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Welcome to Widnes RUFC from Warrington RUFC

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Other home game today: Warrington 2nd vs. Rossendale 2

TODAY'S REFEREE: Nick Taylor, Manchester Society

TODAY'S TEAM SHEET: p.9 **NOTES PAGE**: p. 20

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Welcome to Widnes RUFC

A warm welcome to the players, supporters and officials from Widnes RUFC who make the short trip across the Runcorn Bridge for today's final League game of 2014. Widnes are just ahead of us in the League Table but with a game in hand as their match at Vale of Lune two weeks ago was abandoned as there was a potentially serious injury to a Vale player.

Whenever our two clubs have met in the League they have produced exciting games - who can forget the 34pts each draw just over twelve months ago when Warrington came back from the dead to score 21 unanswered points in the final 15 minutes of the game. Warrington won for the first time in the League at Heath Road back in September with a hard earned 27 pts to 14 win and both clubs have established themselves in the top half of the League at the halfway point of the season.

With the decision of the RFU to make this Saturday - a full 12 days before Christmas Day itself - the final fixture of this year clubs are deprived of a potentially money spinning match before we all go into the traditional Christmas break. Thankfully the NOWIRUL League have a little more sense and both our 2's and 3's are in action next Saturday before Zak Lythgoe and Co host their Christmas "No Theme Fancy Dress" party in the club function room.

The Club wish Shaun Yoxall the very best as he makes the trip over to Australia in the next few days to seek his fame and fortune - Shaun came on to the pitch to play his 60th 1st XV game in the final minute of last week's game against Vale of Lune.

The Warrington teams today are boosted by the return of some of our students from University for today's matches and we look forward to catching up with you all over the next month or so.

Peter J Riley, WRUFC Secretary

Murphy's Law

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature that buttered toast always falls butter-down. He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Fr Flanagan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Fr Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that." "Well," Fr Flanagan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc." An investigation of some rigour is conducted, not only by priests of the archdiocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however, and it reads:

"It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of the phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we have declared no miracle, for it possibly resulted from Murphy having buttered the toast on the wrong side".

North One West Fixtures 2014-15

DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT
2014		Home Team 1st
6 Sept	Broughton Park (A)	L 25 - 8
13 Sept	Widnes (A)	W 14 - 27
20 Sept	Wigton (A)	W 25 - 40
27 Sept	Kirkby Lonsdale (A)	L 28 - 26
4 Oct	Eccles (H)	W 42 - 8
11 Oct	Birkenhead Park (A)	L 31 - 24
18 Oct	Wilmslow (H)	L 23 - 45
25 Oct	Bolton (A)	W 26 - 33
1 Nov	Penrith (H)	W 21 - 14
8 Nov		
15 Nov	New Brighton (A)	W 11 - 16
22 Nov	Kendal (H)	W 34 - 7
29 Nov	Carlisle (A)	L 27 - 16
6 Dec	Vale of Lune (H)	W 25 - 15
13 Dec	Widnes (H)	
2015		
3 Jan	Wigton (H)	
10 Jan	Kirkby Lonsdale (H)	
17 Jan	Eccles (A)	
24 Jan		
31 Jan	Birkenhead Park (H)	
7 Feb	Wilmslow (A)	
15 Feb		
21 Feb	Bolton (H)	
28 Feb	Penrith (A)	
7 Mar	New Brighton (H) [*]	
14 Mar		
21 Mar	Kendal (A)	
28 Mar	Carlisle (H)	
4 Apr		
11 Apr	Vale of Lune (A)	
18 Apr	Broughton Park (H)	

[*] Past Players' Lunch Today 12:30 for 13:00, Kick Off 3pm. Tickets available in the New Year.

NORTH ONE WEST (N1W) - RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLE

Results 6th December 2014

Birkenhead Park	13	- 9	New Brighton
Eccles	12	- 32	Kendal
Kirkby Lonsdale	17	- 0	Carlisle
Warrington	25	- 15	Vale of Lune
Widnes	17	- 13	Broughton Park
Wigton	10	- 17	Bolton
Wilmslow	Р	- P	Penrith

North One West League a.m. 13th December 2014

	Р	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	Bonus pts	Adjust
Birkenhead Park	13	10	0	3	353	238	115	49	9	0
Kirkby Lonsdale	13	10	0	3	339	221	118	48	8	0
Kendal	13	10	0	3	352	224	128	47	7	0
Broughton Park	13	9	0	4	282	249	33	41	5	0
Widnes	12	8	0	4	316	258	58	41	9	0
Warrington	13	8	0	5	335	276	59	39	7	0
Penrith	12	7	0	5	284	190	94	36	8	0
Vale of Lune	12	6	0	6	351	272	79	35	11	0
Carlisle	13	6	0	7	273	264	9	31	7	0
Wilmslow	12	6	0	6	275	280	-5	29	5	0
Bolton	13	4	0	9	222	350	-128	22	6	0
New Brighton	13	2	0	11	254	330	-76	13	10	-5
Eccles	13	2	0	11	175	386	-211	10	2	0
Wigton	13	1	0	12	194	467	-273	8	4	0

Four surgeons

Four surgeons are taking a coffee break. The first one says, "Accountants are the best to operate on because when you open them up everything inside them is numbered." The second surgeon says, "Nah, librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order." Third surgeon says, "Try electricians. Everything inside them is colour-coded." The fourth one says, "I prefer Scottish rugby players. They're heartless, spineless, gutless and their heads and arses are interchangeable."

