

## Fixtures and Results 2019 - 20

### Wolves North 1 West

September 7	BURNAGE	W
14	Stockport	W
21	NORTHWICH	
28	Penrith	
October 5	ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	
12	Broughton Park	
19	WARRINGTON	
26	Douglas IOM	
November 2		
9	BOWDEN	
16	Vale of Lune	
23	WATERLOO	
30		
December 7	Birkenhead Park	
14	KESWICK	
21		
28		
January 4	STOCKPORT	
11	Northwich	
18	PENRITH	
25		
February 1	Altrincham kersal	
8	BROUGHTON PARK	
15	Warrington	
29	DOUGLAS IOM	
March 7	Bowden	
14	VALE OF LUNE	
21	Waterloo	
28	BIRKENHEAD PARK	
April 4	Keswick	
11	Burnage	
18		
25		

### Vikings Sale Sharks Division 2 South

Anselmians	W
NORTHWICH	W
Altrincham Kersal	
CREWE & NANTWICH	
Lymm	
LIVERPOOL ST HELENS	
Holmes Chapel	
HELSEBY	
Didsbury TOC H	
LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE	
Manchester	
WIDNES	
Moore	
Northwich	
ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	
Crewe & Nantwich	
LYMM	
Liverpool St Helens	
HOLMES CHAPEL	
Helsby	
DIDSBURY TOC H	
Liverpool Collegiate	
MANCHESTER	
Widnes	
MOORE	
ANSELMANS	



**Club President**  
**CHRIS GEORGE**  
**Welcomes**  
**NORTHWICH**



Welcome to Wilmslow Rugby Club for our second home game of the season against Northwich.

Last week we made hard going of it but came out 22-29 winners away at Stockport. At times we looked very slick and at others we made mistakes, especially in the first half. Stockport started very quickly going into a 12-0 lead and in the first 15 minutes we had no possession at all. Despite dropping the ball three times by their line and missing try scoring opportunities we pulled the score back to lead at half-time 12-14.

When we turned around, the Wolves camped in the Stockport half for most of the second half with some powerful forward play and some slick running and handling from the backs. Captain Rob Taylor lead his team from the front, putting in an awesome performance himself and motivating the lads to come away with the win we deserved.

After two close fought games against Burnage and Stockport, today we entertain Northwich who beat Burnage 24-20 last week, so I expect another hard game for the Wolves.

The Vikings played Northwich 2<sup>nd</sup> team at home last week and entertained the crowd to a 53-0 win. Sadly, the game was cut short due to injuries to several Northwich players leaving them with only 11 players. Our best wishes go to those injured for a speedy recovery.

A massive thanks goes to Bryn, Big Al and Taff for managing the Vikings. I'm delighted that Taff has taken on the role of writing reports for his team. The more publicity the better and I hope that Pikey can persuade the Wilmslow Guardian to give the Vikings some coverage. There is a good vibe about the club at the moment after one of the best pre-seasons training, we have had for many years across the 1st., 2nd. and colts teams. When the Wolves players heard that the Vikings also had a great win they couldn't wait to get back to the club and it was good to see all the lads from Wolves and Vikings teams celebrating together in style. #WWIMH #VivalaVikings. The next step is to resurrect a third team.

The colts have also got off to a good start winning their first two games in Senior League C. Just tell us about it, lads, so that we can give you a bit of coverage as well!

On October 26<sup>th</sup> the Wolves travel to Douglas IOM for the annual "overseas" game. I understand the lads are staying over and returning at some point on the Sunday!! Whilst for some it is half-term, for all those supporters who intend to join this short "tour" please start booking your travel and accommodation soon to avoid disappointment.

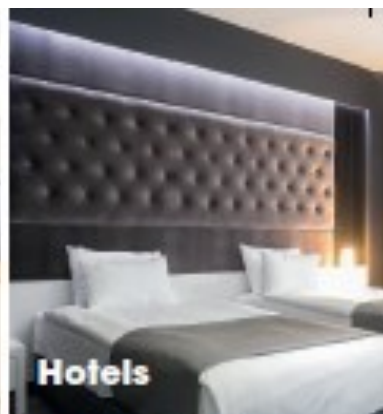
### Halbro Senior U18 Colts : Senior League C

September 8	Caldy	W
15	LITTLEBOROUGH	
22	Sefton	
29		
October 6	ALDWINIANS	
13	Whitchurch	
20		
27		
November 3		
10		
17	SOUTHPORT	
24	Littleborough	
December 1		
8	SEFTON	
15		
22	Aldwinians	
29		
January 5		
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19	WHITCHURCH	
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February 2	Southport
9	CALDY
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### STICKING WITH YOUR CLUB

Just out of interest, I looked at Vale of Lune's side against Altrincham Kersal a fortnight ago and then compared it with the Vale side selected for the game here last December.. Out of the eighteen selected that day only seven of them turned out against AK. Stuart Vernon's report refers to 'defections' from last season's Vale squad.

In contrast, nine of the Wilmslow players listed for the December 18 match have already turned out for the Wolves this season and we know that of the other nine, most of them, I think, are still on the club's books.

It's in the nature of things in rugby that there will always be a turnover of players from one season to the next but it's gratifying that despite relegation from the Northern Premier League, the great majority of Wilmslow's players have stayed with their club.

I have it on good authority that there are no foundations for the scurrilous cock and bull story doing the rounds that a very promising young Wilmslow player has been seduced by filthy lucre to move to Macc. A move from Wilmslow for an ambitious player would only make sense if he were going to at least a level 3 side.

### GETTING IT WRONG

After reading in my daily paper about the facilities at England's base in Japan, it became very clear where we're getting it wrong here at Wilmslow.

