


## Northwich U13's – Probable Team



Sam Jones **9** 

Mike Gough **1** Will Mitchell **2** Sam Oakes **3**

Simon Dale **4** Alex Dickenson **5**

Mike Collier **6** Tom Sheridan **7**

Jack Vandersteen **8**

Jordan Byrne **11** Chris Sheppard **10**

Sam Claton **12**

Luke Murray **13**

Josh Hall **15** Jamie Hall **14**

**Substitutes**

**16** Liam Condliffe

**17** Baden Powell

**18** Tom Foulkes


## Northwich U13's v Winnington Park U13's

17<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
Kick off 11.00am

Programmes Free - Donations accepted  
Any proceeds to Tour Fund

## Winnington Park U13's



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**Substitutes**

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It is a shame that  
Winnington Park could  
not supply a team list

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Northwich U13's are planning a weekend tour to Cardiff from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 2007. It is just by chance that Steve Jones has great contacts ... and oh yes, I nearly forgot, Sale Sharks play Leicester Tigers at the Millennium Stadium. Any proceeds received from this programme will launch the tour fund. Interested???????

**A Warm Welcome to  
Winnington Park U13's**

Can I extend an especially warm welcome to the coaches, players and families of Winnington Park U13's. I am sure that many of us will remember with great affection the many matches that Northwich and Winnington Park have played at all levels.

Today it is the turn of the Juniors to show the great spirit and rivalry that exists between the two Northwich based sides. As we know the players of both teams all share classrooms at the various secondary schools in the local area, and I understand that this fixture has been the subject of much classroom banter in the past few weeks. The Northwich team have had to re-establish themselves after losing six key players over the summer period: Sam and Rhys deciding to play football, Joe moving to Chester and two 'exiles' moving across the way to Winnington ... it is with open arms that we welcome both Henry and Jordan back to Moss Farm for today's fixture.

Winnington Park have had a good start to the season with some fine performances. However, both teams were beaten in their respective first round Cheshire Cup ties, and both now find themselves with tricky draws in the Plate competition: Northwich travel to Macclesfield and Winnington visit a strong team from Congleton who now boast four players in the East Cheshire squad.

Simon



Immediately after the game 30 players and parents will make the short trip to Edgeley Park to see if Sale Sharks can reverse the defeat they encountered in Paris last weekend.

**A Message from The Two Steve's**

The two Northwich U13's coaches would like to extend their welcome to Winnington Park, and wish them and all the Northwich players and families a very happy Christmas, and a New Year that puts Northwich Junior Rugby back on the Cheshire Map. So its Goodbye from me and its Goodbye from him!

**Northwich Rugby Club - Under 13's**

Key:- (T) Try - (PT) Penalty Try - (C) Conversion - (P) Penalty - (DG) Drop Goal

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sam Jones	Tom Sheridan (T)		Josh Hall	Loan from Congleton	Jordon Byrne	Tom Foulkes				
Sam Jones	Tom Sheridan	Loan from Under 14's	Josh Hall	Jordon Byrne	Tom Foulkes	Loan from Under 14's				
Sam Jones	Josh Hall	Jamie Hall	Jordon Byrne	Loan from Wilmslow	Ryan Kitt					
Sam Jones (3T)	Chris Sheppard (2T + 6C)	Tom Foulkes	Josh Hall (T)	Tom Sheridan	Ryan Kitt	Played with 14 players				
Sam Jones	Chris Sheppard (2T + 3C)	Tom Foulkes	Josh Hall	Tom Sheridan	Ryan Kitt	Jordon Byrne				
Sam Jones	Chris Sheppard (T + C)	Ryan Kitt	Josh Hall	Jamie Hall	Jordon Byrne	Loan from Under 14's				
Sam Jones (PT)	Chris Sheppard (2C)	Tom Foulkes	Josh Hall	Jamie Hall	Ryan Kitt	Jordon Byrne	Baden Powell	Luke Murray		
Sam Jones	Jamie Hall	Tom Foulkes	Josh Hall	Luke Murray	Ryan Kitt	Jordon Byrne				
Sam Jones	Chris Sheppard	Tom Foulkes	Josh Hall	Jamie Hall	Jordon Byrne	Luke Murray	Baden Powell	Alex Dickenson	Liam Conliffe	

