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## Presidents' Welcomes...

A warm welcome to all clubs, officials, players and supporters who are contesting their Final here at Heaton Moor RUFC. We are especially delighted to host these fixtures and play our part in making an enjoyable and memorable day for all. A special thank you to coaches, volunteers and match officials that make junior and colts rugby happen – our game would die without you. These young players are not only the life blood of their clubs but of our game as a whole. I hope that today can be an experience for winners and runners up (no one that reaches a final is a loser really) that contributes to them playing the game for years to come. Here is to a great day of rugby.

Lee Harris, President HMRUFC

Good afternoon, welcome to the Wids.

A very warm welcome to all the officials, spectators and players from the Teams competing in today's Finals. It is a pleasure to have Fylde, New Brighton, Sandbach, Rochdale and the Referees, here at Heath Road and I would also extend a welcome to the officials and guests from the Halbro North West Senior Colts League. An exciting day in prospect.

As with many community clubs in our area, Widnes rely on home grown talent. This year we have plied our trade at Level 6 and, having gained promotion to that level last year, we managed to keep our position in the League with a couple of games to spare. The 1st team squad is all, bar 2 lads, a product of the M & J's and Colts. We fielded 14 under 20's during the 2024/25 season. My thanks go to the tireless efforts of the Mums, Dads and coaching staff, volunteers, through all the age groups who make all that happen. A club is defined by the commitment and ambition of its members and thankfully we have steadfast volunteers, willing to dedicate themselves season after season, to take us forward. Today's finalist can, I am sure, say the same.

Before I conclude sadly I must report that Duncan Ogilvie, Chairman of the Rochdale M & J passed away just over a week ago. A driving force at Rochdale, he managed the U17's and had coached that team all the way from U6's. Our thoughts are with his family and the wider Rochdale rugby family at the club at this sad time.

Let's hope the weather is kind and we are treated to a feast of open, fast flowing, competitive rugby. Colts rugby is the lifeblood of a club, long may its success continue - Good luck to all.

Neil Ankers President Widnes RUFC

Todays Match Officials: Our thanks and gratitude are extended to todays match officials from the Manchester & District referees society (MAD Refs). The support of both the Manchester & Liverpool societies has been superb throughout the season. The provision of qualified impartial referees has made a significant positive impact to the Rugby that our lads are enjoying. Thanks to all those "fellas in the middle" for your efforts during the season, and particular thanks to Ben Moore of the Liverpool and John Jeskins of the Manchester society for all your hard work in making sure that the appointments have been made and that referees have always been available to support our Colts Matches.

Junior Colts Shield Final Referee: Peter Logan

Assistant Referees: Simon Vale, Ezra Rushen

Junior Colts Plate Final Referee: Simon Vale

Assistant Referees: Peter Logan, Ezra Rushen

Junior Colts Bowl Final Referee: John Pemberton

Assistant Referees: Nell Everett, Andy Lord

Junior Cup Final Referee: Nell Everett

Assistant Referees: John Pemberton, Andy Lord

Senior Colts Plate Final

Referee: Martin Bowden-Williams

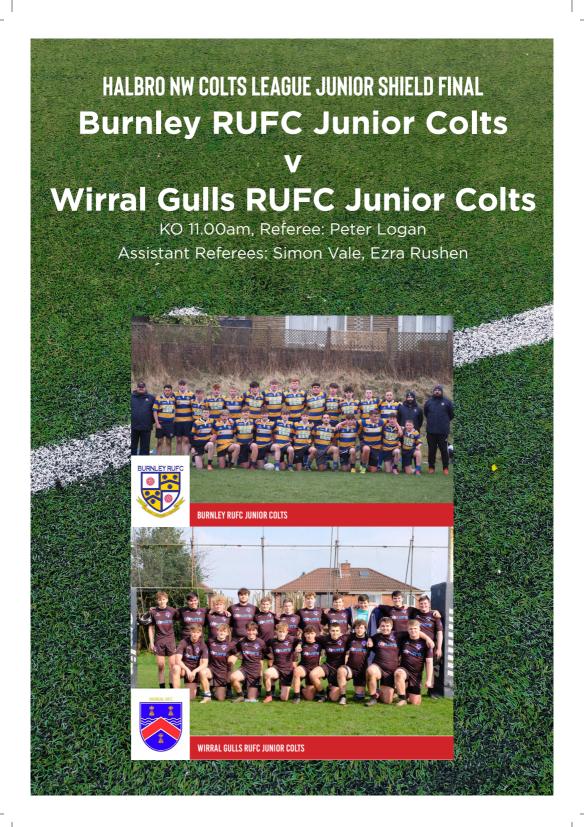
Assistant Referees: David Randall, James Evans 4th official/Gaffer/Big Cheese - Ben Moore

