

Lancashire County Rugby Football Union



Lancashire U18s

v

Cheshire U18s



Fylde RFC

Kick Off—3:00pm

Sunday 5th December 2021



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Welcome from the President of Lancashire County RFU

On behalf of Lancashire Rugby Football Union it gives me great pleasure to welcome Cheshire RFU U18s today.



It is a tremendous honour for any rugby player to pull on a county jersey and to play alongside the very best from their locality.

Congratulations to all the players, on both teams, for deserving this wonderful privilege.

Whether you're a player, coach, manager, match official or supporter I hope you enjoy a convivial welcome and a memorable day.

I would like to thank Fylde Rugby Club for hosting today's fixture as we realise how much hard work goes on behind the scenes to hold a fixture of this kind. To the staff, and much valued volunteers, your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincere thanks must also go to the match officials, Messrs, Crawford, Cook and Hopwood who work so hard to ensure we all enjoy the game.

I hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon and I would like to send you very best wishes for the rest of the season.

**Gill Burns MBE
President**

Sustainability.

As a County we print over 6000 programmes per season with a minimum of over 300kg of paper used.

For 3 years we have been producing an e-programme and hope this will go a small way to offsetting our carbon footprint and may start a revolution.

Mark Downs. Hon-Secretary

Director of Rugby

Viewpoint



It's been a while, but county rugby is back on the agenda and I for one can't wait to see our Squad take on our "friends from the North" aka Cheshire, Cumbria, and that lot from the Dark Side of the Pennines.

Whilst it's great to see our squads coming together, we've already lost one Age Group (U15) as the RFU seem intent on eroding the County structures particularly those involving Age Grade rugby and it would seem beyond. Having been involved in managing many Age Grade Squads at County, Divisional and National level I feel we are close to losing a cornerstone of our great game. That said Lancashire will always lead from the front and in true Lancastrian fashion we shall "Fight the good fight!".

To lose County Sundays will leave a void that cannot be filled and whilst the cream of young 13/14-year-old players are hoovered up by the nearest DPP a lot more young players aren't and they deserve an opportunity to move on and test themselves at the next level. With 98% of the game based in and around

our community Clubs and educational establishments it's a no-brainer for me that we should protect what we have not denigrate it. In the last few years we've seen many Lancashire Age Grade players go on to represent the North and ultimately England Counties which makes us as a county immensely proud. Those players go on to make up the majority of our Senior County Squad and continue to show that as a county Lancashire takes its representative rugby very seriously.

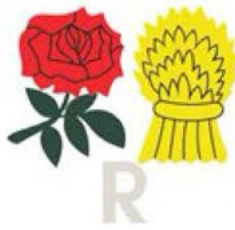
I'm sure the two squads competing today will produce a game of quality to keep us entertained and Referee Joe Crawford and his Assistants will keep the game flowing. For those eagle-eyed amongst us you may notice the Referee Coach is none other than former International Panel Referee Fred Howard helping to guide the current crop of Match Officials to the next level.

Enjoy the day and no matter the score may rugby be the winner!

Regards

Howard Hughes

Director of Rugby Development



Today's Match Officials



Referee

Mr Joe Crawford

AR1

Mr Daniel Cook

AR2

Mr Harry Hopwood

Referee Coach

Mr Fred Howard

Please Respect The Man in the Middle.

"I don't think we've met before, but I'm the referee...

this is not soccer."

Managers Word



Good afternoon,
On behalf of Lancashire RFU, I'd like to welcome all players, parents, coaches and assessors to The Woodlands, home of Fylde

Rugby for our first game v. Cheshire U18's.

Its almost 2 years since County rugby at U18's level has been played and its important to note that this year's programme is funded by the individual County RFU's and the North, as it's seen as a very important pathway for those players who don't make it through academies but continue to play rugby all levels for many years to come. For me, County representative rugby at all age groups, including senior squads, is hugely important to the continued success of rugby from grass roots to semi-professional. Its pleasing to note, how many rugby players often recall great memories of there games within County representative rugby.

