	Fixture	s and Re	esul	ts 2019 - 20	
	Wolves North 1 West			Vikings Sale Sharks Division 2 South	
September 7 14 21 28	BURNAGE Stockport NORTHWICH Penrith	W W W L		Anselmians NORTHWICH Altrincham Kersal CREWE & NANTWICH	W W W
October 5 12 19 26	ALTRINCHAM KERSAL Broughton Park WARRINGTON Douglas IOM	W W W L		Lymm LIVERPOOL ST HELENS Holmes Chapel Didsbury Toc H (Cup)	W L W P
November 2 9 16 23 30	BOWDON Vale of Lune WATERLOO			HELSBY Didsbury TOC H LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE Manchester	- 1
December 7 14 21 28	Birkenhead Park KESWICK			WIDNES Moore	- 1
January 4 11 18 25	STOCKPORT Northwich PENRITH			Northwich AILTRINCHAM KERSAL Crewe & Nantwich	- 1
February 1 8 15 29	Altrincham kersal BROUGHTON PARK Warrington DOUGLAS IOM			LYMM Liverpool St Helens HOLMES CHAPEL Helsby	- 1
March 7 14 21 28	Bowden VALE OF LUNE Waterloo BIRKENHEAD PARK			DIDSBURY TOC H Liverpool Collegiate MANCHESTER Widnes	
April 4 11 18 25	Keswick Burnage			MOORE ANSELMIANS	- 1

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October 6 13 20 27	ALDWINIANS Whitchurch			March 1 8 15 22 29	
November 3 10 17 24	SOUTHPORT Littleborough			April 5 12 19 26	
December 1 8 15 22 29	SEFTON Aldwinians				
January 5 12 19 26	WHITCHURCH				

The Cheshire Colts Cup for U18s gets underway on 10th. November when Wilmslow play Chester. Only eight sides appear to have entered this year's competition.



Club President **CHRIS GEORGE** Welcomes **BOWDON**



A warm welcome to Wilmslow Rugby Club for our match today against Bowdon. I hope that all members who travelled to Japan for the World Cup have returned safely, no doubt having drowned their sorrows after the dismal game against the Springboks. I for one was expecting an England win after the way they played against the All Blacks – perhaps that was our final!

Its good to get back to North One West rugby and another local derby against our friends from Bowdon who have not played since 19th. October when they lost to local rivals Altrincham Kersal 49-3, leaving them in 12th place in the table.

Last time out, the Wolves were away at Douglas IOM and came up just short losing 38-34 in a close fought game. The six tries we scored ensured that we received two losing bonus points keeping us top of the league and still two points clear after Birkenhead Park went down at Penrith 37-30. Our Head Coach, Chris Jones polished his boots off and named himself on the bench as we struggled with a number of players unable to travel. It was great to see that he even got on the scoresheet with a pick and drive try after coming on for Alex Taylor.

The Vikings travelled to Holmes Chapel last time out and came away comfortable 16-38 winners keeping them at the top of the table on points difference, with Didsbury Toc H and Liverpool St Helens close on their tail. This week the Vikings travel to Helsby and we hope that they continue their good form and bring home another win.

Next week the Wolves are away at Vale of Lune, but for those who don't fancy the trip to Lancaster there will be a top of the table clash at Pownall Park as the Vikings take on Didsbury Toc H, so please come down and support the Vikings.

Several age groups in the Junior section had an extremely successful tour to Wales three weeks ago playing teams in the North Wales area. This served as a warm up for the Under 12's and Under 10's who played in the Mold Tournament two weeks ago. The Under 12's played 15 a side, Welsh rules and unlike English rugby there is a winner!! I watched the Under 12's play in the morning and the boys did Wilmslow proud running in 16 tries and conceding none throughout the whole tournament. Such was their tenacity that no opposition team managed to play in our half. Even after two disallowed tries in the Final against home favourites Mold, we still had a 3 tries to nil victory. Congratulations and thanks to the coaches Marcus Uprichard, James Wade, Tim Kerr and Vass for all the effort that goes into developing this very promising team.

Last weekend saw the most recent 200 Club Draw and I am pleased to announce that the winners are:

- 1st Prize: Barry Wilson £400
- 2nd Prize: Russell Lack £200
- 3rd Prize: Jon Hitch £100
- 4th Prize: Harry Calder £40
- 4th Prize: Mark Amsden £40
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Bowdon RUFC

Bowdon earned promotion to North 1 West last season by finishing second behind their very close neighbours Altrincham Kersal. Their record in the inaugural Cheshire/Lancashire league showed nineteen wins from their twenty four games, finishing seven points behind AK and six ahead of third placed Glossop.