Senior Colts Bowl Final Referee: James Evans

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#### **BURNLEY RUFC JUNIOR COLTS**

Coaches: Phil Thornton Ross Clements Simon Finnan

#### **Burnley Squad list**

Haseeb Asghar Harrison Law Leo Wade Marco Little Henry Bird Kai Walker Jaxon Cole (C) Noah Smith Jackson Allen Dwayne Hebblethwaite Liam Griffin Scott Hebblethwaite Cameron Green Harry Taylor Thomas Edwards Noah Thornton (VC) Jayke Clements Noah Beavan Joshua Richmond Max Byrne Frazer Marr Rhys Grant

Harvey Young

**Toby Hutchinson** 

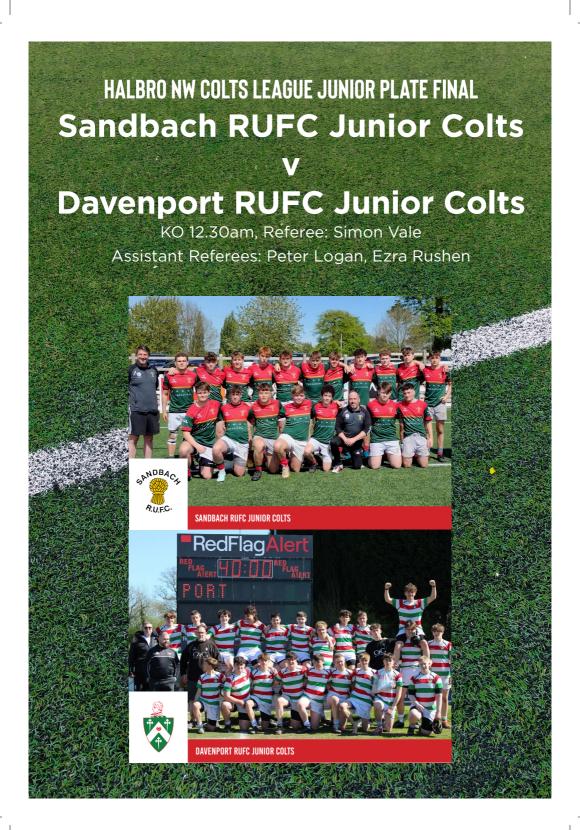
#### WIRRAL GULLS RUFC JUNIOR COLTS

Manager: Gareth Jones, Matt Maclaren Coaches: Josh Connolly, Jack Smith, Finn Bell, Kev Weir

#### Wirral Squad list

Ben Slight (C) Osian O'Neill Edwards (VC) Austin Weir Sam Weir Ben Stevenson Oscar Wilkes Tom Miller Matty Hastewell Jack Tasker Matty Marsden Will Johnson Luke Jones **Bailey Pendergast** Logan Bell Oli Williams Freddie Jones Dan Brown Alex Knox Ethan Shanks Josh Chapman Dylan Mackay Henry Sanderson George Theobald Henry Yeardsley Max Brett Fin Buchanan Oliver Dobby Harry Harrison Scott Heffey Timothy Hodson-Evans Joe Murphy

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#### SANDBACH RUFC JUNIOR COLTS

**Manager: Debs Jones** 

**Coaches: Chris Hinds and Jim Wortley** 

#### Sandbach Squad list

Ted Aspin Josh Bennett Alfie Evans (C) Tom Harris (VC) Jensen Horton Freddie Jones Mason Kitchen Ryan Langley-Andrews Ethan Megson Finley Morris Finnley Morgan Ted Nicholson George Plant Mitch Ravenscroft Tom Tebbitts Rocco Wortley Fergus Bark-Jones Nicholas Whittaker Jack Bowbeer

