

## Fixtures and Results 2019 - 20

### Wolves North 1 West

September 7	BURNAGE
14	Stockport
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
NORTHWICH
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**  
**BURNAGE**



Welcome to Wilmslow Rugby Club for the first home match of the 2019-20 season. Today we have the first of what will be 12 local derbies in North West One against Burnage and I'm certainly looking forward to local rugby after all the travelling we had last season.

We said goodbye to the North Premier League at the end of last season and also to our coach, Rick Jones who has returned to his original club, Macclesfield as forwards coach. We thank Rick for all of his hard work at the club over the past 8 years and wish him well in his new role.

We are delighted to introduce our new coaching team led by head coach, Chris Jones, who really needs no introduction as he started with the club in the minis and juniors, graduating through to the first team, becoming first team captain. Chris moved on to Macclesfield to play for 10 years at a higher level before returning last season to Wilmslow. Also joining the coaching team as a player coach is former Sale Shark, Mark Jennings who will be a great addition to our backs division. Making up the coaching team is the evergreen, Rick Hughes who looks like he will continue his playing career into his 60's!!

The pre-season training has been hard and the guys are looking good, running out 69-17 winners against Anselmians last week in the Cheshire Vase competition. However, despite scoring 11 tries last week there are a number of areas where the coaching team are tightening up. It was exciting to see Jamie Kingdon making his debut for Wolves and scoring 3 tries. The lads are all looking forward to the new season and having had a taste of the North Premier league last season, the squad are keen to seek promotion again this season.

Our opponents today will provide much stiffer opposition than Anselmians did last week. I recall Burnage beating us the last time we played in March 2018 so we need to be on our game today.

I am pleased to see that the extensive refurbishment work on the Bar Cellar throughout the Summer is just about complete. I am told that no work has been carried out on the cellar since 1958 so it's no wonder that Rusty and Keith are celebrating!!

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who turned out during the close season to paint, tidy up the grounds and refurbish the changing rooms. Everything is looking fantastic for the start of the season. It was great to see the players all rolling their sleeves up and getting stuck in although Pudsie's BBQ food dint take long to devour!

Thanks also to Bryn and Maurice, the pitches are looking superb.

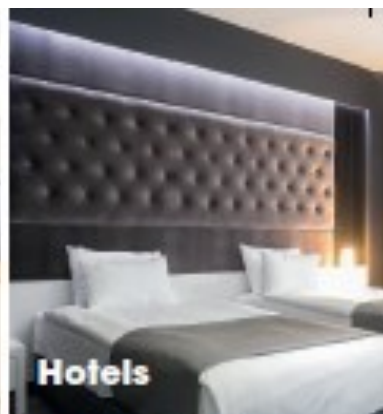
We welcome back the Minis and Juniors tomorrow for their first training session and no doubt to learn the new laws introduced by the RFU. Please note that kit sponsors O'Neills are offering a 10% discount on new kit orders. This offer expires on September 16<sup>th</sup> so don't delay.

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September 8	Caldy	February 2	Southport
15	LITTLEBOROUGH	9	CALDY
22	Sefton	16	
29		23	
October 6	ALDWINIANS	March 1	
13	Whitchurch	8	
20		15	
27		22	
		29	
November 3		April 5	
10		12	
17	SOUTHPORT	19	
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## League Reorganisation

As is usual the league organising committee has thrown up a number of oddities. Kendal will be plying their trade in North 1 East this season, which I guess will have been good news for either us or Northwich, who could well have been Midlands bound otherwise.. We will miss the visit to their palatial premises at Mint Bridge. Penrith are another one who tend to hop about between the North East and North West leagues, This season, it's again North 1 West for them.

I also note that the league below ours has been renamed North 2 West and below them come the Cheshire and Lancashire Leagues 1 and 2.. So the pyramid in the North West ends at Level 9.