This is my 5th Year (& final) as the U18's Team Manager; however, this year we have a new coaching and back-room team, so I'd like to introduce Rob Jones (Head Coach), Graham Higginbottom (Coach) and Kat Heyes (Medical). The

team are also supported by Naomi who manages the medical aspects during training and Henry Pearson who supports with backs coach and training. I'd like to thank them all for there support during the assessment, development, training, and match days.

There are a lot of other people who support County rugby within the regions, often never seen but are remarkably important to the success of the pathway programme and I believe its important to thank those who support the players and coaches.

Today is about seeing some of the best young talent from Lancashire and Cheshire play and in the spirit of rugby, remember the core values of our game – Respect, Inclusivity, Integrity, Fun and Excellence.

I do wish that the weather is kind to us all today and that you all enjoy the game and the facilities here at the Woodlands. After the game, players will be fed and we will be presenting County ties to all the players, where parents, friends and family are encouraged to support.

Yours in rugby,

Ian Pearson

Lancashire RFU u18's Team Manager



Lancashire U18s

1.	Joe Osevwemu	Lancaster RGS	
2.	Jake Rimmer	Kirkham GS	Bolton
3.	James Bonia	Myerscough	Vale of Lune
4.	Tom Mills	Myerscough	
5.	Tom Eastwood		Liverpool St Helens
6.	Ben Holmes	Cheadle Hulme	Manchester
7.	Samuel Peters	Lancaster RGS	Vale of Lune
8.	Alfie Jones	St Edwards	Sefton
9.	Kieran Kerr	St Edwards	
10.	Nathan Evans (C)	AKS Lytham	
11.	Sam Curley	Chorlton HS	
12.	Isaac Quarry	Lancaster RGS	Vale of Lune
13.	Will Bradley	St Ambrose Barlow	
14.	Bailey Williams	Rainford HS	
15.	Jack Roberts	Myerscough	
16.	Freddie Deeks	Lancaster RGS	
17.	Daniel Rourke	St Edwards	
18.	James Houghton	Myerscough	Manchester
19.	Toby Merrick	AKS Lytham	Fylde
20.	Ben Dickinson		Tyldesley
21.	William Porter	Cardinal Newman	
22.	Gabriel McGuire	Myerscough	
23.	Ethan Rogers	Burnley Coll	Blackburn

Team Manager:	Ian Pearson
Lead Coach:	Rob Jones
Forwards Coach:	Max Ashcroft
Backs Coach:	Graham Higginbotham
Physio:	Kat Hayers



Cheshire U18s

Charlie Hyde	Sir John Deanes	Winnington Park
Edward Dobbs	The Grange School	Lymm
Nathan Bass	Sir John Deanes	Warrington
Raef Watts	Kings School, Chester	Chester
Will Martindale	Wilmslow HS	Wilmslow
Sebastian Botes	Wirral GS	
Charlie Mallinder	Cheadle Hulme	Manchester
Alex Roebuck-Davies	Wilmslow HS	Stockport
Harry Warburton		Chester
Titus Jones	St David College	Lymm
Ethan Quinn	Macclesfield College	Stockport
Mike Butler	Sandbach School	Lymm
Tom Whitley	St Anselms	Wirral
Charlie Warr	Reaseheath College	Lymm
James Priestman		Chester
Soheil Kakai	Trafford College	Lymm
Dylan Allen	Kings School, Chester	Chester
Jim Cowan	St Anselms	Caldy
Harrison Krippner	Sir John Deanes	Lymm
Chim Onyeoji	St Anselms	
Harry Wilson	Caldy Grange GS	Caldy
Daniel Billington-Boateng	Stockport College	Stockport
James Legg	Altrincham GS	
Billy Griffiths	Kings Macclesfield	
Team Manager	Matt Dolan	

Referees Rightly Honoured

His Honour Judge Jeff Blackett has recently honoured 23 English Elite Referees. The Refs were presented with caps in a ceremony at Twickenham and treated to lunch whilst reminiscing together. The qualification for this honour was that you had to have taken charge of a game of two Tier 1 Nations, and the MADREFS and LADS Societies of the North West were well represented.

Steve Lander and Ian Tempest of LADS were honoured as well as a couple of stalwarts known to many of us.