Lewis Cooke

Tom Hammond

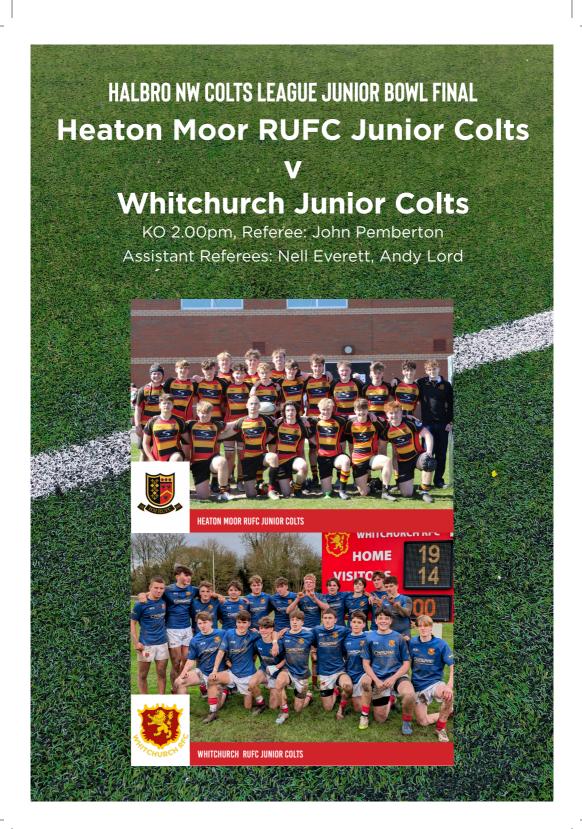
#### DAVENPORT RUFC JUNIOR COLTS

Managers/Coaches: Llewellyn Coveney-Winter, Dan Graham, Brandon Brunning, Tom O'Neill

#### Davenport Squad list

Lucas Brundrett Connor Coveney-Winter Warrick Coveney-Winter Aston Crabtree Hugh Graham George Gribbon Oliver Gruffydd Dan Halls Freddie Hill Rio Huinga Leonard Joe Laxton Theo McCumesky Will Moss Ollie O'Neill (C) Niall Orme Aidan Quinn Finn Robertson Dylan Shanahan Charlie Skelly (VC) Elliot Skelly **Austin Spencer** Will Wadsworth Noah Watkins Charlie Wylie

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#### **HEATON MOOR RUFC JUNIOR COLTS**

Manager/Coaches: Martin Hagger, James Brennan, Samson Firth, Sean Keddy, Mike Whittingham

#### Heaton Moor Squad list

Thomas Kelly Harry Hagger (C) Liam Keddy Luke de la Fuente (VC) Felix Benson James Harrison Fionn Williams Harry Dickson James Hyde Dominic Meredith James Ashe Daniel Roe Sam Tyley Austen Cambden Darragh Allen-Dver Jack McCormack Luke Greenall Jacob Lee Oliver Maclagan Jack Hunter Sam Roberts Thomas Redshaw Hamish Morton Oscar Rogeli

Louis Griffiths

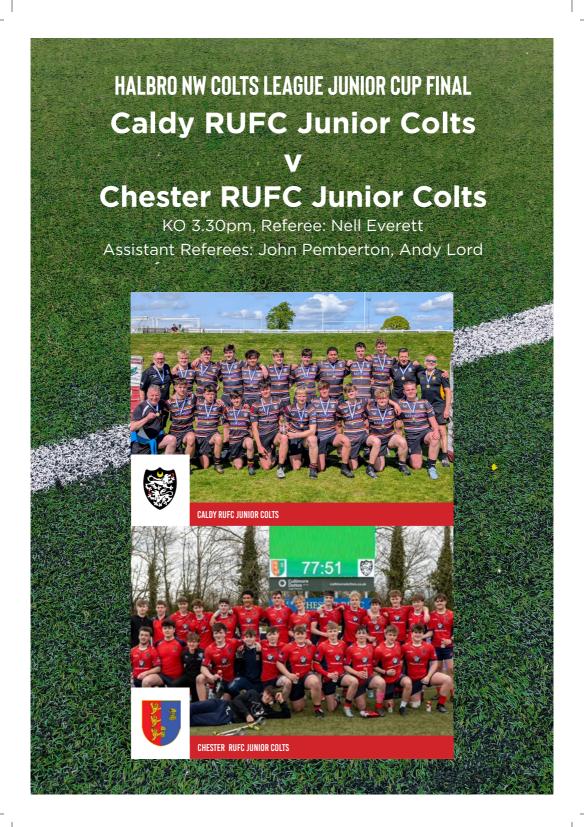
#### WHITCHURCH RUFC JUNIOR COLTS

Manager: Jolyon Walker Coaches: Paul Fletcher, Andy Paton, Dave Edwards, Paul Mullanev