Partly this is because 24 Lancashire clubs have set up their own ring fenced Lancashire league, outwith the RFU structure. Aldwinians, Didsbury Toc H, Fleetwood., LSH, Widnes, West Park, Heaton Moor and Wigan have all opted for this set up. Add to this all those clubs who have opted for the North West Intermediate structure and that's at least three dozen clubs, who don't play in the RFU leagues.

## Opting Out

There are also those sides, such as our 3rd. team, if we're going to have one, who have withdrawn from the leagues altogether to play 'social' rugby on an as and when basis.

The tide appears to be going out as far as the popularity of the leagues are concerned. Our own second team couldn't complete its programme at the end of last season and got kicked out of their league. Despite a reasonable playing record up to then, they still found themselves relegated two leagues.

Is there a case, one wonders, for reverting to the less punitive merit table system, at least for 2nd, 3rd. and 4th. teams, where, if you have to miss a few games because of player non-availability, you don't get drummed out of the league with nowhere to go..

Thirty years ago, Wilmslow were able to put out six sides every weekend. Those were the halcyon days for numbers who wanted a game at Wilmslow but back then clubs, such as Knutsford, Holmes Chapel, Congleton, Marple and no doubts others as well didn't exist. The traditional after match craic also became less attractive as 'drink and drive' and 'after match team baths' were discontinued by the HIV scare. Together, it's curtailed a lot of the fun and inhibited players from travelling too far from home.

There will still be a few of us around who will recall 'Leslie's last Bath' at some club (I don't remember which one) somewhere in Lancashire where copious amounts of Black Velvet were consumed in the steaming murky waters of the bath after the game. Jugs of Guinness emerged frequently from the club bar to be topped up with champagne that some thoughtful Wilmslow player must have brought with him. Dave Leslie was sent off to his new job in Holland with fond memories of his Wilmslow team mates. Fears of HIV put an end to all of that, it couldn't happen today and the game of rugby is the poorer for it

## Amendments to the Laws

The first change that you may spot are in the scrums. Last month World Rugby announced that the practice of 'axial loading' - when front rows place the crown of their heads on the shoulders of opponents between the 'bind' and 'set' calls - will be banned to safeguard against possible neck injuries. In fact, all the proposed changes have safety, player welfare and injury

prevention at their core. The new scrummaging law has been applied this summer in the elite Southern hemisphere game.

Other amendments to be trialled, they're not yet laws, include:

1. a ban on tackles above the waist, with the intention that it should become law by 2021.
2. the introduction of a 50:22 kick, with a team being awarded a lineout if a kick from their own half goes indirectly into touch. The intention is to force defences back to cover the kicks and consequently to open up space in midfield. Not competing at the breakdown and putting 14 players into the defensive line could become outdated.
3. A goal line drop out will be awarded to the defending team when an attacking team is deemed to be held up over the try line. At present the attacking team is awarded a scrum but the intention is to reward effective defence and to speed up play.
4. There is a proposal to cap the number of offences that a team can commit without incurring an automatic yellow card. What the cap could be is still undecided.
5. A facility for officials to review a yellow card and to upgrade it to a red card during an offenders sin bin period.

## Premiership

The observant amongst you will no doubt have noticed that the Premiership season doesn't start until 19th. October and runs on well into June.

Just another example of how the elite professional game continues to diverge from the community game.

Presumably, next season with no World Cup it will revert to a September start to avoid clashing with the autumn internationals. Or will it?

## Rugby World Cup

The organising committee has announced that there will be eight judicial chairs, one of whom will be former Wilmslow captain Mike Hamlin.. Just go the madref site for the full story.

That makes two people with connections to this club, getting to Japan at no cost. The other, of course, is Hamish Watson, the Scotland No. 7.

