Lancashire County Rugby Football Union



# County Colts Finals

50th Anniversary
Frank Morgan Colts Cup



Wigan RUFC Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024



Lancashire County RFU 2023-2024

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#### **County Champions:**

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#### Welcome from the President of Lancashire County RFU

To each and every person here today, welcome.

As the second female
President of Lancashire
Rugby, it is my great honour
and with pride I write this
welcome and thank you for
your attendance of this
Lancashire RFU Colts Cups
Finals day.



Four games, 7 clubs, and some fast paced Rugby to really look forward to.

My passion, as many know, is as County Safeguarding Manager a position I have held for 29 years and am very proud to do so. I was asked upon appointment as President for 2023-2024 who would be taking over as CBSM ... needless to say I replied 'no one' as I wanted to undertake both. My commitment to Lancashire Rugby and all our clubs will, I hope be a continuing story.

Whether player, spectator, official or visitor I thank you for your support and encouragement of this beautiful game and our Lancashire county.

Thank you also to Wigan RUFC for hosting and facilitating the 50th Anniversary of the Frank Morgan Cup, a proud member of this historic club.

I wish all the players a safe and enjoyable match played in the true spirit of the game. The same too for you the spectators. Please be positive in your praise of players and the referees alike.

Carol Baker President

### **Frank Morgan**



#### 23/01/1941 - 27/02/2023

With the passing of Frank Morgan, Rugby Union has lost a true champion of the game whose tireless efforts benefited North West Rugby over many decades. Frank first played rugby for Wigan Tech before joining Orrell in 1959. In 1969, after 10 years at Orrell, Frank moved to Wigan RUFC, which was to be his club for the next 54 years. By his own admission, Frank was not the most mobile of forwards but together with his best mates John Cotton and John Gee they formed a formidable front row, claiming that across the entirety of their rugby careers, that as a threesome, they had never lost a scrum!!

Frank made his 1st XV debut at Kendal in March 1969 and established himself at the club - a warrior on the pitch and a true gent off. On hanging up his playing boots Frank moved into coaching, with a focus on developing the next generation. With a fine pool of local talent, he helped develop the Wigan Colts. In the 1976/77 season, Frank's Wigan Colts team went on to win the Lancashire Colts Cup. Such was Frank's bond with the lads he coached as young men that they all remained good friends and stayed in contact throughout Frank's life. Frank's coaching achievements were recognised when he was appointed as coach and selector of The Lancashire Colts in the early 1980s.

**The 'Frank Morgan' Lancashire Colts Cup** - first played for in 1975 (won by Southport). The cost of purchasing the trophy was covered by Barclays Bank in Wigan. Today sees the cup being contested for the 48th time (this is the 50th season) with I6 clubs having won the cup. Orrell currently holds the honours having won it 9 times.

The Halbro North West Colts Leagues - During the 1998/99 season Frank and his Lancashire Colts Committee expressed concerns over the numbers of Youth Players leaving the game at the Colts age-grade. Together, they conceived a plan to introduce League Rugby to Clubbased Colts Teams, thereby providing a conduit from Junior Rugby to the Senior game. Frank, with Jon Kitchen, Henry Henderson, Dave Ewing and Rick Stockdale set things moving and the following season (1999/2000) the Lancashire & Cheshire Colts league was formed with 50 sides (composed of 25 junior and 25 senior colts teams) playing in organised leagues. Over the following seasons, the number of teams grew with the league reaching 100 entries for the 2008/09 season.

The structure of the North West Leagues provides organised and regular playing opportunities for Colts sides and has developed into what is regarded by many as the premier Colts competition in the country.



Frank (left) in the changing rooms celebrating having beaten Waterloo 11-6 in the Lancashire Cup in the 1973/74 season.

Frank was always immensely proud of what had been achieved with Colts Rugby in the North West. Throughout his 60 plus years of participation in Rugby, Frank held many positions. Each position and the influence it brought was used by Frank to bring Rugby Union to the fore and to ensure that Colts Rugby had a champion pushing it forward.

- President of Lancashire 2003-04
- Chairman of Wigan RUFC 1991-2012
- President of Wigan RUFC 2013
- Life President of the North West Colts Leagues awarded 2003-04
- Winner of the Crabbies Rugby Lifetime Achievement award in 2018

Frank's involvement with Wigan, with the Colts League and the County Colts enabled him to meet and form countless friendships across not only the North West but across the entire country. Frank's son lan recounts:

"At the Crabbies Awards in 2018, the number of people who came over to say 'good to see you again' was incredible".

