

'Tuohy's Terrors' show their courage

by Tony Atherton

When it comes to the tough competition of cup rugby, Instonians seem to have the formulae just about right — discipline, dedication and total commitment to the cause.

So it was on Sunday when Winnington Park visited Woodchurch Road for this first round Cheshire Plate competition which Instonians won 11-6 by two tries and a penalty goal to two penalty goals.

The first scoring chance fell to Instonians but Lennie Davies pulled the penalty attempt wide.

With the game very evenly balanced it was Winnington Park who were first to put points on the board. The home side were guilty at the ruck and John Dickenson put over the penalty attempt from some 35 yards. This, in fact, was the only score of the first

half although it had been a totally absorbing game with no quarter asked or given.

The second half opened with all the fury of the opening period. John Tuohy did, in fact, ground the ball over the line but the try was disallowed for an earlier infringement. Moments later Phil Sheridan levelled the scores with a well-struck penalty.

From the kick-off, an

Instonian forward was guilty of backing into his own players, the decision was a penalty which John Dickenson made no mistake converting.

So, as we went into the final quarter, the home team trailed 6-3 but it was at this stage the fitness began to tell as "Tuohy's Terrors" began to dictate the set-pieces.

A quick heel against the head was taken on by Welch. Davies supported well and it was his drive and lay-back that made the ball available. It was quickly transferred to Jim Wilson who crossed in the corner.

The final score came just five minutes before the end with Phil Sheridan getting the touchdown after good work from Davies, Wilson and Knapman.

Full credit to both sides for a fine contest but success belonged to Instonians, and as they learned later the reward was a home draw against local rivals Hoylake. They accounted for Capenhurst by 39-3, although they had been on the receiving end of a whipping themselves the previous day.

They visited Port Sunlight and went down by 26-9, with Mike Gladyn (2), Keith Walker (2) and Mike Wynne scoring tries, three of which Paul Mitham converted. For Hoylake, Sammy Lavin crossed with John Sparks converting and adding a penalty.

Old Rockferrians travelled to Crewe and Nantwich and found a well-drilled squad were just too good on the day and they went down 18-7 their points coming from an Eric Thomas try and a Mike Robinson penalty.

Old Parkonians always enjoy playing quality opposition but they came unstuck against New Brighton 2nd XV, the final score being 8-0. New Brighton had the edge up front scoring a try in each half.

Old Anselmians played host to Birkenhead Park's Cheshire Cup opponents Old Salians but after a few dubious decisions they eventually went down 14-13.