Nick Jones watches  
Ethan Harding and  
the Rowe brothers at  
Wilmslow Cricket  
Club

# Vikings and Colts

Division 2 South 2019-20

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Altrincham Kersal Cougars									
Anselmians 2									
Crewe & Nantwich									
Didsbury Toc H									
Helsby									
Holmes Chapel									
Liverpool Collegiate									
LSH									
Lymm Eagles									
Manchester									
Moore									
Northwich									
Widnes									
Wilmslow									

Senior Colts Conference League - C 2019 -20

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	+/-	Pts
Aldwinians									
Caldy									
Littleborough									
Sefotn									
Southport									
Whitchurch									
Wilmslow									

## Cheshire Cup Draws 2019 -20

Cup	Vase	The Cheshire Cup will be contested between Macclesfield and Sale
Caldy v Wirral	Losers of Cald y Wirral	
Sandbach v Macclesfield	v Birkenhead Park	
	Losers of Sandbach v Macclesfield v	
2nd. Round	Northwich	The last four in the Vase are Altrincham Kersal, Birkenhead Park, Sandbach and Wilmslow
Caldy or Wirral v Sale	Wilmslow v Anselmians	
Sandbach or Macclesfield v Chester	Bowdon v Altrincham	
	Kersal	
Bowl	Plate	
Hoylake v New Brighton	Winners of Wallasey v	
Dukinfield v Ellesmere	Port Sunlight v	
Port	Southern Nomads	
Winnington Park v	Oldershaw v Douglas 2	
Crewe & Nantwich	Knutsford v Prenton	
Congleton v Marple	Parkonians v Helsby	

Wilmslow Cricket Club, known as The Squirrels, presumably because there are so many of them in the trees around their Rectory Fields ground, play in Division 2 of the Cheshire Cricket League.

With two matches still to play, tomorrow away at Middlewich and then the following week at home against Stretton, they are placed eleventh in what has become a twelve club league. Two sides appear to have withdrawn during the season and the team below them is a fair way behind so their place in this league looks more or less assured for next season.

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## Burnage RFC

Of all our neighbouring clubs, Burnage is the one that we have played least at 1st. team level. In fact we never came up against each other until December 2007 and since then only eight more matches have been played. Consequently, when they do appear on the fixture list, there is not quite the same resonance and echoes from history that there would be if it were Stockport, Manchester or Broughton Park that we were playing. Part of the reason has been that until the mid 'noughties' Burnage were classed as a North Lancs and Cumbrian side, whilst, of course, clubs such as Leigh, Rochdale and Wigan came into the South Lancs and Cheshire set up alongside Wilmslow. Quite how the brains of the RFU organising committee worked that one out is a study in itself. Someone must have eventually had a map put in front of them and then discovered that Varley Park was in fact situated in the borough of Stockport, so they were transferred to the SLC leagues from 2007/08. With regular long distance hauls to furthest Cumbria now a thing of the past, they presumably became more attractive to play for, Their fortunes immediately improved and for a while in 2011/12 to 2016 they played at Level 5.



Wilmslow won the inaugural game by 32-12 and went on to win the SLC1 league that season. They then had to play the last fixture of the season at Varley Park and got properly beaten by a Burnage side, which against all the odds then went on to lose a play off fixture against Rossendale.

In the late autumn of 2010, Wilmslow were well beaten on the artificial pitch at Varley Park by 42-18. Burnage were on a run, unbeaten at that stage, and gave the Wilmslow pack a good going over but it took two very late converted tries to pull them away. In the Wilmslow ranks that day were Elliot Brierley, Chris Lillee, Matthew King and Ryan Parkinson and it was the likes of them that had kept Wilmslow in touch. Parkinson had left to go to Macclesfield by the time the return was played in February 2011 and Burnage were still clear at the top of the table with sixteen wins from eighteen matches and only one loss against Northwich. The stats though only told part of the story, of convincing wins at home and wins away from home by only single score margins. They arrived favourites for another one of those but on the day, Wilmslow produced their best performance of the season to run out winners by 23-9 with tries from Danny Kennedy, Chris Lillee and Ricky Chadwick. Of those three only Danny Kennedy is still playing here. The result sent Altrincham Kersal to the top with Burnage dropping back to second position, which is where both sides finished at the end of that season. Burnage then won their play off for an extended stay at level 5.



