Appendix VIII

Women's XV 2025/26 Report

The team had an excellent season finishing as runners up in NC2 North building upon their success during the previous seasons NC3 North campaign. After gaining promotion to NC 2 North there was a certain amount of trepidation going into this league. However, as with last season the attitude and commitment shown at training has been excellent, skills and a style of play have continued to develop at a fast pace. The leadership of Mel Bramley both on and off the pitch has again been outstanding all season. Mel has decided to stand down as captain at the end of this season, she has led the team with dignity and passion and no doubt continue to be an advocate of women's rugby within the club.

The team travelled to the Isle of Man for the first time for a league match and we would like to thank Jim Curtis and Tim Broster for all their support in making this trip very successful. Liz Jarratt has been incredible in her role as team manager doing a huge amount of work behind the scenes whilst Annie James has been nominated for Cheshire Volunteer of the year. Special thanks to Russ Tomlinson and Jim Curtis who have given their time to guide and support over the season and Jerry Frain for running the line at home matches.

Playing Record

- Women's NC 2 North Runners up to Sale Bees, played 14 Won 9 lost 5 Drawn 0
- Papa John Cup knocked out in Rd 1 by Crewe and Nantwich
- Papa John Plate knocked out in Rd 3 by Boston (Lincs)

Representative Rugby: Four players have made the landmark of representing the WXV 50 times this season. Whilst seven players have been selected to train with the Cheshire Senior women's XV squad.
Tanni Whalley has represented Jamaica at Rugby League

Sponsorship: The following have been great supporters of the WXV over the season. The efforts of Sophie Barnett should be recognised in organising sponsorship and liaising with our sponsors over the season.
Alfreds, AVK Engineering, Branching Out, Corner Shop Café and Jims Jerseys

Club Impact: Within the cub we have four players coaching the girl's section, three players coaching the U6's, players who give up their time to organise the social media for the men, mini and juniors and are also involved in Project Priory and commentary on first xv match days.

Moving Forward

- To train twice a week (90 minutes astro and small back pitch)
- Recruitment continues with several players joining the side since the start of the season, much of this is down to the hard work of Annie James in promoting the side through social media.
- To investigate sources of sponsorship to support the team's development.
- Improved physio support (access on Tuesdays & Thursdays, along with support on match days and a tape budget)
- The provision of playing kit in line with the 1st XV team squad.
- The side would request GM support in organising logistics and finances for IOM fixture next season.
- To again ask the club to recognise the achievements of the WXV within the clubhouse, WXV 50/100 cap representative board, WXV Captains board, framed Cheshire Representative shirt 2023/24 and 2025/26 and a Jamica International shirt 2025/26.

Paul Jakubowski (Lead Coach)