



Lancashire  
RFU

# LANCASHIRE V YORKSHIRE

FYLDE RFC

KICK OFF - 3:00PM

SATURDAY 31st MAY 2025

## **Lancashire County RFU 2024-2025**

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**County Champions:**

1891, 1935, 1938, 1947,

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1988, 1990, 1992, 1993,

2003, 2006, 2009, 2010,

2011, 2013, 2014, 2017,

2018.

**Womens County**

**Champions:**

2017.

## **Welcome from the President.**

As Lancashire President for 2024 – 2025, it gives me great pleasure and pride to welcome you all to Fylde today.

As someone who has played this great game for many, many years, I have continued to be involved both at my own club and within this great county of Lancashire, to enable others to get the same enjoyment from the game that I had.

I would like to welcome you all to today's match, Players, Coaches & Match Officials, lead by Peter Connor, aided by Dave Charlton and Adam Carpenter. I would like to thank the host club Fylde for their hospitality and for making this game possible.

We all appreciate how much hard work and organisation goes into hosting fixtures like this, and we appreciate the work of staff and much valued volunteers.

Thanks to Yorkshire for making the journey today, we are all looking forward to a good game played with Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship .

Brian Hurst  
President  
Lancashire County RFU





15.	BEN TURNER	FYLDE
14.	MATTHEW REANEY	SEDGLEY PARK
13.	ALEX CLAYTON	FYLDE
12.	SAM STOTT	FYLDE
11.	ADAM LANIGAN	FYLDE
10.	WILL HUNT	SALE FC
9.	MATT STURGESS (CAPT)	SEDGLEY PARK
1.	COREY BOWKER	FYLDE
2.	ADAM MALLINSON	SEDGLEY PARK
3.	PETE ALTHAM	FYLDE
4.	MICHAEL WALTON	FYLDE
5.	CONNOR JAMES	SEDGLEY PARK
6.	ISAAC DEANS	SEDGLEY PARK
7.	TOBY HARRISON	FYLDE
8.	TOM AILES (VICE CAPT)	SEDGLEY PARK
16.	DANNY RYLANCE	SEDGLEY PARK
17.	JACK WILKINSON	ROSSENDALE
18.	JOSH WOODS	CHESTER
19.	LEWIS QUINN	FYLDE
20.	WILL GREENWOOD	GARSTANG
21.	SCOTT RAWLINGS	FYLDE
22.	CAMERON SMITH	FYLDE
23.	CHRIS JOHNSON	HEATH
	GUY LOVEGREEN	TEAM MANAGER
	ALEX LONEY	LEAD COACH
	PAUL ARNOLD & STEPHEN BRIERS	COACHES
	GREG LITTLER & MOLLY HART-RYAN	PHYSIOS



15.	JACK TOWNEND	ROTHERHAM TITANS
14.	CHRIS HOOPER	SHEFFIELD
13.	LEWIS MINIKIN	HULL IONIANIS
12.	OLI CICOGNINI	WHARFDALE
11.	JAMES NORMAN	SHEFFIELD TIGERS
10.	EDDIE CROSSLAND (VICE CAPT)	OTLEY
9.	ELLIOT FISHER	SHEFFIELD

1.	LOMA KIVALU	ROTHERHAM TITANS
2.	RHODRI CAMPBELL	SHEFFIELD
3.	RIKKI STOUT	ROTHERHAM TITANS
4.	JOE MAKIN (CAPT)	HULL IONIANIS
5.	DOM PARSONS	SHEFFIELD
6.	MARTIN DODDS	HARROGATE
7.	ADAM BRANKLEY	HULL
8.	GEORGE MEWBURN	HULL IONIANIS

16.	WILL ARCHER	SHEFFIELD TIGERS
17.	CHRIS MOORE	HEATH
18.	WILL SCHOLEY	YORK
19.	ARCHIE CRAPPER	SHEFFIELD
20.	FELIX CRAPPER	SHEFFIELD
21.	HARVEY HARDING	HULL
22.	WILL SMITH	SHEFFIELD
23.	KRISTIAN DOBSON	HARROGATE

