wilmslow were hanging on to a slender 18 – 17 lead. The rugby produced by the Wolves had arguably been the best sixty minutes of their season thus far. It hadn't been particularly pretty or expansive but there had been fewer unforced errors and pragmatically, they had settled for a pair of penalty goals when the opportunities had come their way, instead of going for more ambitious ploys. But they faded badly in the face of a fierce onslaught as the visitors ratcheted up the intensity of their game in the final twenty five minutes. As the pressure increased, the Wolves were unable to retain possession of what little ball they were still winning. The penalty count for infringements at the breakdown, particularly, soared against them and, as we have seen before this season, their opponents were able to take full advantage. Once they had got the ball, they were tenacious in keeping hold of it as they created three more good tries to take the match out of Wilmslow's reach.

This was the first time that these two sides had ever met. Ilkley had come into this division in 2015/16 and in the three seasons following had achieved a mid table finish. It seems likely that they will do the same again this season. They have also shown that it is perfectly possible for a resolutely amateur club to compete and survive at this level, despite the attention of scouts from higher ranking clubs in their vicinity. Amateur clubs are always vulnerable to their better players being targeted with silver and gold and, of course, when rugby doesn't pay the wages, work priorities have to take precedence. Nevertheless, Ilkley have managed to retain a sufficient pipeline of players coming through to replace those leaving for whatever reasons and to stay competitive.

Wilmslow operate in a similar environment but still have some way to go to reach the same level as the best amateur sides. Many of their players have work commitments that prevent them from always being available either for matches or training and the departure of a number of good players to the South for career reasons in the last two seasons has had a debilitating effect. With too few locally based players to select from, the club is forced to call on students and others from afar to come back on match days. They're all Wilmslow boys and proven performers but it's very rare for the whole squad to all train together and it shows when you compare the Wolves organisation and fluency against other sides in this league.

When push came to shove in this game, the Wolves just didn't have what it takes to hold on. Handling, passing and tackling errors crept in, players got isolated, tackled and penalised for holding on when the necessary support wasn't there. They then got penalised again for illegally preventing their opponents from recycling the ball. Close to the set piece, they are rarely penalised but wider out in open play they just don't get players to the breakdown as quickly as their opponents and the outcome is always the same.

The Wolves had the better of the early plays. They soon had a lineout on the Ilkley line but couldn't turn it into points. Ilkley's scrum half was yellow carded but still the Wolves couldn't make anything of their advantage until MacCallum kicked a penalty awarded for a high tackle after ten minutes. It wasn't until nearly twenty minutes had been played that concerted play by Ilkley released their flanker Pat Power for their opening score. Immediately, they broke the Wolves defensive line again and this time their left winger Struan Connor was the try scoring beneficiary. Wolves hooker Alex Donaldson then had to leave the fray with a rib injury, flanker Sam Graham moved up to hooker and Danny Kennedy took the open side position. Kennedy is a big authentic back row player and his aggression immediately made a difference. It's a pity that he's not available every week. Two minutes later, MacCallum kicked his second penalty to bring it back to 6 – 12. They were then fortunate to escape when following the restart a loose pass in midfield was hacked on by Ilkley to the Wolves line. Wilmslow managed to get back to clear their lines in the nick of time and then forced a scrum by holding up a static maul. From the subsequent play they were awarded a penalty to the corner from which lock Mike Clifford drove over. Ilkley should really have scored just before half time after the Wolves failed to exit properly from the restart but their passing went awry, so it was 11 – 12 at the break.

The Wolves then got their noses in front when at the third time of asking, Kennedy scored from a close in lineout. MacCallum converted but that was as good as it got. The Wolves hardly had a sniff of the ball for the remainder of the game. Ilkley's third try came when the Wolves held up a drive from a penalty lineout only for the ball to be recycled to Ilkley's No. 14, J. H. Johnson, who had the space and gas to make no mistake. Their fourth try and Johnson's second also emanated from a penalty and was almost a carbon copy of what we had just witnessed five minutes before. Wilmslow were now forced to chase the game but a combination of handling errors, misplaced kicks and infringements prevented them from adding to their score, when they created some half chances and the visitors just took their chances to score a fifth try which with less than ten minutes to play which put the result beyond doubt and then in the penultimate play of the game they broke out of their own half for a final hurrah.

Rick Jones knows as well as anyone the Wolves shortcomings but prefers to emphasise the positives. His side had been competitive for sixty minutes. Will Maslen had made a good stab of it in his first appearance at scrum half. Kennedy had been influential and made his presence felt. All in all, said Jones, it was a game in which we were in with a chance of getting something until the last ten minutes. After recent weeks, that has to be progress.



