

### Next Sunday's Game

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April [Home](#) Fixture - meet at 1000am at Moss Farm  
**PLEASE CONFIRM AVAILABILITY**



Northwich U13's **versus** Crewe and Nantwich U13's



### Match Report for Last Sunday's Game - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April - [Home](#) Fixture



Northwich U13's **41 versus 5** Helsby U13's



Moss Farm hosted a mixed team with Helsby who fielded some rather large U14's, however Northwich played some good rugby to eventually win easily, with two tries from both Luke Murray and Sam Jones, one each for Sam Clayton, Jack Vandersteen and Josh Hall; Jack Vandersteen converted his try and Chris Sheppard scored a further three conversions to stretch the winning streak to eight straight games. *(Extract sent to the Guardian).*



Helsby are friends to our club who have had difficulties this year too. So we agreed for them to send a mixed team of both U14's and U13's, and on the back of a good win against Northwich's next opponents Crewe and Nantwich they came to Moss Farm looking for another scalp. The size difference with some of the players was noticeable, the day was hot

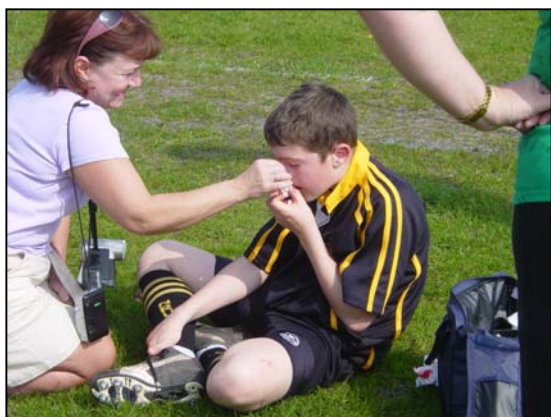
and the ground was hard but this did not stop the 'Stags' from scoring seven tries to Helsby's one, to make it eight straight wins to Cheshire opposition.

The forwards from Northwich were excellent; the four props played a 'Benetiz' style rotation system keeping their legs fresh and also putting the Helsby front row under good constant pressure, winning at least four scrums against the head; Mike Collier and Sam Clayton were again superb with good driving runs and many turnover balls, with one such drive allowing Sam to score an excellent try; Andrew Dawson and Ben Colyer had brilliant debut games as flankers; Alex Dickenson ran his heart out and easily won the 'red-face-of-the-day' award; and Jack Vandersteen played his usual strong game, with an opportunistic try coming from a quick tap-penalty as the Helsby team retreated ten metres, obeying their coach's screams not to touch Jack until they had retreated, so they did not and hence Jack ran straight under the posts to score a try and with Chris Sheppard sucking his injured toe, Jack also converted his try. However, by far the best forward of the day was Will Mitchell whose tackle count was incredible, whose rucking was brilliant, and not often seen until today, his running was strong and decisive. He may not be the biggest player in the team, but he often has the biggest heart and is fearless, that is why the RBS forward of the day goes to 'Braveheart' himself. Well-done Will!



Now to the backs: they seem to improve in every game. Sam Jones and Chris Sheppard have a real understanding together, which is an important ingredient for a great team. Josh Hall and Luke Murray have become an excellent centre pairing, and with Chris, their attacking defence puts teams under immediate pressure, and in conjunction with strong tackling it is now rare to see a Cheshire team break through the backs, so no surprise that Luke and Josh scored three tries between them. One of Luke's tries was definitely a 'try-of-the-season' contender: after three

driving phases from the forwards moving the gain line into the Helsby half, Sam Jones spun the ball to Chris Sheppard who broke a tackle and passed to Luke Murray who immediately popped the ball to Josh Hall, Josh drove through three tackles and then released the ball to Tom Foulkes, Tom side-stepped two players with an excellent 'wingers-run' and was



tackled a metre short of the try line and as he hit the ground he popped the ball up to the supporting Luke who scored in the corner ... pure brilliance (Gareth Edwards eat your heart out!). Unlike earlier in the season, the ball is now getting to the wingers of Tom Foulkes, Ryan Kitt, Jordan Byrne and Luke Targett all had chances to test and show their pace. There was one unfortunate interchange between Chris's and Jordan's heads that left Jordan with a broken nose. We all wish Jordan well who will have his nose mended when the swelling goes down later this week, but in the meantime will have the opportunity to pose for some Picasso portrait painters. The RBS back of the day must go to Sam Jones who was one kick short of delivering a perfect performance; his passing was with speed and accuracy; he orchestrated the play by bossing



his forwards; he read the game so well and is starting to realize that he can lead the pack from behind by pulling people into to the tight and at the same time pulling out runners when the tight has been won; he demonstrated his natural captaincy skills; and he scored two excellent tries to top his wonderful performance. Well-done Sam!

Northwich U13's have officially recovered their season from the poor start in 2006, having now played 21 games, won 10, lost 10 and drawn 1 and with two games left to play the team could still end the season on a real high.

**Northwich Squad: Forwards – Will Mitchell, Ryan Simpson, Mike Gough, Lee Burke, Ben Colyer, Mike Collier, Sam Clayton, Andrew Dawson, Baden Powell, Jack Vandersteen and Alex Dickenson; Backs – Sam Jones, Chris Sheppard, Luke Murray, Josh Hall, Luke Targett, Ryan Kitt, Jordan Byrne, Tom Sheridan and Tom Foulkes**

This week's photographs supplied by Ian Foulkes

### Mid- week Training

The next evening session will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. 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 two more recent newcomers to Moss Farm. Ben Colyer joins us from The Grange School in Hartford and Andrew Dawson from Leftwich School. Pictures of the new players will be published in the next newsletter.

### Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
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[Training - meet 1830pm at Moss Farm](#)

[Home](#) Fixture to [Crewe and Nantwich U13's](#) - meet at Moss Farm at 1000am

[Last Wednesday night Training of the 2006-07 season- meet 1830pm at Moss Farm](#)

[Home](#) Last 2006-07 Fixture to [Sandbach U13's](#) - meet at Moss Farm at 1000am

[PLEASE KEEP AFTERNOON \(1230 –1500\) FREE – PRIZE GIVING and other SURPRISES](#)

Prizes are being purchased and engraved and are up and including today's fixture:

- Coaches Player of the Year
- Players player of the year
- Most improved Player of the Year
- Best New-comer (Forward category)
- Best New-comer (Back category)
- Top points scorer
- Top try scorer
- Plus a few more surprises

SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUNDAY

Jane Cafferky will be asking the parents to help out with the catering arrangements.