

# NORTHWICH JUNIORS 2002–2003



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## What a fabulous month for the club!

When I was asked to become Chairman of the Junior Section I would never have believed that in the space of a month we'd have played at Twickenham, done so well at the Cheshire Cup, had a player capped for England and achieved the prestigious SEAL of APPROVAL and CLUBMARK award from Sport England. I'm still pinching myself, but what fabulous achievements for our club. Well done to everyone, you can all be very proud of what we achieved this year, and the season hasn't finished yet. What next?

**Simon Bridle**

## Marvellous day at Twickenham

Our Under 10's and Under 11's were great ambassadors for the club on Saturday 22nd and gave a fine example to clubs both up and down England as well as the world. Some of you will have spotted the children on BBC TV at various stages of the afternoon, thanks for supporting them. Thanks to this opportunity we have been able to give the club extra exposure to the media and have already received sponsorship from the Royal Bank of Scotland. This money and indeed other monies that we hope to receive will go to fund extra activities for the children who were not able to go to Twickenham. We are considering a possible mini tour, and are happy to receive any suggestions you may have. Many thanks to Phil Clarke and our local Rugby Development Officer Steve Peters for making the day possible.

## Cheshire Cup—best ever day !

No one at the club can remember a time since the Junior Section was set up, when the club performed better than on Sunday 9th March. After a fast and furious day when mobile phones could be heard ringing all over Cheshire we returned home with the Cheshire Cup at Under 9's, Runner's up at Under 11 and Under 7 and plate winners at Under 12. This must be the most consistent performance of any club in Cheshire. Well done players, coaches and of course parents for your support.

If anyone has photographs of the tournaments that they'd like to share and put on the web site please see Kevin Jones 01606 592494 or email him at [kjones@northwichrufc.co.uk](mailto:kjones@northwichrufc.co.uk)

## End of Season presentations

This year the end of season presentation will be on Sunday May 11th. We've decided to start later this year after lunch at 3pm outside the club house at Moss Farm. Presentations will be followed by a barbeque and a chance to let your hair down with a disco and Karaoke.

## Northwich Colt plays for England!

Believe it or not one of our Under 18 players now plays for England. After a gruelling round of trials and matches across the length and breadth of Britain, Chris Dale is now in the England U18 squad of 26 to play a number of international matches in the new few months. A great achievement Chris, you are a great inspiration to all the other young aspiring players in the club. Just let us know when you play your first match and we'll be there in the crowd to support you.

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### UP COMING DATES!

- *April 6th Wilmslow Festival*
- *May 11th. End of Season presentation evening*
- *June Xth Schools Tag competition*
- *August 23rd to 26th August Festival of Sport*
- *2003-4 Season starts Sunday 7th September*

# NORTHWICH RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

## JUNIOR FIXTURES 2002-2003 (rest of Season)

DATE	U16's		U15's		U13's		U8's-U12's	
30/03/2003			Ormskirk	H	Ormskirk	A	Ashton on Mersey	H
05/04/2003			Dudley Kingswinford Tour match 12am	H				
06/04/2003	Marple	H					Wilmslow Festival	A
13/04/2003	Caldy	A	Caldy	H	U13 Festival	H	Hoylelake & Old Anselmians	A
20/04/2003							Training	
27/04/2003							Hoylelake Tournament U12's, U11's, U9's	A
04/05/2003							Worcester Tour Under 12's only	H
11/05/2003							End of Season Presentation	

### Spring Ball—Great success

This year over 80 players, parents and friends of the club attended our annual Spring Ball. It proved to be even more successful than last year with everyone enjoying the atmosphere created by the staff at Portal Golf Club in Tarporley and the music of *Midnight Crisis*. Thanks to a raffle and to your support the event raised £350 for the club funds. Well done especially to Ken Houghton for organising a great night out. We've already booked for next year and are taking orders for tickets. See Ken or call on 558677 for details. Also, we are considering running another event near the start of next season. Please let us have your thoughts on that.

### Club social night

Phil Clarke has organised a Hot Pot and Quiz night at the club house in Moss Farm on Friday 25th April. There will be a charge of £5 per team, everyone is welcome, why not come along and compete as a family. Action starts at 8pm. See Phil or Simon for tickets.

### Wilmslow Festival

Next week—April 6th we have been invited to take part in a rugby festival hosted by Wilmslow Rugby Club. All mini teams have been enrolled. Your coaches have details of the draw. Play will start at 10.30 at Wilmslow please ask if you need directions, players will receive a lunch but make sure you have plenty of drinks. Good luck everyone.

### Schools Tag Tournament

Every year the club acts as host for its own Schools Tag tournament. This year the tournament will be held on Wednesday July 9th at 1.30pm. The event is open to Year 5 & 6 children (Under10's & Under 11's) with the emphasis on fun and participation. Coaching can be provided to schools if the staff have no Tag experience. For the first year we will also be running a parallel event for Winsford schools, date TBA. We will be sending invitations out next week to all junior schools in the Vale Royal area. Tell your friends and nag your teachers if you want to take part.

### Club Mark

I'm proud to say that Northwich RUFC has just joined an elite of only 10 other rugby clubs in England by receiving the Sport England CLUBMARK accreditation. Thanks to tireless efforts by Phil Clarke and the Junior section coaches our new status allows us to apply for additional grants and will attract much more external interest. More details of the award and its presentation to follow.

### Cheshire Youth Games June 28th

Year 5 & 6 children also have a chance of competing in the Tag Rugby team for Vale Royal in the Cheshire Youth Games. Anyone who is interested is welcome at training which starts every Saturday from May 10th at Moss Farm at 10:30 am. See Phil Clarke for more details

### Next Season 2003-4

I know it seems a long way off but please put September 7th in your diary for the start of next season. The fixtures are already set up and will be sent around with the end of season newsletter. This year we plan to do player enrollment and subscriptions slightly differently to make the paperwork easier. Also we will be asking everyone to hand back their Northwich shirt (clean please) at the end of the season so we can do a complete stock take over the summer and order new shirts as required.