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CUMBRIA U17

VALE OF LUNE RUFC
SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026
KICK OFF 14:00

Lancashire County RFU
2025-2026

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2011, 2013, 2014, 2017,
2018.

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U20 County Champions:
2025

As Lancashire President for 2025–2026, it gives me great pleasure and pride to welcome you all to today’s game, which promises to be a terrific contest between the young men of Lancashire and Cumbria.

As someone who has been involved in this great game for many, many years, I have continued my participation within this grand County of Lancashire, to enable others to get the same enjoyment from Rugby that I have had.

A special mention of thanks goes to the Players, Match Officials, Coaches and Team Managers for their collective effort and commitment and I would especially like to extend my thanks to our host, Vale of Lune RUFC, for making today possible. We all appreciate how much hard work and organisation goes into hosting events like this, and we sincerely value the support of staff and volunteers in delivering rugby to the community.

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

Ian Spivey
President
Lancashire County RFU



The Vale of Lune extends our warmest welcome to players, spectators, guests and officials for this Under 17s match between Lancashire and Cumbria. Any representative match is a special occasion, but this one is a bit more special. For the young players selected for inclusion, it signals an important achievement and reward for their efforts at club level. They have earned the right to be proud, in the best sense. To have several Vale of Lune players in action on the giant pitch today is most gratifying.

This match brings to a close the 2025/26 season, and what a season it has been for the Vale of Lune. Our Under 18s topped their league with an impeccable winning record, and our 1st XV have secured promotion through the NW2 play-offs. They went on to clinch the John Burgess Lancashire Cup last weekend. The celebrations continue.

Our thanks is due to our platoon of volunteers who keep the facilities at Powder House Lane in pristine order, as well as our professional bar and kitchen teams whose reputation for hospitality goes from strength to strength. The mini, junior and colt programmes at all rugby clubs in Lancashire and Cumbria deserve our appreciation for their work. Coaches and family members, giving up their weekends and turning out in all weathers, results in showpiece rugby matches such as this. The display of framed shirts on the walls of rugby clubs across the country, shows that the fruit of these labours stay in the memory.

At 2pm, two squads of young men, this year's best in their respective counties at this age, will compete in the finest sporting traditions. Who knows what they will go on to achieve in this sport, and in life. Today, we have a ringside seat. Let's give them our loud support.

Barry Lees

President

Vale of Lune RUFC



Yorkshire U17 v Lancashire U17





Cheshire U17 v Lancashire U17





Cheshire U20 v Lancashire U20





Lancashire v Yorkshire

The Men of Lancashire overcame Yorkshire in a 2-leg 'Roses' Semi Final (38-18 at Fylde and 22-20 at Hull) to reach the Bill Beaumont County Championship Final at the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham, on Saturday 6th June.
Images by PAC Photography.





On behalf of the Coaching and Management Group I would like to welcome you all to our final game of our County U17 season with Cumbria being the challenge for us today.

Our two previous games saw us grab an away win over in Yorkshire and suffer a narrow defeat away at Cheshire last week.

All 30 members of our squad have been truly committed to our plans as a Squad and we've been very impressed with them, hopefully they can turn home advantage into another victory over what will be a well drilled and committed Cumbria.

The Coaching group, myself, James, Scotty, Alex and Mark have really enjoyed working with this Group and we hope they go forward to the U18 Group next season and challenge for a North u18 spot.

Thanks to our hosts Vale of Lune and the Match Officials who without them we have no game.

Yours in Rugby

Chris Marsh
Head Coach
Lancashire U17



Lancashire U17



Cumbria U17





LANCASHIRE U17

1. **Oscar Tresham (C)** (Vale of Lune RUFC / Lancaster GS)
2. **Scott Johnson** (Widnes RUFC / St Edwards)
3. **Joe Unsworth** (Aspull RFC / Kirkham GS)
4. **Max Richards** (Preston Grasshoppers RFC)
5. **Colm Stewart** (Vale of Lune RUFC / Myerscough College)
6. **Oliver Parkinson** (Preston Grasshoppers RFC / Kirkham GS)
7. **Joe Sanson** (Wigan RUFC / Scarisbrick Hall)
8. **Ben McMorrow** (Rochdale RUFC / College of Rugby)
9. **Adam Lenehan** (Firwood Waterloo RFC / St Mary's Crosby)
10. **Xavier Dineley** (Fylde RFC / AKS Lytham)
11. **Oliver Ward** (Preston Grasshoppers RFC / Cardinal Newman)
12. **Freddie Parker** (Lancaster RGS)
13. **Finn McLaughlin (C)** (Liverpool St Helens / St Mary's, Crosby)
14. **Alfie Heath** (Vale of Lune RUFC / Myerscough College)
15. **Ryan Shaw** (Preston Grasshoppers RUFC / Kirkham GS)

