

Sunday's Game

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Sunday 18th March [Home](#) Fixture - meet at 1000am at Moss Farm



Northwich U13's

versus

Macclesfield U13's



Northwich U13's – Possible Starting XV

Sam Jones **9**



Will Mitchell **2**



Sam Oakes **3**

Mike Gough **1**



Sam Oakes **3**

Simon Dale **4**



Mike Collier **5**

Jamie Hall **6**



Sam Clayton **7**



Jack Vandersteen **8**



Chris Sheppard **10**



Ryan Kitt **11**



Josh Hall **12**

Luke Murray **13**



Tom Sheridan **15**

Substitutes (all to be used)



Alex Dickenson **16**



Baden Powell **17**



Ryan Simpson **18**



Tom Foulkes **19**



Michael Chubb **20**



David Lawrence **21**



Match Report for Last Sunday's Game - Sunday 11th March - [Home](#) Fixture (sent to Northwich Guardian)



Northwich U13's

52

versus

12

Chester U13's



Although both teams had weakened squads with each fielding players in the Cheshire Development Squad, Northwich still made it five consecutive wins in a row with an excellent display at Moss Farm. The Northwich 'tries' were scored by Luke Murray (2), Sam Jones (2), Chris Sheppard (2), Sam Clayton and Jamie Hall, with Chris Sheppard converting six of the eight tries scored (summary for local paper).

With Jack Vandersteen, Will Mitchell and Mike Collier on Cheshire duty; Tom Foulkes on Scout duty; and Sam Oakes injured playing football, the Northwich squad shrunk to fourteen players, however two new players from Hartford High School turned up for a trial match, Michael Chubb whose brother is part of the Senior First Team Squad, and David Lawrence currently undecided between the 'round' and 'oval' ball. The welcome Chester squad was also without six players, also on Cheshire duty.

With both teams wearing all-black strips and Chester looking slightly bigger in theirs', the game started evenly with both sides well drilled, that was until Luke Murray drove over the line to score the first try of the day, duly converted by Chris Sheppard. Chester continued to show some good skills in both the forwards and backs, and in particular their no. 8 had some excellent runs, but then slightly against the run of play Jamie Hall was allowed through to score a well worked forwards try. The half finished with Northwich leading 12 to nil.

In the first five minutes Chester did not come to the races, Tom the Chester Coach was quite animated after he saw his team concede three quick converted tries; the first was a fine individual run from Chris Sheppard; the second was a trade mark 'slinky-jinky' from Sam Jones; and the third from Luke 'The Fridge' Murray, all three converted by Chris Sheppard. It

was after the third Tom-lashing that Chester woke up, and the excellent no. 8 scored two tries with one being expertly converted by himself, albeit between his two tries 'slinky-jinky' slipped through again for his eighth try of the season.

The game was closing to an inevitable end but not before Sam Clayton scored his first try for Northwich and Chris Sheppard scored his second as well as converting both. With time up the referee blew the final whistle, and Northwich extended their unbeaten run to five straight wins.

Everyone contributed with fine performances. All the backs were superb, the half back pairing was exceedingly well drilled and the two centres were awesome. The two new players fitted in well, Ryan Simpson played his first game as hooker, and Jordan Byrne (with his 'night-club' haircut) moved up into the depleted pack. With four regular forwards out of action, one must say, that the pack was brilliant, with Mike Gough and Alex Dickenson stepping up to the mark; Baden Powell further expanding his confidence;



and in particular Jamie Hall's running and tight work was exemplary, and Sam Clayton's rise to excellence continued; but the RBS man-of-the-match goes to Simon Dale who was nearly always the first forward to the break down and through sheer hard forward work selflessly contributed to most of the Northwich tries. A huge 'pat-on-the-back' for Simon, and a massive 'well done' to the Northwich team! ... but what to do with our absent stars? as Macclesfield are the next visitors to the Farm. **Northwich Team including substitutes (all used): Forwards – Mike Gough, Alex Dickenson, Sam Clayton, Simon Dale, Jamie Hall, Jordan Byrne, Baden Powell and Ryan Simpson; Backs - Sam Jones, Chris Sheppard, Luke Murray, Josh Hall, Ryan Kitt, Tom Sheridan, Michael Chubb and David Lawrence.**



This week's photographs supplied by Mark Sheridan

Mid- week Training

The next evening session will be on Wednesday 14th March. Please meet at the club (Moss Farm) for 6.30pm. Training will be finished no later than 8.00pm.



New Players

The U13's coaches would like to give a warm welcome to three recent newcomers to Moss Farm. From left to right: Ryan Simpson joined in February; and both Michael Chubb and David Lawrence had successful debuts on Sunday against Chester. With the squad getting bigger it is important to continue to balance maintaining success on the pitch as well as ensuring that all squad players get the chance to contribute on match days. That is why everyone needs to continually grow their skills at training so that the coaches can maintain this equilibrium.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 14th March
 Sunday 18th March
 Wednesday 21st March
 Saturday 24th March
 Sunday 25th March
 Wednesday 28th March

Training - meet 1830pm at Moss Farm
 Home Fixture to Macclesfield U13's - meet at Moss Farm at 1000am
 Training - meet 1830pm at Moss Farm
 Cardiff Tour meet at Moss Farm at 0615am leaving 0630am SHARP!
 Cardiff Tour drop back at Moss Farm at 1900pm
 Training - meet 1830pm at Moss Farm