Snow White

Snow White returned to the cottage to find it had burned down. Distraught, she searches for the dwarfs in the forest and hears a lone voice chanting, "Wales for the World Cup, Wales for the World Cup, Wales for the World Cup." On hearing this, Snow White gave a little sigh of relief as she knew that at least Dopey was safe.

RAGING BULL LEAGUES A.M 13/12/14 Raging Bull Division 1 - Standish Media Services

	Team	Р	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts	+/-
1	Lymm 2	12	10	0	2	539	125	414	42	0
2	Firwood Waterloo 2	12	10	0	2	520	187	333	42	0
3	Warrington 2	12	10	0	2	425	220	205	42	0
4	Wirral 2	12	8	1	2	466	229	237	40	0
5	Blackburn 2	12	9	0	3	441	221	220	39	0
6	Wilmslow 2	12	6	1	5	273	253	20	31	0
7	Bolton 2	12	6	0	6	183	200	-17	30	0
8	Whitchurch 2	12	4	0	8	232	348	-116	24	0
9	Altrincham Kersal 2	12	4	0	8	273	399	-126	24	0
10	Rossendale 2	12	3	0	8	161	314	-153	24	0
11	Aldwinians 2	12	3	0	8	129	471	-342	24	0
12	Liverpool Collegiate 2	12	3	0	9	157	366	-209	21	0
13	Caldy 3	12	2	0	9	172	486	-314	17	0
14	De La Salle 2	12	2	0	8	139	291	-152	16	0

December 13th vs Rossendale 2 (H)

December 20th vs Firwood Waterloo 2 (H)

Raging Bull Division 2 South

	Team	Р	W	D	L	For	Agst	Diff	Pts	+/-
1	Macclesfield 3	12	10	0	2	481	165	316	40	-2
2	Warrington 3	12	9	1	1	273	132	141	39	0
3	New Brighton 2	12	8	0	4	376	155	221	36	0
4	Chester 3	11	8	0	3	304	186	118	35	0
5	Liverpool Saint Helens 2	11	7	0	3	246	196	50	35	0
6	Crewe & Nantwich 2	12	7	0	5	381	229	152	33	0
7	Bowdon 2	12	6	1	5	262	279	-17	31	0
8	Northwich 2	12	5	0	7	218	225	-7	27	0
9	Glossop 2	12	4	0	8	214	281	-67	24	0
10	Didsbury Toc H 2	12	4	0	8	281	425	-144	24	0
11	Burnage 3	12	4	0	7	224	315	-91	23	0
12	Widnes 2	12	3	0	9	235	322	-87	21	0
13	Stockport 3	11	1	0	7	81	504	-423	19	0
14	Sefton 2	11	2	0	9	200	362	-162	17	0

December 13th vs Stockport 3 (A)

December 20th vs Macclesfield 3 (A)

Match Reports (from Dave Jervis, President WRUFC)

Saturday 6th December 2014

Warrington 25 Vale of Lune 15

In a red-blooded and entertaining encounter, Warrington outscored Vale of Lune by four tries to two. The win sees them leap-frog the visitors, and overtake Penrith, to move up to sixth place in the league.

Welcoming back their usual front row, Warrington soon showed that their defeat at Carlisle the previous week was a blip in form. However, it was Vale who took control in the early stages as they starved the home side of possession from the set pieces, forcing them onto the defensive. Vale pressure was soon tuned into points when they forced a penalty to take a 3-0 lead.

Vale continued to attack but the Warrington defence stood firm and, as confidence grew, defence was slowly turned into attack. The set scrum now started to function and Warrington saw more possession inside Vale Unfortunately ball was spilled at crucial moments but when the forwards managed a turnover in mid-field and Steve Pilkington flashed the ball to Karl Jefferies, the veteran winger beat off an attempted tackle to score in the corner and give his side the lead.

Warrington doubled their points total within ten minutes when they won fast, clean ball at a set scrum and Ashley Rockey found Keiron Hughes in space. The elusive winger showed his pace and strength to blast over from 30 yards. Just before half time, the diminutive winger claimed his second score of the afternoon when he crossed again in the corner, after a good scrum, four patient phases and then a superb overhead flick-on from Steve Pilkington.

A revitalised Vale came out firing on all cylinders after the restart and their flying winger touched down in the corner. The try was converted from the touchline and Warrington's lead was now reduced to just five points.