A glance at the end of the season table shows it was a thirteen club league, which this season has been increased to fourteen clubs with a new name, North 2 West.

The last time we played Bowdon at 1st. team level was, I think, back in March 2007-08. Steve Braddock was Wolves captain and his side included the perennials Ben Day and Bob MacCallum. Wilmslow were top of what was then the South Lancashire and Cheshire League, which they went on to win that season when they held on in a close match to beat Hoylake here a fortnight later. This time they were to enjoy an extended stay at Level 6 until the end of 2017-18.

They had been relegated the previous season from North 2 West after just one season, together with Bowdon, who were actually the ones who had finally sent Wilmslow down by winning at their place in the spring. At that time, Bowdon were regularly on the fixture list, with a good record against Wilmslow.

David Barker was close to ending his two year term as president in 2007-08 and Colin McKevitt, alias Chopper, remember him, had signed up Lexus Stockport as the club's principal sponsors. It was also the season when the current Wolves logo was adopted. Young tyros on the books included Charlie Mulchrone, who that week was away with some of his mates from the colts in Oz, and prop/hooker Tom Cruse.

The Wolves had won at Bowdon by 16-0 back in September but a win in this match would keep them four points ahead of second placed Burnage with two still to play and just about wrap up the league for them. Bowdon, lying tenth in the table, were full of South Africans from Western Province, had won eight of their eleven previous matches, were well clear of the

wcı	29th. March 2008	s nom western i rovinee	relegation zone and fancied their chances. It was raining incessantly and Daz Lucas, then Wilmslow's Dir. of Rugby, had to shuffle his
	Wilmslow	Bowdon	resources at the last moment when Ben Day, selected in the centre
15	Tim Medwell	P Mosley	that day, went down with an unpleasant recurrence of a gastronomic complaint. Ross Hunter was moved to the centre and Stephen Beard
14	Stephen Beard	R Campbell	was drafted in to cover on Hunter's wing.
13		A Hechter	
12	Ross Hunter	S Du Toit	It was a day for keeping it in the pack and kicking the ball into empty
11	Billy Wilson	A White	spaces. MacCallum kept Bowdon penned back for most of the game
10 9	Bob MacCallum Dan Hargreaves	B Capewell D Clegg	and taking their cue from him Dan Hargreaves and Tim Medwell both put in telling kicks. The back three were tremendous in covering back and tidying up Bowdon kicks that were squirting around
1	Andy Vassell	N Collinge	everywhere. Up front, Mike Clifford, Rob Cowley, Al McClennan,
2	Peter Duke	A Hines	Charlie Levings and Andy Vassell were all in their element. In the
3	Rob Fahey	C Keane	foul conditions, Bowdon's kicking wasn't anything like as effective as
4	Al McClennan	N Bright	MacCallum's, their players got frustrated and started to infringe.
5	Rob Cowley	B Black	MacCallum kicked three penalties and Rick Williams broke off yet
6	Rick Williams	C Van Rensburg	
7	Charlie Levings	D Mel	another maul for the decisive score, midway through the second half.
8	Mike Clifford	V Landemann	In reply, Bowdon's right winger Campbell intercepted a scoring pass
	Tom Cruse	D Myers	on his own line as half time approached to run the length of the field
	Alistair Odling	N Buckley	for a seven pointer and they finished the game with a final assault on
	Daz Lucas	M Whiteley	the Wilmslow line, trying to salvage a draw. They got very close to

doing just that, despite losing a man to a Red Card but when the ball was squeezed out of a Bowdon player's hands just short of the line, Levings was to hand to tidy up and it was the Wolves' game..

There were smiles all round afterwards, Daz Lucas's was as wide as that of a Cheshire cat and contented players and spectators, all absolutely sodden as the rain just continued to cascade down, had large grins as they squelched into the clubhouse to dry out. Even the visitors from Bowdon graciously conceded that the Wolves had been the better side on the day.

Curiously, Wilmslow, just as they were that day, are once again in the mix for league honours whilst Bowdon find themselves twelfth in the table, not much different from eleven years ago but this time with a big task on to get back into the mix. Nothing in rugby is absolutely certain though and we know that there's not much to choose between nearly all the teams in this season's league. Like our last visitors Warrington, Bowdon will be very keen to get something out of this game and are quite capable of throwing a spanner into the Wilmslow works.