Peter Hughes BEM (MADREFS)



Peter was a County squash player when attending Manchester University as a Dentistry student. He went on to become known as “**Peter the Peggy Puller of Padiham**”. A long standing member of Calder Vale RFC which is now Burnley RUFC he has served as Lancashire President, RFU Council Representative and is a Distinguished Member of the Rugby Football Union.

His first game was on the 10th December 1977 between France and Romania. The game at Clermont-Ferrand ended in a 9-6 victory for France and a day when Peter would have been chasing Jean-Pierre Rives around the stadium who was playing 7 for France. The following year Peter refereed Ireland v Scotland, Ireland winning 12-9.

Fred Howard (LADS)

Fred was a Geography teacher at Rivington High School in St Helens. A product of the Rugby Factory at Cowley School, he played on the wing for Waterloo.

His first International as a referee was Ireland v Scotland on 3rd March 1984 in Dublin. Scotland won 32-9 and went on to become Grand Slam Champions. It should be noted that the team coaches on that day were not to be messed with, being Willie-John McBride and Jim Telfer respectively.

Fred refereed in World Cups and was No 12 in the Wales Online Survey of The Top 20 International referees, Nigel Owens could only make No 15 !!. Gentlemen, thank you for your service to Rugby.



'Always there to lend a Cauliflower Ear'

*Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing support campaign
provided by Lancashire County RFU*

Mental health & emotional wellbeing issues affect, directly or indirectly, many people. It is estimated that 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year and 1 in 6 people in the past week experienced a common mental problem!!

That's just over 2 players in your team! Yet, your teammates facing these challenges can face stigmatisation and discrimination leading to a reluctance to reach out for timely support.

The Cauliflower Ear is a rugby club-based campaign, created & funded by Lancashire County RFU, aimed at increasing awareness of mental health & emotional wellbeing issues within clubs and providing support as needed.

Bespoke artwork posters displayed prominently in clubs will provide a focal point to raise consciousness and provoke positive conversations around mental health & emotional wellbeing. The artwork will be changed throughout the season to maintain a freshness and continue the conversation. It carries the contact details for professional support with counsellors put in place & funded by Lancashire County RFU to support the members of its constituent clubs.

Alongside this, the aim is for each club will have a mental health champion specifically trained in mental health awareness and who is knowledgeable of services available so they can signpost people requiring support in the right direction.

You don't need to be a trained health care professional to care.

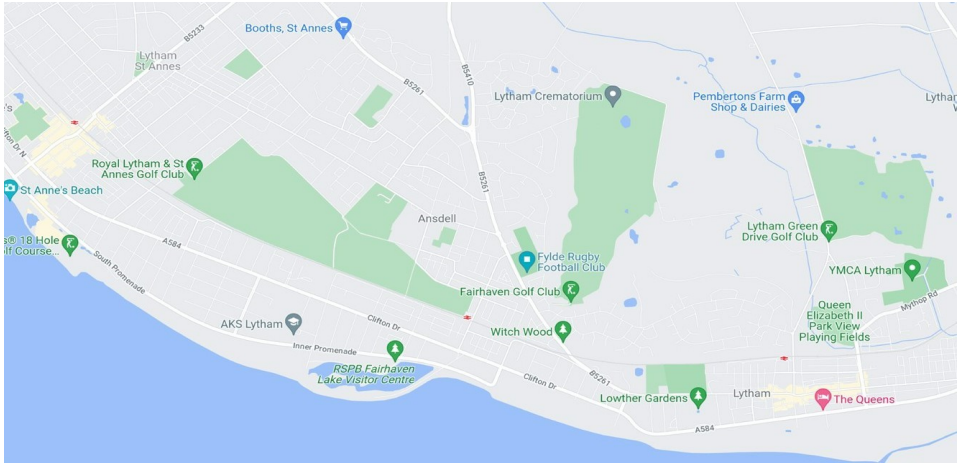
You don't need to be a trained health care professional to have a conversation.

You don't need to be a trained health care professional to

'lend a Cauliflower Ear'!

How to find Fylde RFC

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