



9 Lancashire U18s selected for North Trial

Congratulations to the following players who have been invited to trial for selection for the North of England on Wednesday 28th December at Woodhouse Grove School

Callum Bolton, Myerscough College & Eccles RUFC

Jack Granby, Runshaw College & Tarleton RUFC

Joe Hunt, Myerscough College

Connor Johnson, Myerscough College & Blackburn RUFC

Henry Pearson, Kirkham Grammar School & Fylde RUFC

Tom Shorrock, Merchant Taylors, Crosby & Waterloo RUFC

Sam Stott, Lancaster Royal Grammar School & Vale of Lune RUFC

Morgan Sword, Ermysted's Grammar School & Wharfedale RUFC

Wade Williams, Sedbergh School & Waterloo RUFC

Following a trial at U17 level in February, followed by three County development games in the Spring, the U18 squad played three North Division selection games against Northumberland, Cheshire and Yorkshire in October and November, at which 8 – 12 North Division selectors were in attendance at each game.

Despite Lancashire U18s losing all three games, this comprehensive process enabled these players to show their capabilities and register among the elite 45 or so players from across the 6 counties that comprise North Division, who will attend a further skills assessment and trial at the end of the month. A squad of 23-25 players will then be selected to play against other divisions in the New Year, with the ultimate reward being selection for England Counties U18s, who will play Ireland and France at Easter.

In the past four years Lancashire have been represented at England Counties U18 level by at least three players, and we would like to think this trend will continue in 2017.

We wish all 9 young Lancastrians the very best of luck and look forward to hearing further good news early in the New Year.