Frank in his later years enjoyed watching the M&J section and Colts at Wigan, particularly his grandsons William and Oliver. Frank's advice to his two grandsons was always: "Carry on playing and if you enjoy it all as much as I have you will enjoy life."

A warm and affable man Frank had two passions in life; his family (wife May, son Ian, daughter Julie, and his grandchildren). **And then there was Rugby.** 

## Frank Morgan U18s Senior Cup

#### **Wigan RUFC**

#### **Senior Colts XV**

Tyler Davis.

**Ethan Ashcroft.** 

Will Metcalfe.

**Taylor Doran.** 

Harry Waterworth.

Ross Herron.

Rhys Clayton.

George Lowe.

Jake Rigby.

Zack Barker.

Owen Threlfall.

Mason Fillingham. (Capt.)

Toby Rich.

Charlie Berry.

Nathan Butler.

Harris Parker.

Harvey Halley.

Roman Lycholat.

Noah Wheatley.

Ben Gaskell.

Fraser Steele.

Harrison Kent-Mannion.

#### **West Park / Sefton RUFC**

#### **Senior Colts XV**

Jackson Walker.

Harry McLoughlin.

Harry Coxhill.

**Evan Woods.** 

Jack Corden.

Ceiron Ball.

Josh Simpson.

Ellis Smethem. (Capt.)

Sam Hitchmough.

James Strett.

Alfie Powell.

Jamie O'Keefe.

Harry Chamberlain.

Jamie Shum.

James Pedersen.

Alex Pye.

**Edward Caufield.** 

**Taylor Boyer.** 

Francis Underwood.

James Briers.

**Charlie Hanley.** 

Charlie Burrows.

Zak Hopkins.

Harry Worthington.

**Matthew Hummerston.** 

Jacob Burgess.

**Evan Prescot.** 

Daniel Johnson.

**Harrison Taggart.** 

Ellis Hyland.

James Green.

Owen Moorby.

Lewis Mather.
Alfie Morris.

Joe Shaw-Rossiter.

Harrison Latta.

Mason Walker. Luke Topping.

**Jake Topping.** 

### Joe "Mac" McDonough



#### 29/05/1940—16/4/2009

Club: Leigh RUFC

School: Sacred Heart, Leigh (Catechism & Backpass)

Playing Position: Prop, sadly cut down in his

prime at Eccles.

Playing Honours: 132 1st XV appearances for Leigh, Club Colours, Chairmans & Presidents

Tankards.

Lancashire Honours /Rolls: Manager/

Selector

Colts Committee 1972-2000

Honours Tie 1996/1997

Joe was an iconic figure in Colts Rugby both at Club & County level. For many seasons, an opponent, colleague, collaborator and most

importantly friend of Frank Morgan.





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# Joe McDonough U18s Senior Trophy

#### **Heaton Moor RUFC**

#### **Senior Colts XV**

**Ronan Andrew** Billy Barrett **Harry Dalziel Toby Halls Liam Harrison Will Holmes Luuk Hughes Dan Humphrey** Joe Johnson Josh Kenworthy Rueben Leyden **Henry Livsey Myles Maclagan** Oskar Marsh **Callum McConkey** Isaac Millachip **Tom Morton Kainan Murray** Joe Omolo **Ewen Phillis** Jonah Quinn Will Roe **Destin Shiado Dan Tanner Jack Tyley** 

Coaches
James Brennin
Steve Nichols
Sam Firth
Chris Barrett

#### **Sedgley Park RUFC**

#### **Senior Colts XV**

**Ethan Stanbank** William Hamer **Tommy Brady Jack Buono** William Robinson Jake Dickinson **Jack Stevens** Luis McPherson Fin Parkin **Max Slater Bailey Fenton George Geddis Noah Nethercott Kobe McEwan Samuel Thorpe Finn Flanagan Noah Greenwood Anton Holt Charlie Heaton Oliver Bowler Samuel Dixon** Jacob Ranson **Jasper Wallace Joseph Davies Max Ward Freddie Evans Jenson Connell Alexander Staton** 

#### **Rob Briers**



#### RFU President 2023-2024

Club: West Park

School: West Park Grammar St Helens

Playing Pos: 11 & 14

Playing Honours: England U23, North West Counties (versus Australia), Lancashire Heritage number #994 and

Lancashire Schools.