Vikings and Colts

Division 2 South 2019-20

19th. October League 2 South Holmes Chapel 16-38 Vikings

26th. October Cup Vikings P Didsbury Toc H

2nd/3rd. November No matches

Team	Р	w	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts	
Wilmslow Vikings	7	6	0	1	269	63	206	0	31	
Didsbury Toc H 2nd XV	7	6	0	1	291	134	157	0	31	
Liverpool St Helens 2nd XV	7	6	0	1	137	83	54	0	31	
Altrincham Kersal Cougars	7	5	0	2	247	151	96	1	28	
Crewe & Nantwich 2nd XV	7	5	0	2	175	140	35	0	27	
Widnes 2nd XV	7	4	0	3	214	154	60	0	23	
Liverpool Collegiate 2nd XV	7	4	0	3	150	145	5	0	23	
Moore	7	3	0	4	192	205	-13	1	20	
Manchester 2nd XV	7	3	0	4	209	228	-19	1	20	
Holmes Chapel	7	2	0	5	147	179	-32	2	17	
Anselmians 2nd XV	7	2	0	5	142	197	-55	0	14	
Helsby	7	1	0	6	68	180	-112	2	12	
Northwich 2nd XV	7	1	0	6	101	290	-189	1	12	
Lymm Eagles	7	1	0	6	146	339	-193	0	11	

Concedes: Anselmians 1, Helsby 1

Senior Colts Conference League - C 2019 -20

Team	Р	W	D		For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Southport	5	5	0	0	133	14	119	0	25
Wilmslow	5	4	0	1	113	65	48	1	22
Aldwinians	5	2	1	2	79	95	-16	0	15
Whitchurch	5	2	0	3	84	53	31	2	14
Caldy	5	2	0	3	86	113	-27	1	14
Sefton	5	1	1	3	95	114	-19	2	13
Littleborough	4	0	0	4	15	151	-136	0	4

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Ramblings on Foul and Dangerous Play

Former Wilmslow player and captain in the 1980s Mike Hamlin was in the chair to adjudicate on the French second row forward, Sebastien Vahaamahina, who was red carded for his swinging elbow into the jaw of the Welsh back row Aaron Wainwright. Judge Hamlin passed a six week ban on Vahaamahina, who promptly raised two fingers by saying he was retiring from International Rugby anyway!

Every player at this level knows that there are cameras, touch judges, off field officials, Uncle Tom Cobley and all watching them closely so the chances of getting away with any skulduggery are virtually nil. The same applies to high and dangerous tackles, taking someone out in the air and so on.

Largely as a consequence of trying to make the game more of a spectacle for the paying public, it has also become increasingly attritional, particularly at professional all levels, hence all the regulations to reduce prospects of serious or fatal injury. How many fatalities were there in the French game last season?

Why, I ask then, do some players allow themselves to get carried away and to offend, when they know the consequences. Almost inevitably, a Yellow Card will cost a score, a Red Card the game and, I guess, their pay packet could also be affected. These are professionals, they've got plenty of time to work out how to discipline themselves and to make their tackles legitimate.

They're not careless un-coordinated Saturday afternoon players turning out for their club thirds on a pitch in the back woods somewhere, in front of a pair of dogs or a flock of gulls, who're only there for the worms dug up by the players' boots..

At the Wolves level, level 6, we see far more pacey, expansive and attractive rugby than used to be the case a few years ago. It's a rare Saturday afternoon these days, when we don't.

I suspect the players are fitter, despite the plethora of injuries from hamstrings, groins, ligaments, shoulders and so on and that hits and collisions are harder, which may explain why there always seem to be so many players injured on the side lines. Yellow Cards are a plenty but mercifully, they're mainly for repeated technical offences, mistimed but generally unintended high tackles, verbals, blatant offending when under pressure and an occasional misdirected punch. Cards for malicious

attempts to dangerously foul or cripple an opposition player are rare. Many of us would say that the game today is actually much cleaner today than it was in the 1990s and before.

More World Cup Ramblings

There was a natural break in club rugby at our level last weekend, presumably arranged so that we could all watch the World Cup final. The rain was also teeming down for the second Saturday in succession so the pitches were probably doubtful anyway.

England's four year odyssey of blood, sweat and toil to become world cup champions eventually ended in disappointment against a Springboks side, which just eighteen months ago had looked down and out. They then appointed a new coach, probably more in hope than anything else.

What an impact he had! After losing their opener against the All Blacks, they played to their strengths of a huge powerful pack and just got better and better. On the day, England were always going to have to move them around but the Springboks had a clear edge up front, particularly in the scrums, they got England into a straight jacket and, no argument, were the better side all round. Their Rassie Erasmus will be remembered for all the right reasons, particularly his response to the question about 'pressure'. 'In South Africa, pressure is when you don't have a job or a close family member is murdered. Rugby should not bring pressure, it should bring hope.'

On reflection, England's run in against France, if that match had been played, followed by Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in successive weeks was always going to be a tall order. To have won all four of those would have been a mighty achievement. If the tank was beginning to run a bit low, I wouldn't be surprised.