**Forthcoming Fixtures**



Crewe & Nantwich

Stockport



Caldy



Congleton



Warrington





# Statistics 2006-07 - North

## 2006-07 Fixtures

Date	Opponents (Home in <b>BOLD</b> )	L	Score		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			For	Against								
24-Sep	Congleton	L	5	17	Simon Dale	Will Mitchell	Alex Dickenson	Jamie Hall	Loan from Congleton	Mike Collier	Loan from Congleton	Jack Vandersteen
8-Oct	<b>SANDBACH</b>	L	0	71	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Baden Powell	Jamie Hall	Alex Dickenson	Mike Collier	Simon Dale	Jack Vandersteen
15-Oct	Wilmslow	L	0	56	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Baden Powell	Jamie Hall	Liam Conliffe	Mike Collier	Alex Dickenson	Jack Vandersteen
29-Oct	Macclesfield	W	47	19	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell (2T)	Liam Conliffe	Sam Oakes	Alex Dickenson	Mike Collier	Simon Dale	Jack Vandersteen (T)
5-Nov	Newcastle	L	26	36	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Liam Conliffe	Sam Oakes	Alex Dickenson	Mike Collier (T)	Simon Dale	Jack Vandersteen (T)
12-Nov	Whitchurch	D	7	7	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Loan from Under 14's	Alex Dickenson	Simon Dale	Mike Collier	Tom Sheridan	Jack Vandersteen
19-Nov	<b>LYMM</b>	L	19	24	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Sam Oakes	Sam Clayton	Simon Dale	Mike Collier	Tom Sheridan (T)	Jack Vandersteen (T)
26-Nov	<b>NEW BRIGHTON</b> Cheshire Cup	L	0	24	Baden Powell	Will Mitchell	Liam Conliffe	Sam Clayton	Alex Dickenson	Played with 14 players	Tom Sheridan	Jack Vandersteen
10-Dec	Wirral	L	0	32	Mike Gough	Will Mitchell	Sam Oakes	Sam Clayton	Simon Dale	Mike Collier	Tom Sheridan	Jack Vandersteen
17-Dec	<b>WINNINGTON PARK</b>											
14-Jan	<b>RHYL</b>				To be replaced with Macclesfield in the Cheshire Plate							

## Player Statistics 2006-07

	Tries	Conversions	Penalties	Points
Alex Dickenson				0
Baden Powell				0
Chris Sheppard	5	12		49
Jack Vandersteen	3			15
Jamie Hall				0
Jordan Byrne				0
Josh Hall	1			5
Keiran Sweeney				0
Liam Conliffe				0
Luke Murray				0
Mike Collier	1			5
Mike Gough				0
Ryan Kitt				0
Sam Claton				0
Sam Jones	4			20
Sam Oakes				0
Simon Dale	1			5
Tom Foulkes				0
Tom Sheridan			2	10
Will Mitchell			2	10

## Match Day Reports – Wirral, New Brighton & Lymm



32 - Wirral U13's v Northwich U13's – 0  
(Sunday 10th December 2006)



