

# MINERS

LEIGH MINERS RANGERS  
WEEKLY PREVIEW  
SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - ISSUE 10



# COMMITTEES WELCOME

**LEIGH MINERS ARLFC**  
**TWIST LANE**  
**WN7 4EF**

**CHAIRMAN** - MICK FAIRHURST  
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**GROUNDSMAN** - RICK SOUTHERN

On behalf of the Committee, a very warm welcome to all players, sponsors, and supporters to this weeks preview.

This week we were proud to hear that 2 of our U18s players have been selected to represent at an international level, with Ben Farrimond selected for England Community Lions U17s and Mikey Walsh selected for Ireland U19s. Honours like this are a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the players and all the coaching staff working with the U18s.

Both our Open Age teams are back in action this weekend as our NCRL side head over to Shaw Cross, and the NWML side host Bank Quay at Twist Lane.

Sunday we have another double header down at Twist Lane, with our U18s Golds hosting Lowca in the Quarter Final of the cup, and our Ladies starting their league campaign against Workington. Our U18s Rangers are also in Quarter Final action as they head over to Halton Farnworth Hornets.

As always we're always on the lookout for more volunteers. If you can spare a bit of time to help out please speak to a member of the committee - all help is always appreciated.

**The Leigh Miners Rangers Committee**





# ROOF FUNDRAISER

TWIST LANE HAS SEEN DECADES OF HISTORY, BUT RIGHT NOW, OUR CLUBHOUSE IS FACING A CHALLENGE IT CAN'T TACKLE ALONE.

WE ARE CURRENTLY RAISING VITAL FUNDS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE THE ROOF, ENSURING THAT LEIGH MINERS RANGERS REMAINS A SAFE, DRY, AND WELCOMING HUB FOR OUR PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS, AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME.

EVERY DONATION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, GOES DIRECTLY TOWARD PRESERVING OUR FACILITIES AND KEEPING THE RAIN OFF THE NEXT GENERATION OF RUGBY TALENT. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO OUR GOFUNDME PAGE.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE MINERS COVERED!

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LEIGH MINERS

# NEW ROOF

FUNDRAISER



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**DIARY DATES ARE ALREADY STARTING TO FILL UP. DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BIGGEST HOME FIXTURES OF THE YEAR!**

**LOCATION: LEIGH MINERS RANGERS, TWIST LANE**

**PRICE: £300 (PACKAGE FOR 10)**

**HOW TO BOOK: TO SECURE YOUR DATE OR CHECK AVAILABILITY, PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL OR CONTACT JOHN SWEENEY DIRECTLY.**

# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## KATY CHADBOND

**NICKNAME - CHADDERS**

**AGE - 26 (OLD AF)**

**POSITION - WINGER**

**OCCUPATION - SENIOR THERAPEUTIC CAR PRACTICIONER**

**WHICH RUGBY TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT?**

Wigan Warriors

**WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER?**

Liam Marshall

**HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PLAYING STYLE?**

You tell me ?

**WHICH TEAM MATE WOULD YOU LEAST LIKE TO BE TACKLED BY?**

Ruby Bailey because she's only 3ft tall (embarrassing!)

**WHICH TEAM MATE WOULD YOU HATE TO BE STUCK IN A LIFT WITH?**

Robyn ? (I have to pick someone sorry xx)

**WHAT IS YOUR PRE MATCH HYPE SONG?**

Babel - Mumford & Sons

**IF YOU WERE AN ANIMAL WHAT WOULD YOU BE?**

A sloth because I love to sleep

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT LEIGH MINERS?**

The community

**WHAT'S THE WORST THING ABOUT LEIGH MINERS?**

The roof - IYKYK

**WHAT WAS YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING RUGBY MOMENT?**

My moment is yet to come

**WHICH TEAM ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING?**

Rochdale because they're a well respected club

**WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR 2026?**

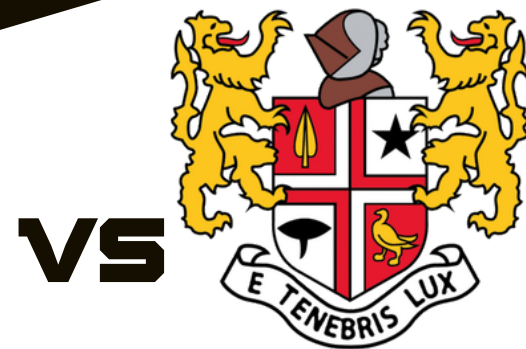
Improving my rugby IQ and not get injured in the process