Rugby now has the conundrum of how to accommodate up and coming second tier nations. Japan has now earned its place at the top table and the likes of Georgia, Samoa, Fiji and others are not so far behind. More regular exposure to the top tier countries would no doubt strengthen their game. Painful though it is to even think it but does the ring fenced Six Nations now look a bit of an anachronism. I don't think we've heard the last of a world wide International league

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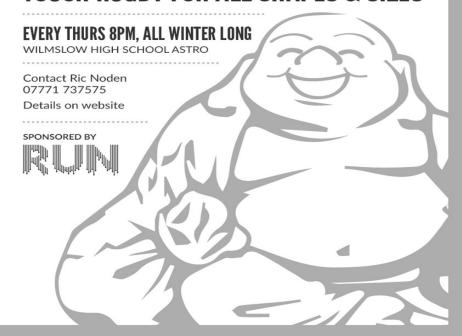




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Australia 39 - 21 Fiji Wales 43 - 14 Georgia Fiji 27 - 30 Uruguay Georgia 33 – 7 Uruguay Australia 25 - 29 Wales Georgia 10 - 45 Fiji Australia 45 - 10 Uruguay Wales 29 - 17 Fiji Australia 27 - 8 Georgia France 23 - 21 Argentina England 35 - 9 Tonga England 45 - 7 USA Argentina 28—12 Tonga France 33 - 9 USA England 39 - 10 Argentina France 23 - 21 Tonga Argentina 47 - 17 USA England C France

New Zealand 23 - 13 South Africa Italy 47 - 22 Namibia Italy 48 - 7 Canada South Africa 57 - 3 Namibia New Zealand 63 - 0 Canada South Africa 49 - 3 Italy New Zealand 71 - 0 Namibia South Africa 66 - 7 Canada New Zealand C Italy



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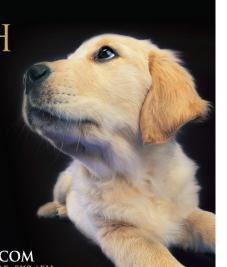
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So here's my version of **SHEPHERDS PIE**.

You'll need 1tbsp oil, 750g lamb mince, 1 trimmed and sliced leek, 1 chopped onion, 2 diced carrots, 1 chopped celery stick, 1tsp tomato puree or pasta tomato sauce, 1 tbsp Worcester sauce, 1 tbsp. flour, 100ml water, lamb stock, red wine or ale, 1 bay leaf.

Mashed potato

Start by frying the mince hard in the oil in a large sauté pan. The idea is to brown it all over and to get the mince to release some of its fat. When browned, set the mince aside in a colander above a bowl and collect any juices and fat that drip off. Retain the oily fat in the pan, pour in the juices from the bowl and when bubbling add the leek, onion, carrots and celery.

When softened and just on the point of changing colour after about 5 minutes, return the mince to the pan with the tomato puree or pasta sauce, such as Dolmio, the Worcester sauce and tbsp. of flour. Give it all a good stir. Lamb mince can be quite fatty so apart from adding a bit of flavour, the tomato puree and Worcester sauce will help to cut through the fat in a subtle sort of a way.

Now add the stock, using a lamb cube, a glass of red wine and bay leaf, season, simmer for 10 minutes and then transfer to a an ovenproof dish.

Boil floury potatoes such as Maris Pipers or King Edwards and when done mash with milk and butter. Spread the mash over the mince mixture, dot with butter and bake until golden. If you like, you can sprinkle on some grated cheddar over the mash instead of the butter.

Serve with a simple green vegetable such as a well seasoned buttered cabbage. I like to sprinkle a few caraway seeds onto the cabbage whilst it's cooking to add a bit of 'je ne sais quoi'.

A full bodied red wine will compliment the Shepherds pie nicely. Try a 'Malbec'. It's become the signature wine of Argentina in recent years but the grape originally came from the Cahors region in South West France, where there's been something of a revival in recent years. There was a good 25% offer on wine in Sainsburys a week ago, which included an excellent Cahors Malbec but back at its list price of £13. it's bit dear. If you can find a Cahors estate bottled Malbec for around £10 then go for it.

They were also selling one of Barry Fisher's favourite red wines, the Portuguese Porta 6, which discounted to under a fiver was an absolute steal but they've sold out of that. I'm not surprised but it's always available at Majestic. It will also go down well with Shepherds Pie.

As with all red wines, if you pull the cork out of the bottle at least three hours, even longer, before you intend to drink it, a touch of air will improve it.

