



## Northwich RUFC Under 13's Christmas 2012 News



*Matt was unsure if 4 try's on his debut in February was a good start!*

New rules, new faces, new kit, new coaches, a very promising end to 2012.

What will 2013 bring for the under 13s,





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### Who's been doing what?



Four of the squad, Cameron Gooch, Billy Cole, Ieuan Lewis and Grant Leah have this season attended the Central Cheshire player assessments. The lads attended 3 nights of training over 3 months with RFU coaches and players from other clubs and schools. The starting 50 or so lads were whittled down to just 24 with Grant being named in the U.13s squad. Well done Grant !



*Grant refused to comment on his inclusion to the squad*



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### Grazzer the Gaffer



Its been a really enjoyable first half of the season. Once we got past all the summer too-ing and fro-ing things have settled down very quickly and the influx of new players has been tremendous. Considering we were down to 8 players in the summer to now having 22 is probably the highlight so far.

Its not the quantity of lads that have come in, its their quality, their commitment, their personality, they want to be part of this team and want to wear a Northwich shirt, but they also understand that they have to earn that shirt and their place in a starting line up. The numbers at training have been immense with up to 20 lads, many of whom have trained or played at school prior to the 6.30 start. I must give credit to the parents, who get them there. I know that Wednesdays are akin to Wacky Races but thank you for getting your lads there week in week out, it really does make a difference.

On the pitch, we've played 7 games against some teams who have been playing 6 or 7 years, we've beat 2 of them and came close against 2 or 3 more. The Widnes game was always a learning curve and so it proved to be, but we learnt a lot from it. Chester put out almost their entire world cup winning squad, because they knew what we were capable of. I have been assured they are bringing their England squad when we next meet.

The game against Birkenhead Park was a true test of character but despite being a player down and the abhorrent weather we came through as clear winners. I was very impressed with our performance at Sir John Deanes against Crewe & Nantwich but their experience told in the end.

However, its not about results, I certainly don't do it for such, there are no league tables, no manager of the month awards. There are moments though that make all the hours worthwhile both on and off the pitch and the support of the current "team parent" is outstanding, I currently spend my Sunday mornings un-stalked! I receive afternoon phone calls from parents who were unable to attend to find out the score, players in plaster turning up to watch their team mates in the pouring rain still desperate to play, is worth more than any scoreboard.



*Vogue!!*



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*Watch out for the hand off!*

Of course I cant do it on my own, Dave has been around forever and the work he and Danny have been doing with the forwards is really showing as they continue to be a force to be reckoned with. Matt has given a fresh impetus which is certainly improving the backs and Kathryn has been a huge help in taking some of the admin burden.

Its not just the 13s that continue to bloom, the whole Mini & Junior section has seen a massive influx of players and there is a very proficient group of people steering the club upwards.

So for the year ahead, we have a Cheshire Plate quarter final against either Dukinfield or Crewe and Nantwich, which dependent on our own and other scores could lead to a very interesting Semi Final draw.

Tour to the Welsh International Festival, in recent years we have done very well at end of season competitions reaching 3 finals and two semi finals in the last 3 years, this years squad has the capability of surpassing anything we have achieved before.

The crowning glory would be to reach one of the Cheshire Cup Finals which is to be held at Moss Farm on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2013



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### Chief Coleys Corner



*Bring me sunshine!*

The start of this season seemed to hold far more questions than answers. During the closed season we learned of the departure of players through various reasons, and this meant that it was going to be a tough start to the new campaign.

The Try Rugby days and recruitment drive by Ian through the summer had brought in a couple of faces and numbers were on the up. By the start of the season we had a new look team and many new faces, luckily the hard-core was still there as the foundation of this team and their determination, commitment, solidarity and unity deserve to be applauded. Please stand up Tom, Grant, Cameron, Alex F, David. It is worth noting that Ieuan, Billy and Nathan all started at under 7, so have all played at Northwich for nearly half their lives. Many Congratulations to Grant for making the County Team. Well done Pal.

Results were always going to be difficult as an emerging team, and this was true, but the squad continued to work hard and round pegs have managed to find round holes!

Liam Yarwood has grabbed the 6 shirt as fiercely as he grabs the opposition 9 shirt every Sunday morning. Jack and Patrick have established themselves as a fine pairing at half backs, Stephen Moss is becoming a fine forward, Oscar, Jack, Josh and Duncan are all growing into the team at a great rate of knots, while the established players all continue to play in a multitude of roles, all developing as they do.

Three fixtures stick in my mind.

The Cheshire cup Match at Marple, where, by playing as a team, for each other, the lads pulled out a great result and behaved impeccably.



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*Only another 60 yards to go*

The Widnes match where lads stood up to a team who wanted to bully and intimidate. The team stood up for themselves and each other when things got bad and despite losing, we grew massively as a team.

Finally, the result at Birkenhead, where despite being short in numbers, freezing cold and soaking wet, the team put in a good performance and worked very hard for each other in very difficult conditions.

Changes have occurred on the Coaching side and the addition of Matt has given us an injection of enthusiasm and experience which the lads have responded to brilliantly.

Mark Preece has given some great help with the forwards and his attitude is a great example. Kathryn does a great job in helping with the admin, leaving Ian, Dan, Matt, Mark and myself the opportunity to concentrate on developing the team.

A special message to Jim Yarwood for sponsoring the tracksuits, we also now look like a team off the pitch as well as on it.

So the team has grown off the pitch as well as on it, and I can say that it's an absolute pleasure to work with the whole team, both on and off the pitch.

So to the new year, and I look forward to it all, from every aspect, I have never been so confident and positive that this current group of players can develop into a fine team, and to see the guys socialising together after the game as a team as well as playing (and having to defend each other) whilst on the pitch is what makes it all worthwhile.