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**Sunday 25th. November**  
Heaton Moor HWO Colts

**Saturday 1st. December**  
Vikings 24 - 8 Blackburn

**Sunday 2nd. December**  
Colts 31 - 34 Southport

**Saturday 8th. December**  
Rossendale HWO Vikings

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Firwood Waterloo 2nd XV	13	10	0	3	440	194	246	2	45
Blackburn 2nd XV	13	10	0	3	456	129	327	0	43
Rossendale 2nd XV	12	9	0	3	341	155	186	1	40
Wilmslow 2nd XV	12	6	1	5	312	288	24	1	31
Rochdale 2nd XV	13	5	0	8	159	433	-274	1	29
Kendal 2nd XV	12	5	2	5	311	204	107	0	27
Wirral 2nd XV	12	5	1	6	285	318	-33	1	23
Stockport 2nd XV	13	3	0	10	178	447	-269	2	23
Macclesfield 3rd XV	12	1	0	11	132	446	-314	0	13

## Senior Colts Conference League - B

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Altrincham Kersal	4	4	0	0	79	48	31	0	16
Heaton Moor	4	2	0	2	72	48	24	1	11
Kirkby Lonsdale	4	2	0	2	85	78	7	1	11
Southport	4	2	0	2	141	127	14	0	10
Liverpool Collegiate	4	2	0	2	80	121	-41	0	10
Vale of Lune	4	2	0	2	41	91	-50	0	10
Newcastle (Staffs)	4	1	0	3	93	84	9	1	7
Wilmslow	4	1	0	3	53	47	6	1	6

Concessions because of a shortage of players is more common than you would imagine in the Cotton Traders Championship. Kendal and Macclesfield have both conceded twice, Stockport and Wilmslow once each.

In the Colts league, two of Wilmslow's four matches have been lost due to concessions.

The Hawks now only play on an occasional basis as a social side.



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## Vale of Lune RUFC

The least that can be said today is that we're in good company today. Both Vale and Wilmslow could hardly have expected that we would be holding up the rest of this league after we both got promoted last season. Vale were the outstanding side in last season's North 1 West and even though they went off the boil after winning that league, they looked as though they had a side which would do more than just survive in the Northern Premier League. Little did we expect that they would have as wretched a time of it as they have, even conspiring to lose at home last September to their fellow strugglers here at Wilmslow.



The pictures on the left go back to last April, happier times for Wilmslow, when the Wolves convincingly demolished a Vale team that was conspicuously easing up after its success. The Wolves scored twice in the first ten minutes and another two in the second quarter to be 27 - 3 to the good at half time. They then reorganised their scrum at half time and lost the plot completely as Vale took charge in the set piece to run in two tries and a penalty try, all emanating from ragged scrums. Only a Maslen try and second MacCallum penalty kept the score line comfortable as they won by 37 - 22. It helped that the game had to be played on the narrower pitch on the Jim Evison field as this denied some of Vale's prolific scorers, Damon Hall in particular, the space to cause more of the havoc that had been the Vale's trademark since the previous September.



They had arrived that day with twenty wins from twenty three played, more than a thousand points scored during the season and a points difference of over six hundred. They had wrapped up the league a fortnight before after having been pretty well out of sight by this time last year. You forget how wet an autumn it was. Remember the fierce storm at Powderhouse Lane on the day that Wilmslow called. Vale had also suffered three pre Christmas postponements because of ground conditions, twice I think, when they were due in Whitehaven to play St. Benedicts.



Wilmslow, in comparison, were third having scored just over six hundred points with a more modest difference of just over one hundred. Their's was still the second best record in the league. It was also the last time the Wolves won at home. We have to go back to 4th. April for their last win at The Memorial Ground, when they looked anything but promotion contenders as they scraped past Manchester, who still needed a couple of points to get out of the relegation zone, by just 34 - 31. Looking back, one recalls a number of very close run things in the run up to their play off at Driffield. Sean Street's last gasp try at Northwich to steal a win when all looked lost and then Ben Day pulling one out of the bag at the death against Carlisle in just the same circumstances. The play off too was won with a try from James Coulthurst in the last play of the game. If the Driffield No.10 had kicked the ball into touch as he should have done instead of shanking it to Coulthurst the honours would have gone to them. Wilmslow had put out the strongest side they could assemble that day, the Kennedys, Stobart, Pemberton, Wortley, Maslen, they were all there but it's now another season. A number of these have moved on for career reasons and several are away at university and not always available.