NORTH 1 WEST 2019-20

	Р	w	D	L	PF	РА	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
Wilmslow	8	6	0	2	260	192	68	34	10	0
Birkenhead Park	8	6	0	2	260	138	122	32	8	0
Penrith	8	6	0	2	247	198	49	31	7	0
Douglas (I.O.M.)	8	6	0	2	221	121	100	30	6	0
Northwich	8	6	0	2	216	146	70	27	3	0
Burnage	7	4	0	3	275	196	79	24	8	0
Firwood Waterloo	8	5	0	3	206	173	33	23	3	0
Altrincham Kersal	8	4	0	4	212	175	37	23	7	0
Vale of Lune	7	3	0	4	197	159	38	19	7	0
Stockport	7	3	0	4	195	171	24	18	6	0
Broughton Park	7	3	0	4	187	202	-15	16	4	0
Bowdon	7	1	0	6	134	260	-126	7	3	0
Warrington	7	0	0	7	92	249	-157	1	1	0
Keswick	8	0	0	8	66	388	-322	0	0	0

THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

Altrincham Kersal v Keswick

Birkenhead Park v Broughton Park

Burnage v Penrith

Douglas (IOM) v Broughton Park

> Northwich v Stockport

Vale of Lune v Douglas (IOM)

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Bowdon	15/2	14-25		18/4	1/2	38-15	14/3	23/11	12-38	14/12	28/3	11/1	Р	7/3
Broughton Park	7/12	7/3	34-14		16/11	15/2	4/1	68-10	21/3	34-20	18/1	Р	4/4	17-24
Burnage	40-37	14/12	59-29	14/3		23/11	8/2	45-21	4/1	9/11	29/2	28/3	18/1	18/4
Douglas	4/4	16/11	4/1	39-7	21/3		15-17	18/1	7/12	8/2	31-0	7/3	20-8	38-34
Firwood Waterloo	16-12	1/2	16/11	61-15	37-27	11/1		28/3	15/2	18/4	14/12	20-14	7/3	21/3
Keswick	7/3	5-36	21/3	11/1	15/2	0-36	7/12		12-52	10-39	18/4	1/2	16/11	4/4
Northwich	18/1	18/4	8/2	23/11	24-20	28/3	16-12	29/2		14/3	9/11	14/12	27-3	11/1
Penrith	21/3	37-30	4/4	1/2	7/3	17-27	43-22	4/1	16/11		31-29	15/2	7/12	32-27
Stockport	16/11	15/2	7/12	34-12	Р	1/2	4/4	69-3	7/3	11/1		38-29	21/3	22-29
Vale of Lune	24-26	21/3	40-24	29/2	7/12	9/11	18/1	43-5	4/4	19-28	8/2		28-18	16/11
Warrington	22-25	11/1	29/2	14/12	12-52	18/4	9/11	14/3	1/2	28/3	23/11	14/9		15/2
Wilmslow	28-15	28/3	9/11	8/2	36-32	29/2	23/11	14/12	35-14	18/1	4/1	14/3	47-22	

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26th. October North 1 West Douglas (IOM) 38 - 34 Wilmslow The team, having gathered early at the airport, managed to see

The team, having gathered early at the airport, managed to see the whole of the England game before being called to the Flybe departure gate for Ronaldsway. They were delighted to find that the Isle of Man was in marvellous sunshine, the Douglas Rugby Club pitch was not too heavy and there was plenty of time to loosen up after the journey.

What happened was deja vue all over again, as the Douglas kicker kicked all his conversions and we didn't, so despite getting six tries to the opponents five, we lost 38-34. Missing from the Warrington team were Mark Jennings, the Kennedy brothers, Jordan Ayrey and Matt Shufflebottom; but back were Sean Street. James Coulthurst and Seb Pemberton.

Despite having had plenty of time to recover after the journey, the home team scored a try within three minutes of the kick-off as the ball was knocked-on, picked up by the Douglas pack and their number ten sliced through the backs. There was worse to follow. From a line-out, there was another knock-on, followed by a scrum and the Douglas backs managed to find a gap again. 14-0 to them after just ten minutes.

At last, some semblance of good play by Wilmslow kept the play in the Douglas 22 and slick movement of the backs led to an unconverted try from Jamie Kingdon. Wilmslow seemed to have settled down and made good ground; the backs breaking the Douglas defence as play moved into their five-metre zone with a Wilmslow line-out. Then came one of the Wolves regular line-out moves, with a throw to the back and a move round to the front, which led to a try by Alex Taylor.

During the first twenty minutes, both Adam Taher and Sam Lawton strained their groins, to be replaced by Rhodri Lewis and Jack Masters, leaving just one sub; coach Chris Jones, putting on his Wilmslow shirt for just the second time since 2007. The Douglas number seven soon battled his way over the line five minutes later, following good work by their backs, making it 24-10 at half-time.