They're staying in a five star hotel, of course, not a premier inn or such like. It offers four different types of spa, a choice of indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a private gym, the use of two championship golf courses, a driving range, archery, excellent beaches and a training pitch. They can even choose the type of pillow they want so that their sleep is not disturbed. There are also thirteen restaurants to choose from which puts the take it or leave it players' tea served up here in perspective.

Good warm weather, good food, good training and leisure facilities, said Jones, perfect for the players' preparations!

There is also a multi million pound bonus scheme to keep the lads interested. It starts to kick in if they get to the quarter finals.

So Wilmslow players miss out on that as well. Maybe the committee here should send the treasurer, Alan Hill, with a bag of the weekend's bar takings along to either Paddy Power or Betfred to see what odds he can get against the Wolves finishing in the top two this season. If they make it, the winnings could then be paid out as a bonus. If you're a top flight club, of course, this would be strictly illegal but at our level it's a different matter so I don't think Alan would be in any risk of being arrested, shackled and paraded before the beak!

If only, pigs could fly!

### NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE AND NATIONAL 2 NORTH

Our neighbours have made a mixed start to their campaigns in this league. Macc lost away to Blaydon but won at home by 33-21 against newly promoted Morpeth, who have now lost both their opening games.

Likewise, Lymm started with a home win against promoted Blackburn but lost last weekend at Alnwick by 20-17

Promoted Carlisle have won twice now, away at Morpeth and at home against Ilkley by 26-23. Blackburn also held on to secure a 33-31 home win against Blaydon.

So after two weeks, Harrogate and Rossendale are top with four sides, Ilkley, Kirkby Lonsdale, Morpeth and Wirral still to get off the mark.

At level 4, last season's winners of the Northern premier, Hull, have started with a win and a draw. Sedgley Park and Caldby both have the maximum 10 points from their first two games..

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**Saturday 7th. September**  
Sale Sharks League 2 South  
Anselmians 5 – 45 Vikings

**Sunday 8th. September**  
Halbro Colts League Senior C  
Caldy 19 - 24 Wilmslow

**Saturday 14th. September**  
Sale Sharks league 2 South  
Vikings 53 - 0 Northwich

**Sunday 15th. September**  
Halbro Colts League Senior C  
Colts 41– 5 Littleborough

# Vikings and Colts

Division 2 South 2019-20

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Wilmslow Vikings	2	2	0	0	98	5	93	0	10
Didsbury Toc H 2nd XV	2	2	0	0	93	22	71	0	10
Moore	2	2	0	0	89	53	36	0	10
Altrincham Kersal Cougars	2	2	0	0	72	38	34	0	10
Liverpool Collegiate 2nd XV	2	2	0	0	60	31	29	0	10
Widnes 2nd XV	2	1	0	1	75	50	25	0	6
Crewe & Nantwich 2nd XV	2	1	0	1	38	44	-6	0	6
Liverpool St Helens 2nd XV	2	1	0	1	3	29	-26	0	6
Helsby	2	1	0	1	20	15	5	0	5
Manchester 2nd XV	2	0	0	2	43	58	-15	1	3
Holmes Chapel	2	0	0	2	43	71	-28	1	3
Anselmians 2nd XV	2	0	0	2	30	83	-53	0	2
Lymm Eagles	2	0	0	2	43	102	-59	0	2
Northwich 2nd XV	2	0	0	2	5	111	-106	0	2

## Senior Colts Conference League - C 2019 -20

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
<b>Wilmslow</b>	2	2	0	0	65	24	41	0	10
<b>Whitchurch</b>	2	2	0	0	64	24	40	0	10
<b>Southport</b>	1	1	0	0	43	7	36	0	5
<b>Sefton</b>	2	0	1	1	51	58	-7	1	5
<b>Aldwinians</b>	1	0	1	0	27	27	0	0	3
<b>Caldy</b>	2	0	0	2	26	67	-41	1	3
<b>Littleborough</b>	2	0	0	2	5	74	-69	0	2



On a beautiful late summers afternoon, the Vikings entertained Northwich. After last week's success at Anselmians, there was a largely unchanged Vikings team. A mixture of youth and experience took to the field led by captain Jeremy Sumner, a man for whom mere mortals would offer themselves at the very gates of Valhalla!

Northwich kicked off, Wilmslow dropped the ball, Northwich probed from the resultant possession but good line speed and aggressive tackling repelled them and the ball was cleared to touch.

That was pretty much it for defensive duties inside their own red zone for the afternoon for The Vikings. Their mere presence at the tackle and ruck was enough for what little possession the visitors had to be coughed up. Wilmslow steadily grew into the game with their own game plan being executed well. Solid set pieces led to phase play and retention of the ball which the visitors defence struggled to cope with all afternoon. It was just this game plan that brought the opening points with O'Rourke, back from an 8 year hiatus, strolling in on the overlap with the conversion coming from McMurdoch. The basking crowd didn't have long to wait for the score to double. A set scrum leading to a playbook move in the backs and Cutts on hand to run a lovely line to dot down under the sticks. The Vikings 3rd came from a scrappy set of possession which was handsomely cleaned up by, wing-forward come Wing Sach. From a standing start the young man from Haverfordwest beat two would be defenders, one with an immaculate hand off, to dive over in the corner. The half's points scoring was completed shortly before the break. The Vikings harassed Northwich inside their own 22, the impressive Gardiner stripped the ball out of the tackle and fed, no mean feat, the galloping R. Lewis who ploughed over. The half time talk was of maintaining the standards, the game plan and making sure the nil was kept intact. Uncontested scrums led to some personnel reshuffles for the second half. Those changes didn't alter the flow of the game however and soon enough The Vikings crossed for their 5th try from Sach. With all the expansive backs play the big lads decided to join in with the tight 5 combining to allow Evans to release Whitham to crash over. With Northwich struggling to contain The Vikings there followed a flurry of scores. Cutts again ran a nice line to score in the corner. On the opposite wing J. Lewis finished another flowing move and from a back ball lineout move O'Rourke waltzed in through a huge defensive hole.