Warrington returned to the attack but again suffered a litany of dropped ball and stray passes, missing out on two almost certain tries. Fortunately, they managed to stretch their lead to eight points with a Pat Roberts' penalty. They then put the game out of Vale's reach with a move that is not in their normal play book, when the forwards executed a perfect driving maul from a line out and Dan Fleming claimed the touch down. Pat Roberts converted from the touch line. Vale managed a last minute try but it was too late to affect the result.

"This is probably some consolation after the disappointment of last week," said coach Darren Abram. "But we will have to sharpen up our handling for our big test against Widnes next Saturday."

Wirral 2nd XV 40 Warrington 2nd XV 26

A weakened Warrington slipped to third place in the league with this loss to Wirral, although they show the same points total as the league leaders, differing from them only in points difference.

Warrington took the field with a lightweight pack and a novice front row against a heavier, more experienced Wirral side. The home side soon exploited their advantages with a well-worked converted, blind side try but Warrington hit back through Nathan Beesley, who showed electric pace to touch down. Luke Wood converted.

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Wirral then relied on their heavier pack to score from a driving maul but ten minutes from half time, Luke Wood weaved a delicate path through the Wirral defence to score under the posts. His conversion meant that the sides turned round at 14-14.

The driving maul was again the Wirral weapon of choice to score their third try but Warrington took the lead for the first, and only, time when Nathan Beesley again evaded the defensive cover, and chipped ahead for Ben Hockenhull to claim a try, converted by Luke Wood.

Wirral went back in front when a lovely move from a set scrum saw the scrum half take an inside pass and scoot over. The home side then further increased their lead with yet another driving maul but the Beesley/Hockenhull combination replicated their earlier try with a Beesley chip and a Hockenhull score to take Warrington within touching distance. However, the Warrington tackle count eventually started to take its toll and the final Wirral try was conceded when their strong inside centre broke through the line to score and allow an easy conversion.

"We suffered a bit of a steam-rollering up front," said skipper Andy Almond. "But I was pleased with the way our new front row recruits stood up to the pressure and with the all-round effort of Josh Downes."

Warrington 3rd XV 30 Didsbury Toc H 2nd XV 10

Warrington's third string returned to winning ways after last week's cup loss with this victory over Toc H. This keeps them in second place in the league, just one point adrift from Macclesfield. Even so, the visitors provided stiff opposition for the first forty minutes and it was only in the second half that Warrington started to show their true form.

The home side began well and Mark Tickle grabbed the first of his three tries after just five minutes. The centre then took advantage of a subtle pass from Matt Drinkwater to score his second try. The normally unerring boot of Drinkwater again failed to convert.

Didsbury then kicked a penalty before drawing level with a converted forwards' try but Matt Drinkwater put Warrington back in front with a penalty on the stroke of half time.

Following some stern words from team manager Lea Graham during the half time break, the home side started to play to their true potential in the second period. With master puppeteer Matt Drinkwater pulling all the strings, the Warrington backs started to showcase their talents. First Dan Reid sprinted over and then Craig Davis, taking a break from his busy filming schedule, joined the line from full-back after a Drinkwater break and touched down in the corner. Warrington finished off the scoring when Matt Drinkwater jinked through, feinted to pass right and then slipped a blind pass over his left shoulder into the safe hands of Mark Tickle who ghosted over to collect his hat trick. Sean McDermott assumed kicking duties to pop over the conversion.

"Although our backs took all the glory today, they owe a debt of gratitude to the forwards," said Lea Graham. "Steve Tickle had the highest tackle count I've ever seen, Dan Johnstone was everywhere and Tom Stubbs was solid up-front."

Referees' Corner



- 1. The first half is invariably much longer than the second. This is partly because of the late kick-off but is also caused by the unfitness of the referee.

 Michael Green The Art of Coarse Rugby (1960).
- 2. In the middle of the game, the Referee suddenly blows his whistle to stop the game when he sees a long funeral procession on the road that runs alongside the field of play. He closes his eyes and bows his head in prayer.

"Wow", said a nearby player. "That is the most thoughtful and touching thing I've ever seen. You truly are a kind man Ref. I'll never think badly of a Referee again."

The Referee replies. "Yes, we were married nearly 25 years".

The Golf Match

Stevie Wonder and Tiger Woods are in a bar. Woods turns to Wonder and says: How is the singing career going?" Stevie Wonder replies: "Not too bad! How's the golf?"

Woods replies: "Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that right now." Stevie Wonder says: "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right. Tiger Woods says: "You play golf?"

Stevie Wonder says: "Oh, yes, I've been playing for years." And Woods says: "But, you're blind. How can you play golf if you're blind?" Wonder replies: "I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice."

"But, how do you putt?", asks Woods.

"Well," says Stevie, "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice." Woods asks: "What's your handicap?" Stevie says, "Well, I'm a scratch golfer." Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie: "We've got to play a round sometime." Wonder replies: "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole." Woods thinks about it and says, "OK, I'm game for that, when would you like to play?" Stevie says, "Pick a night!"

