



## Philip Ross

. Player . Coach . Referee . Friend .

It is with great sadness that I report the death of our friend Phil Ross after a brave battle with a terminal illness.

Phil will be known to many at the club as a teammate, then later as an opponent at Chester le Street – before eventually hanging up his boots and becoming a very capable referee with Durham Society.

When not officiating, Phil would be seen at West Mills every week supporting his son Michael, who he encouraged to join us two seasons ago. Whatever the result or performance there was always something positive and constructive to come from Phil, delivered with a smile and a pint.

Phil loved every aspect of Rugby – but mostly the camaraderie we all share. The game has lost a true gentleman who embodied the spirit of Rugby Football and the friendships it makes.

Our sympathies are extended to Mandy, Emma and Michael and to all of his family and friends.

Rest in Peace Rossy

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