Some people say that kids have no respect any more, I would challenge anyone who thinks that way to look at this team of lads, who are developing into young men with all the right attitudes in place and that to me is what it's all about.

Win, lose or draw, being a team is what counts and look forward to watching these lads develop into a team, and the friendships that come with that should set them up for life.

Bring on the rest of the season!!

Come on you Stags!!



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### Matts mull over



*Hands Up!*

Cosmo, Bendy, Billyard, Grunt, Goochy.... Upon arriving for my first training session in early November you could have been mistaken for thinking that I was in an episode of Sesame Street with names like that.....

....but I soon realised that I was surrounded by a group of young players with the determination and desire more readily associated with seasoned professionals.

This was very quickly transferred to the pitch, where the team led with verve and vigour by Grant gave everything they had and more. We regularly came up against bigger and more physical teams, and as a coaching unit we soon realised that we had to out think and out play our opponents, brute force was not something in abundance.

We found very quickly that we had a technically brilliant pack who could dominate many of our opposing numbers, but other than the ever tackling 'Captain County', we were going to struggle to match some teams larger backs for sheer physicality..... We set about the task....

Within the space of a very memorable week we had a sniping scrum half in Jack, an intelligent kicking fly half in Patrick controlling the territory with intricate accuracy. We discovered a tackling, running centre in Jack H who perfectly accentuated the human wrecking machine that is Grant. Cameron became a confident attacking full back running into the line with real pace, and finally our miniature superheroes of Josh and Oscar on the wings, who never left the pitch with an ounce of energy after tackling everything that came within their sights.... Regardless of their size. The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Whoever said that you couldn't play intelligent, thinking rugby at grassroots schoolboy level?

These young players have a great future ahead of them, it's been a pleasure working with you... Onwards and upwards...





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## ATTENDANCE



Key		2011																														
		September							October							November							December									
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A	Attended training session																															
M	Matchday																															
P	Part Attendance/Late or watched																															
	Did Not Attend																															
<b>Attendance Table</b>		Sessions Attended																														
		Attendance Record																														
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			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
1	Billy Cole	29	100%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
2	Cameron Gooch	29	100%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
3	David Richardson	27	93%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A		M	A	A	
4	Liam Yarwood	27	93%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A			M	P	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
5	Matthew Watson	27	93%	A	A	A	A		A	M	A	M	A	A	M	A		A	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
6	Grant Leah	27	93%	A	A	A	A	A		M	A	M	A		A	M	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
7	Josh Conway	25	86%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A		A	M	A		A	A	M	A	M	A	M		M	A	M	M		A	
8	Ieuan Lewis	24	83%	A	A	A	A	A	M	P	M			M	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	M		M	A	M	M	A	A		
9	Alex Ollier	23	79%	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A		A	M			A	M	A	M	A		M			
10	Steven Moss	22	76%				A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	M	A	M		M	M	A	M	P			
11	Alex Frith	21	72%	A	A	A		A	A	M		M	A	A	A		A	A	A		M			A	M	A	M		M	M	A	
12	Tom Bray	21	72%	A	A	A			A	M	A	M	A	A				A		P	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M		A	
13	James Griffin	19	66%				A	A	A	M	A	M	A	A	A	M	A	A	A	A	M	A		A		A		A				
14	Jack Linsley	19	66%		A		A		A	M	A		A	M	A			A		M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A		M			
15	Patrick Lucas	19	66%							A		A	A	A	M	A			A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
16	Oscar Bradley	18	62%								A	A	A	M	A	A		A		M	A	M		M	A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
17	Duncan Jackson	16	55%					A	A	M	A	M		A	A	M			A	A	M	A	M		M	A	M					
18	Sam Limby	16	55%	A	A	A	A	A	A	M	A	M		A	M			A		M		M							M		A	
19	Nathan Flaherty	13	45%	A		A		A			M			M		A	A			M				M	A	M		M		A		
20	Sam Preece	7	24%																					M	A	M	A	M	M		A	
21	Jack Hopping	7	24%																						A	M	A	M	M	A	A	
22	Drewin Perrin	1	3%																									M				
<b>Total Attendance for each Session</b>				16	15	13	14	14	15	16	16	17	16	14	17	17	15	12	16	16	19	16	15	15	19	17	18	19	14	20	10	16



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### Social



Pictured after the Sainsbury's bag pack are some of the lads with parents sampling the all you can eat Indian at club sponsors "The Bengal Dynasty". Anyone wishing to arrange any other social activities are more than welcome.



## Northwich RUFC Under 13's E-News – SPONSORSHIP NEWS



### New Trackies!

The new tracksuits arrived in time for the bag pack, many thanks to Jim Yarwood and Rutland Fire Services for providing these the boys will look superb on match days



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### E-News – A.O.B

**Match day journalist :-** If anyone has a flair for writing match reports, or we have any siblings on a journalism course please contact one of the coaches. You would be able to use journalistic license to, write reports, conduct interviews with players, coaches, parents etc for inclusion in the local newspaper, team newsletter plus club and RFU websites.

**WANTED:** Touch judge, no previous experience needed, flag provided.

School fetes, holiday courses, items for sale, something to say, or a blockbusting idea, send it and have it put on here.



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Welcome to Northwich Rugby Club, we hope you enjoy our hospitality and facilities. You will find the Under13s pitch behind the swimming pool which is to the right as you enter the complex.

We are able to offer changing facilities as well as the after match hospitality in the club house. We do though have a few rules to abide by:-



**No dogs are allowed at the Moss Farm complex,**



• **Please park considerately,**



• **Don't be a touchline terrorist, support good play and encourage technique and ability . . . . not results!**



• **Enjoy your visit and join us for a pint afterwards.**