Memory Lane: Warrington RUFC

THE EXAMINER SATURDAY APRIL 21, 1923 Rugby Union

WARRINGTON CLUB'S PRACTICE GAMES

Practice games were held on Saturday and Tuesday and the players were coached by Sergeant-Instructor Jones, the Welsh International. Two complete teams turned out, and a spirited game resulted, in which much talent was shown.

Warrington RUFC vs. Widnes RUFC

WARRINGTON RUFC

WIDNES RUFC

Colours: Green, Scarlet & White

Colours: Red and Black Hoops

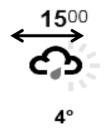
Kick Off 2:15 p.m.

TEAMS

J Ward	1	S Alderson
S Hughes	2	M Brick
C O'Rourke	3	J Winstanley
P Lynch	4	M Tindall
D Fleming	5	M Garrity
S Nicholls	6	M Jones
S Callander	7	T McMuldroch
A Rockey	8	R Critchley (C)
P Roberts	9	C Atkin
A Roberts	10	P McLindon
C Lewis	11	A Leadbetter
L Johnston	12	D Welsh
D Rickard (C)	13	P O'Connor
K Hughes	14	T Spencer
S Pilkington	15	M Smith
	Bench	
L Wood	16	G Moss
S Yoxall	17	C Hall
P Thompson	18	J Leather
Coach: Darren Abram		Coach: Dave Westhead

Referee: Nick Taylor , Manchester Society

Today's Weather 12:00-17:00 WA4 6SJ (bbc.co.uk/weather)



Sunny spells and isolated wintry showers Saturday.

Must Be a Forward

A man went to the doctor one day and said: "I've just been playing Rugby and when I got back I found that when I touched my legs, my arms, my head, my tummy and everywhere else, it really hurt." So the doctor said: "You've broken your finger."

WARRINGTON RUFC 1ST XV APPEARANCES 2014/2015 SEASON UP TO AND INCLUDING VALE OF LUNE – HOME 6TH DECEMBER 2014

NAME	CAREER GAMES	THIS YEAR + AS SUB	TRIES	CONS + PENS	POINTS
DAN ABRAM	6	5 + 1			
JON BENNETT	4	1+ 3			
AARON BUTEL	1	0 + 1			
GAVIN BENNION	3	2 + 1	1		5
SEAN CALLANDER	20	13			
MATT CONNELLY	56	9+1			
PETER EDWARDS	4	0 + 4			
DANNY FLEMING	85	13	2		10
TONY FRETWELL	1	0 + 1	1		5
MIKE HADDON	137	2			
KEV JONES	235	2	3		15
LUKE JOHNSTON	84	3 + 4			
CAM LEWIS	6	4	1		5
PHIL LYNCH	30	2 + 7			
ZAK LYTHGOE	122	10	3		15
KIERAN HUGHES	60	12	13		65
SEAN HUGHES	64	13	2		10
SAM NICHOLLS	6	4	1		5
CLEM O'ROURKE	20	4			
STEVE PILKINGTON	43	12	7		35
RYAN PRESTON	13	8 + 1			
MIKE RANDLE	5	1 + 1			
DUNCAN RICKARD	197	12			
ANDY ROBERTS	65	12	3		15
PAT ROBERTS	24	5		2 + 5	19
ASHLEY ROCKEY	54	8 + 3	1		5
PAUL THOMPSON	213	1 + 8			
RICHARD TURNER	149	2			
MAX WALKER	8	0 + 2			
JON WARD	11	8			
JOE WILSON	10	3			
LUKE WOOD	11	11	2	23 + 20	116
TOM WOOD	76	13	2		10
SHAUN YOXALL	59	0 + 1			
TOTAL		34 USED	33	26 + 21	335

Thought for the Day: "What is admirable in football (rugby), is the perpetual mix of individualism and discipline, the necessity for each man to think, anticipate, take a decision and at the same time subordinate one's reasoning, thoughts and decisions to those of the captain. And even the referee's whistle stopping a player for a 'fault' one team mate has made and he hasn't seen, tests his character and patience. For all that, football is truly the reflection of life, a lesson experimenting in the real world, a first-rate educational tool." - Baron Pierre de Coubertin

A Brief History of the Widnes Football Club



WIDNES RUFC 1924-2014

The Club was founded in 1924 as the Widnes Secondary School Old Boys RFC, a title that was switched the following year to Old Widnesians RFC before going 'open' in 1959. At the AGM that year Geoff Baker proposed and Jack Jennett seconded that motion that "The name of the Club be changed from Old Widnesians RFC to Widnes Rugby Union Football Club". The resolution was carried by a big majority despite a late plea by letter from former Chairman, Walter Chafe.