## Whitchurch Squad list

Alfie Fox Alfred Appleby Archie Fearnall Arthur Huxlev Charlie Fletcher (VC) Charlie Paton Flieot Williamson Fllis Ashton George Chaloner Harry Underhill James Hunt Jonathan Evans (C) Jonty Busk Mikolai Borodzicz Oliver Camber Oscar Robinson Lea Petar Trifonov Quinlan Cronin Russell Sewell Tom Edwards Tomos Barton William Mullanev Wilson Walker Henry Bates

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#### **CALDY RUFC JUNIOR COLTS**

Coaches: Paul Arista, Richard Bradshaw Paul Clark, Ralf Cooper, Alan Jemmett-Stone Paul MacDonald, Dave Waring

#### Caldy Squad List

Jamie Arista James Bafico-Cadle **Bobby Banks** Alexander Clark Theo Clarke-Henderson Kyle Cooper Sean Cooper Cameron Harper George Harwood Louis Haves-Green Tom Hazleton Theo Hendry Harry Jemmett-Stone Adam Jones **Dvlan Jones** Jacob Landsborough Luke MacDonald (C) Josh MacKinnon Sylvain Pennington Will Reynolds Matthieu Sangare Ruben Smith Oscar Sona Rob Waring (C) Henry White Richard Williams Max Wilson Oliver Wilson

Drew Woodward

#### **CHESTER RUFC JUNIOR COLTS**

Managers: Steve Wilson, Dave Green Coaches: Simon Gibson, Tim Trapp, Andy Lucas, Gordon Baillie, Michael MacAndrew, Dan Higazi, Phil Turnbull, Matt Cuchi, Josh Bates, Ollie Coles

## Chester Squad list

Noah Green Alex Gibson (VC) Morgan Simmonds Oscar Ford Jack Leatherbarrow George Shelton Edward Trapp (C) Sam Owen Tom Haining Hugo Higazi Tom Randles Harry Evans Leo Wilson Luke Christie Evan Oxlev Ben Hackett Tom Hackett Joe Baillie Nelson Misantoni Isaac Sobolewski Sion Lucas **Austin Titchiner-Roberts** Frazer Hancox Henry Higgin-Vallis leuan Jeffries-Steel Oscar Wood Luca O'Keeffe Theo MacAndrew

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#### **FYLDE RUFC SENIOR COLTS**

Manager: Ben Curran Coach: David Graham

### Fylde Squad List

Archie Blackburn Ted Brown **Fthan Brown** Theo Craven Toby Curran (VC) Sam Curran Alex Davies Sam Evans Leo Frend Freddie Graham (C) Vinnie Graham Jasper Johnson Sam Lord Stan Matthews Harry Marsh Lucas McCarthy Tommy McGuirk Corey Morgan Max Musson Jack Palmer Jake Rae Finn Revnolds James Ryan Oliver Shackleton Alex Smith Alfie Stockton Elliott Swann Jasper Sykes Ted Thompson Felix Twitchett Jack Wilsdon

Will Wyles

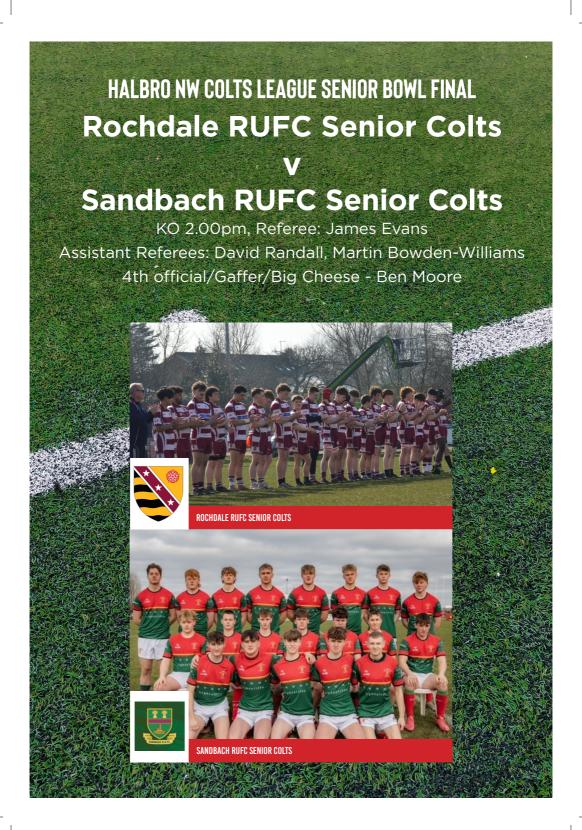
#### **NEW BRIGHTON RUFC SENIOR COLTS**

Managers Gary Moyden Head Coach: JonJo Smith, Coaches: Simeon Shiff, Mark Perryman, Kyle Cowin

