

# Keep in Touch!

## Newsletter about the Newsletter !

Welcome—to our Newsletter about the Newsletter.

We are hoping to produce a monthly newsletter that recaps some of the previous news in the County that has appeared on our website.

Please send any news items for consideration to  
[webteamnews@lancashirerugby.com](mailto:webteamnews@lancashirerugby.com)

This month is the start of a new season which has seen a new Junior Rugby Club challenge launched in Lancashire that has been organized by Ian Spivey and his committee., new regulations relating to Age Grade Rugby and a reorganization of our website.



We are looking to collect News from around the County each month and your help and news would be most welcome.

## Website reorganization – the Menu

Over the past month we have been re organizing our website and menu with the aim of providing a 'one stop shop' for County information. This is work in progress and we hope that it will eventually meet the needs of all the different groups

within Lancashire and beyond.

The menu is organized into News, Calendar, LCRFU , which includes Members information, County Squads, Club Information , Youth , Women and Girls and

last but not least Coaching and Refereeing.

Each tab will be populated with information that will be updated as new items of interest appear.



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### Special points of interest:

- *DPP Squads currently being identified.*
- *Rugby Mums make a welcome return.*
- *U18's Squad begin their campaign*
- *Report from Rossall School.*
- *Junior Rugby Club Challenge Begins.*
- *RIP Eccles stalwart Ernie Crookell.*

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## DPP

The DPP programme continues to develop and has it's own section on the website under Youth Rugby.

The tabs have been organized into areas rather than age groups and will be updated regularly.

There will be a 12 aside Competition at Myerscough College on Friday October 28th.

More details will be posted on the website when available.



For information about Women and Girls Rugby then please contact Helen Duggan who is the Chair of Lancashire Women and Girls rugby. [Helen.c.duggan@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.c.duggan@gmail.com)



## U18's and Colts Section

Next Month sees the start of the U18's fixtures and Lancashire Colts Competitions.

U18's begin their campaign with a warm up game against Cumbria at Vale of Lune on Sunday 16th October.

They then have games against Durham on 23rd October, this is away at Aspathria. This is then followed by another away game at Lymm when they take on Cheshire.

All KO times and other information

can be found on the County Calendar.

Lancashire Colts begin their competitions on Sunday October 23rd when the first round of the Frank Morgan U18's Cup is played as is the Rob Briers U17's Cup. All the fixtures are on the Lancashire website under the Clubs tab.

The following weekend sees the second round of the Frank Morgan Cup and the Rob Briers Cup alongside the first round of the Alan James U17's Trophy and the Joe McDonagh U18's Trophy.

Again more information can be found on the website.



## Lancashire County RFU are always on the look out for Volunteers.

We have over one hundred jobs in administration alone not forgetting the huge numbers involve in Coaching and Refereeing. If you are interested in being involved just speak to any member of the Board and they will point you to our Director of Volunteers Carol Baker within the County.. Dave Herriman who is the Chairman, saysvery often to people a couple of hours a

month from a quality volunteer is worth more in terms of getting things done than hours spent in committees. So, what ever your interest in the game of Rugby Union is, please consider being part of Lancashire and assist this great Rugby County to continue to produce quality players and Club Facilities which are the envy of many in the Rugby World.



## Rossall School host International Rugby Match.

Rossall School, Fleetwood, hosted an International rugby match when Bedes School of Buenos Aires visited the Fylde coast as part of their UK tour.

Fleetwood U17 Colts provided the opposition but it was the Argentinian side who took the honours with a 21-0 victory.

Bedes Captain Juan Cruz Perez praised the Fleetwood Challenge.

I think we deserved the win after playing well. Fleetwood played a good

game but we sacrificed our bodies to play hard. A lot of our players are fast who play a strong game. We have a good head and we are mentally strong, I will remember this match for a long time.

John McCann led the Green and Gold side and said his team would learn from the experience.

It was a good opportunity to play against a team from another country and see their style of play. The score showed they are an established team with strengths in many areas. We have already talked briefly about the

match and there are few things that we can take from it.



U17 Fleetwood v Bedes School from Buenos Aires.

Match Report by Derrick Thomas.

## Rugby Mums Make a welcome return.

Rugby Mums was launched earlier this year when two mums volunteered to help with Lancashire. Their names are Jayne Dolloway and Kirstie Niland and they set up a blog to talk about the joys and tribulations of being a rugby Mum and am sure there are a lot out there who can empathise.

Go to our website to read the full version of Jayne's latest blog.

News then tab Rugby Mums Blog

*My stance was that of Dan Cole about to engage in a scrum. The boy was ready for me - also braced - with an attitude that said 'I'm going to fight you every step of the way' We locked eyes and I knew this wasn't going to be a clean fight!*

Read more on our website  
[Lancashirerugby.co.uk](http://Lancashirerugby.co.uk)



## New Ladies section at Rochdale.

An e mail from Oliver Zebede - Howard from Rochdale RUFC was received to say that they are in the process of setting up a ladies section. The club are keen to set up this and have organized a 'Pitch up and Play' event at the club on the 23rd October to show the benefits of the game of team work, friendship and dedication.

It is intended that the event will run from 12.30pm until 2.30pm.

For more details please e mail enquiries to

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[Ladies Pitch up and Play at Roch-](#)

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### RIP

*Sad news has been received to say that Life Member and former President of Eccles RFC, Ernie Crookell, has passed away in hospital. He was 88.*

*He can be seen below receiving the Club of the Year award in 2014 from then President Mr David Hodgson.*

*Ernie gave over 60 years service to Eccles Rugby Club in a variety of roles.*



## Lancashire County RFU - A brief History

The Lancashire County RFU was founded on 22nd December 1881 by a number of clubs within the historic County Palatine. Its main function was to organise county matches and cup competitions. After the breakaway of several major clubs to help form what became the Rugby Football League, the county went through some hard times both on and off the field. From the 1920s until the end of the amateur era however it developed into one of the major forces in the English game with

many outstanding clubs, players and administrators. The advent of professionalism and a national league system changed the nature of its role with more emphasis on administration and development. The County however retains its passion for playing the game and for it being played at the highest possible level in its representative teams, its clubs, its schools, colleges and universities. It seeks to encourage individuals to enjoy all aspects of the game and is committed to having institutions

to ensure that its core values are maintained. Today the County as a Constituent Body (CB) of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) acts as a conduit between the RFU and the Clubs in that County.

### Up and Coming events

#### 2nd Round

Alan Stone Bowl

Lancashire Plate

Brian Leigh Trophy.

See Website for fixtures.