The Club had just moved to Heath Road and the first game played there was hardly an auspicious one as Widnes struggled to beat St Edwards Old Boys by 6-5 with the following team:- John McMullen; Brian Clarke, Cyril Clarke, Tony Mannion, Alan Fozard; Brian McDermott, Ray Heapey; John Brady, Ted Hughes, Dave Handy, Brian Doyle, Roger Brady, Bob Grace, Alan Whitby and Frank Wilson. Dave "Yogi" Handy scored the first ever try on the new pitch and Bob Grace kicked a penalty. The ground was officially opened on Wednesday 9th September 1959 when Widnes drew 3-3 with Liverpool, Ted Hughes scored the Widnes try. 1960 saw the membership pass 500 as The Wids' on a Saturday night was 'The' place to be seen and it became quite obvious that the clubhouse, opened 12 months previously, was far too small and an extension was planned and built.

The Late 60's and early 70's saw Widnes turning out seven senior sides - 1st, 2nd, Saracens, Wasps, Nomads, Victors, Veterans, as well as a Schools' XV and a Colts XV. The Colts sides in those days regularly had 6 or 7 players representing Lancashire and in fact 3 played for England Colts, Jimmy O'Neill, Dave Balmer and Ronnie Clarke. It was because we had such a successful Colts side that the best players were persuaded either by more senior clubs or Rugby League clubs to seek their fortunes elsewhere. Alex Murphy, Doug Laughton as well as coaches from Waterloo and Liverpool were regular spectators at Heath Road and in a 10 year period we lost between 50 and 60 players this way.

The club had always had, as its ultimate aim, the status of a senior club but to progress fixture wise was extremely difficult as the senior clubs, both locally and in Yorkshire, would not entertain us. So we took to playing senior clubs in South Wales such as Maesteg, Glamorgan Wanderers and Pontypridd. It was at a Glamorgan Wanderers game that Max Boyce, a spectator in the stand, was quoted in the Western Mail as saying "The only good thing to come out of Widnes that day was the Team bus". What he didn't know was that Widnes stayed in Cardiff the previous night and Glamorgan Wanderers officials informed us at the hotel that the game was cancelled because of a waterlogged ground, so everyone 'hit the town' that night. At breakfast on the Saturday morning the same officials informed us that the game could now take place, so the 15 soberest played that day.

Season 1979-80 saw the opening of the new lounge, which overlooks the pitch, by Dickie Jeeps, the then Sports Council Chairman. Along with Squash Courts, new changing rooms and a gymnasium the club now has facilities second to none in the North West.

High spots on the road so far must include our winning the Lancashire Cup when we

beat West Park on 11 April 1976 at Waterloo. The captain that day, Peter Barrow, was so confident of victory he asked our coach, George Street, to keep his false teeth in his tracksuit so that he could slip them in before being presented with the cup. In 1987-88 season we also won the Lancashire Trophy when we beat De La Salle at Preston's ground to become the first club to win both the Cup and the Trophy.

In the 1985-86 season we participated in the Girobank North West League, which was the prototype for the National League in place today, and were runners for the two years of its life. We currently play in the Northern Division, in North 1 West.

TRIVIA, GOOD STUFF AND FACTS

1. Rugby Union 1871 - Part 3

The laws of the game of football as played by the Rugby Football Union

[The following is an attempt to present the final draft as approved on 22 June 1871 by the Committee, and on 24 June by a Special General Meeting]
Some of the laws are as they are today.

- 34. If two or more players holding the ball are pushed into touch the ball shall belong in touch to the player who first had hold of it when in the field of play and has not yet released his hold of it.
- 35.If the ball when thrown out of touch be not thrown out at right angles to the touchline the captain of either side may at once claim to have it thrown out again.
- 36.A catch made when the ball is thrown out of touch is not a fair catch.
- 37. Kick-off is a place kick from the centre of the field of play and cannot count as a goal. The opposite side must stand at least 10 yards in front of the ball until it has been kicked.
- 38. The ball shall be kicked off
 - i) at the commencement of the game
 - ii) after a goal has been obtained.
- 39. The sides shall change goals as often as and whenever a goal is obtained unless it has been otherwise agreed by the captains before the commencement of the match.
- 40. The captains of the respective sides shall toss up before the commencement of the match, the winner of the toss shall have the option of goals or the kick-off.
- 41. Whenever a Goal shall have been obtained the side that has lost the goal shall then kick-off.
- 42. Kick out is a drop kick by one of the players of the side which has had to touch the ball down in their own goal or into whose touch in-goal the ball has gone (Rule 21) and is the mode of bringing the ball again into play, and cannot count as a goal.
- 43. Kick out must be a drop kick and from not more than 25 yards outside the kickers goal line.
- 44.If the ball when kicked out pitch in touch it must be taken back and kicked out again. The kicker's side must be behind the ball when kicked out.
- 45.A player who has made and claimed a fair catch shall thereupon either take a drop kick or a punt or place the ball for a place kick.
- 46. After a fair catch has been made the opposite side may come up to the catcher's mark and (except in cases under rule 50) the catcher's side retiring the ball shall be kicked from such mark or from a spot any distance in a direct line (not being in touch) behind it. (to be continued unless there are protests!)