Nevertheless, surprises can happen. Nobody would have bet on Vale against second placed Billingham three weeks ago but they were back to close on full strength, mostly with familiar names, to get two tries, the second on 78 minutes and three penalties. Billingham scored three tries but Damon Hall won it for Vale with a seventieth minute long range penalty and a conversion on eighty minutes to edge Vale to their first league win of the season. The following week at the rain lashed Marl Pits, the intensity and magic was missing as Rossendale raced into a 26 - 0 lead with four tries and a bonus point by half time. The second half was scoreless but the damage had already been done. And then last week, they succumbed by the narrowest of margins at home to an enigmatic Wirral, whom you just don't know whom they're going to turn up with.

**Pictures from Wilmslow v Vale of Lune  
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# League Roundup

We've now reached the halfway point of the season. At the top of the league, nobody looks capable of halting **Hull's** charge to the title. Their single reverse was a 29-28 loss on the first Saturday away to **Rossendale**. What odds on them losing that one again if it were to be replayed? Very long ones, I should think.

A month ago, **Billingham** looked secure in second place but a couple of losses on the road, first at **Vale of Lune**, then last week by a substantial margin at **Hull**, leaves them hanging on by a single point from a resurgent **Blaydon**. Both these two want to go up a level so I would predict that one or other of them will finish second in four months time. I suspect it'll be **Blaydon**, who have the resources to bolster their squad if necessary. Have you got any falcons looking for a game, they might ask Dean Richard!

**Harrogate** have a set up which looks right for Level 4 rugby but whether their current team has everything it needs and is consistent enough for the next level is questionable. **Rossendale** too are well placed but if reports about their 'payments' policy are true, then it would seem that they will be content with a mid table finish. None of the next six sides look in any danger of either promotion or relegation.

The bottom four though have it all to do. **Kendal** are edging their way up from the danger zone but they didn't look a particularly polished outfit last week and I suspect that **Lymm** just above them will be able to stay ahead of them. **Mintbridge** has clearly been rebuilt with higher level rugby in mind so I guess it will only be a matter of time before **Kendal** re-emerge

**Vale of Lune** and ourselves both have a hell of a lot to do to get a second season at this level. It's too early to write anyone off yet but if I were a betting man, I don't think, I'd be putting any of my money on either of them to achieve a near miracle. The best they can probably hope for is to start winning a few games, to show that they can play at this level and to prepare for a more successful stab at it next time.

'It's been a hard grind, says Vale's Stuart Vernon, a wide step up against street wise clubs, allowing you reduced thinking time and quick to expose any weaknesses.'

**Wilmslow** have at least been competitive in their last two outings and will feel that they could and should have got something from them. **Vale** will no doubt feel the same way after there one point loss at home last week against **Wirral**. Both clubs though have a number of very longstanding players in their ranks so, come the end of the season, they may have to go into a period of rebuilding.

Despite playing at a higher level and putting on some good quality entertaining rugby, attendances here at **Wilmslow** haven't been up this season. It's a fact that matches against the likes of **Altrincham Kersal, Manchester, Stockport, Northwich, Broughton Park, Burnage, Leigh** and **Liverpool St. Helens** just attract more people to the ground because of their proximity. None of these clubs are more than forty five minutes away. Some of them could well be back on next season's fixture list.

**LSH**, of course, along with twenty three other Lancashire clubs, have withdrawn from the RFU leagues to play in the new ring fenced Lancashire County League set up. There have long been mutterings amongst Lancashire clubs about the iniquity of having to play Cumbrians, especially in Cumbria, and to form their own Lancashire only league. It seems a shame though that it had to be done outside the auspices of the RFU competition structure.

To see a famous old club such as **LSH** opt out is really sad. Twenty years ago, they were amongst the top clubs in the country. And then professionalism set in. Also opting for the new set up are **West Park (St. Helens), Widnes** and **Heaton Moor**. We all know that the first three of these have dropped back in recent seasons but nearly all clubs go through dark periods and frequently can then rise again. Just look at **Manchester!** Heaven help us if **Vale** were ever to opt out to join the Lancashire County League. Not all Lancashire clubs have joined the new set up, **Leigh, Rochdale, Bolton, Southport** and **Fleetwood**, for example. They all play in the merged three league Cheshire/Lancs set up, still part of the RFU leagues system. That suits them fine. All they wanted to avoid was having to ever go to the furthest reaches of West Cumbria.