53-0 at the finale, another good day at the office for The Vikings. Coach B. Lewis was pleased with the execution of his plan and especially the defensive efforts and the pleasing 'nil'. Part-time organiser McClennan praised the "solid win" and the lack of "...easing up in the second half."

*Taff Mark Bartlam.*

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## Northwich RFC

2017 - 18 produced two excellent matches between Wilmslow and Northwich. Both games were nip and tuck all the way and come the season end Wilmslow had to win their last game against vale of Lune to claim the runner up spot in the league, consigning Northwich to 3rd. place.

Nobody could really have wished to either play in or watch a better game of rugby than these two old feisty opponents put on at The Memorial Ground in November 2017. There was just a nip of winter to come in the breeze but otherwise a weak autumn sun made for a pleasant afternoon and the rugby kept everyone on their toes. For much of the game Wilmslow were forced to defend against a Northwich side, lying second in the table but they dug in deep and continually frustrated the talented Northwich back division. They did this well and then in the last fifteen minutes or so, it was as though the 'feinn' of old finally awoke to rise up against their foes. With renewed aggression, cussedness and belief, they scored two late tries to eventually run out as deserved winners by three tries to one.

Two penalties from Nick Baldwin and a try from Matthew Poste propelled Northwich into an early 11-0 lead. By half time though, Adam Hewitt had scored to reduce the deficit and although Northwich continued to dominate in the second half, the Wolves held them out. James Coulthurst was then taken out with a high tackle and a penalty try edged the Wolves in front. Northwich, yellow carded to fourteen, were clearly rattled as they lost their cool and a late late Ethan Harding try, converted by MacCallum settled the issue.

2018-19	No Matches
10 March 18	Northwich 29 - 30 Wilmslow
11 Nov 17	Wilmslow 19 - 11 Northwich
25 March 17	Wilmslow 29 - 36 Northwich
19 Nov 16	Northwich 6 - 21 Wilmslow
2012 - 2016	No Matches
10 Dec 11	Wilmslow 29 - 11 Northwich
10 Sep 11	Northwich 27 - 19 Wilmslow
16 Apr 11	Northwich 41 - 7 Wilmslow
4 Sep 10	Wilmslow 19 - 7 Northwich
23 Jan 10	Northwich 25 - 7 Wilmslow
10 Oct 09	Wilmslow 31 - 22 Northwich
20 Dec 09	Wilmslow 25 - 9 Northwich
20 Sep 08	Northwich 27 - 13 Wilmslow
2007—2008	No Matches

The return on the back pitch at Northwich the following march was another thriller. There were less than two minutes still on the clock when Northwich full back Joel Barbour broke the Wilmslow defensive line deep in his own twenty two and then proceeded to hold off any covering defence for a length of the field try. It was the kind of try which would have deservedly won any match. His side only had to field the restart, to run down the remaining time with a couple of narrow drives around the fringes and to bang the ball out of play. They would have scored four tries and earned the maximum five league points to retain their challenge for second place at the top of the league.

If only! Obliging, from the Wilmslow point of view, the Northwich forwards conspired to drop the restart, worse still to allow the chasing Wilmslow forwards to grab the loose ball. All afternoon, the Wolves had chased kicks ahead and at the restart with a venom not seen much recently, harassing their opponents whenever possible. Whether this was on the mind of the Northwich receivers, who knows! Wilmslow now had one last chance. Any fumble or knock on, momentary loss of possession or breakdown would signal the end of the game. Everything had to be perfect and it was. The ball was spun from left to right and back again, it was taken on up the middle and slowly the Wolves worked their way to within a few strides of the Northwich line where once again the ball was recycled to Sean Street. The scrum half some how, like a weasel, squeezed himself into and through the slightest of openings, where none seemed to exist, slipped a tackle attempt, lengthened his stride and crossed the line under the posts. The Northwich players looked shell shocked as they might well have been; Wilmslow's euphoric as they delightedly mobbed their No. 9. Bob MacCallum added the extra two points and referee Kieran Henry blew for no side.



Northwich started the season with a 35-20 loss away at Birkenhead Park. Despite scoring three early tries to go 7-15 ahead, they were eventually overhauled by the home side. It ended four tries apiece but 15 points from the boot made all the difference for Park..

Last week they won at home against Burnage by a narrow four point margin, the same that Wilmslow had achieved the previous week. There was no bonus point for Northwich but Burnage picked up one, to make it three bonus points for them on the road.



Pictures from Northwich v Wilmslow  
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Monday 23rd. September	Wales v Georgia	11.15am.	Toyota
Thursday 26th. September	England v USA	11.45am.	Kobe
Saturday 28th. September	Japan v Ireland	08.15am.	Shizuoka
Sunday 29th. September	Australia v Wales	08.45am.	Tokyo
Monday 30th. September	Scotland v Samoa	11.15am.	Kobe
Thursday 3rd. October	Ireland v Russia	11.15am.	Kobe
Saturday 5th. October	England v Argentina	09.00am.	Tokyo
Wednesday 9th. October	Scotland v Russia Wales v Fiji	08.15am. 10.45am.	Shizuoka Oita
Saturday 12th. October	England v France Ireland v Samoa	09.15am. 11.45am.	Yokohama Fukuoka
Saturday 13th. October	Japan v Scotland Wales v Uruguay	11.45am. 09.15am.	Yokohama Kumamoto

Japan is 8 hours ahead of the UK. So 11.15am here is 19.16 in Japan. The Japanese don't do am and pm, everything is done using a 24 hour clock.