2. Martin Regan RIP



Martin Regan d. Nov. 2014

Regan, who joined the Warrington RL club in 1956, had already enjoyed a stellar career in rugby union as a flyhalf before he switched codes at the age of 26. He had played for Liverpool, Lancashire (49 times), England (winning 12 caps) and the Barbarians and turned down a lucrative approach from Bradford Northern.

Regan signed a five-year contract with Warrington worth £3,500, which would be worth at least £75,000 in today's money. The deal was done on Monday, August 27th and, two days later, he was lining up at stand-off against Halifax at a packed Wilderspool. The game attracted a crowd of 15,451 – more than 10,000 up on the previous home game against Whitehaven.

In an interview in 2002, Regan said: "In those days when a RU guy turned pro they threw him in right away to recoup the signing fee by drawing so many thousand on the gate even though you hadn't got much of a clue what to do."

In the Fifties, rugby union was strictly amateur while rugby league was professional, with winning pay and losing pay. "It was £7 if you lost and £8 if you won," he told me. "But you never played for £8. Sitting in the dressing room before a game, the manager came in with his last-minute instructions and told you what the bonus was.

He also picked up a number of injuries but, over the next five years, he made 64 appearances for the first team, scoring 14 tries and kicking 15 goals. On six occasions, he played as centre to the great Brian Bevan. Regan's best season was 1958-59 when he played 30 times.

Regan completed his contract in 1961, playing his last match at Blackpool on March 4. Fittingly, Warrington won 8-2 with tries from Bevan and Eric Fraser.

"I enjoyed playing for Warrington," he said. "I wasn't very successful in rugby league but I played with some excellent players and had some good times."

When his rugby playing days were over, Regan switched to golf and became a member of Warrington Golf Club, getting his handicap down to nine and he was still playing off 21 in his seventies. He was also the games master at St Anselm's College, Birkenhead for 22 years until his retirement.

He remains the only England rugby union international to have signed for Warrington, although union, like league, was a very different game in the Fifties.

"The England rugby union team only assembled on the Friday lunchtime for a Saturday international at Twickenham and trained together on the Friday afternoon," he said. "You just jogged through it because nobody wanted to pull a muscle."

Below is a link to a newsreel that shows Martins only try for England.

http://www.britishpathe.com/video/twickenham-england-v-ireland

Regan's funeral was at St Monica's Church, Appleton on Wednesday, November 12, followed by cremation at Walton Crematorium and a reception at Warrington Golf Club.

The English: Look what these bastards have done to Wales. They've taken our coal, our water, our steel. They buy our houses and they only live in them for a fortnight every 12 months. What have they given us? Absolutely nothing. We've been exploited, raped, controlled and punished by the English - and that's who you are playing this afternoon. **Phil Bennett** [*Pre-game pep talk before facing England, 1977*].

3. Profile: Jack Kyle

John Wilson Kyle OBE (10 February 1926 – 28 November 2014), commonly referred to as Jack Kyle or Jackie Kyle, was a rugby union player who played for Ireland, the British Lions and the Barbarians during the 1940s and 1950s. Kyle is best known for leading Ireland to a grand slam in the 1948 Five Nations Championship. In 1950, Kyle was declared one of the six players of the year by the *New Zealand Rugby Almanac*. Kyle is a member of the International Rugby Hall of Fame and the IRB Hall of Fame. He was named the *Greatest Ever Irish Rugby Player* by the Irish Rugby Football Union in 2002.

Kyle was educated at Belfast Royal Academy and studied medicine at Queen's University, Belfast. He graduated in 1951 and in 1991, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University. In 2007, he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the *Irish Journal of Medical Science* and the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland. He was awarded an OBE in 1959.

Between 1947 and 1958, while playing for Ireland, he went onto make 46 full appearances and score 24 points, including 7 tries. The highlight of his Ireland career came during the 1948 Five Nations Championship when, together with Karl Mullen and Mick O'Flanagan, he helped Ireland win a grand slam. Kyle played in all four games and he is often credited with masterminding Ireland's success.

In 1949, he also helped Ireland win the Triple Crown and in 1951, they won the title again. Kyle made his last appearance for Ireland against Scotland on 1st March, 1958. Following a solo try against France at Ravenhill in 1953, an impressed newspaper journalist parodied *The Scarlet Pimpernel* with the lines:

They seek him here, they seek him there Those Frenchies seek him everywhere. That paragon of pace and guile, That demned elusive Jackie Kyle.

In 1950, Kyle also played for the **British Lions** on their tour to New Zealand and Australia. He played in 20 of the 29 games, including all six Tests. Among his tour highlights was a display that came in the first Test, a 9–9 draw with New Zealand. Of the Lions' nine points, Kyle scored a try, created another for Ken Jones and won a penalty that was converted by John Robins. During the tour, he also scored a try in the 24–3 defeat of Australia.