Two seasons ago, they'd been something of an enigma, winning matches you expected them to lose and losing some that you thought would go their way. November's game with Wilmslow was a close fought affair on a wintry afternoon, which Wilmslow held on to win by

just two points. Burnage had a late penalty chance to win it but the heavens opened to spit down volleys of hail stones just as their kicker was teeing up his effort and in the storm his effort went wide. When they came here in March 2018, they threw a bloody good spanner into the Wilmslow works by deservedly running out winners by 33-29. It was Wilmslow's ninth loss of the season but they then won all their remaining games to finish second in the table and after winning the play off at Driffield moved up to Level 5 for a season. Burnage, meanwhile, finished eleventh in this league last season with twelve wins from twenty six, which was only just enough to stay up and to send Manchester down to North 2 West.



Pictures from Wilmslow v Burnage  
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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



19th. October 3.00pm  
GLOUCESTER

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

## Saturday Suppers after Rugby

It's still just about summer, so let's start with something simple which has a Mediterranean influence.

### SICILIAN CHICKEN WITH ORANGE SALAD

Chicken fillets or thighs, olive oil, 2 chopped garlic cloves or garlic puree, seasoning, thyme, orange zest.

Brush the chicken fillets or thighs with all the other ingredients. Simply grate a whole orange for the zest. Leave to marinate for a couple of hours or even longer. Either fry or griddle until browned on both sides, then finish in the oven.

For the orange salad; Peel the orange and cut horizontally into segments. Mix with a radicchio lettuce or other lettuce leaves, sliced red onion, sliced fennel and black olives, chopped parsley and/or basil leaves. Make a dressing from 1 tbsp. red wine vinegar, 1 tbsp. orange juice, seasoning, 5 tbsp. olive oil and a 1tbsp of Dijon mustard.

Dress the salad just before serving the chicken with either saute or Lyonnaise potatoes.

Lyonnaise potatoes are essentially sauté potatoes with a browned chopped onion, a tsp of sugar, splash of vinegar, splash of Dijon mustard, and a tsp of thyme and seasoning all stirred together at a moderate heat in a frying pan..

We'll have an Italian red wine with this. You could try a Sicilian Nero d'Avola or from further north a Tuscan Sangiovese, otherwise known as Chianti, or a Nebbiola from Piedmont. On the shelves that'll be called Barbaresco or Barolo. Dolcetta is another softer red wine from Piedmont. They're all very good medium bodied wines but they will cost about a tenner or even more for a good example. There's also a very drinkable Nero d'Avola in Aldi for not a lot of money.

If you want a 'dolce' afterwards, then here's a recipe for Tiramisu.

### TIRAMISU

500G Mascarpone, 4 eggs separated, 100g sugar, 200g sponge fingers (readily available in Sainsburys), 250ml espresso coffee, 50ml Amaretto, Cocoa powder.

Whisk together the egg yolks and sugar in a bowl over a pan of boiling water until thick and creamy. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until they form peaks. Fold in the mascarpone and add the egg yolk mixture.. Pour the coffee and amaretto into a shallow dish into which you dip the fingers so they are soaked but not soggy. To assemble, place a layer of fingers in a serving bowl, cover with half the mixture, add another layer of fingers and mixture. Sprinkle over the cocoa powder and allow to set for at least three hours. This is one with which to wow the girls!

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## NORTH 1 WEST 2018-19

### HOW IT FINISHED

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	B Pts	Adj
Carlisle	26	21	1	4	832	454	378	<b>105</b>	19	0
Blackburn	26	19	1	6	710	426	284	<b>100</b>	21	0
Birkenhead Park	26	17	0	9	694	546	148	<b>83</b>	15	0
Northwich	25	15	2	8	685	595	90	<b>78</b>	14	0
Broughton Park	26	15	2	9	617	414	203	<b>74</b>	10	0
Douglas (I.O.M.)	26	14	0	12	584	538	46	<b>71</b>	15	0
Stockport	26	13	0	13	684	619	65	<b>70</b>	18	0
Firwood Waterloo	26	12	0	14	642	560	82	<b>67</b>	19	0
Warrington	26	12	1	13	642	587	55	<b>66</b>	16	0
Penrith	26	10	2	14	694	755	-61	<b>66</b>	22	0
Burnage	26	12	0	14	681	709	-28	<b>65</b>	17	0
Manchester	26	11	1	14	657	674	-17	<b>62</b>	16	0
Anselmians	26	3	0	23	336	889	-553	<b>11</b>	4	-5
De La Salle (Salford)	25	2	0	23	258	950	-692	<b>9</b>	6	-5