# NCRL FIRST TEAM



# TEAM SHEET



VS

SAT 18TH APRIL | 2:30PM KO  
SHAW CROSS, LEEDS ROAD

- 1 NOAH LANCELOTT
- 2 DIEGO WALKER
- 3 LUCAS TYRER
- 4 BEN TURNER
- 5 WILL ASHWORTH
- 6 MARCO WILLIAMSON
- 7 IKY HEWITT
- 8 HARRY DARBY
- 9 JACK HAMER
- 10 ANDY PHILBIN
- 11 AARON BALMER
- 12 MATT GALVIN
- 13 CHASE QUIGLEY

## INTERCHANGES

- 14 LLOYD CARPENTER
- 15 RALPH WOOD
- 16 HARVEY WRIGHT
- 17 MATT PARKES



# NCRL DIVISION 1 LEAGUE TABLE

Division One	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
1 Dewsbury Celtic	5	5	0	0	124	70	54	10
2 Kells	5	4	1	0	136	80	56	8
3 Dewsbury Moor Maroons	5	4	1	0	130	92	38	8
4 Wigan St Patricks	5	4	1	0	104	118	-14	8
5 Stanningley	5	3	2	0	120	56	64	6
6 East Leeds	5	2	3	0	114	79	35	4
7 Leigh Miners Rangers	5	2	3	0	108	120	-12	4
8 Shaw Cross Sharks	5	2	3	0	92	112	-20	4
9 Egremont Rangers	5	2	3	0	80	120	-40	4
10 Pilkington Recs	5	1	4	0	92	126	-34	2
11 Oulton Raiders	5	1	4	0	75	122	-47	2
12 Oldham St Annes	5	0	5	0	52	132	-80	0



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# NWML ALLIANCE



# NWML DIVISION 1 LEAGE TABLE

Division 1	P	W	L	D	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
1 Newton Storm	5	5	0	0	156	46	110	10
2 Salford City Roosters	4	4	0	0	148	16	132	8
3 Garswood Stags	5	4	1	0	238	122	116	8
4 Spring View	5	4	1	0	126	60	66	8
5 Wigan St Cuthberts	4	2	2	0	84	76	8	4
6 Golborne Parkside	5	1	4	0	98	105	-7	2
7 Runcorn Highfield	4	1	3	0	96	152	-56	2
8 Bank Quay Bulls	4	1	3	0	77	136	-59	2
9 Leigh Miners Rangers A	5	1	4	0	32	186	-154	0
10 Rochdale Mayfield A	5	0	5	0	20	176	-156	-4

**Table Adjustments:**

Leigh Miners Rangers A: 2 points, Forfeit

Rochdale Mayfield A: 2 points, Forfeit

Rochdale Mayfield A: 2 points, Forfeit



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# LADIES





# WE'RE RECRUITING!

OUR OPEN AGE LADIES ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS, OF ALL ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE LEVELS, TO JOIN OUR GROWING SQUAD! DUE TO INCREASED GROWTH WE ARE LOOKING TO RUN **TWO TEAMS** IN 2026!

**TRAINING:**  
**TUESDAYS 7PM - 8PM**  
**TRY FITNESS GYM**  
**BROOKLANDS MILL - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM - 8PM**  
**SUTTON PARK**  
**LEIGH MINERS RANGERS, MANCHESTER ROAD**  
**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

**GET IN TOUCH!**



**KEV - 07502037910**



**DM US - LEIGH MINERS LADIES**



# TEAM SHEET



VS



SUN 19TH APRIL | 2:30PM KO

TWIST LANE, WN7 4EF

- 1 GABI LEIGH
- 2 BECKY BLACKBURN
- 3 CHARLOTTE HILL
- 4 ADELE ALLRED
- 5 BOBBI ALLRED
- 6 NEVE COLEMAN
- 7 RUBY BAILEY
- 8 VICKY ROSEVERE
- 9 ISLA ASPDEN
- 10 NIAMH O'CONNOR
- 11 RUBY MAGUIRE
- 12 ANNA CROFT
- 13 LILY JONES