BENJI PICKIN	TEAM MANAGER
LEE DENHAM	LEAD COACH
GLENN KENWORTHY & CALUM IRVIN	COACHES
RACHEL GALLEY	PHYSIO

# Today's Match Officials



Referee:  
Mr Peter Connor

AR1:  
Mr Dave Charlton

AR2:  
Mr Adam Carpenter

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

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

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

## A warm welcome to today's Senior Men's Roses match . Firstly a bit of history .



Lancashire v Yorkshire is one of the oldest regular rugby fixtures in England. The first match being in 1870 held in Leeds. However with the formation of Lancashire County RFU in 1881 the first official Roses game from a Lancashire perspective was 25/11/1882 at Whalley Range losing by 5 tries to nil. When the county championship was instituted into the Rugby Union calendar in 1889 the first 8 were won by either Lancashire or Yorkshire, Yorkshire holding sway with 7. It was then a very

long wait for another "Roses " win Yorkshire breaking the drought in 1926 beating Hampshire by a single point. The Red Rose county, although appearing in 3 finals, had to wait till 1935 for the next win, interestingly against Somerset, our previous opponents in this years competition. Since the war both counties have had high prominence in the competition. Overall Lancashire have won the most championships lifting the trophy 25 times followed by Gloucester 17 and Yorkshire 15. Lancashire and Yorkshire have only met in one Final in 1993 where Lancashire won 9-3 in what sounds like a thriller. This isn't that surprising as the vast majority of finals are contested between a Northern County and a representative from the South. It is in the northern heartland of the game where "Roses" games are played out and across the decades generation after generation of Yorkist and Lancastrians have been proud to pull on the county jersey and take to the field in fiercely contested matches on both sides of the Pennines. There have been 225 matches, many of



these friendly fixtures or exhibition games playing for pride. In terms of "competitive games" ie playing in a tournament like the county championship, as we are today, there have been 128 such games. Lancashire winning 61, Yorkshire 54 with 13 draws.

The game of rugby has gone through many seismic changes in its evolution. 1895 the " Great Schism " where the Northern Rugby Football Union was formed later to become the Rugby League. The introduction of merit tables in 1984 then a full national league system in 1987.

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The introduction of the "seamless game " ie professionalism in 1995, and in all but name the creation of franchises in 2025 . Through all of this players have had the opportunity to play representative rugby, predominantly for their counties. There used to be a clear route to the top of the game. Club-County-Division-International. The divisions folded in 1995, I coached the last ever North Game v Argentina at McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield. The County game clung on and reinvented itself in 2002 when it could have easily gone under. The England Counties XV offered the chance for players playing outside the top tier pro sides a chance to represent their Country. I coached that side on a tour to Canada in 2003 and to a first ever win over France, but funding was withdrawn by the RFU and the last game was against Georgia in 2019.

Throughout all the changes the one constant has been the County game. The game is administrated through the constituent bodies, young players grow up playing age group rep rugby and get a passion for their county that follows through to their adult game. In many ways county rugby is the icing on the cake of a season. Of course your club league fixtures form by far the greater part of the focus in the year. But having the chance to play with lads from different clubs against other representative opposition and put on your tie, badge or cap after the game having played a county match in a different environment is a priceless part of a players rugby journey. The memories made at these games forge the spirit of the player and are an intrinsic part of the soul of the game. Why the powers that be make it so hard to make these games happen is beyond me. At the very heart of this is the Roses game, and the players and everyone involved in todays game should be very proud that they are part of such a distinguished lineage. They are the latest names on the pantheon of players to pull on a roses shirt and play for Lancashire or Yorkshire stretching across time and the very history of the game.

For those who seek to subvert the county championship I invoke the words of WB Yeats and send them registered mail to corridors of power and mischief at Twickenham or is it the Allianz these days ?

*"I being poor have only my dreams,  
I have spread them under your feet,  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams"*

Mark Nelson

Proud Lancastrian

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