With no fixture in the calendar, the coaches arranged a game against a strong Wirral U13's team. A smartly dressed Northwich squad, minus the sickly Ryan Kitt, arrived early in anticipation of practicing their new drills. The game was evenly balanced in the first fifteen minutes, with Northwich showing their strength of tackling and good technique in the rucks. However, it was an excellent Wirral team that showed the mid Cheshire team how rugby could be played. Even though Wirral had strong individual players, with mobile forwards and a superb set of half-backs, they continuously played the basics well. The ball was whipped down the line with great skill, and although Northwich tackled bravely, the Wirral forwards would quickly recycle, for the ball to be sent back down the line the other way. The fact that Wirral only converted one of their six tries showed that their tries were all scored wide out by their fast backs. For the record, it was 12 to nil at half time, with a further twenty points added before the end. Northwich have many good individuals in the team, in fact, eight are still present at the Cheshire Development Assessment evenings. In addition, the team members still showed their individual strengths on the day: from the tackling and running of Chris Sheppard, Josh Hall, Will Mitchell and Jack Vandersteen; to the strong movement of Tom Sheridan, Jamie Hall,



Sam Jones and Jordan Byrne; to the hard work in the tight of Simon Dale, Mike Collier, Mike Gough, Alex Dickenson and Sam Oakes; to the great promise of Sam Clayton and Luke Murray; and with the enthusiasm from the new comers of Tom Foulkes, Baden Powell and Liam Conliffe. However, these individuals now need to bond as a team of fifteen. Northwich learnt that there is more to rugby than individual running, kicking and producing slow ball from the tight. The coaches are highly proud of the commitment showed by all the players, and now both coaches and players must work on bonding as a team.



0 - Northwich U13's v New Brighton U13's – 24  
(Sunday 26th November 2006)



With three players out on school trips and a further three not showing up on the morning of the match, Northwich played their tough, second round Cheshire Cup clash against New Brighton with a player short. Immediately from the kick-off the visitors seized the Northwich defense apart to score a simple try. Rather than accepting a heavy defeat, the home team woke up and played for each other. There were no further scores in the first half, but not for the lack of trying from either team; with excellent running from Josh Hall and Sam Jones that could have evened up the scores; and without the 'brave-heart' tackling, particularly from Jordan Byrne, Will Mitchell, Jack Vandersteen and Sam Clayton the visitors would

have increased their lead. However, there was only so much the team could have done with a player short and two others just starting their rugby career, but the Northwich youngsters never gave up in the second half. The legs and shoulders eventually weighed heavy, and before the final whistle, New Brighton scored another three tries. In the lead up to this game Northwich have worked hard to successfully improve their results from a difficult start to the season, and with a key local derby against Winnington Park to look forward to, the U13's have to put in some focused training if they want their Christmas wishes to come true.



19 - Northwich U13's v Lymm U13's – 24  
(Sunday 19th November 2006)



Northwich U13's put out their strongest squad of the season with another two new players signing up. Lymm U13's had previously held a powerful Sandbach team to just one score, the same team that thrashed Northwich 71-nil back in October. This was therefore a big test to see how far the U13's had come since the loss of six key players over the summer period. The first twenty minutes was an even affair with the two newcomers Sam Claton and Luke Murray showing great promise. However it was Lymm who broke the deadlock with three very quick tries. The score did not reflect the run of play, but just before half time Sam Jones kicked a long ball up field & raced the full-back into the dead-ball area, only to be



taken out before he could ground the ball. This penalty-try was converted by Chris Sheppard. From the kick-off Lymm charged the ball down to go into a 24-7 lead. The Northwich team then showed great character not to fold. Strong running from Josh Hall, Jamie Hall and Tom Foulkes started to weaken the Lymm defense, then with a multi-phase surge Tom Sheridan forced the ball across the line, with Chris Sheppard converting with ease. The black 'n' golds then had to fend off a spell of Lymm pressure, but soon put the Cheshire elite on to the back foot. With ten minutes to go, phases led initially by Will Mitchell and then Mike Collier took Northwich to within 5 metres of the try line where a penalty was given. Jack Vandersteen then took charge and forced his way over the try line. The conversion was missed, and although Northwich kept the pressure on to the end, the superb Lymm defense held out to win 24-19.

