



Thank you for your swift responses to my email this week. The feedback was both positive and constructive. I have also had a response back from John Pym the U14's coach for Winnington Park who has written – *“Our match on Sunday will be played according to the RFU age range dispensation i.e. one match 25 min. each way. School grape vine indicates that you maybe anticipating some other format. Hope this clarifies matters in advance.”*

Therefore in line with your feedback and after consultation with both Steve and Barrie we have decided to rotate the teams for the remaining 2 matches of this year so that everyone gets a full fixture. The two teams have been selected in advanced and are as follows (if you cannot make please give ample warning to enable your place to be filled by someone else):



### Winnington Park U14's versus Northwich U14's

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December Away Fixture  
– meet at 09.45am at Winnington Park Rugby Club

#### **PLEASE CONFIRM AVAILABILITY**

Shirt with Club or School Tie ... and remember your kit!

- 1 Simon Dale
- 2 Will Mitchell
- 3 David Lewis
- 4 Sam Clayton
- 5 Mike Collier
- 6 Ryan Kitt
- 7 Jamie Hall
- 8 Jack Vandersteen
- 9 Sam Jones (Capt)
- 10 Chris Sheppard
- 11 Jordan Byrne
- 12 Josh Hall
- 13 Luke Murray
- 14 Tom Bebbington
- 15 Elliot Alston
- 16 Tom Sheridan
- 17 Michael Gough
- 18 Andrew Dawson
- 19 Tom Foulkes
- 20 Steven Parry

ALL OTHER PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT THE TEAM

#### Players not available for fixture

Matt Beesley  
Ryan Simpson  
Alex Dickenson  
Luke Targett  
Joe Halsall  
Declan Woodward



### Flint U14's versus Northwich U14's

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Away Fixture  
– meet at 09.00am at Moss Farm (Coach)

#### **ALL PLAYERS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Shirt with Club or School Tie ... and remember your kit!

- 1 Michael Gough
- 2 Tom Sheridan (Capt)
- 3 Baden Powell
- 4 Samir Zaman
- 5 Alex Dickenson
- 6 Ryan Kitt
- 7 Jamie Hall
- 8 Andrew Dawson
- 9 Jordan Byrne
- 10 Elliot Alston
- 11 Declan Woodward
- 12 Michael Chubb
- 13 Luke Targett
- 14 Steven Parry
- 15 Tom Foulkes
- 16 David Lewis
- 17 Will Mitchell
- 18 Mike Collier
- 19 Tom Bebbington
- 20 Simon Dale

ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND

#### Players not available for fixture

Ryan Simpson  
Joe Halsall  
Matt Beesley

If all goes well the Christmas event, including coach will be free to all players. Traveling parents are welcome (and have the opportunity to let their hair down as well) and we plan on only charging the parents for the meal – first-come-first-served for room on the coach (should be paid for).

**We encourage all players to attend, even though some maybe injured or recovering from operations.**



downwind cease in the second half, but with the simple game plan agreed during the break, Northwich kept the ball close, pressurised the ball carrier when not in possession themselves, keeping all passes short and never kicking ... and with the exception of one lapse of concentration of a captain's grubber kick which nearly led to a Caldly try, the 'Stags' performed brilliantly. The game ended with Caldly camped downwind for the only time of the half, but with Northwich continuing their brave defence to stop a late second try.

Last week, Caldly lost a strange cup game against Lymm, their only defeat of the season and with wins over Wilmslow, Ansellmians and Sandbach under their belts, the score of 5:0 to the home side can only give confidence to the 'Stags', and that winning the Cheshire Cup is still an achievable, stretched goal for the season.

**'Tango' Moment of the Day:** Five minutes into the second half, Chris Sheppard was taken off after a frightening experience involving his scrum-cap and an alleged Caldly misdemeanour. Auntie Barrie was forced to switch the backs around and put the versatile 'Jinky' at fullback. As explained

in above, Northwich limited the downwind kicks to a minimum, but there were still another three enormous kicked clearances. Now, if we forget the last kick that Tom knocked on to enable Caldly to end out the game in the Stag's half, the way that he dealt with the other three kicks deserves a 'Tango' mention. At the beginning of the season Tom Sheridan was still learning his trade as fullback, and on occasion was forced into some minor errors, but his decision-making was spot on in this game. Because of the wind Tom stood waiting a good sixty metres (60m) behind his backs, and like a magnet the ball bounced in his zone (demonstrating his excellent positioning). To be fair, Luke Murray, Michael Chubb and Tom Bebbington all retreated back to support him, but because of the gap, as well as the speedy attackers fast closing the 60m-void, 'Jinky' needed to buy time. One could pick any of three examples, but the Tango Moment goes to the time that Tom took the ball on the bounce, 'jinked' a few times, side-stepped two players, eventually took the ball into contact, and as he was tackled to the floor, popped the ball expertly into Tom Bebbington's hands who then continued the counter-attack to put the pull back in the leeward 22. Well-done Tom, like the Beatles, two records in the top 5 (now doesn't that sound old ... maybe should read ... two top iTunes downloads in the charts from Clubz!).

**RBS Spectators' Player of the Day:** The game was very tight, and intricacies of the tight game were difficult to decipher from the touchline, especially viewed through horizontal hailstones 'sandblasting' the spectators' retinas. The RBS number 2 and 3 could have gone to any one of the team, Sam Jones was brilliant, so too Joe Halsall, Simon Dale, Josh Hall and Sam Clayton, but third place went to Jack Vandersteen for some superb tackling and with his back-row colleagues expertly, closed down the space, always limiting Caldly's options; in second place for his tackling, heart,



determination and vision goes to Chris Sheppard, who has now been cited in the top 3 for half the matches this season; however from the start, their was only going to be one RBS this week, and like Joe Halsall in the last game, Tom Bebbington was simply brilliant. He never missed a tackle, with most of his tackles being of the 'last ditched, try saving' kind, in the second half he turned defence into attack, and showed an excellent display of running and gave his adoring crowd plenty of glimpses of his 'rod-iron hand-offs'. Well-done Tom, if you were on 'Strictly Come Dancing' besides getting '8 (from Craig) + 10 + 10 + 10', Irene would have said "brave Bebbington beats the best in beautifully, brilliant barnstormer of a battling display" (not that I admit to watching such a programme, of course)!

Photographs supplied by Ian Foulkes (Again!)

For those who have not done so already ... **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE FILL THE FORM GIVEN TO YOU IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER and RETURN TO EITHER ONE of the THREE COACHES THIS WEEK ... THANK YOU.**