

Lancashire County Rugby Football Union



Lancashire
v
North Midlands



Firwood Waterloo RFC

Kick Off—2:00pm

Sunday 8th May 2022



Lancashire County RFU 2021-2022

President: Gill Burns MBE

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1973, 1977, 1980, 1982,
1988, 1990, 1992, 1993,
2003, 2006, 2009, 2010,
2011, 2013, 2014, 2017,
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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 you all to Firwood Waterloo Rugby Club. With two County Championships matches to look forward to it's a very special weekend for us all and I hope the memories made this weekend will add to the rich history of this old Lancashire club.



The warmest of welcomes go to the players, officials and supporters from both Leicestershire and North Midlands and I hope you all enjoy your visit up to the Red Rose County.

It is a tremendous privilege 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 each of the teams, for deserving this wonderful honour.

We have the Bill Beaumont County Championships match on Saturday and the Gill Burns County Championships match on Sunday and I'm humbled to be President of the County and to be hosting both fixtures.

The County Championships provides the best platform for our talented and passionate players to demonstrate their skills, determination and commitment to their counties which will make them, their families and their county rugby community proud.

This weekend we also recognise the valuable work done by our volunteer community in Lancashire. We have two lifetime achievement award winners, Jimmy Walsh from Aspull and Jim & Pauline Lloyd from Orrell and over 40 Honda Volunteer of the Year Awards winners to recognise over the weekend. Congratulations to you all and thank you for all you have done.

I would like to thank Firwood Waterloo for hosting both games as we realise how much preparation goes on behind the scenes to hold fixtures of this kind.

Sincere thanks must also go to the match officials, who work so hard to ensure we all enjoy the games.

I hope you all enjoy a convivial welcome and witness some great rugby. Best wishes for the rest of the season.

Gill Burns MBE
President

Lancashire Senior Womens Team Manager—Mike Dale



Good afternoon,

On behalf of Lancashire RFU, I would like to welcome all players, coaches, and spectators to The Memorial Ground, home of Firwood Waterloo for our first game v North Midlands in the Gill Burns County Championship.

Its almost 2 years since County rugby at Senior Women's level has been played, for me, county representative rugby is hugely important to the continued success of rugby from grass roots level to championship. It is pleasing to note how many rugby players often recall great memories of their county games across the country.

This is my 7th year as the Lancashire U18 & Senior Women's Manager; however, this year we have a new coaching and back-room team, so I would like to introduce Chis Hall (Head Coach), Harry Bailey (backs coach), Tom Williams (forward coach), Adrian Moffatt (skills coach) Carl Elmsley (Medical). The team are also supported by Mark Payne, Helen Duggan and James Wright.

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 programmes and I believe it is important that we thank those who support the players and coaches at club level.

Today is about seeing some of the best young and experienced talent from Lancashire and North Midlands play in the spirit of rugby and remember the core values of our game – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship

Yours in rugby

Mike Dale

Lancashire Women & Girls Representative Rugby Lead

Lancashire u18 & Senior Women Manager



1.	Laura Walton	Southport
2.	Amelia Cadman	
3.	Rachel Thomas (Vice Capt)	Firwood Waterloo
4.	Niamh Hughes	Sefton
5.	Catherine Ansell	Sefton
6.	Kirstie Stevenson	Sale 1861
7.	Alyx Bridge	Liverpool St Helens
8.	Danielle Wiseman (Co Capt)	Firwood Waterloo
9.	Francesca Rouffignac	Southport
10.	Aimee Wallace	Sale 1861
11.	Olivia Jessup	Southport
12.	Zena Francis	Novocastrians
13.	Lorna Farquhar	Sefton
14.	Mollie Landers	Eccles
15.	Rowanne Smalley (Co Capt)	Eccles
16.	Sian Eleri Hughes	Sefton
17.	Ellie Dooney	Liverpool St Helens
18.	Rosalie Davidson	Didsbury Toc H
19.	Morgann Griffiths	Southport
20.	Rose Harper	Sale 1861
21.	Tony Macartney	Firwood Waterloo
22.	Justine Shaw	Sale 1861
TR.	Nikki Cowell	Sale 1861
TR.	Evie Hancox	Eccles
Team Manager:		Mike Dale
Lead Coach:		Chris Hall
Backs Coach:		Harry Bailey
Forwards Coach:		Tom Williams
Skills Coach:		Adrian Moffatt
Medical:		Carl Elmsley



North Midlands

1.	Rachel Moon	Worcester
2.	Sally Moon	Worcester
3.	Sophie Benavent	Sutton Coldfield
4.	Ellie Williams	Bournville
5.	Niamh Massam-Vallelly	Greyhounds
6.	Joanne Thomas	Five Ways Old Edwardians
7.	Chloe Andrews	Aston Old Edwardians
8.	Niamh Finlayson	Worcester
9.	Katie Boot	Birmingham Moseley
10.	Hannah Johnston	Birmingham Moseley
11.	Frances Rose Layton	Worcester
12.	Maddie Hughes	<i>Unattached</i>
13.	Eleanor Beech	Worcester
14.	Charlotte Daley	University of Birmingham
15.	Alison Livermore	Sutton Coldfield
16.	Jessica Wood	Bridgnorth
17.	Charlie Vidor	Bridgnorth
18.	Caitlin Clark	Worcester
19.	Hannah Puddy	Bridgnorth
20.	Ruth Middleton	Bridgnorth
21.	Fern Elizabeth Scobie	Birmingham City University
22.	Eloise Kirby	Lichfield

TRs. Amber Swinglehurst, Dionne May Tapner, Jayme Allan,
Joy Potter, Lauren McCredie

Team Manager	Moira Boot
Head Coach	Ruth Middleton
Coaches	Conor Madden, Matthew Parker, Sean Bakewell
Physiotherapist	Dave Howes



Today's Match Officials



Referee
Mr Ritchie Noble

AR1
Mr James Evans

AR2
Mr Michael Stevenson

4th Official
Mr Ben Moore

Please Respect The Man in the Middle.

***"I don't think we've met before, but I'm the referee...
this is not soccer."***

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.



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By

Mark Nelson.



This is the latest work by Lancashire RFU Coaching Executive, Mark Nelson. It's a very emotional and thought provoking piece and a reflection of sad times.

Today we should spare a thought to the players of the "Kozaki" who have had to hang up their boots and defend their Homeland from oppression.

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