Appendix V

Macclesfield RUFC 2nd XV report 2025-26

Played 20

Won 9

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Lost 10

Points for 555

Points against 578

Final league position 5th

Improvement of 2 league places as we finished 7th last season.

A season of two halves for the Macclesfield 2XV.

The first half of the season saw us regularly putting out squads of 20, enjoying strong numbers at training, and competing right to the final whistle against some of the league's top sides.

The second half brought its challenges. Injuries to 12 players, alongside several loan moves to other clubs, heavily impacted squad selection and often left us battling just to field a 15. Unfortunately, on a few occasions we had to concede fixtures, which was frustrating for the core group who simply wanted to play rugby.

That said, this team never gives up whether on the pitch or off it.

Some standout moments included:

- Back-to-back wins over Chester, especially the away victory where we won with just 13 men.
- The derby-day battle against Stockport at home, clinched in the final minute and topped off with a few handbags afterwards.

To finish 5th this season two places higher than last year is a fantastic achievement by the squad. It was also brilliant to see four senior colts successfully make the transition into senior men's rugby throughout the season.

A huge thank you to Hector Tomlinson for leading the team this season, alongside Tom Blackwell and Toby Moule.

Thanks also to our physios, Izzy Adlington and Chloe Hull, and to the senior coaching team of Rhys Davies, Oli Longmore, Darren Lamon, and Tom Morton.

Finally, thank you for the continued support from Matt Coleridge, Steve Burnage, and Jim Curtis.