

Lancashire County Rugby Football Union



Lancashire

v

Yorkshire



Sedgley Park RUFC

Kick Off—3:00pm

Saturday 20th May 2023



## **Lancashire County RFU 2022-2023**

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## **Welcome from the President of Lancashire County RFU**

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Lancashire County RFU to welcome you to Sedgley Park RUFC today whether you are attending as a player, coach, manager, or supporter. I hope you all have an enjoyable day.



This is an important competition with a long and proud tradition and to play for the county is the pinnacle of the playing career of many of the players. A roses match is always special and has its own unique rivalry this year even more so as the winner will play at Twickenham in the final.

A special thanks to the management team John Greenwood, Mark Nelson, Alex Loney, Paul Arnold, Steve Briers, Guy Lovgreen, Greg Littler, Archie Dubbins and Roly Heptonstall for all their time and hard work.

On behalf of the County, I would like to thank Sedgley Park RUFC for hosting the match today. I realise how much hard work and organisation goes into hosting the fixture. And we appreciate the hard work of staff and much valued volunteers.

I would like to thank today's match officials as their today is essential in assuring that the match is played in a fair manner.

Please remember the core values of our game. **TEAMWORK, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE and SPORTSMANSHIP.**

Brian Stott  
President

## Mark Nelson

### Lancashire Squad Co-ordinator.



The eagerly anticipated Roses match between Lancashire and Yorkshire Senior Mens

XV in The Bill Beaumont Cup today is effectively a straight Semi Final, (a draw would bring in other factors) with the Winners going forward to represent the Northern Section of the Competition in the Final on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Twickenham .

Both Counties have played two, won two, taking maximum points in their previous pool games against Cheshire and Hertfordshire, with Yorkshire racking up over 150 points in the process. This sets up a semi final showdown with a winner takes all feel about in the last pool game. Yorkshire won a very close encounter last season over in Leeds with more or less the last kick of the game , but both sides would have missed out on a place in the Final, which Cheshire took, due to a strange formatting of the tournament . This year it is much more straightforward and is a mouthwatering prospect for Rugby fans from both sides of the Pennines. It is hoped that a bumper crowd will come along and watch this

latest “ The Roses Match “ in a great Rugby setting and venue at Sedgley Park.

Our Coaching Team led by Alex Loney have been working with a great group of players this campaign. There have been the usual issues around availabilities and injuries over the three week block of games, but the passion for the County, team spirit, confidence and “buy in” is exceptional. The response the Coaches and Management have received from the players, under the leadership of inspirational Captain Danny Birchall, is right up there with the best I’ve seen in my 20 + years involvement with the side. After a really hard won victory against a tenacious Hertfordshire side down in Ware last week , the Lancashire lads are now focussed on Saturdays game against a confident Yorkshire outfit who have had two big wins in the last fortnight. We sit the lads down at the start of each campaign and say you leave your club kit bag at the door and for the next month you are all Lancashire Players , the class of 2023 have really bought into that ethos and are relishing the challenge as a group of “ Lanky Lads “ taking on Yorkshire on home turf this Saturday.

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**LANX**

**MANCHESTER**

7 Oak Street  
Northern Quarter



## Lancashire

1.	Dan Birchall (Capt)	Sale FC
2.	Ben Gregory	Fylde
3.	Danny Rylance	Rotherham
4.	Oli Parkinson	Fylde
5.	Rhys Davies	Macclesfield
6.	Toby Harrison	Fylde
7.	Henry Higginson	Fylde
8.	Dave Fairbrother	Fylde
9.	Cole Potts	Fylde
10.	Greg Smith	Fylde
11.	Tom Grimes	Fylde
12.	Sam Russell	Blackburn
13.	Connor Wilkinson	Fylde
14.	Henry Hadfield	Darlington Mowden Park
15.	Jacob Browne	Preston Grasshoppers
16.	Matt Ashcroft	Fylde
17.	Corey Bowker	Fylde
18.	Andy Hughes	Sale FC
19.	Valu Tane Bentley	Sedgley Park
20.	Scott Richardson	Preston Grasshoppers
21.	Will Hunt	Preston Grasshoppers
22.	Scott Rawlings	Fylde
Squad Co-ordinator:		Mark Nelson
Chairman of Selectors:		John Greenwood
Team Manager:		Guy Lovgreen
Lead Coach:		Alex Loney
Coaches:		Paul Arnold & Stephen Briers
Physio:		Greg Little
Kit:		Roly Heptonstall



# Yorkshire

1.	Loma Kivalu	Hull RUFC
2.	Ali Forth	Hull Ionians
3.	Will Scholey	York
4.	Joe Makin (Capt)	Hull Ionians
5.	Jake Brady	Leeds Tykes
6.	Rob Baldwin	Wharfdale
7.	James Sanderson	Hull Ionians
8.	George Mewburn	Hull Ionians
9.	Sam Pocklington	Hull Ionians
10.	Eddie Crossland	Otley
11.	Oscar Canny	Wharfdale
12.	Kieran Davies	Leeds Tykes
13.	Lewis Minikin	Hull Ionians
14.	Jack Hedley	Rotherham
15.	Callum Irvine	Otley
16.	Ethan Thiant	Otley
17.	Tom Bairstow	Hull RUFC
18.	Adam Malthouse	Otley
19.	Sam Brady	Harrogate
20.	Madison Hunting	Wharfdale
21.	Will Milner	Huddersfield
22.	Sam Gaudie	Wharfdale
Team Manager:		Benji Pickin
Forwards Coach:		Pete Taylor
Backs Coach:		Dan Scarbrough
Strength & Conditioning:		Kristian Sharples
Head Physio:		Rachel Galley
Sports Therapist:		Jill Alexander
Analyst:		Sam Shepherd

# Today's Match Officials



**Referee**  
**Mr James O'Brien**

**AR1**  
**Mr Tim Brown**

**AR2**  
**Mr Ian Farrell**

**Please Respect The Man in the Middle.**

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

***this is not soccer."***



# ***‘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’!***



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R - Respect  
U - Understanding  
G - Game  
B - Behaviour  
Y - You