19th. October 3.00pm  
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8th. November 7.45pm  
WASPS

21st. January 3.00pm  
NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

3 January 7.45pm  
HARLEQUINS

22nd. February 3.00pm  
LEICESTER TIGERS

7th. March 3.00pm  
LONDON IRISH

28th. March 3.00pm  
EXETER CHIEFS

18th. April 3.00pm  
BRISTOL SHOGUNS

9th. May 3.00pm  
SARACENS

16th. May 3.00pm  
BATH

5th. June 3.00pm  
WORCESTER WARRIORS

Moving into autumn now, so it'll be time for some substantial meaty dishes.

## Saturday Suppers after Rugby

I've chosen devilled lamb kidneys as a starter to be followed by sticky lamb chops.

### DEVILLED LAMB KIDNEYS

Kidneys quartered with the core removed, glass of sherry, ½ glass of white wine or white wine vinegar, 1 tsp redcurrant jelly, a few good shakes of Worcester sauce, pinch of cayenne, 1 tbsp English mustard, 1 tbsp double cream, chopped parsley

Trim the kidneys and then sizzle and brown them in hot oil for about 1 minute. Add the sherry, let it bubble for a few moments, then add the white wine or vinegar and red currant jelly. Allow the jelly to dissolve, then add the Worcester sauce, mustard, cayenne and seasoning. Finish by adding the cream and stir until the sauce is reduced and glossy. Add the parsley and season to taste. Serve with simple boiled rice.

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For the relish, cook the peas and when cool blitz in a blender with chopped scallions, chopped mint, 2tbsp cider vinegar and 50g cherry tomatoes

To drink, let's go for a Malbec red wine from either Argentina or France. Malbec produces a rich red wine which goes down well with red meat when the weather is beginning to cool down a bit. Le Grand Retour from Cahors is reasonably priced in Majestic and should hit the spot. Malbec has become Argentina's signature grape so there's no end of choice on the shelves if you're a fan of South American wine.

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## NORTH 1 WEST 2019-20

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
Penrith	2	2	0	0	82	32	50	10	2	0
Altrincham Kersal	2	2	0	0	57	41	16	10	2	0
Wilmslow	2	2	0	0	65	54	11	10	2	0
Vale of Lune	2	1	0	1	52	44	8	7	3	0
Stockport	2	1	0	1	91	32	59	6	2	0
Firwood Waterloo	2	1	0	1	83	58	25	5	1	0
Bowdon	2	1	0	1	52	49	3	5	1	0
Birkenhead Park	2	1	0	1	52	51	1	5	1	0
Northwich	2	1	0	1	44	55	-11	5	1	0
Broughton Park	2	1	0	1	49	75	-26	5	1	0
Douglas (I.O.M.)	2	1	0	1	35	46	-11	4	0	0
Burnage	2	0	0	2	52	60	-8	3	3	0
Warrington	2	0	0	2	26	48	-22	0	0	0
Keswick	2	0	0	2	13	108	-95	0	0	0

### THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

**Birkenhead Park v  
Warrington**

**Burnage v  
Altrincham Kersal**

**Penrith v Stockport**

**Vale of Lune v  
Bowdon**

**Douglas (IOM) v  
Firwood Waterloo**

**Broughton Park v  
Keswick**

### League Fixtures & Results - 2019/2020

HOME TEAMS	Altrincham Kersal	Birkenhead Park	Bowdon	Broughton Park	Burnage	Douglas	Firwood Waterloo	Keswick	Northwich	Penrith	Stockport	Vale of Lune	Warrington	Wilmslow
Altrincham Kersal		31-17	19/10	28/3	11/1	14/12	29/2	9/11	28/9	23/11	14/3	18/4	8/2	1/2
Birkenhead Park	4/1		18/1	9/11	4/4	14/3	5/10	8/2	35-20	29/2	19/10	23/11	21/9	7/12
Bowdon	15/2	28/9		18/4	1/2	38-15	14/3	23/11	12/10	14/12	28/3	11/1	26/10	7/3
Broughton Park	7/12	7/3	34-14		16/11	15/2	4/1	21/9	21/3	5/10	18/1	26/10	4/4	12/10
Burnage	21/9	14/12	5/10	14/3		23/11	8/2	19/10	4/1	9/11	29/2	28/3	18/1	18/4
Douglas	4/4	16/11	4/1	19/10	21/3		21/9	18/1	7/12	8/2	5/10	7/37/3	20-8	26/10
Firwood Waterloo	26/10	1/2	16/11	61-15	12/10	11/1		28/3	15/2	18/4	14/12	28/9	7/3	21/3
Keswick	7/3	5/10	21/3	11/1	15/2	28/9	7/12		26/10	10-39	18/4	1/2	16/11	4/4
Northwich	18/1	18/4	8/2	23/11	24-20	28/3	19/10	29/2		14/3	9/11	14/12	5/10	11/1
Penrith	21/3	26/10	4/4	1/2	7/3	12/10	43-22	4/1	16/11		21/9	15/2	7/12	28/9
Stockport	16/11	15/2	7/12	28/9	26/10	1/2	4/4	69-3	7/3	11/1		12/10	21/3	22-29
Vale of Lune	24-26	21/3	21/9	29/2	7/12	9/11	18/1	5/10	4/4	19/10	8/2		28-18	16/11
Warrington	12/10	11/1	29/2	14/12	28/9	18/4	9/11	14/3	1/2	28/3	23/11	14/9		15/2
Wilmslow	5/10	28/3	9/11	8/2	36-32	29/2	23/11	14/12	21/9	18/1	4/1	14/3	19/10	