## INTERCHANGES

- 14 CAITLIN MCARDLE
- 15 JESS FARNELL
- 16 GEORGIA MOLE
- 17 LOTTIE HALL
- 18 KATY CHADBOND



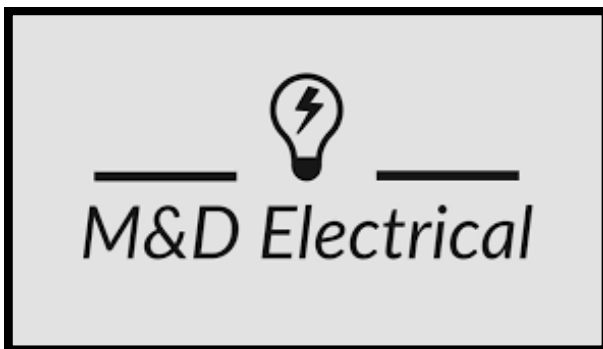
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# UNDER 18S



# INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

HERE'S WHAT U18S HEAD COACH DEAN BALMER HAD TO SAY:  
TWO OF OUR CURRENT LEIGH MINERS RANGERS U18S PLAYERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL HONOURS, BEN FARRIMOND FOR THE ENGLAND COMMUNITY LIONS U17S AND MIKEY WALSH FOR IRELAND U19S, BOTH OF WHICH WILL TOUR FRANCE.  
BOTH OF THESE LADS ARE A CREDIT TO NOT ONLY THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT TO OUR CLUB AS A WHOLE. I AS THEIR COACH WISH THEM THE VERY BEST AND I'M CERTAIN THEY WILL GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY AND REALLY EXCEL.



**MIKEY WALSH**

**IRELAND U19S**

WITH ANY TOUR THERE COMES A COST AND THE NEED TO FUND THEIR OWN TOURS WHICH IS AN EFFORT TO DO SO.  
TO EASE THE FINANCIAL SIDE PERSONALLY TO THEM IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IN ANYWAY EITHER AS A SPONSOR OR JUST GENERALLY TO HELP IT WOULD BE MASSIVELY APPRECIATED BY THEM.  
THE CLUB WILL BE DOING THINGS TO HELP THE LADS ALSO TO HELP THESE LADS ALONG THE WAY TO SUCCESSFUL TOURS



**BEN FARRIMOND**

**ENGLAND COMMUNITY LIONS U17**



# LEIGH MINERS

# U18S

**WE'RE  
RECRUITING**

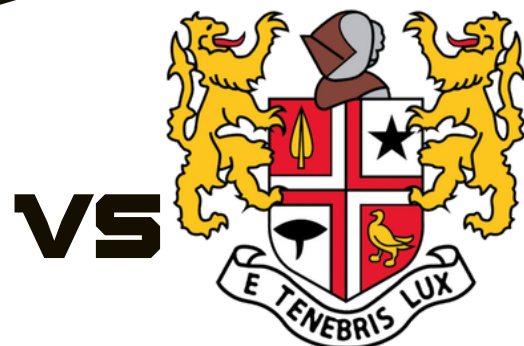
**DUE TO RECENT SUCCESS  
WITH OUR U18S TEAM WE'RE  
EXPANDING TO TWO TEAMS  
FOR THE 2026 SEASON**

**TRAINING  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
8PM-9PM, SUTTON PARK, MANCHESTER RD**

**GET IN CONTACT  
DEAN - 07979371311**



# TEAM SHEET



SUN 19TH APRIL | 10:30AM KO  
WILMERE LANE, WA8 5UP

1 JOSH TYRER  
Sponsored by Wayne & Diane Balmer

2 ETHAN BOYLAN  
Sponsored by Wayne & Diane Balmer

3 BEN FARRIMOND  
Available to Sponsor

4 THOMAS PHILLIPS  
Available to Sponsor

5 TOM GRIME  
Sponsored by Alfresco Style

6 MIKEY WALSH  
Sponsored by Wayne & Diane Balmer

7 RILEY JOHNSON  
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13 FINN BEALE  
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## INTERCHANGES

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15 GRAYSON ALDRED  
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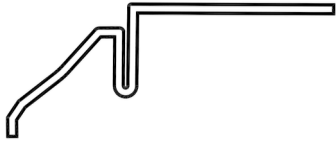


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# MASTERS



# LADIES MASTERS



**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SAW A DAY OF FIRSTS.**

**IT WAS THE FIRST MASTERS' LADIES FESTIVAL OF 2026, THE FIRST FESTIVAL HOSTED BY LEIGH MINERS AND THE FIRST FESTIVAL COMPLETELY RUN BY FEMALE MATCH OFFICIALS!**