Kyle made eight appearances for the **Barbarian F.C.'s** between 1948 and 1954, scoring three points in total.^[17]

Kyle's Career

Years	Club / team	Caps	(points)
1946–1958	Ireland	46	(24)
1950	British Lions	6	(6)
1948–1954	Barbarians	8	(3)

Rugby World Cup: 1 History

Prior to the Rugby World Cup, there were only regional international rugby union competitions. One of the largest and oldest is the Six Nations Championship, which started in 1883 as the "Home Nations" championship, a tournament between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It became the Five Nations in 1910, when France joined the tournament. France did not participate from 1931 to 1939, during which period it reverted to a Home Nations championship. In 2000, Italy joined the competition, which became the Six Nations.

In the southern hemisphere, the equivalent competition is The Rugby Championship, involving Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. It began in 1996 as the Tri Nations with the latter three countries participating; Argentina debuted in the renamed competition in 2012.

Rugby union was also played at the Summer Olympics, first appearing at the 1900 Paris games and subsequently at London in 1908, Antwerp in 1920, and Paris again in 1924. France won the first gold medal, then Australasia, with the last two being won by the United States. However rugby union was soon removed from the Summer Olympic program.

The idea of a Rugby World Cup had been suggested on numerous occasions going back to the 1950s, but met with opposition from most unions in the IRFB. The idea resurfaced several times in the early 1980s, with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) and the New Zealand Rugby Union (NZRU) independently writing to the IRFB seeking to conduct a World Cup tournament. In 1985, Australia, New Zealand and France were in favour of a world cup and, despite knowing that the international sports boycott of the apartheid regime would prevent their participation, the South African delegates also voted in favour, which was vital in tying the vote 8–8. When one English delegate followed by a Welsh delegate switched sides, the IRFB finally approved the inaugural cup, by 10 votes to 6.

The inaugural tournament, jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand, was held in May and June 1987, with sixteen nations taking part. New Zealand became the first ever champions, defeating France 29–9 in the final. The subsequent 1991 tournament was hosted by England, with matches being played throughout Britain, Ireland and France. This tournament also saw the abolition of invitation qualification, with a qualifying tournament being introduced which involved thirty-five nations. Australia won the second tournament, defeating England 12–6 in the final.

The 1995 tournament was hosted by South Africa and was the first in which South Africa participated, following the end of the international sports boycott. The tournament had a fairytale ending, as South Africa were crowned champions over New Zealand, with then President Nelson Mandela, wearing a Springbok jersey and matching baseball cap, presenting the trophy to South Africa's captain, Francois Pienaar. The tournament in 1999 was hosted by Wales with matches also being held throughout the rest of the United Kingdom, Ireland and France. The tournament included a repechage system, alongside specific regional qualifying places, and an increase from sixteen to twenty participating nations. Australia claimed their second title, defeating France in the final.

The 2003 event was hosted by Australia, although it was originally intended to be held jointly with New Zealand. England emerged as champions defeating Australia in extra time. England's win was unique in that it broke the southern hemisphere's dominance in the event. Such was the celebration of England's victory, that an estimated 750,000

people gathered in central London to greet the team, making the day the largest sporting celebration of its kind ever in the United Kingdom.

The 2007 competition was hosted by France, with matches also being held in Wales and Scotland. South Africa claimed their second title by defeating defending champions England 15–6. The 2011 tournament was awarded to New Zealand in November 2005, ahead of bids from Japan and South Africa. The All Blacks reclaimed their place atop the rugby world with a narrow 8–7 win over France in the 2011 final.

Rugby World Cup Limited recommended to the IRB that the 2015 and 2019 World Cups be held in England and Japan, respectively, and in July 2009 it was announced that this proposal was adopted.

4. One for the Old'Uns Among You

THINGS MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME

- 1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
- "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
- "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.
- "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- 4. My father taught me LOGIC.
- "Because I said so, that's why."
- 5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.
- "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- 6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.
- "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- 7. My father taught me IRONY.
- "Keep crying, And I'll give you something to cry about."
- 8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.
- "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- 9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.
- "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
- 10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.
- "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- 11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.
- "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- 12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.
- "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
- 13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.
- "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
- 14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION.

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- "Stop acting like your father!"
- 15. My mother taught me about ENVY.
- "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- 16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
- "Just wait until we get home."
- 17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.
- "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
- 18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
- "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- 19. My mother taught me ESP.
- "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- 20. My father taught me HUMOUR.
- "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- 21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.
- "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- 22. My mother taught me GENETICS.
- "You're just like your father."
- 23. My mother taught me about my HERITAGE.
- "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- 24. My mother taught me WISDOM.
- "When you get to be my age, you'll understand.
- 25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.
- "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

5. News Flashes:

closing lanes 7 and 8.