It does show that the number of clubs opting out of RFU organised competitions to play in either the Intermediate Leagues and/or now the Lancashire County League will probably continue to grow.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. December 2018**

**Northern Premier league**

**Kendal 25 – 15 Wilmslow**

The Wolves were neither outplayed nor did they play at all badly on their first ever visit to Kendal's opulent new 'Mintbridge' home. Kendal's rugby team, however, is also struggling this season and this was a game that Wilmslow felt they could be in with a chance. Lady luck though has deserted them and despite a resilient performance they still ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard.

You sensed that it was going to end with their twelfth loss of the season when with fifteen minutes still to play, Bob MacCallum had a perfectly good penalty kick ruled out inexplicably when the touch judges failed to raise their flags to indicate the kick had been good. Wilmslow's touch judge said afterwards he couldn't see from behind the right hand post whether the ball passed the left hand upright on the right side and that he took his cue from the Kendal man. Everybody else around the ground, apart from the referee apparently, could see that it had been good. It was a shocking decision, robbing the Wolves of three points that would have put them within a single score of the home side at a critical stage of the match. Add to that a contentious Kendal penalty goal after twenty minutes when Wilmslow got no advantage from a clear knock on, immediately followed by a short penalty leading to their second try when a clear knock on by them moments earlier hadn't been noticed and you had to conclude that this just wasn't meant to be their day.

Despite the murky rain sodden conditions, the Wolves had started brightly. MacCallum prodded an early penalty into the danger zone and even though the lineout drive was deemed held up, the Wolves won a clean scrum for MacCallum and Ben Day to sweetly combine for the latter to scythe through under the posts for the opening score after just eight minutes. Day went on to have an imperious afternoon under relentless high kicks from Kendal No. 10 Nathan McCloy. Nothing within reach escaped him as time and again he fielded the ball and attempted to set up the counter attack. It's just a shame that his kicking from hand is not always as reliable as the rest of his game.

Five minutes later, Kendal had an opportunity when they opted for a scrum and although Wilmslow stopped the drive and turned over the ball, they quickly lost it again, enabling Kendal to counter attack on the right for their winger Nick Carlton to get the first of his three tries.

In foul conditions, both sides were making their fair share of handling errors, none more so than the Kendal forward, who knocked on at the end of the first quarter. The referee appeared to play advantage for Wilmslow but when that wasn't forthcoming you expected him to award Wilmslow the scrum for the original offence. Instead, play continued. Wilmslow then got penalised at the breakdown and McCloy took the points on offer. Worse was to follow. Another Kendal knock on went unnoticed immediately from the restart and a quick short penalty was then taken before the referee had even blown his whistle. Unsurprisingly Kendal went 15 – 7 ahead, when prop Jack Lashley touched down. To their credit, the Wolves hit back when Elliott Rowe was up to take the restart and was driven on by his pack almost to the Kendal line, where the drive was held up. Kendal cleared from the scrum but the Wolves were finishing the half strongly and earned a penalty for a high tackle which MacCallum duly slotted for 15 – 10. The Wolves were still pressing when half time came.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half belonged to Kendal. A McCloy kick found the open spaces and as the ball squirted about in the Wilmslow half avoiding the grasp of the defenders, it was hacked on more than once. In the gloom it was impossible to see exactly what transpired but the referee ruled a try for the home side by winger Carlton in the right hand corner. They then won a lineout and as their second row galloped towards the line for what looked like a certain score, he then took the worst of all options to kick the ball dead. Brain dead muttered a discontented Kendal spectator!

There was then a lengthy delay whilst Wilmslow centre Stuewart Costello, making his first appearance, was treated for what looked a serious injury but mercifully the stretcher bearers were not required as a groggy looking Costello staggered to his feet to be escorted from the field with probably a bout of concussion.

The Wolves regrouped and got back into the game. MacCallum's was it or wasn't it penalty kick was the next talking point and then from another penalty kick to the corner the Wolves drove and Kyle Mellor got the touchdown in the corner with ten minutes still to go. They couldn't then force their way back into Kendal territory from the restart and when they kicked for territory, they never got their hands on the ball again. As the clock ran down, McCloy put Kendal firmly in the corner from a penalty, once again they couldn't drive over but in the final play from a scrum Carlton scored his third and Kendal's bonus point try.

And so it ended with another defeat, this time in a rain lashed corner of the Lakes. The Wolves had deserved better than to come away with nothing but when you're at the bottom of the league and you luck is out, that's frequently the way that it can go.

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10th. November	England v New Zealand Ireland v Argentina Scotland v Fiji Wales v Australia	Twickenham Aviva Stadium Murrayfield Principality Stadium
17th. November	England v Japan Ireland v New Zealand Scotland v South Africa Wales v Tonga	Twickenham Aviva Stadium Murrayfield Principality Stadium
24th. November	Scotland v Argentina Wales v South Africa	Murrayfield Principality Stadium



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I got a bit of adverse comment last week for not including the usual Saturday Supper together with accompanying wines in the programme. I was short of material for the programme so four pages had to be taken out and the recipe page was one of them.