Wilmslow started well after the interval and played in the opposition half; driving mauls and good line-out work led to another ball along the backs to James Coulthurst, who dived over. MacCallum made the conversion to tie it all up:

Yet again, Douglas made the way into the Wilmslow half and a similar back move to their first try led to another and a further score soon followed. Wolves No. 9 Alex Taylor now had to leave the field, which brought on a reluctant Chris Jones. At the same time, Douglas brought on their subs. Wilmslow seemed to raise their game, moving the play to the home team half and, taking a pick and drive, drove a maul over the line, with our hero Chris Jones scoring.

With three minutes to go, Wilmslow again took the ball from the kick-off forward and the backs moved down the field and into the Douglas twenty two. The ball went along the line with an overlap but a lone Douglas defender managed to knock the ball down. There was no penalty and no scrum as the referee blew for no side to relieve the anxious Douglas players and supporters. For the non-committed, it was a terrific game of rudby, played in the right spirit.

Seb Pemberton had a great game and was chosen man of the match by the home team. Rhodri Lewis, coming on as a sub in the front row, played his best game yet for the Wolves to score one of their six tries. It had been a good effort by all the players...

Report by Barry Fisher



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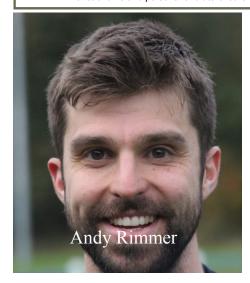
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As usual, Remembrance will be observed tomorrow morning at the club

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Cheshire Vase

Semi Final Friday 29th. November 7.30pm Wolves v Sandbach

Vets Rugby

Following the success of the last Vets' game against Rochdale a further fixture has now been arranged for Friday 22nd. November against Bowdon.

Further details to follow.

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Saturday 19th. October 2019 Wilmslow 47 – 22 Warrington

North 1 West

Another hugely entertaining and remarkably clean game saw the Wilmslow Wolves score seven tries as they eventually pulled away from a game young Warrington side, sporting a red and white Lions logo of their own. The visitors played a full part all afternoon, running in three mesmerising tries. When they scored their second try just after the break to claw back to within four points of Wilmslow, the outcome looked anything but certain. Robert Taylor's side though steadied and in the last thirty minutes scored four tries for what was ultimately a comfortable win but still not as emphatic as the final score line would suggest.

For the Wolves, there was the unusual sight of the returning Bob MacCallum starting on the bench, Andy Rimmer was at scrum half in place of the absent Sean Street and there was a Wolves debut for front row Ollie Stockwin. Wilmslow coach Chris Jones must have been delighted with the way his team took their chances. There were four tries for left winger Jamie Kingdon, one for Sam Cutts on the right wing, one for Mark Jennings, playing at full back and one for prop Jordan Ayrey touching down when the ball was recycled on the Warrington line. There was also a big reduction in the number of penalties conceded at the breakdowns with the consequence that the Wolves spent less time defending deep in their own half than in some recent games. Once again, they managed to combine some sublime play with the inept, particularly at the restarts where the Warrington forwards plundered the ball on at least four occasions. It's annoying enough to have them pluck the ball out of your grasp even once but to allow it to happen three times more, well what can you say! At times, their passing and ball retention was also laboured, which opened up opportunities for the Warrington side.

Warrington had arrived with just one losing bonus point from their six games. For them it's a time to rebuild both on and off the pitch. Many of their older and more established players have departed and their places have gone to a whole raft of youngsters, coming through from what has been a very strong junior and colts section. On this evidence, there's plenty of emerging talent in this group, amongst them some highly elusive runners who had their counterparts clutching at shadows as they ghosted through Wilmslow's defensive lines. Thus far this season, the Wolves defence has been near immaculate but on this occasion they were badly caught out by Warrington's fleet footed young backs, Jack Stride, Max Caldwell, Jack Morgan and teenager Roma Zheng, all of whom shredded the defence from their own half of the field more than once. It may well be that they will struggle to survive in this league this season but their young players clearly have the potential to develop and if they do end up going down, then they will almost certainly soon bounce up again.

To add to their current difficulties, it will also be unsettling for everyone involved in the Warrington club that they have had to suddenly leave their Walton Lea base of the last fifteen years or so, leaving them dependent on finding temporary grounds to play on in the Warrington area. Everyone in the rugby union family will hope that they can soon find a new permanent home.

