

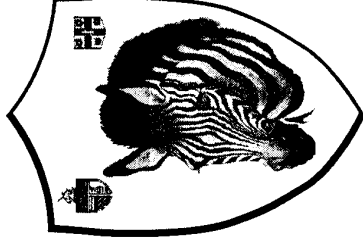
## WORKINGTON ZEBRAS A HISTORY

The Workington Football Club played its first match in December 1877, against the Whitehaven Club which had been formed in 1876.

In around 1890 the Club acquired its nickname, the Zebras. The Club had long played in black and white, the story goes, a group of soldiers returned from the Boer War, and not impressed by the Team's play that day, described them as running around like a herd of Zebras. The name stuck.

The Club embarked on its most successful era in the 1920s and 1930s, as one of the top Clubs in the North of England. In 1925, the club moved to its present ground, the Ellis Sports Ground, built at a cost of £10,000 and with a capacity (in those days) of 2,000 seated and sixteen thousand standing. The ground has staged games involving the Springboks, the Wallabies, Fiji and most notably, the All Blacks, who lost to an English provincial side for the first time, at Workington in 1972. Famous players who started their club rugby career at Workington include Dickie Cowman, Ron McCarten (Ireland) and Peter Dixon who captained the Lions.

The Zebras currently consists of a 1<sup>st</sup> XV and a 2<sup>nd</sup> XV as well as 4 Junior Teams and a Ladies. The first team play in the Cumbrian and North Lancashire League with the second team playing in the Cumbrian League

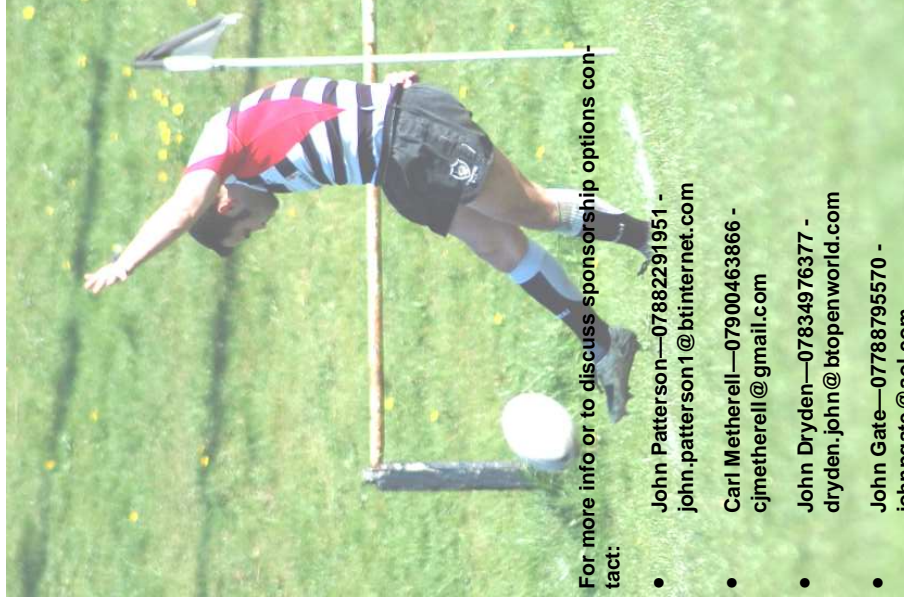


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