#### THIS WEEK'S OTHER MATCHES

**Birkenhead Park v  
Northwich**

**Broughton Park v  
Bowdon**

**Douglas (IOM) v  
Warrington**

**Penrith v Firwood  
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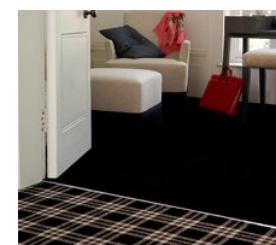
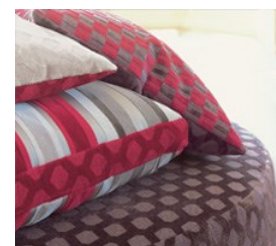
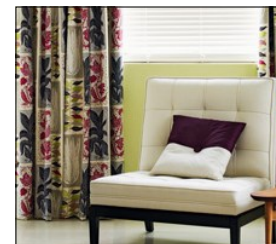
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Altrincham Kersal		14/9	19/10	28/3	11/1	14/12	29/2	9/11	28/9	23/11	14/3	18/4	8/2	1/2
Birkenhead Park	4/1		18/1	9/11	4/4	14/3	5/10	8/2	7/9	29/2	19/10	23/11	21/9	7/12
Bowdon	15/2	28/9		18/4	1/2	14/9	14/3	23/11	12/10	14/12	28/3	11/1	26/10	7/3
Broughton Park	7/12	7/3	7/9		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	7/9	26/10
Firwood Waterloo	26/10	1/2	16/11	14/9	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	14/9	18/4	1/2	16/11	4/4
Northwich	18/1	18/4	8/2	23/11	14/9	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	7/9	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	7/9	7/3	11/1		12/10	21/3	14/9
Vale of Lune	7/9	21/3	21/9	29/2	7/12	9/11	18/1	5/10	4/4	19/10	8/2		4/1	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	7/9	29/2	23/11	14/12	21/9	18/1	4/1	14/3	19/10	

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Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 Cheshire Vase  
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The Wolves finally found the pace of this Cheshire Vase match much more to their taste than anything they found themselves facing last season in the exalted Northern Premier League. Most of the players, who last season found themselves off the pace, looked sharp and fit for this opening match of the 2019 -20 campaign.

It was a pleasing start for new coach Chris Jones, who learnt his rugby in the Wilmslow mini and junior sections. He then played several seasons of senior rugby at the club before moving to Macclesfield for a distinguished ten year playing career. Commenting on his first game in charge, he said 'it wasn't perfect but eleven tries will do nicely. At times, we were clinical with ball in hand and we took our opportunities. If we didn't appear to retain the ball for long periods that was because we frequently broke the Anselmians defensive line off just a handful of passes with very few phases. The players have been working hard in preseason training, the attitude and vibes have been good and it showed in this game, which was a real team effort. They looked keen, full of confidence and most importantly have got themselves fit.'

After a scrappy start by both sides, Wilmslow had four tries in the bank within fifteen minutes. Newcomer Mark Jennings at No. 12 scored the opening try after about five minutes. This was followed by a debutant try for No. 11 Jamie Kingdon, who went on to get a hat trick. The mercurial scrum half Sean Street was next on the score sheet and he too ended up with three tries. Ethan Harding at No.13 and hooker Tommy Wilkinson shared two tries each. The second Wilkinson try came from a catch and drive when Wilmslow had two players in the bin and only thirteen on the pitch.