The game opened with five minutes of virtually continuous play before Wilmslow forced a scrum on half way from which centre Jonny Kennedy eventually broke the Warrington line to offload to Mark Jennings, who strolled in for the Wolves'



first try. Wilmslow soon had a further scrum from which their backs broke away for Jamie Kingdon, coming in from his wing to take an inside scoring pass. Jennings converted both tries and it was 14-0 for the Wolves. Flaky handling then let Warrington into the game. They then replied with an elusive break from their centre Jack Stride only to drop a certain scoring pass with the line at their mercy. On the twenty minute mark they were then awarded a scrum in their own half from which they showed just how dangerous they could be. In truth, there didn't seem to be much on but elusive running from winger Max Caldwell through midfield ended with him scoring their first try under the posts. Wilmslow now went through a period during which they were regularly gifting possession away, Jennings was forced to make a foul tackle for which he got a Yellow Card and Warrington continued to threaten until on 35 minutes, the Wolves forced a scrum. Scrum half Rimmer was fortunate not to have been judged to knock on at the base of the scrum and a little dart as he recovered the ball opened up the way for Kingdon to out run the defence down the left touchline for his second try, converted

Wolves Players, Appearances and Point Scorers 2019 - 20

	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	7	1				5
James Coulthurst	7	2				10
Sam Cutts	7	2				10
Ben Day	5					
Alex Donaldson	1					
Charlie Gardiner	1					
Sammy Graham	1	1				5
Ethan Harding	8	2			1	12
Adam Hewitt	8	1				5
Mark Jennings	8	7			2	39
Chris Jones	1	1				5
Danny Kennedy	5					
Jonny Kennedy	3	3			3	21
Jamie Kingdon	8	8				40
Sam Lawton	8					
Ollie Lee	4					
Rhodri Lewis	2	1				5
Bob MacCallum	8			2	27	60
Jack Masters	5					
James Nicholson	1					
Kieran O'Rourke	5					
Mike Parker	4					
Seb Pemberton	7	2				10
Andy Rimmer	4					
Matt Shufflebottom	6					
Loui Staples	1					
Ollie Stockwin	1					
Sean Street	8	7				35
Adam Taher	9	4				20
Alex Taylor	8	2				10
Robert Taylor	8					
Tommy Wilkinson	3	2				10
George Witham	1					

I met two old Wilmslow rugby teams whilst lunching with the Douglas President on Saturday. Roger Emery and John Shasha knew that I was coming, so saved me a seat, as they wanted to know about the players they knew in the early sixties.



Fisher's Half Page

They were surprised that we now only had two senior teams, plus an occasional third, as in their day they played in our sixth team. I told them that we were not the only Club struggling for players and that many others are worse off than us. As you see from our fixture list, there are so many clubs within a ten mile radius: Stockport, Burnage, Broughton Park, Bowden, Alt/Kersal and Manchester, all of them looking for players. Also, there are a few Clubs that were not around in the sixties: Holmes Chapel and Knutsford, Marple and Congleton. Davenport didn't help, by changing their name to Stockport and moving from Davenport to Stockport and Manchester, too, came to find players when they moved from North Manchester.

Some of these Clubs may be paying a few players, but it is a futile waste of money. Take Manchester for one. They were riding high in National 1 and their major sponsor then sold his business and the Club just crashed down the leagues. There has been something of a recovery as they have risen to the newly nsmed North 2 West.

You may win this league, North 1 West, playing amateur rugby Clubs but to get beyond the northern Premier league, you will then have to pay. Look at the Hull results this season, having walked through Northern Premier last season with 25 fully paid players (with no other teams and no minis/juniors), they are now third from the bottom of National 2, probably unable to increase the wage bill.

A downside of only having two teams is the allocation of International tickets. This season, we have 45 tickets for the Wales and Ireland games but, because we have fewer teams, our allocation for next season is 36. The RFU are not very kind to lower league clubs in another way. They have cut their grants for travelling by a third; not too bad for us this season, as we have only two distant games, but the guys at Douglas are seething, as their money was cut by a third, to £8,000.00 and you can imagine the travelling they have to do. When they played Keswick, they left their homes at 06.00, flew to Liverpool, had a three and a half coach trip, and got back home at 9.30.

On a more cheerful note. Angela Merkel arrives at the customs in France. What is your nationality? "German". Occupation? "No, just for a few days."

League Round Up

Only four games beat the weather on 26th. October. One of them was on the artificial surface at Winter Park, Penrith. Not only was the game able to be played but the surface seemed to give Penrith's speedy backs the advantage over the larger but less nimble Birkenhead Park side.

Games at Bowdon, Broughton Park and Stockport were all called off.

Penrith 37-30 Birkenhead Park

Park were the first to show with two clean line breaks down the middle leading to a try under the posts within ten minutes. Penrith did not take long to hit back and had a purple patch of ten minutes where they scored four tries.