## Saturday Suppers after Rugby

Normal service with a seasonal Christmas flavour about it is resumed today.

### CURED SALMON OR GRAVLAX

Grav is a Scandinavian word which literally means to dig or bury whilst lax is salmon. In times past, the salmon would have been preserved by salt, wrapped up and literally buried until it was required for eating. For this version, which will make an excellent first course, you need two sides of salmon with the skin attached but all the bones removed, 100g sea salt flakes, 100g granulated sugar, 2tbsp coarsely ground black pepper, bunch of chopped coriander leaves, bunch of chopped dill and 100ml of vodka.

Lay enough tin foil or three layers of cling film onto a flat dish to completely wrap around the salmon sides. Place one side of salmon on to the foil or cling film skin side down and sprinkle with half the vodka. Mix together all the other ingredients and then spread over the flesh side of the salmon. Sprinkle on the rest of the vodka. Put the second side on top, skin side up and press down, taking care not to break the dish. Now tightly wrap up the salmon and refrigerate for three to seven days with something heavy on top. Remember to turn it over two or three times. If there isn't room in the fridge, then put it in the garage which at this time of the year should be cool enough and cover it with a couple of heavy bricks.

To serve, just remove the bricks and foil, drain off any liquid which has seeped out, scrape off the curing mixture and slice thinly (about 3mm thick). A sauce of soured cream into which you've stirred some chopped fresh coriander and dill and brown rye bread make the ideal accompaniments.

### ROAST SHOULDER OF LAMB WITH CIDER AND MINT PICKLED APPLES

For the apples: 2 Granny Smith apples peeled and sliced, 1 small onion peeled and sliced, 1tbsp salt, 500ml cider vinegar, 300gm granulated sugar, 1tbsp mustard seeds, 1tbsp fennel seeds, 5 sprigs of mint. For the lamb: 1kg shoulder, either the blade or knuckle, garlic cloves cut into slivers, two sprigs of thyme, 55gm butter, 50ml cider brandy or calvados, 700ml lamb stock, 200ml double cream.

Marinate the apples and onions overnight in the salt. Heat the vinegar and simmer with all the other ingredients for two minutes. Remove the mint and add the onions, simmer for a further two minutes. Drain the apples and store in a kilner jar with the vinegar liquid and fresh mint until required.

Slash the lamb and insert the thyme and garlic. Roast in the normal way. Drain off the cooking juices and skim off the fat. Deglaze the pan with cider brandy, reduce and then add the cider, boil and reduce by 2/3, add the stock (use a Knorr stock cube) and the roasting juices and reduce by 2/3 again. Thicken with the cream and simmer until syrupy.

Serve with the pickled apples on the side.

A glass of crisp chilled New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc will go down well the gravlax or alternatively you could try an aqua vitae such as Schnapps, vodka, calvados or even a sea influenced malt whisky, such as Talisker, Bruichladdich or Laphroag.

The lamb should be matched with just about any fairly robust red wine. At one end of the scale you could opt for a Reserva Rioja or French Malbec. A GSM cuvee (ie. grenache, syrah, mouvedre or carignan) from the Southern Rhone wouldn't be out of place either. Remember that red wines always improve if the cork is extracted a minimum of three hours allowing them to breathe before drinking.

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	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
Hull	13	12	0	1	452	140	312	<b>59</b>	11	0
Billingham	13	10	0	3	400	263	137	<b>50</b>	10	0
Blaydon	13	9	0	4	448	242	206	<b>49</b>	13	0
Rossendale	13	8	0	5	369	293	76	<b>44</b>	12	0
Harrogate	13	8	0	5	349	266	83	<b>43</b>	11	0
Wirral	13	7	0	6	312	282	30	<b>36</b>	8	0
Sandal	13	6	0	7	364	348	16	<b>36</b>	12	0
Kirkby Lonsdale	13	7	0	6	246	370	-124	<b>33</b>	5	0
Alnwick	13	7	0	6	237	231	6	<b>32</b>	4	0
Ilkley	13	6	0	7	300	288	12	<b>32</b>	8	0
Lymm	13	4	1	8	242	318	-76	<b>23</b>	5	0
Kendal	13	4	0	9	175	317	-142	<b>18</b>	2	0
Vale of Lune	13	1	1	11	215	450	-235	<b>13</b>	7	0
Wilmslow	13	1	0	12	239	540	-301	<b>8</b>	4	0

### THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

**Billingham v  
Harrogate**

**Blaydon v Alnwick**

**Ilkley v Sandal**

**Kendal v Kirkby  
Lonsdale**

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HOME TEAMS	Alnwick	Billingham	Blaydon	Harrogate	Hull	Ilkley	Kendal	Kirkby Lonsdale	Lymm	Rossendale	Sandal	Vale of Lune	Wilmslow	Wirral
Alnwick		30/3	13-28	9/3	16/2	9/2	36-5	19/1	24-3	7-15	24/11	22-7	5/1	13/4
Billingham	50-8		9/2	15/12	6/4	34-19	2/3	48-26	26-10	19/1	33-32	23/3	55-21	47-20
Blaydon	15/12	14-18		42-36	24-26	36-10	31-15	6/4	12/1	16/2	26/1	92-12	23/3	29-24
Harrogate	10-13	14-16	19/1		23/3	6/4	9/2	26-38	19-7	5/1	13/4	2/3	50-12	33-29
Hull	29-13	49-7	5/1	24/11		2/3	19/1	57-5	9/3	13/4	30/3	9/2	55-12	13-3
Ilkley	8-32	12/1	17-24	8/12	8-23		33-15	43-5	24/11	26/1	15/12	29-5	30/3	16/2
Kendal	12/1	3-24	30/3	3-25	7-24	13/4		15/12	26/1	9/3	16/2	19-12	25-15	24/11
Kirkby Lonsdale	24-10	9/3	0-36	16/2	26/1	5/1	10-27		19-13	24/11	19-18	12/1	13/4	30/3
Lymm	2/3		13-26	30/3	10-56	23/3	36-19	9/2		17-15	7-6	38-38	19/1	5/1
Rossendale	6/4	26-23	27-19	13-31	29-28	38-22	24-5	23/3	15/12		12/1	26-0	2/3	9/2
Sandal	23/3	5/1	43-35	18-22	3-31	23-16	44-24	2/3	6/4	49-48		50-24	9/2	19/1
Vale of Lune	26/1	24/11	13/4	38-45	5-41	19/1	5/1	22-29	16/2	30/3	9/3		19-27	12-13
Wilmslow	17-26	16/2	24/11	26/1	12/1	18-36	6/4	21-24	31-59	26-55	29-46	15/12		9/3
Wirral	22-13	26/1	2/3	12/1	15/12	17-39	23/3	27-22	19-11	41-31	42-19	6/4	52-5	

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## WHAT THEY SAID AT KENDAL

A crucial must win game for both teams, as they tried to pull themselves away from the foot of the table. Wilmslow had not won since September against fellow strugglers Vale of Lune but a five point win could have seen them drawing level with Kendal.

In heavy rain, Wilmslow made the better start but Kendal also had their chances. There were touches of skill and regular mistakes, only partly due to the conditions.

Wilmslow got the opening score. From an attacking scrum on the right, the ball was moved into mid-field where a large gap appeared in the Kendal defence, for Wilmslow fullback Ben Day to power through for the try, converted by right wing Connor McMurdock. Ten minutes later Kendal were back in the game. Playing advantage, Nathan McCloy, launched a long crossfield kick, which Nick Carlton, just failed to gather. The referee came back for the penalty and Kendal took a scrum. Chris Downham picked up and the ball was moved into midfield, but Wilmslow turned it over, only for John Dervey to steal it back. The ball was quickly moved to Dini Noyo who powered to the line, and whilst he was stopped, Nick Carlton was on hand to score in the corner. Noyo then demonstrated his defensive skills when a charged down Kendal kick seemed to favour Wilmslow, until Noyo scooped the ball up one handed to set off on an attack of his own. Shortly afterwards Kendal took the lead with a McCloy penalty, after Wilmslow had been penalised for failing to release, something the referee was very sharp on all afternoon. Almost immediately Kendal extended the lead from a sharp tap penalty from quick thinking Matthew Kaye. On the Wilmslow line the ball was quickly recycled for prop Jack Lashley to score.

Wilmslow managed to gather their own re-start and put the Kendal defence under pressure, but Kendal held out, and Wilmslow had to settle for a penalty awarded for a high tackle. Wilmslow finished the half strongly but Kendal managed to take their narrow lead into half time.