Anselmians for their part had much more of the game than the score would suggest. For long periods in the second and third quarters, they had plenty of possession deep in the Wilmslow half of the field to score three tries. Generally though, they lacked the craft and pace to break down an obdurate Wolves defence, despite being awarded nearly three times the number of penalties that came Wilmslow's way. In fact without the referee's decisions in their favour and three Yellow Cards against the Wolves, it's questionable whether they would have scored more than once. The consensus before and after is that they will become a much better team as the season proceeds and they get a couple more matches under their belt. Their mistakes were severely punished by the Wolves who were particularly lethal with turnover ball, won in their own half of the field. And then the Anselmians ran out of puff as the final quarter approached to allow Wilmslow to run away with it for five unanswered tries.

Next week, there will be a far harder test against Burnage, who beat the Wolves on their last visit in March 2018. Jones knows he's still got plenty to work on. The restarts were not always dealt with as well as they could have been, the penalty count against his team was far too high and some loose play was responsible for the Anselmians kick and chase try in the second half. Nevertheless there was much for him to savour. So far, so good!

Wolves Players, Appearances and Point Scorers 2019 - 20						
	Appearance	Tries	Drop Goals	Penalties	Conversions	Points
Jordan Ayrey	1					
James Coulthurst	1					
Sam Cutts	1					
Ben Day	1					
Ethan Harding	1	2				10
Adam Hewitt	1					
Mark Jennings	1	1				5
Jamie Kingdon	1	3				15
Sam Lawton	1					
Bob MacCallum	1				6	12
Jack Masters	1					
Mike Parker	1					
Seb Pemberton	1					
Roger Shufflebottom	1					
Loui Staples	1					
Sean Street	1	3				15
Adam Taher	1					
Alex Taylor	1					
Robert Taylor	1					
Tommy Wilkinson	1	2				10



As I enter my 63rd season at Wilmslow Rugby Club, I am delighted that we are back playing many of our old friends, having been travelling to all parts north last season. If we add up the mileage of our eight away games against Burnage, Bowden, Broughton Park, Stockport, A/K, Northwich, Warrington and Waterloo, we are still 65 miles short of a trip to Alnwick.



It will be interesting to see how newly promoted to Northern Premier, Carlisle and Blackburn, cope with the bigger, stronger and faster teams in North Premier and to see if we can put into practice what we have learned from playing these teams. I understand that Blackburn only just lost to Preston Grasshoppers, so they may well succeed at that level, but there is no news about Carlisle.

Much has been happening at the club during the close season. Members may not know that there is an oil pipeline, from Hull to the airport, under the Under 7's pitch. It is X-rayed every year and this year they found a leak. You will be able to see the finishing touches of the work, part way through the new turf laying, but a month ago, they had to dig eight metres down to get to the pipe. It was not an easy dig, as there were no pitches there until the committee in the 1960's decided to infill with rubble; tons of it. How times have changed; we paid to take the rubble!

That cost us no money, but we needed to bring the 1959 beer cellar up to date and this cost a considerable amount, as was the provision of a new boiler. Not only did we have to pay for the jobs, but there was no income from the bar for a month. I have been assured that everything will be back to normal today.

As it was in 1957, I still get excited at the start of a new season, not only locally, but the imminent arrival of the World Cup. I would love to have gone to Japan, but my Japanese is not up to much and a Rugby Travel tour costs around £11,000.00. It will be much better on the television, even if one has to get up early. Not too early, however, for the first England game; 11.15 against Tonga on the 22nd September.



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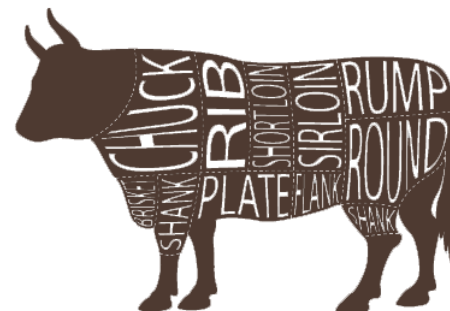
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Chris Jones



Seb Pemberton

This week On the Trail's Nick Jones caught up with Wilmslow Wolves New Head Coach , A man who really needs no introduction in these quarters, a fiercely competitive ,tenacious back row forward , well-known to many at The Memorial Ground from his many appearances and winning performances, alongside the many friends; Chris Jones (AKA; 'C J' & Jonah ).