George Graham made good ground from a quickly taken penalty, continued by Will Morgan and Ross Jackson for jay Rossi to outflank the defence. Graham then burst away from a lineout, Adam Howe took it on, the ball sped along the Penrith back line, Ollie Gutteridge made the break, which put Rossi in for his second try. The third try came when Jackson's cross kick was taken by winger Brook Birley, who held off the defence to score in the corner. Morgan and Jackson then combined for Gutteridge to break through for try number four and Penrith were 24-7 to the good after twenty minutes.

Park pulled seven points back from a penalty lineout and catch and drive. Morgan then kicked a penalty for the home side but Park had the final word before the break with a another try from a lineout drive.

Park started the second half with a penalty but soon after No. 8 Josh Dowson broke from a scrum, released Graham, who put Birley in still with a bit to do for the fifth try. The game was still in the balance when Park scored their third catch and drive try, until Graham sniped again down the blind side and crisp handling by Dan Richardson and Gutteridge released Fraser Nicholson for try number six. Park then settled for two losing bonus points when they kicked a penalty in time added on.

Firwood Waterloo 16-12 Altrincham Kersal

A tightly fought and even contest in the first half produced a try for both sides. Joe Bowmer crossed the line for Firwood Waterloo and their earlier penalty kicked by George Perry gave them a slender half time lead 8 - 7.





By half time though, the two sides were indistinguishable on a wet and muddy pitch, which hadn't been improved by the ladies team playing on it just before...

Loo changed their strip at half time but this didn't do them any good as AK found space

for their mauling forwards to score a second try and to take the lead. For the rest of the game, Loo were camped in the AK half but they spurned a number of penalty chances until with seven minutes left, they eventually took three points from yet another a penalty and then in the closing minutes Chris Cunningham scored the try, which enabled them to grind out a narrow win.

Keswick 12-62 Northwich

Northwich on their first ever visit to Keswick enjoyed an afternoon in unexpected Cumbrian sunshine on a decent pitch with spectacular surroundings and hospitality second to none. They scored eight tries against a young enthusiastic Keswick side which will become a force to be reckoned with in a couple of seasons.





The Blacks scored an early try through Baldwin but it wasn't until the run up to half time that they eventually composed themselves to score three more tries from Dale, James and Fray. It was 0-26 at the break.

Keswick scored in the corner shortly after the break but in the final quarter the Blacks put together fifteen minutes of a purple patch for four more times through Husbands, twice, Baldwin and Burmah, whilst Keswick managed a consolation on the counter.





Warrington 19th. Oct

in the absence of the sin binned Jennings, by No. 10 Ethan Harding. Moments later, they dropped the restart and soon infringed as Warrington countered for full back Darren Norman to claw back three points for 21-10 at half time.

Wilmslow's passing and handling then let them down again shortly after the game restarted and from the scrum, the Warrington back line completely bamboozled the Wilmslow defence with some incisive running and passing to put their right winger Jack Morgan in for a well crafted score.

That though was as good as it got for them, the Wolves became less profligate with the ball. MacCallum was brought into the back line and although he missed a penalty shot at goal normally well within his range, he had a hand in all four of the Wolves subsequent scores and converted three of them. Firstly he set up a catch and drive penalty lineout position and when Warrington lost their prop Green to a Yellow Card for pulling down a lineout illegally, the Wolves were able to make their extra man count with a drive from which after several attempts, Ayrey touched down. Within five minutes, the Wolves were back under the Warringon posts where quick accurate passing put Kingdon, coming in off his wing again, in for the fifth try. Soon after. Wilmslow opted for a scrum in front of the Warrington posts and again simple passing saw Sam Cutts cross for try number six. There was a brief riposte from a mark by Warrington in their own half which they tapped and set their left winger Roma Zheng off for a long breath taking run down the touchline past several would be tacklers for a third try in the corner. Despite then having the restart nicked from them for the third consecutive time, the Wolves soon regained possession as Warrington threw caution aside. From a scrum in the Warrington half. Danny Kennedy, now moved to No.8 in place of an injured Alex Taylor, made yet another of his powerful trade mark runs and when after several drives the ball was released along the backs, Kingdon, now full of confidence to back himself, outstretched the defence again for the last word.



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- 11. Jamie Kingdon
- 10. Bob MacCallum
- 9. Sean Street
- 1. Ollie Stockwin
- 2. Conor McMurdock
- 3. Robert Taylor (capt.)
- 4. Seb Pemberton
- 5. Adam Hewitt
- 6. Jack Masters
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- 8. Danny Kennedy

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Bowdon

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- 14. Ben Thomas
- 12. Johnny Stubbs
- 13. Liam Connolly
- 11. Harrry Martin
- 10. George Smith
- 9. James Denis
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- 2. James Bantleman
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