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They started the second half well. Danny Barker made a powerful break but, not for the first time, became isolated. McCloy's kicks through had frequently bounced favourably for Wilmslow but this time Nick Carlton regathered, and with a wall of defence in front of him, he chipped ahead. The kick appeared to be covered, but the ball squirted away from the Wilmslow player on the damp surface, and another kick through by Nick Carlton took the ball to the line for him to touchdown for his second try. Kendal were having more of the ball at this stage but Wilmslow looked threatening when they had it. Wilmslow were also having the better of the lineouts. Matthew Kaye was replaced by Glen Weightman on the hour, just as John Dervey broke away from a lineout, and appeared to be on course to replicate his try against Kirkby L. Unfortunately, the ball then slipped from his grasp. Wilmslow had also been dominant in the early scrums but as the game progressed momentum passed to the Kendal eight, who then managed to drive Wilmslow off their own put in. Chris Downham picked up and made an amazing bullocking run, with Wilmslow defenders just bouncing off him, as he powered towards the line, but the defence did enough to force him to step into touch. There was a serious injury to a Wilmslow player in the build up, and he received treatment for several minutes, but fortunately whilst a stretcher was brought out, he was able, with help, to walk off the field.



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The stoppage seemed to affect Kendal's momentum more than Wilmslow. With ten minute to play Kendal made a double substitution taking off flankers Steve Nelson and Kirk Chettleburgh, who like Chris Downham were often at the centre of things in attack and defence, replacing them with Ben Dixon and Robbie Collinson. Shortly afterwards Wilmslow added a try which narrowed the gap to a single score. Whilst Wilmslow had few chances to steal a win, Kendal also looked as if they were going to fail to get their second bonus point of the season, until another bit of power from Chris Downham. From a scrum near the Wilmslow line, Chris Downham picked up and brushed off several tackles as he went for the line. He seemed to lose the ball, but the referee was on the spot and when Nick Carlton gathered to touchdown, he awarded the try, so the referee may have spotted the ball being ripped from Chris Downham's hands by a Wilmslow defender. The touchline conversion failed, but this was the last action of the game.

There certainly appeared to be some luck in the final try, but Wilmslow had frequently benefited from the ball bouncing their way earlier. At least three good Kendal breaks came to nothing due to lack of support, possibly understandable when it was Myles Harrop, less when it was Liam Hayton needing someone to get on his shoulder for a pass. The lineout was a mess at times, but after some early problems the scrum was solid.

**Sunday saw the first Cheshire, National County U20 training fixture at Chester. The facilities were booked... only to find (from within) ... that a separate booking for Club house/ function room/ changing room / food has to be made with the club independently from renting the Chester surface from the RFU. Additional cost for floodlights as well.**

## Nick Jones on the G\$ pitch at Chester

Chester get a great playing surface (Love them or hate them, their wet swampy ground is gone!! and they now get guaranteed games on this £800,000 installation... Chester makes no money from the playing surface rental ... AT ALL.... Not one brass penny!! Imagine renting fabulous carpets at home from John Lewis, and after your allocated 12 hours of use a week you then have to pay for the continued use!!

So the RFU employ an ex County player, who now plays for Chester £20K plus a year, on a part time basis, to manage their surface on the club's behalf. All the bookings are on line on the RFU system, with NO EXCEPTIONS. Chester gets to use the pitch for 12 hours a week. That's the game on Saturday for 5/6 hrs and two training sessions, which are no longer Tuesday and Thursday exclusively, as Chester, Caldby, Anselmians and 2 or 3 other clubs also now use the pitch. If some are on together they share the cost and use a half each. The use of the surface has increased, not just Rugby, but Football, Hockey, Tiddlywinks whatever, so the car park is rammed and the food side of business is mad busy with Teas Coffee / Chips / Pies / burgers etc... So they have put up their prices for food. It is £1.50 for a coffee or Tea, £2.50 for a burger, etc... They are getting more revenue from this, but the majority of users, waiting for their junior players, want to sit in the bar but not use it. So the current bar staff are getting cut back and this is not getting outsourced to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to manage, so they risk losing cash on this again. In summary, Chester love the new surface, but they don't like what its costing the club now they can see what they are losing!

On the occasion of our sixty ninth fixture with old friends, Vale of Lune, I thought I would write a few words about the first half of the season in the Northern Premier League.



**Fisher's Half Page**

I knew, before our first game, that the teams were "in a different league" and it seems that there is plenty of money about. Harrogate and Kendal have built new clubhouses from the money given them by superstores; nine million in the case of Kendal.

Harrogate have moved out to the countryside, whereas Kendal have just moved across the road and built a magnificent, very large clubhouse, with no expense spared, fully staffed with a permanent cook and seating for up to two hundred.

There are three bars and, had they included bedrooms, the whole place would be a magnificent hotel.