**IT WAS A GREAT START TO THE SEASON WITH 9 DIFFERENT CLUBS ATTENDING CREATING A TOTAL OF 8 TEAMS, INCLUDING NEW PLAYERS TO MASTERS' RUGBY LEAGUE FROM ROCHDALE. DESPITE THE WEATHER, DISPLAYING 4 SEASONS IN ONE DAY, THE GAMES WERE PLAYED WITH SHOWING FANTASTIC SPORTSWOMANSHIP, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH THE MASTERS LADIES ARE PROUD OF. IN ADDITION TO THE RUGBY BEING PLAYED THERE WERE NUMEROUS OTHER ACTIVITIES; RAFFLES, TOMBOLA AND AN EASTER BONNET COMPETITION WHICH ALL HELPED TO RAISE A WHOOPING £2018 FOR THE CLUBS CHOSEN CHARITY - DEMENTIA UK.**

**CANT WAIT FOR THE NEXT FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THATTO ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**



**McGuinness**

# FIXTURES



# 20 26

# LEIGH MINERS NCRL FIRST TEAM CALENDAR



— HOME GAME

## FEBRUARY

21 | 38-16



## APRIL

11 | 30-10



18 | 2:30PM



25 | 2:30PM



## JUNE

06 | 2:30PM



13 | 2:30PM



20 | 2:30PM



27 | 2:30PM



## AUGUST

08 | 2:30PM



22 | 2:30PM



## SEPTEMBER

05 | 2:30PM



12 | 2:30PM



19 | 2:30PM



26 | 2:30PM



## MARCH

07 | 34-18



14 | 10-28



21 | 20-22



28 | 16-40



## MAY

02 | CUP TBC

09 | 2:30PM



16 | 2:30PM



23 | CUP TBC

## JULY

04 | 2:30PM



11 | 2:30PM



18 | CUP TBC

25 | 2:30PM



# 2026 | LEIGH MINERS NWML ALLIANCE CALENDAR



■ HOME GAME

## FEBRUARY

12-16  

28 | 20-18  

## MARCH

07 | 28-4  

14 | 72-0  


21 | 24-0 FORFEIT  

28 | 24-0 FORFEIT  

## APRIL

11 | 4-60  

18 | 24-0 FORFEIT  

25 | TBC  



## MAY


09 | 2PM  

16 | 2PM  

## JUNE

06 | 2PM  

13 | 2PM  

20 | 2PM  

27 | 2PM  

## JULY

11 | 2PM  

25 | 2PM  

## AUGUST

08 | 2PM  

22 | 2PM  

## SEPTEMBER

05 | 2PM  



# 2026 LEIGH MINERS LADIES CALENDAR



■ HOME GAME

## FEBRUARY


**0-52**


**10PM**  
**POSTPONED**  
 MEMORIAL GAME  


## MARCH


**15** | **0-36** | 

**22** | **22-08** | 


**29** | **48-0** | 


## APRIL

**19** | **2:30PM** | 

**26** | **2PM** | 


## MAY


**10** | **2PM** | 

**17** | **2PM** | 

## JUNE

**07** | **2PM** | 

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**28** | **2PM** | 

## JULY

**12** | **2PM** | 

## AUGUST

**13** | **2PM** | 

**16** | **2PM** | 



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# LEIGH MINERS LADIES MASTERS CALENDAR



Date	Teams	Location
14/03	Sheffield, Leigh & Golborne	Sheffield
28/03	Leigh Festival	Leigh
18/04	Leyland, Sheffield, Leigh	Leyland
02/05	Leigh, Golborne, Thatto	Leigh
09/05	Golborne, Roosters, Leigh	Golborne
13/06	Folly, Leigh, Sheffield	Folly
06/07	Thatto Festival	Thatto
11/07	Culcheth Festival	Culcheth
18/07	Farnley, Leigh, Cottingham	Farnley
01/08	Folly, Heysham, Leigh	Folly
05/09	National Festival	Blackpool - TBC
12/09	Thatto, Leigh, Roosters	Thatto
19/09	Leigh, Blackpool, Cottingham	Leigh
10/10	Sheffield Festival	Sheffield
24/10	Masters Celebration Festival	Leyland