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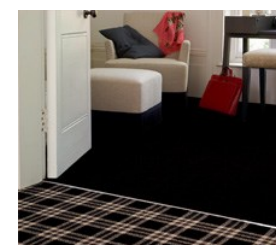
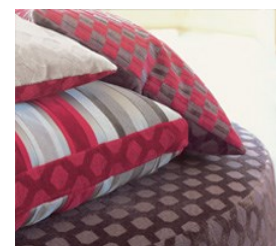
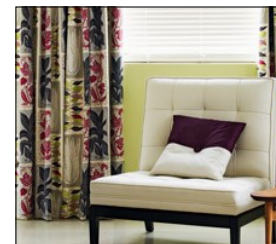
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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. September 2019 North 1 West  
Wilmslow 36 – 32 Burnage

The Wolves put their supporters through the proverbial wringer before staggering to the narrowest of wins. As the game entered its final phases, they had several opportunities to close it down but a turnover at the breakdown, from which Burnage broke away for their final score, a forward pass and then a dropped pass in the final lineup all conspired to give Burnage the chance to snatch a last gasp winning try before they too knocked on and a relieved Wilmslow scrum half, Sean Street, booted the ball out of play for no side.

It ended five tries a-piece. Influential centre Mark Jennings, without whom the Wolves would have lost, got three of them and flanker Seb Pemberton the other two. The difference on the scoreboard was fly half Bob MacCallum, whose goal kicking was on target five times out of six. In response, Burnage No. 10 Rhys Evans kicked a first half penalty, left winger Josh Miller scored twice and three other Burnage tries followed in a hectic second half.

Wilmslow were slow to get going and as the half hour approached found themselves trailing 3 – 8 but they then had a purple period which took them to a 22 – 8 half time lead. First a series of forward drives were held up on the Burnage line but when the ball was released MacCallum put Pemberton through a gap for the Wolves opening try. They then added two more just before the break. Mark Jennings' break before he was high tackled took the Wolves back to the Burnage line and, although they fouled up a lineup and then got themselves penalised at a scrum, they kept the pressure on. Winger Jamie Kingdon ran back a loose Burnage clearing kick and when the ball went to Jennings, there was no stopping him from close range. From the restart Sean Street got the Wolves on the front foot again and when the ball was recycled the Burnage defensive line was broken and Jennings timed his pass to Pemberton perfectly for the flanker to gallop in from close to halfway for his second touchdown.

As the second half started it looked good for the Wolves but not for long. They soon conceded a penalty lineup on their twenty two from where the Burnage pack drove to under the Wolves posts and when the ball was released Miller found himself with space to score his second of the afternoon. Back they came again with an Evans kick into Wolves territory where it was taken by the Wolves No. 14 James Coulthurst, who mistimed his clearing kick into empty space where an almighty hoof from the chasing Ethan Harding propelled the ball well into the Burnage half. It bounced kindly for Ben Day, who gave it another whack, and when it sat up again, Jennings was on hand to grab it for his second try of the game. Fortuitous for the Wolves doesn't go close to describing it.

Wilmslow then fouled up another lineup which allowed Burnage to break away and although the initial danger was cleared, the visitors recycled and found space to score under the posts. The Wolves then drove from a scrum and when they were awarded a second scrum, quick passing put Jennings in again. It was now 36 – 20 going into the last quarter. Burnage stole the restart with an athletic bit of play to quickly run in a fourth try and although their No. 8 Ralph Lawson was deemed to have knocked on at the restart, they soon won the ball back, as Wilmslow lost it at the breakdown, and countered for their fifth try with just five minutes still on the clock. It could now have gone either way but the Wolves managed to keep Burnage bottled up in their own half, albeit not without a few alarms, and held out for the win.

Coach Chris Jones afterwards acknowledged that Burnage had executed their game plan well and had pushed his side all the way. Nevertheless, there had also been some good attacking play from his side, everybody contributed, he said, and once again, like last week, they had taken their chances. He was less happy with the number of forced and unforced handling and lineup errors, which wasn't much different from the previous week. Referee Kieron Henry reckoned afterwards that Burnage had enjoyed about 60% of the possession throughout, which partly explained why the penalty count was so much in their favour. 'I'm surprised by that, he added, it didn't feel like that sort of the game, players from both sides were listening to what I was saying and there was no consistent pattern to the infringements.'

Wolves Players, Appearances and Point Scorers 2019 - 20						
	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	3					
James Coulthurst	3					
Sam Cutts	1					
Ben Day	2					
Ethan Harding	3	2				10
Adam Hewitt	3					
Mark Jennings	3	4				20
Danny Kennedy	1					
Jonny Kennedy	1	1				5
Jamie Kingdon	3	3				15
Sam Lawton	3					
Bob MacCallum	3			2	13	32
Jack Masters	3					
Mike Parker	1					
Seb Pemberton	3	2				10
Andy Rimmer	2					
Matt Shufflebottom	2					
Loui Staples	1					
Sean Street	3	4				20
Adam Taher	3	1				5
Alex Taylor	3	1				5
Robert Taylor	3					
Tommy Wilkinson	3	2				10



## Bravo Rugby

The Rugby World Cup started yestrday. It appears a long time since New Zealand, who seemingly invented rugby union hosted, dominated and won the first RWC in 1987 in their own back garden. Since then we've seen some magnificent games, some great moments of tension (Kick it Johnny!) and some iconic images...the shot of Francois Pienaar and Nelson Mandela having a chat about the weather, smiling about at each other with one wearing the others jersey handing over William Webb Ellis cup has to be up there as a defining moment of rugby. We dare to dream too - as Japan did beating South Africa at The Shed in 2015. My own favourite is the grinning and snarling Martin Johnson, captain fantastic gripping the cup like a poor scrum-halves' head.

And what of the home nations - how have we fared? Scotland and Ireland seem to have a canny knack of turning up out of form every four years and so it seems again - but we believe in Japan-esque miracles don't we?. Wales, despite northern hemisphere dominance, have only two semi-finals to show; one in that inaugural competition and one where they should have beaten France but for that tackle by Sam Warburton. However, Gatland and Edwards say au revoir to the land of the Dragon and that might just spark something. England's 2003 victory and the Mark Cueto try-that-never-was is about right confirming our position just behind the big 3. South Africa and the All Blacks share 5 of the 8 RWCs, with Australia being top of the tree twice.