# The New Jonah



## Chris, Welcome once more !..Tell me about your rugby journey leading to The Head Coach at Wilmslow Wolves?

I Started out in the U6's at Wilmslow, scored in my debut game against Manchester, on the second team pitch and was hooked!! I remember it clearly!! progressing through the junior teams, with my first senior rugby game for Wilmslow 2's against Blackpool, home advantage and memorable because I scored 5 tries !. My debut for Wilmslow Wolves 1<sup>st</sup> Team occurred shortly after, an Away fixture at Vagabonds I.O.M at 17yrs old, loved it !... I then had the opportunity at 18yrs to play a season in New Zealand and met up with a couple of former Wilmslow players Dave Hall – Who went on to play for the Highlanders in 'Super-Rugby' and Gav McDermott.. I had a great time, I then returned a bit wiser a bit quicker sill learning and continued to play for the 1st team, regularly

travelling back from Winchester University at weekend for the team. I was rewarded with the Captaincy of the first team 2005-07, a truly great privilege and honour. I gave it everything leading from the front, it's how I am! I played with some great guys at Wilmslow, too many to mention... My last game was Away v Winnington Park, before moving on to play National 1 and 2 with our local friends (and rivals !) Macclesfield, where I played with another great bunch for 10 years, also coaching the squad, grabbing the opportunity to returned 'home' to Wilmslow last season as a player, but an injury in the 3rd game finished my season! when Rick Jones moved back to Coach his 'home club', I immediately threw my hat into the ring for the Head Coach role at mine !. I was hugely honoured to get appointed this season. Wilmslow is in my DNA ... #VVWIMH !!

## What are the 'Highs' and 'Lows' of your rugby journey ?

**Highs** - Captaining Wilmslow 1st XV, undoubtedly being appointed Head Coach at Wilmslow RUFC, Playing at Twickenham, Gaining National 1 promotion with Macclesfield at Darlington, and meeting so many great people through our great rugby game who remain life-long friends !

**Lows** - All the injuries!! .. particularly breaking my leg against Ealing and taking 18 months to get back on the pitch .. **and the funniest?** ow That'd be telling !! It's fair to say the funniest moments have all taken place off the pitch and a good few hours after the game.

## Who are the Coaches / Players / Teammates that have inspired you?

Martin Forshaw - Coached me from U6's through to Colts and went above and beyond to make sure I never missed out on Cheshire trials or opportunities and set me on the path to where I am today. Al McLennan – Big Al captained me in the 1st XV and someone who really looked after me when I was just a youngster, someone unique who I really respected and tried to emulate when I was fortunate to become captain. Phil Carr - One of the hardest blokes I ever played with but also one of the nicest. I played in the centres with Phil for years and he always looked out for me on and off the pitch. Geoff Wappett - Coached me at Macc and someone who I played my best rugby under. Pushed and challenged me each week and who you always knew where you stood with him „good or bad !  
Jonah Lomu – No words needed... What a player and my absolute hero !

## What are the principles that guide you as a Coach?

Honesty, Hard-work, Respect, Manners, and Play for each other and the club

## What words does the The Wilmslow Head Coach painted on the changing room wall to inspire his team?

Honesty, Effort, Body Language, Attitude, Passion, Pride, Trust, Family!

## The Hardest thing you've ever done ?

Getting back onto the rugby pitch months after shattering my tib and fib into about 10 pieces... And next April when I run the Manchester marathon!

## Favourite Film and Quote

Film - Platoon

Quote - Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts (Winston Churchill)

## After Wilmslow, Your Favourite Rugby team

1997 Lions team in South Africa

Thanks Chris, Congratulations on your appointment and all the best for a great season !

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10. Bob MacCallum
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13. Joe Wrigley
12. Ben Bodinham
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