Honours: RFU Vice President, Chairman of the Community Game Board, RFU Council Member, Lancashire President 1999-2000. Famously coached Lancashire Colts to victory at Twickenham 1990-1991 against

Essex





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## **Rob Briers U17s Junior Cup**

#### **Heaton Moor RUFC**

#### **Junior Colts XV**

**Kyron Agius.** 

Alfie Bridge.

Adil Rasul.

**George Chenery.** 

**Zavier Dele-Charley. (Vice Capt.)** 

Lewis Collins-Kenyon.

Tom Mercer.

Zayne Jarrett.

**George Smith.** 

Jacob Atherton. (Capt.)

Joe Griffiths.

Zak Thomas-Blackhurst.

Samuel Smith.

Callum Lynch.

Kyle Walker.

**Toby Powell.** 

**Henry Davies.** 

Rauri Williams.

Jamie Harrison.

Lincoln Nkuitchou-Young.

James Frances.

Isaac Glue.

James Nolan.

Felix Allster-Oppenheimer.

#### **Ormskirk RUFC**

#### **U17s Colts XV**

Aidan Hoy.

**Harry Rossiter.** 

**Timi Martins.** 

**Charlie Keech.** 

Michael Leach.

Joe Sutton.

Joe White.

Sol Patrick. (VC)

Aled Evans.

Jack Power.

Cameron Hill.

Joey Prescott.

Sam Staniforth. (VC)

Tom Hastie.

Freddie Hague.

**Billy Morrey.** 

Nikolai Pitera.

Harry Caygill.

Johnnie Martin Scott. (Capt.)

Leon Rawsthorne.

Logan Clark.

**Toby Atkinson.** 

Logan Hampton.

Christopher Kirby.

Will Whitrow.

#### **Alan James**



Club: Many Clubs across the U.K and Lancashire -

Life Member of Lostock

School: Rivington Rd Secondary Modern.

St Helens (Rugby League) Playing Pos No 2 Hooker

Joined the Army aged 15yrs in 1970

(converted from RL to RU)

Playing Honours: Combined Services, Army, Jnr

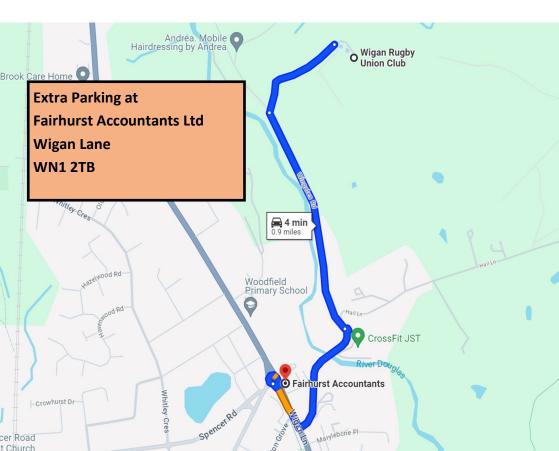
Army, British Police and St Helens Schools

Lancashire Honours/Rolls: Vice President, Honours Tie, 1st XV Selector, U20s & U18s Manager/Coach.

Colts U19's Manager/Coach.

Famously coached Lancashire Colts to victory in the

National U19's 7's with Barry Jon Mather & Howard Hughes.



# **Alan James U17s Junior Trophy**

#### **Widnes RUFC**

#### **U17s Colts XV**

Ethan Pullen. (Capt.)
Rueben Mafi.
Josh Percival.
Jacob Mitchell.
Vincent Rowlands.
Dan Owen.

Harry Mawdlsey. Edward Price.

Will Jones.

Alex Glover.

**Charlie Cross.** 

Lewis York.

Dan Salter.

Chris McBride.

Alfie Laughton.

Vinny Kanda.

Zak Mannion.

**Dylan Knowles.** 

**Louis Favour.** 

Aflie Leyland.

Cam Bate.

Josh Morgan.

Quin Earnshaw.

Declan Roberts.

JoJo Patton.

#### **Aldwinians RUFC**

#### **U17s Colts XV**

Steven Wilson. Louis Quinn. (Capt.) Sean McColl. J-Lee Atherton. Leo Beard. Nathaniel Mountain. Lewis Long. **Kyle Willis.** Oscar Lyons. Leighton Parker. Finley Cheetham. Jacob Jones. Ryan Suddons. Harry Cooper. James Bradbury. Louie Jones. Harvey Merrills. Kyle Madden. Mason Mclaren. James Ives. **Euan Lomas-Cecil.** 

Aiden Hollingworth.

