



# Northumberland Rugby Union Newsletter

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### Team of the Month Winner - November 2019

We're delighted to say Medicals RFC are November's winners of Team of the Month. They win 20 tickets to the Newcastle Falcons v Ealing game on 28<sup>th</sup> March. To read their nomination, [click here](#). For information about the award and how to nominate, please [click here](#). Nominations are now being accepted for December 2019.



### Forthcoming Events

**5 Jan** - County U16s Festival at KP  
**12 Jan** - County U17s Assessment 2-5pm at WBR  
**12 Jan** - County U18s v Durham @ Cumbria as part of the North Festival.

### Morpeth RFC win the Senior County Cup

Huge congratulations to Morpeth RFC - winners of this season's Northumberland County Cup. Played on 28<sup>th</sup> November at Alnwick RFC, it was a closely contested game, well fought by both teams but Morpeth came out on top, beating Alnwick 11-10 to lift the trophy! It was great to see the event so well supported despite the cold, wet weather.



### A Warm Welcome to Gilbert, our new Official Teamwear Partner

A few weeks ago NRU announced that they would be appointing Gilbert as their Official Teamwear Partner. This has now been concluded, so we would very much like to welcome Gilbert on board and we look forward to working alongside them over the next 4 years. To read the full story about the launch, [click here](#).

### Have you visited the new NRU Online Shop yet?

Since appointing Gilbert as our new Teamwear Partner, we thought it would be an ideal time to update the NRU online shop, in partnership with Sportsworld, Alnwick. Now selling an expanded range of quality Gilbert products, it's worth having a look as it's great for Xmas present ideas. To visit the shop, [click here](#) or visit our website.



### Girl Power!

Last month, Northumberland Referee Society appointed its first all female team of 3 for Northumbria University ladies v Hartpury University ladies, with Rebecca Rees, Ella Strachan and Emily Oliver. FT Northumbria 36 Hartpury 19. If you are interested in picking up the whistle, would like to learn more or have any questions then please feel free to contact Rebecca Rees, NRURS Female Match Official Development Officer on email [rarees05@gmail.com](mailto:rarees05@gmail.com)



### News from around the clubs

It's been a busy time around our Northumberland clubs following the RWC 2019 and we want to shout about it:

**Wallsend RFC** – had enough senior players to run a 2<sup>nd</sup> team and 3<sup>rd</sup> team in November.

**Gosforth RFC** – eleven new juniors turned up at U13 and U12s.

**Ashington JW RFC** – had been struggling with players at U13 & U14s to make full sides but were able to field both age groups in November. They've also booked 2 male and 1 female coach on a Level 2 to cope with influx of new players. The club has also launched a womens and girls section.

**North Shields RFC** – they've had 23 age grade players 13+ turn up in last 3 weeks and produced a great video for 'club matters'.

### University students playing for local clubs

Over the last few weeks NRU and the RFU have been working in partnership with both Newcastle and Northumbria Universities to come up with a protocol to encourage university players to play at local clubs and boost club playing numbers. These players will be non BUCS players only, as others will already be well established and have playing offers at their university. This initiative has seen a good uptake to date with approximately 30 players now involved with local clubs. For further information, [click here](#).



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