In spite of what we think of the RWC viz a viz the Lions Tours, it has become a staple in our rugby feast. I wonder what it will become. If the USA could embrace rugby, then the failed NFL players seem to be the perfect athletic shape to take the world by storm. The Women's World Cup is a brilliant addition to world rugby's fayre, as is the Under 20's World Cup, where we at Wilmslow were privileged to host the Italian side a few years ago.

I read recently that RWC is the 3rd most-watched sporting event in the world, behind the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup. The game has certainly come a long way since those days of 1987 with David Kirk touching down in a jersey three times too big for him.

The reality is that all of the players who represent any country started their rugby journey somewhere. They were all dragged down kicking and screaming to a humble rugby club just like ours to learn the game from men in tight tracksuits and beards. And that game, in turn, provided them with a 10-year nursery where all shapes and sizes, abilities and genders could fall in love with a game that gives us all a thousand memories, a hundred best mates and a template for good behaviour...as we come back in from the field of toil we unanimously thank our Fathers, our brothers, and our mates for bringing us to the rugby club, teaching us crap rugby songs as we celebrate just being together.

Mark Shotton



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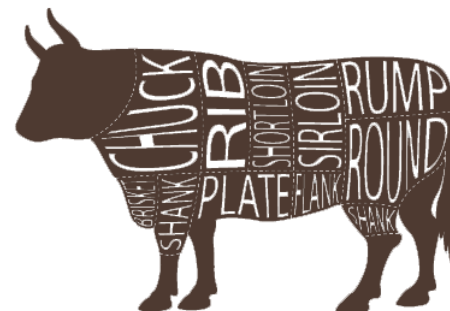
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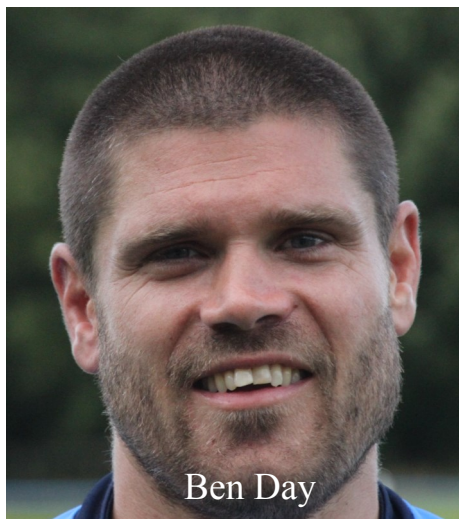


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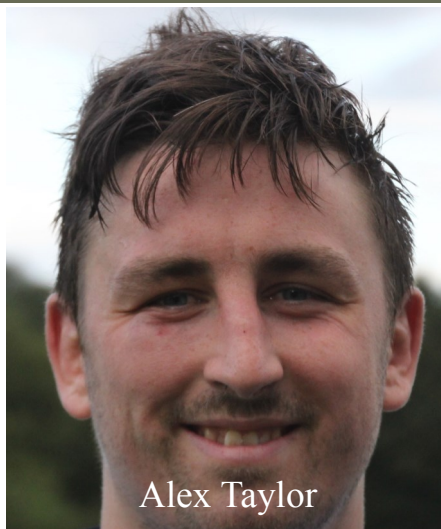
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Fraser Crawford	<b>Performance Acoustics</b>	Kieran O'Rourke	<b>Jon Hitch</b>
Ben Day	<b>Chris George</b>	Mike Parker	<b>Brooks Ltd</b>
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Ben Day



Alex Taylor

# Nick Jones

This week 'On the Trail' caught up with Wilmslow Wolves 2019/20 season Captain; Robert Taylor. The Taylor family have been an integral part of The Wolves for many years, brother Alex on the back row, and Rob 'mixing-it' up front, demonstrating 'The dark arts' at prop, both fiercely competitive guys, leading The Wolves pack by example, mum Gill encouraging the boys from the terraces...



Rob, Congratulations on your appointment as Captain, Could you summarise your personal 'rugby journey' to date and your key experience's here at Wolves?

I have been at Wilmslow since I was 6 years old, growing up watching the first team on a Saturday and playing on a Sunday, I played at School with quite a few of the lads, including Alex and to be asked to be Captain this season was a huge honour for me and something I am very proud of.

What have been some of the 'Highs' and 'Lows'?

Winning the Cheshire cup and the 'Cock of the north' trophy as a junior were amazing but nothing can beat gaining promotion in the last minute in the Play off. A low for me would have to be finishing bottom of the league last season. Despite playing some good rugby.. the irony is we really came together as a team.. we all supported each other and realised what was needed to do to compete at the next level... we really came on as a team and supported each other. Against adversity we played some great hard rugby, everyone had the right attitude and this experience will stand us in good stead for the new season.

.... and of course the funniest ?

I would have to say some of our bus journeys have been legendary but I will spare the details ...what goes on tour stays on tour.. and the penalty for telling tales can be quite severe with these boys !

Who are the coaches, players, & teammates that inspired you most?

I was always inspired by my Dad who was a prop himself, then my junior coaches Rick Noden and Mark Shotton who always encouraged us to enjoy ourselves whilst maintaining that hunger to win every game...I've still got that instilled in me ... and I want to encourage others to do the same .. Finally Rick Jones who led us to promotion and made me vice-captain at 21 years old.. big responsibility. I've been here a few years with my brother, I like the competitive team ethos to keep going, never stop !! and how all the lads support each other. We have something unique and I'm very proud to be part of it.

What expectation does The Wolves Captain, have from his team-mates?