Josh Parker.

# **Todays Match Officials**



Alan James U17s Junior Trophy Kick off - 11:00am



#### Widnes v Aldwinians

Ref: Ms Vicki Offland.

AR1: Mr Stephen Snoddy. AR2: Mr Wilfred Lau.



Rob Briers U17s Junior Cup Kick off - 12:30pm



#### **Heaton Moor v Ormskirk**

Ref: Mr Stephen Snoddy.

AR1: Ms Vicki Offland. AR2: Mr Wilfred Lau.



Joe McDonough U18s Senior Trophy Kick off - 2:00pm



### **Heaton Moor v Sedgley Park**

Ref: Mr Nathan Power.

AR1: Mr Andy Irvine. AR2: Mr Phil Cole.



Frank Morgan U18s Senior Cup Kick off - 3:45pm



Wigan v West Park/Sefton



Ref: Mr Andy Irvine.

AR1: Mr Nathan Power. AR2: Mr Philip Cole.

# Frank Morgan U18s Senior Cup Past Winners

1974-75	Southport	1999-00	Orrell
1975-76	Broughton Park	2000-01	Orrell
1976-77	Wigan	2001-02	Manchseter
1977-78	Widnes	2002-03	West Park
1978-79	West Park	2003-04	<b>Preston Grasshoppers</b>
1979-80	Orrell	2004-05	Rochdale
1980-81	St Helens	2005-06	Wigan
1981-82	St Helens	2006-07	Manchester
1982-83	Orrell	2007-08	Liverpool Collegiate
1983-84	Preston Grasshoppers	2008-09	Widnes
1984-85	Orrell	2009-10	Widnes
1985-86	Orrell	2010-11	Widnes
1986-87	Liverpool SH	2011-12	West Park
1987-88	Preston Grasshoppers	2012-13	Preston Grasshoppers
1988-89	Aldwinians	2013-14	Warrington
1989-90	Waterloo	2014-15	Widnes
1990-91	Waterloo	2015-16	Widnes
1991-92	Orrell	2016-17	Manchseter
1992-93	Orrell	2017-18	West Park
1993-94	Orrell	2018-19	Southport
1994-95	Preston Grasshoppers	2019-20	No Comp Covid19
1995-96	Preston Grasshoppers	2020-21	No Comp Covid19
1996-97	Preston Grasshoppers	2021-22	Firwood Waterloo
1997-98	Waterloo	2022-23	Kendal
1998-99	Ormskirk		

# Joe McDonough U18s Senior Trophy Past Winners

2000-01	Sedgley Park	2012-13	Rossendale
2001-02	Aldwinians	2013-14	Widnes
2002-03	Whitchurch (Guest)	2014-15	<b>Preston Grasshoppers</b>
2003-04	Waterloo	2015-16	Manchester
2004-05	Bury	2016-17	Trafford MV
2005-06	Aspull	2017-18	Littleborough
2006-07	Kirby Lonsdale (Guest)	2018-19	Manchester
2007-08	Glossop (Guest)	2019-20	No Comp Covid19
2008-09	Blackburn	2020-21	No Comp Covid19
2009-10	Rochdale	2021-22	Manchester
2010-11	Leigh	2022-23	Widnes
2011-12	Liverpool Collegiate		

# Rob Briers U17s Junior Cup Past Winners

2000-01	Manchester/Sedgely Park (Shared)	2012-13	Warrington
2001-02	West Park	2013-14	Vale Of Lune
2002-03	Preston Grasshoppers	2014-15	<b>Preston Grasshoppers</b>
2003-04	Sedgely Park	2015-16	Trafford MV
2004-05	Aspull	2016-17	Warrington
2005-06	Leigh	2017-18	Heaton Moor
2006-07	Glossop (Guest)	2018-19	Warrington
2007-08	Broughton Park	2019-20	No Comp Covid19
2008-09	Ormskirk	2020-21	No Comp Covid19
2009-10	Liverpool Collegiate	2021-22	Rochdale
2010-11	Manchester	2022-23	Sedgley Park
2011-12	Preston Grasshoppers		

# Alan James U17s Junior Trophy Past Winners

2013-14	Bolton	2018-19	Bury
2014-15	Manchester	2019-20	No Comp Covid19
2015-16	Ormskirk	2020-21	No Comp Covid19
2016-17	West Park	2021-22	Liverpool St Helens
2017-18	Kirkby Lonsdale (Guest)	2022-23	West Park/Sefton