## Northwich drawn away to Macclesfield in the Cheshire Plate

Match to be played on Sunday 14th January 2007

# Northwich Rugby Club U13's – Player Profiles 2006-07



Jordan 'Hotstuff' Byrne, is known for his courageous tackling and never say die mentality. He has now established himself as an essential first team pick

**Jordan Byrne**  
Full-back



Mike 'The Joker' Collier, entertains with his quick witted humour and constant chat. Underestimate him at your peril, as he is an accomplished rugby player

**Mike Collier**  
Flanker



Sam 'Nutter' Jones was raised by wolves in a deep and dark valley in South Wales. As team captain he leads from the front, always giving 110%. Sam is also an expert in the ancient Celtic art of 'kick and (no forward) chases'

**Sam Jones**  
Scrum half



Simon 'Dozer' Dale, has a good turn of speed for a forward, and can quite easily turn defense into attack, by picking up the ball and bulldozing his way forward

**Simon Dale**  
Second row



Ryan 'First-Aid' Kitt, has moved from the bench to first team spot in one season, despite having some unusual injuries he is a very good player

**Ryan Kitt**  
Winger



Josh 'Nonu' Hall, at 6'6" and 18 stone, is the biggest player in the team, despite being so big he is very light on his feet and can split a defense in two

**Josh Hall**  
Centre



Tom 'Flyer' or 'Guy' Foulkes, behind his schoolboy good looks lies the heart of a lion, his straight running causes devastation of defensive lines

**Tom Foulkes**  
Winger



Will 'Make your life hell' Mitchell, is the engine of the forwards. As a fitness fanatic he is often seen cycling through the hills of Cheshire, with his Dad way behind

**Will Mitchell**  
Hooker



Tom 'Teddy' Sheridan, is pound for pound the strongest member of the team. His aggressive style of play is relentless and he is always first to the breakdown

**Tom Sheridan**  
Flanker



Alex 'Dickey' Dickenson, is a line out specialist, securing ball time after time. At 6'8" he is the tallest member of the team. His feet are quite big as well

**Alex Dickenson**  
Second row



'Lord' Baden Powell, is a new signing this season and has shown great ability. He has demonstrated a keenness to improve and learn

**Baden Powell**  
Prop



Sam 'The Clamp' Clayton, is another new signing for the season, he is already a great all round footballer and will be a star the more rugby he plays

**Sam Clayton**  
Flanker



Liam 'Conman' Concliff, will lull the opposition into a false sense of security, then explode into action causing mayhem

**Liam Concliff**  
Prop



Chris 'Sidestep' Sheppard, has recently returned to rugby union form a spell in rugby league north of the border in Weaverham. Chris has excellent vision and superb kicking abilities. Favorite to be top points scorer

**Chris Sheppard**  
Fly half



Jamie 'Hitman' Hall, despite being French Jamie is OK. He utilises his Gaelic flair to full advantage and can turn potentially sticky situations into positive attacks

**Jamie Hall**  
Centre



Mike 'Gandalf' Gough, has the ability to disappear and reappear at will, always arriving just in time. He always delivers and has a very keen rugby brain

**Mike Gough**  
Prop



Jack 'ASBO' Vandersteen, is under surveillance for being spotted on TV throwing a paper plane at Graeme Souness. As the pack leader he always puts his large body on the line, in one game he even listened to what the coaches said (albeit not his Dad)

**Jack Vandersteen**  
No. 8



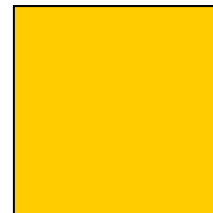
Luke 'Lomu' Murray, has huge potential, having played little rugby before, his tackling power is second to none (watch out Henry Bellis)

**Luke Murray**  
Winger



Sam 'Tree' Oakes, has recently joined the team from rugby league. His grounding in league can be seen, when he runs he has good acceleration and great hands make his support play excellent

**Sam Oakes**  
Second row



Keiran Sweeney has yet to appear for Northwich. He signed from Winnington Park in November, but various other commitments have seen him miss the last three games. A search party is underway to see if he will make his first appearance against his old side

**Keiran Sweeney**  
Prop