A black man has been shot with a starting pistol; police say it's definitely race related. Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin swimming baths have announced they are

I got a letter from Screw Fix Direct thanking me for my interest, but explaining they were not a dating agency.

The lead actor in the local pantomime production of Aladdin was anally raped by the gay genie on stage last night - to be fair the audience did try to warn him.

Got stopped in the street outside Boots today by a woman with a clipboard asking "What products do I use for grooming?" She was a bit taken aback when I replied, "Facebook".

Just booked a table for Valentine's Day for me and the wife. Bound to end in tears though - she's rubbish at snooker.

Got a new Jack Russell pup today, he's mainly black and brown with just a small white area so I've called him Bradford.

If you get an email telling you that you can catch Swine Flu from tins of ham then delete it. It's Spam.

They say that sex is the best form of exercise. Now correct me if I'm wrong but I don't think 2 minutes and 15 seconds every 6 months is going to shift this beer belly.

When I was a kid people used to cover me in chocolate and cream and put a cherry on my head. Yeah, life was tough in the gateau.

6. PROFILE

Warrington People: Chris Evans

Christopher James "Chris" Evans (born 1 April 1966) is a presenter, businessman and producer for radio and television, best known for presenting the Chris Evans Breakfast Show every weekday morning on BBC Radio 2.

Evans was born in Warrington, the youngest child of bookmaker and health authority wages clerk Martin Joseph Evans (1921–1979), and Minnie Beardsall, who managed a corner shop. His siblings are brother David (born 1953) and sister Diane (born 1963). He started his schooling at St Margaret's Church of England Infants and Junior School, and later the Junior School in Orford, Warrington. Evans' father and both paternal uncles died of colorectal cancer. Evans' mother is a breast cancer survivor.

Evans passed the 11 plus exam and started at Boteler Grammar School, Warrington. After the death of his father, the 13-year-old Evans took part-time work at an outlet of T. J. & B. McLoughlin's newsagent—tobacconist in Woolston, and ran an alternative tuck-shop at Padgate High School, which was a comprehensive school he attended for the final three years of his secondary education. Evans left secondary school at age 16 after moving into the sixth form, and he then had a number of dead-end jobs in and around Warrington, including a private detective agency and notoriously as a "Tarzan-ogram."

He started his broadcasting career working for Piccadilly Radio, Manchester as a teenager, before moving to London as a presenter for the BBC's Greater London Radio and then Channel 4 television, where The Big Breakfast made him a star. Soon he was able to dictate highly favourable terms, allowing him to broadcast on competing radio and TV stations. Slots like Radio 1 Breakfast Show and TFI Friday provided an appealing mix of celebrity interviews, music and comic games, delivered in an irreverent style that attracted complaints and higher ratings in equal measure. By 2000 he was the UK's highest paid entertainer, according to the Sunday Times Rich List. In 2005, he started a new career on Radio 2, hosting the long-running Drivetime programme, before moving to host the breakfast show in 2010.

He is now all over radio and TV like a rash, slightly less visible than Tony Robinson. [*Ed*]

7. THE WEBB ELLIS STORY

The myth

Rugby Football was invented in November 1823, at Rugby School, when 17-year-old player William Webb Ellis - "with a fine disregard for the rules" - first picked up a ball and ran with it.

William Webb Ellis was born on 24th November 1806 in Salford (some sources say he was born in Manchester, Webb Ellis actually said he was born in Manchester in an 1851 census as he later moved to the city). He was the son James Ellis, an officer in the Dragoon Guards and Ann Webb whom he married in Exeter in 1804.

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After James was killed at the Battle of Albuera in 1812, Mrs Ellis and her two sons were left totally unprovided for except for a small army pension of 10 pounds a year for each child. She decided to move to Rugby, Warwickshire so that William and his older brother Thomas could receive a good education at Rugby School with no cost as a local foundationer (i.e., a pupil living within a radius of 10 miles of the Rugby Clock Tower). William Webb Ellis Enrolls at Rugby School under the headmastership of Dr Wooll and was at town house.

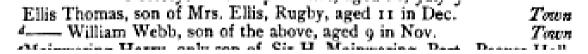
The "truth"

Various forms of football were played in many countries before codification began in Britain in the 19th century. In Ellis's time, each major English public school stuck to its



William Webb Ellis 1806-1872

own version, and inter-school matches were unknown. However, handling the ball was common to most forms of the game, until eventually banned from what became soccer in 1863. The Rugby Football Union was formed in 1871, its clubs drawn mostly from the London area. There's no doubt that the anomalous Rugby game has its modern roots in the eponymous school, but Ellis's involvement is entirely apocryphal. The story appeared for the first time in 1875 (Ellis having died in 1872) in an article in the school magazine, and no evidence to support it was offered at the time or has ever emerged since. It seems likely that Ellis himself died quite unaware of his supposed role in sporting history. Birth record is shown below.



Despite this, the Rugby World Cup is resolutely named the William Webb Ellis trophy.



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