#### New Brighton Squad list

William Smith Ethan Tattum **Toby Smith** William Murphy Jacob Atherton Dylan O'Neil Justin Feely (C) Evan Cooper Tom Cotton Bruno Jones (VC) Carter McAllister Leon Cooper Lewis Ford Oliver Ledson Liam Blackmore Jack Conlan Alfie Hickey Alex Crosslev Georgie Schorah Tom Wilkinson

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#### **ROCHDALE RUFC SENIOR COLTS**

Manager: Alison Rigby Head Coach: Oli Horne, Coaches: Anthony Rigby, Ken Clarke, Richard Bradley

#### Rochdale Squad List

Huey Preece (VC)

Evan Potter Nathan Russell Liam Boyd Jethro Richards Josh Campbell Olumatomi Akinola Joe Kershaw Alex Dunn Joe Horne (C) Cai Williams Luke Ashworth Gavin Bissell Taku Palace Tom Barrett Jonny Joyce Callum Lucas Louis Rigby Koen Van Noordennen Oliver Bland James Moore Kai Boyd Mellon Ben White Robert Ainsworth **Taylor Smith** 

#### SANDBACH RUFC SENIOR COLTS

Manager: Amanda Kasperowicz Coaches: Andy Mitchell, Al Bates, John Wright, Simon Kasperowicz, Henry Mitchell

## Sandbach Squad list

Jamie Verbickas (C) Finlay Gould (VC) Isaac Wright Murray O'Donnell Sam Bromlev Charlie Lea Ben Lona Lucas Beech Bryson Bertoni Will Harrington Adam Cunningham Alex Boyce Billy Stubbs Alex Head George Pickles James Simpson-Leech Tom Kesteven Jack Tatham Leo Butler Ollie Mitchell Tom Cross Tom Beech Tom Tebbitts Zach Boschi Ryan Langley-Andrews Jack Bowbeer

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## PREVIOUS JUNIOR COLTS WINNERS

YEAR	CUP	BOWL	PLATE	SHIELD
2003/04	ALTRINCHAM KERSAL		MARPLE	
2004/05	CHESTER	VALE OF LUNE		
2005/06	ORRELL		WINNINGTON PARK	
2006/07	KENDAL	ECCLES	TARLETON	NORTHWICH
2007/08	RHYL	SANDBACH	STOKE	WIGAN
2008/09	STOKE	FLEETWOOD	ORRELL	ASHTON ON MERSEY
2009/10	WILMSLOW	ECCLES	BLACKBURN	LEIGH
2010/11	SANDBACH	SEDGLEY PARK	LIVERPOOL Collegiate	BURY
2011/12	LYMM	PRESTON Grasshoppers	ROCHALE/ALT. Kersal (Shared)	MARPLE
2012/13	STOKE	GLOSSOP	PRESTON Grasshoppers	WIGAN
2013/14	STOKE	WILMSLOW	FYLDE	ORRELL
2014/15	LYMM	PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS	WIGAN	SEDGLEY PARK
2015/16	LYMM	PRESTON Grasshoppers	WIGAN	SEDGLEY PARK
2016/17	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP
2017/18	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP
2018/19	WARRINGTON	LYMM	CALDY	WEST PARK ST HELENS
2019/20	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19
2020/21	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19
2021/22	WIRRAL	HEATON MOOR	GARSTANG	NO COMP
2022/23	SANDBACH	HEATON MOOR	WILMSLOW	BOLTON
2023/24	KNUTSFORD	CHESTER	WIDNES	NEW BRIGHTON

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# PREVIOUS SENIOR COLTS WINNERS