As an aside, Kendal will be playing Kirkby Lonsdale today and, as there is no love lost between them, both Presidents were meeting during the week to try to diffuse the situation. You only had to read Kendal's programme last week to get a flavour of the empathy or lack of between the two clubs. Vale reported last season that when the Kirkby supporters arrived, they cleaned out the lunch time buffet, long before the alickadoos had even sat down for lunch. Kendal is even closer to Kirkby than Lancaster so they'll bring even more support. I hope they'll have enough food in the kitchen to feed the hordes

Back to the buildings. Billingham have a new clubhouse and an artificial pitch, with money from the RFU; Ilkley have a new clubhouse, funded by themselves and Wirral have a plan to spend a million pounds on theirs, to have a big upstairs floor for functions. Hull have a small building, adjacent to a separate gym and squash courts. They have one team, fully paid and fully intending to win the League, which they may well do, as they are already nine points clear.

We haven't been to Blaydon yet but by all accounts, there is another sumptuous palace awaiting us there, artificial pitches and all.

With regard to artificial pitches, do read the piece by Nick Jones elsewhere in this week's On The Trail, regarding the pitch at Chester Rugby Club. Nick of course is our county representative.

His remarks also apply to the pitch at Billingham.

The way things are going, rugby clubhouses will soon be hotels and grass that we used to play the game on will have become a curiosity consigned to museums.

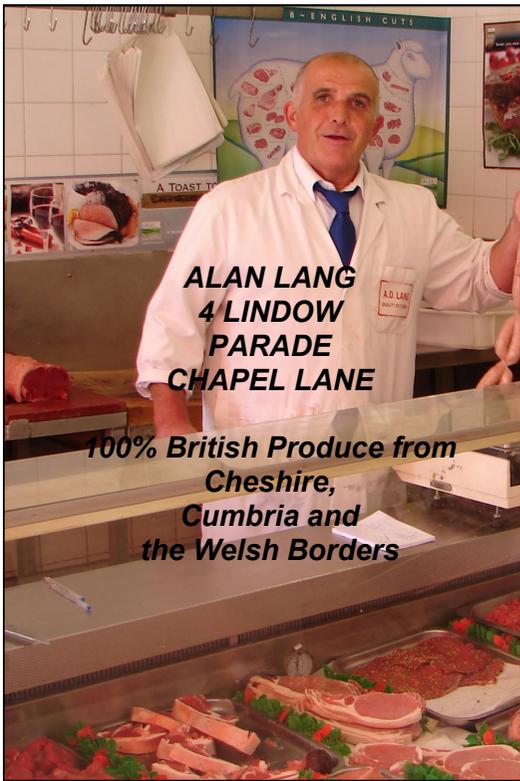


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- Enjoy the day and transmit that enthusiasm to the players

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- Do not verbally abuse players or other spectators
- Do not use bad language
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## NEXT MATCH AT THE MEMORIAL GROUND

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**V Wilmslow Students**

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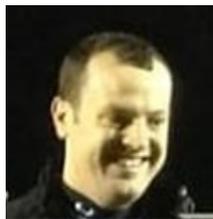
The Wolves next away game is on 5th. December against Alnwick.

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Alnwick is close to the Northumberland coast and has to be approached on the on the A1. Whether you approach the A1 from the M62 or from Penrith on the A66 is a matter of taste. Wherever you join the A1 you just keep on it until you reach Alnwick, well north of Newcastle and on just about the same latitude as Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders.

As you approach Alnwick, you bear left onto the A1068 and then immediately left again at the roundabout onto Willowburn Ave. The rugby club is on the left on the South East side of town but access appears to be from Greensfield Avenue which is further up Willowburn on the left.

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# Saturday 15th. December 2018

## Northern Premier League

### Wilmslow v Vale of Lune

### Wilmslow and their Sponsors

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### Subs

Rhodri Lewis  
Stuart Costello  
Richard Hughes  
*Martin Cicliogani*

### Vale of Lune

- |     |                      |
|-----|----------------------|
| 15  | Chris Ramwell        |
| 14. | Damon Hall           |
| 13. | Jordan Dorrington    |
| 12. | Fergus Owens (capt.) |
| 11. | Olly Jacques         |
| 10. | Ben Dorrington       |
| 9.  | Billy Swarbrick      |
| 1.  | Ross Pillow          |
| 2.  | James Hesketh        |
| 3.  | To'i Aquilitia       |
| 4.  | Dan Rainford         |
| 5.  | James Robinson       |
| 6.  | Andy Powers          |
| 7.  | Jack Ayrton          |
| 8.  | Sam Wallbank         |

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