Never to take a step backwards, We have shown that we can play a fast exciting brand of attacking rugby, I want us to be able to combine a rock solid physical defence with a clinical attack... Were getting there .. and I'm looking forward to working with the new coaching team this year. I want all the lads to enjoy their game and can guarantee them that, the more they put in ... at training and at games.. then the more they will get out at Wolves #WWIMH !

What do you feel is the most important personal attribute required to be successful in the team?

Resilience is key for me. The teams in this league are all very competitive, you're never going to have it your own way, so we must be able to stem a team's momentum, keep calm under pressure and be able to take our opportunities when they come. Cool heads win points !

What's the hardest challenge you've ever faced?

Having to write a 12,000-word dissertation at Uni was pretty tough, but thanks to 500 cups of coffee, (Odd glass of Beer!) some very late nights and the support of some very willing people and I was able to get through it.

Your Favourite Film and Quote ?

Batman – The Dark Knight Rises

"You don't owe these people anymore, you've given them everything"

"Not Everything. Not yet."

And after Wilmslow... What's your Favourite Rugby team?

I am a huge International rugby fan so England but, in the premiership, I'm a proud Bath fan like my father before me.

Rob, Thanks for your insight, thank goodness your dad brought you two boys to Wolves and not elsewhere .. very much our gain! ... Enjoy your season as Skipper!



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Stockport 22 – 29 Wilmslow**

**North 1 West**

This was another nail biter of a game between these two well matched old rivals, which went right to the wire. As you would expect, it was a tousy sort of a match with no shortage of incident, whether fair, foul or feisty. In a frantic finish, Stockport laid siege to the Wilmslow line as they tried everything they knew to salvage a match saving score. Both sides made errors in these tense last few minutes but the Wolves just managed to hold on to take another five league points.

On an agreeable late summer afternoon, Stockport were first out of the blocks. They forced the Wilmslow receivers into an error right from the kick off and from the ensuing scrum, a gap quickly opened up in Wilmslow's defensive line through which Stockport scrum half Rory Austin sped away without any hand being laid on him for the opening score in less than a minute. For the next fifteen minutes or so, Stockport's rugby was nearly fault free as they retained possession with accurate passing and support of the ball carriers. Wilmslow had at least two narrow escapes during this period but they couldn't do anything about left winger Dudley Southern's try on the ten minute mark to put Stockport 12-0 to the good.

Of course, it couldn't last and the Wolves eventually got their hands on the ball from a turnover. Stockport started to play like mere mortals and the Wolves began to create their own opportunities. From a penalty lineout, centre Mark Jennings was ruled to be held up over the line but soon after from a scrum ten metres or so out in front of the Stockport posts, crisp passing on the narrow side released scrum half Sean Street for the Wolves first try. It was nip and tuck for a while after that but Wilmslow seemed now to be creating the better chances. 'The only

reason, we're not winning this game, bawled Bob MacCallum to his team mates, is that we're making too many careless mistakes and not taking our chances.' It wasn't until the last play of the half, when No. 8 Alex Taylor caught the Stockport defence in two minds as he broke from a scrum twenty metres out to run in the score, which put the Wolves 14-12 ahead at the break. Two more scores followed in the third quarter. First Adam Taher broke from a catch and drive to touch down in the corner and then moments later from the restart, MacCallum, playing at full back, found space to split the Stockport defence and to time his pass to Jonny Kennedy for the centre to run in from halfway.

Stockport looked down and out as the Wolves advanced again from the restart but this time they forced a turnover in the tackle and from a penalty lineout a few moments later, their forwards drove to put substitute Jordan Pearson in for their third try. They kept possession for the next few phases and



# League Round Up

Still too soon to draw any firm conclusions about the relative strengths of this season's N1W sides.

Top of the table Penrith got a comprehensive win last week against the new boys from the Cumbrian League Keswick. Two seasons ago St. Benedicts from Whitehaven found themselves out of their depth at this level and eventually were expelled from the league for failing to complete all their matches. It didn't help their cause that their pitch was virtually unplayable for most of that season. It's a big jump from the Cumbrian League to Level 6 so we'll just have to see what continues to unfold. Keswick today are visiting Broughton Park and I fancy that they'll find that a tough assignment.

Penrith meanwhile entertain Stockport and second placed Altrincham Kersal go to Burnage. Neither of these matches are easy to forecast. Elsewhere Birkenhead Park, Firwood Waterloo and Vale of Lune are all clubs that could emerge from the pack.

## Keswick 10 - 39 Penrith

There was never much doubt about the way this one was going to go. Penrith ran in six tries and from their correspondent's account, they could have had a barrel load more. Keswick never through in the towel but the game was well won and lost by the time they kicked a penalty and got a late consolation try. Even then Penrith had the final word.

Against Waterloo the previous week, they had started brightly to go ten points ahead in as many minutes, then suffered a relapse to trail at the interval before taking charge in the second half.



## Vale of Lune 28 - 18 Warrington

After surprisingly losing at home the week before, Vale got their season back on track with their first win since January. There was an impressive debut for young fly half Callum Grieve, who converted all four of Vale's tries.. Vale were made to work hard for their success, which they only secured in the final minutes when scrum half Billy Swarbrick crossed. Their other tries came from Al Crookall, Jack Ayrton and Andy Powers. Warrington kicked two penalties and then brought it back to a three point game with two third quarter tries when Vale were down to just fourteen on the pitch.

## Altrincham Kersal 31—17 Birkenhead Park

AK were always in front in this one. Three early tries put them 19-0 ahead before Park came back with two of their own and a penalty to reduce the margin to two points. J P Singleton, however, restored AK's lead with their fourth try and with five minutes to go Micah Dyos got their fifth.. A good win for AK.