YEAR	CUP	BOWL	PLATE	SHIELD	VASE
2003/04	ROCHDALE		WALLASEY		
2004/05	ROCHDALE		ECCLES		
2005/06	WIRRAL		ASPULL		
2006/07	CALDY	PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS	STOCKPORT	BAE BARROW	
2007/08	GLOSSOP	MOLD	FYLDE	ALDWINIANS	
2008/09	ALTRINCHAM KERSAL	WATERLOO	ASPULL	ROCHDALE	ECCLES
2009/10	WIDNES	WIRRAL	FYLDE	STOKE	
2010/11	LYMM	ATRINCHAM Kersal	SANDBACH	LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE	NEWCASTLE STAFFS
2011/12	ROSSENDALE	MANCHESTER	SANDBACH	BIRKENHEAD Park	STOCKPORT
2012/13	LYMM	CHESTER	SANDBACH	BIRKENHEAD Park	WIDNES
2013/14	WARRINGTON	SANDBACH	MARPLE	WIGAN	
2014/15	LYMM	PENRITH	ANSELMIANS	FLEETWOOD	
2015/16	CALDY	GLOSSOP	NEWCASTLE STAFFS	WILMSLOW	
2016/17	LYMM	SALE FC	WILMSLOW	NO COMP	
2017/18	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP	NO COMP
2018/19	LYMM	ALDWINIANS		NO COMP	NO COMP
2019/20	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19
2020/21	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19	COVID 19
2021/22	WARRINGTON	KIRBY LONSDALE	KENDAL	NO COMP	
2022/23	WINNINGTON PARK	WATERLOO	SOUTHPORT	LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE	
2023/24	SANDBACH	WIRRAL	WILMSLOW	BOLTON	

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A Word from Jon Kitchen - Chairman. HALBRO NW Colts Leagues.

Usually my words of pious wisdom are secreted towards the back pages of your programme and others more eminent than me would have already welcomed you to Heaton Moor RUFC or Widnes RUFC respectively. On the other hand, if like me you read your programme like a newspaper, from the sports pages forwards, then perhaps you'll be reading this piece first...!!

Many Congratulations to all the Players, Managers, and Coaches of the various Colts Teams who have won through to these HALBRO Colts League Cup Finals. I trust the fruitful road you have travelled thus far has been an enjoyable experience. Today's Finals will be for many of you the pinnacle of your Rugby career and win lose or draw you should savour this moment, which will hopefully live long in your memory. It will no doubt be something you can tell your children and grand-children about in the years to come, giving you much satisfaction as you repeatedly expand on and recount it to others - just as many of your well known Club Alickadoos do now!!

Today you should respect your opponents, respect the Referee, thoroughly enjoy your day, and moreover carry on playing this great game of ours where you will make many good lifelong friends.

Enjoy your day - Live long and prosper.

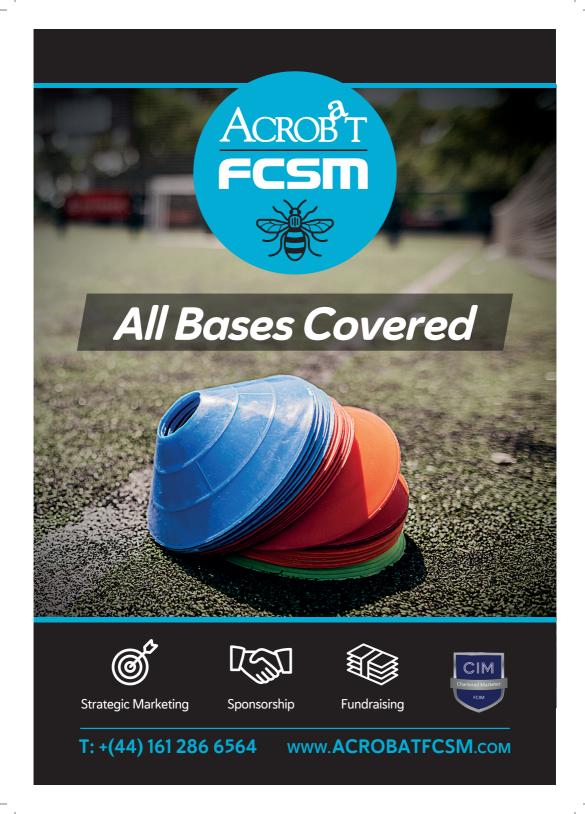
To the Team of volunteers from Heaton Moor RUFC and Widnes RUFC I offer the League's grateful thanks for the provision of their excellent facilities and for all their efforts in preparing for and running today's Finals. Penultimately I should like to thank on your behalf my Colleagues of the Colts League Committee. The time and effort these worthy volunteers put in across the season, organising League and Cup fixtures, culminating in today's Cup Finals, particularly when faced with the adversity of LCB's who only see things through blinkers and rose-tinted glasses, never fails to impress...

In Colts Rugby tradition the last word must always be with the Referee... Please give respect and appreciation to your Officials from our two most local Referees Societies for their support throughout the season, and for all their efforts today. I am sure we all look forward to discussing the finer points of the games with them afterwards, in the bar, when they will of course have the last word.

Good Luck and Have a great day.

Jon (Kitch) Kitchen - Chairman

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