

Lancashire County Rugby Football Union



Lancashire U17s

v

Cumbria U17s



Vale of Lune RUFC

Kick Off—2:00pm

Sunday 29th May 2022



**Lancashire County RFU**  
**2021-2022**

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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 Cumbria RFU U17s 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 Vale of Lune 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 our match official, Henry Pearson who I'm sure will work 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, as short as it will be.

**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



Whilst its great to see our U17 squads coming together for todays game, 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!”.

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 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.

If the game is truly a pyramid with Eddie Jones and his squad at the pointy end of it we need to stop chipping away at the base otherwise that pyramid will start to shift.

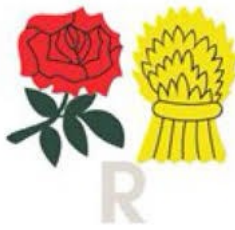
I’m sure the two squads competing today will produce a game of quality to keep us entertained and Referee Henry Pearson will keep the game flowing.

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 Henry Pearson  
MADREFS**

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

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

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



## Lancashire U17s

1.	Ged Boylan	Saddleworth HS - Sedgley Park
2.	Jake Peverley	Burnley College - Burnley
3.	Matthew Wright (VC)	Kirkham Grammar - Preston Grasshoppers
4.	Nathan Robinson	Bury Grammar - Rossendale
5.	Charlie Havard	Clitheroe RGS - Clitheroe
6.	Aidan Perry	Clitheroe RGS - Blackburn
7.	Ben Sunderland	Myerscough - Rochdale
8.	Oli Mills	Myerscough - Rochdale
9.	George Oldfield	Scarisbrick Hall - Liverpool St Helens
10.	Harry Corless	Barrow Hall College - Liverpool St Helens
11.	Hanaan Kader	St Ambrose - Sedgley Park
12.	Will Simmons	Holy Cross College - Rochdale
13.	Arthur Fox	Runshaw College - Blackburn
14.	Bailey Williams	Winstanley College - Liverpool St Helens
15.	Ben Haigh (Capt)	Myerscough - Liverpool St Helens
16.	Samuel Waters	Lancaster RGS - Garstang
17.	Will Greenwood	Newman College - Garstang
18.	Jay Wilson	Bury College - Rossendale
19.	Ben Smith	Merchant Taylors - Sefton
20.	Oscar Halsall (VC)	Scarisbrick Hall - Liverpool St Helens
21.	Harvey Baker	Merchant Taylors - Waterloo
22.	Tom Foster	Clitheroe RGS - Blackburn
23.	Harrison Milner	Kings, Macclesfield - Manchester
TR	Charlie Read, James Sutcliffe, Cameron Brown, Louis Sharrock, Daniel Slawson	
Team Manager:		Gavin Butterworth
Coach:		James Smith, Chris Marsh
Physio:		Lucy Gray



## Cumbria U17s

1.	Nathan Halhead	Kendal
2.	Robbie Kincart	Myerscough College - Kendal
3.	Connor Lees	Kendal
4.	Jamie Humpage	Kirkby Lonsdale
5.	Riely Thwaites (VC)	Aspatia
6.	Josh Blain	Austin Friars - Carlisle
7.	Jonathan Davies	Austin Friars - Carlisle
8.	Richie Dadley	Myerscough College - Penrith

9.	Ollie Rose	Gosforth Academy
10.	Dan Woodcock	Cockermouth School
11.	Oliver Stephenson	Kirkbie Kendal - Kendal
12.	Josh Hope (Capt)	Austin Friars - Carlisle
13.	Oscar Doran	Keswick School
14.	Andrew Berry	Tynemet College - Penrith
15.	Huw Lloyd	Nelson Thomlinson - Carlisle

16.	Addison Telford	QEGS Penrith
17.	Tom Pratt	QES - Kirkby Lonsdale
18.	Isaac Rimmer	Penrith
19.	Kane Deakin	Tynemet College
20.	Mark Mason	Ullswater - Penrith
21.	Luke Atkinson	Kendal College - Kendal
22.	Ben Lawson	Kirkby Lonsdale
23.	Idris Hill	Windermere School - Kendal

Team Manager:	Jason Gregory
Head Coach:	Garry Holmes
Coaches:	Craig Price, Matt Humpage

## 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’!***



# Red Zed.

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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