## Northwich 24 - 20 Burnage

In perfect conditions at Moss Farm, Northwich and Burnage went right to the wire. Northwich welcomed Nick Baldwin and Scott Davidson back to the fold but had to adjust slightly as Matt Poste (and Martin Poste) was attending a family wedding. Richard Hart stepped in at scrum half and Shaun Burmah came in following the late withdrawal of Dave Ellis due to injury. Burnage drove the blacks backwards in the opening scrum, won possession and went through the phases for an opening try. In the early stages, it was all Burnage and on the 18th minute they extended their lead with a penalty for a deliberate knock on. Two minutes later the blacks started to put some phases together and when Burnage were penalised, Barber took a quick tap penalty for Northwich's first try. Burnage were still in the game though and after 24 minutes scored a fine on the back of a good line out. with some smart handling. The extras were added and a 10 point margin created. An exchange of penalties left it 10-20 at half time. The second half saw Northwich build some continuity to their game. Hart scored from a dominant scrum and on 68 minutes, they got their noses in front as Barber got to a loose ball and touched down for what turned out to be the winning score..



























Pictures from Birkenhead Park 35—20 Northwich on 7th. September



# RUGBY WORLD CUP 2019

## @ WILMSLOW RUGBY CLUB

Sat 21/9	10.45	New Zealand v South Africa	 
Sun 22/9	08.45	Ireland v Scotland	 
	11.15	England v Tonga	 
Sat 28/9	08.15	Japan v Ireland	 
	10.45	South Africa v Namibia	 
Sun 29/9	08.45	Australia v Wales	 
Sat 5/10	09.00	England v Argentina	 
	11.30	Japan v Samoa	 
Sat 12/10	09.15	England v France	 
	11.45	Ireland v Samoa	 
Sun 13/10	09.15	Wales v Uruguay	 
	11.45	Japan v Scotland	 

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then with sufficient time still on the clock, they opted for three points from a penalty to make it a four point game. Unfortunately for them, they then got penalised at the breakdown and MacCallum planted his kick close to the Stockport line. The Wolves forwards couldn't get their catch and drive going and the ball was released into midfield where the Stockport defenders strayed offside. MacCallum took the points on offer to restore a seven point lead. The Wolves should really have cleared their lines from the restart but they allowed the Stockport forwards to steal the ball and for the remaining minutes it was it all hands to the pumps to keep the Wilmslow ship from going down. In their eagerness, Stockport were penalised several times for offside and breakdown offences, which eventually enabled MacCallum to put the ball out of play for no side.

Coach Chris Jones would have had plenty to have been pleased about, not least a hard fought win. The return of Jonny Kennedy to partner Mark Jennings in the centre added an extra dimension to the Wolves midfield play, even though the dangerous duo were in the main well marshalled by their Stockport opposites. Ethan Harding moved into the No. 10 spot and hardly put a foot wrong, whilst MacCallum at full back seemed to revel in the extra time and space he enjoyed there. Up front, the forwards generally held their own even though, the Stockport pack seemed to just have the edge in the scrum, without ever gaining much advantage from this. The Wolves lineout was an improvement on the previous fortnight but still not quite functioning as well as it could be, especially in catch and drive situations. Do the coaches need to work on the forwards' body positions? There were still too many relatively unforced handling errors in close play, probably caused by impatience as much as anything else, and the restart needs to be worked on but the biggest improvement was at the breakdown where there was a big reduction in the penalty count against the Wolves. Clearly, this wasn't by chance as you could hear MacCallum from full back regularly barking out instructions to his forwards to keep their hands off the ball. The best back row forwards have an uncanny knack of knowing when to go for the turnover, normally when a ball carrier becomes isolated, and when to let the opposition have it. The impact though of MacCallum's on field coaching from full back should not be under estimated.





## SPECTATOR AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Show respect for officials and other players
- Encourage in your support
- Be courteous to all
- Applaud good play
- Verbally support in a proactive manner
- Remember victory is not everything
- Children are playing for their own enjoyment
- Enjoy the day and transmit that enthusiasm to the players



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- Do not stray on to the pitch at any time
- Do not verbally abuse match officials - remember, they are volunteers
- Do not verbally abuse players or other spectators
- Do not use bad language
- Do not threaten or intimidate
- Do not become involved in physical aggression
- Do not do anything which is likely to offend by way of insult, humiliation or discrimination



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**NEXT MATCH AT THE MEMORIAL  
GROUND  
5th. October  
North 1 West  
Wolves v Altrincham Kersal**

Next week, the Wolves are away at Penrith

PENRITH RUFC, WINTERS PARK, PENRITH,  
CA11 8RQ

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## TODAY'S REFEREE

**Andrew Irvine  
MDRURS**

**Wolves Saturday afternoon kick off  
times at The Memorial Ground will be  
at 3.00pm. throughout the season**



**Saturday 21st. September 2019  
North 1 West  
Wilmslow v Northwich**

### Wilmslow

15. Ben Day
14. James Coulthurst
13. Ethan Harding
12. Mark Jennings
11. Sam Cutts
10. Bob MacCallum
9. Sean Street
1. Mike Parker
2. Robert Taylor (capt.)
3. Adam Taher
4. Matthew Shufflebottom
5. Adam Hewitt
6. Seb Pemberton
7. Danny Kennedy
8. Alex Taylor

### Subs

Rhodri Lewis  
George Witham  
Ollie Lee

### Northwich

15. Joel Barber
14. Sam Kania
13. Sam Naylor
12. Scott Davidson
11. Tom Husbands
10. Nick Baldwin
9. Matthew Poste (capt.)
1. Mike Bradshaw
2. Fraser Dodd
3. Mark Thompson
4. Chris Heywood
5. Patrick Fray
6. Mike Gough
7. Shaun Burmah
8. Jack Baillie

### Subs

Joe Laddie  
Richard Hart  
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