16. **Harry Petrykowski** (Trafford MV RFCC / Trafford College)
17. **Jedeon Swanepoel** (Warrington RUFC / Reaseheath College)
18. **Tadhg Casey** (Wigan RUFC / Wigan Warriors College)
19. **Thom Slinger** (Tarleton RUFC / Scarisbrick Hall)
20. **Ryan Connors** (Trafford MV RFCC / Blessed Thomas Holford)
21. **James Charnley** (Ormskirk RUFC / St Mary's, Crosby)
22. **Torren Butters-McNaught** (Preston Grasshoppers RUFC / Scarisbrick Hall)
23. **Luke Govier** (St Mary's Crosby)

Head Coach: **Chris Marsh**
Backs Coach: **James Smith**
Forwards Coach: **Martin Scott**
Physio: **Ethan Redmond**
Team Manager: **Mark Owen**



CUMBRIA U17

1. **Kai Topman** (Trinity / Carlisle RUFC)
2. **George Skelton-Montgomery** (QES / Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
3. **Kurt Cousins** (Kendal RUFC)
4. **Sam Hurst** (QEGS / Carlisle RUFC)
5. **Rory Irving (C)** (Austin Friars / Carlisle RUFC)
6. **Max Muldowney** (QES & Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
7. **Zach Taylor** (QES / Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
8. **Max Bateson** (Cockermouth School / Cockermouth RUFC)
9. **Harry Bibby** (UCC / Penrith RUFC)
10. **Sam Longden** (Kirkby Stephen Grammar School / Penrith RUFC)
11. **Evan Gore** (KKS / Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
12. **Sam Turner** (Kirkham Grammar / Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
13. **Alfie Mellor** (QES & Carlisle RUFC)
14. **Matthew Megan** (Keswick School & Keswick RFC)
15. **Matty Smith** (QEGS & Carlisle RUFC)

16. **Aaron Brown** (UCC & Penrith)
17. **Joshua Riding** (QES & Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
18. **Jayden Lidgey** (Trinity & Wigton RUFC)
19. **Robbie Bowman** (UCC & Penrith RUFC)
20. **George Southey** (QES & Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
21. **Jayden Hutchinson** (QES & Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)
22. **Joe Stott** (Trinity & Carlisle RUFC)

Head Coach: **Garry Holmes**
Coach: **Warren Tilley**
Physio: **Damon King**
Team Manager: **Jason Gregory**



MADREFS

Thank you to the Manchester and District Rugby Union Referee Society and our Match Officials today:

Referee: Neil Everett

AR1: Stephen Ralston

AR2: Kristen Icely

Please support our match officials this afternoon in their efforts to keep the game safe and fair. Rugby is a physical and passionate contest requiring discipline - which is why we love it - and we ask all players, coaches and spectators to respect and accept decisions gracefully, even when you disagree.



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Lancashire RFU

In 1806 William Webb Ellis was born in Salford, Lancashire and in 1823 whilst a pupil at Rugby School legend has it he first caught the ball and ran with it, thereby defining the game that has since flourished around the world.

Long before Rugby Football had acquired commonly accepted laws Lancashire and Yorkshire were eager to compete with each other. From 1860 an invitational Lancashire team played Yorkshire in an annual “Battle of the Roses” which was considered the blue ribbon of Northern Rugby with the red rose team made up predominantly of players from the established clubs of Manchester and Liverpool. This all changed on the evening of 22nd December 1881 at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, when a meeting was convened of 16 invited clubs and the Lancashire County Rugby Football Union was formed.

Lancashire RFU now represents over 60 clubs and are proud to be 25 times English County Champions. Our unifying purpose is to bring people together to enjoy Rugby, so the game and its values flourish across the region. We do this by organising competitions, fielding representative teams and supporting our member clubs, schools and universities to grow and thrive.

To learn more about Lancashire RFU, or to volunteer your support, email honsecretary@lancashirerfu.com, send us a message on social media @lancashirerfu, or visit our website.

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