



Cumbria Rugby Union Newsletter

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MORE PLAYERS - MORE TEAMS - MORE GAMES

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Falcons Biggest Festival & Biggest Crowd!

A number of Cumbrian rugby clubs attended "The Big One" where the Newcastle Falcons played Northampton Saints at St James's Park, home of Newcastle United. In total over 30,000 people attended the big game with many of these travelling over from Cumbria for the pre-match festivals, as well as the game. Players aged U7 and U8 participated on the main KP pitch and the Land Rover cup, involving under 11's and under 12's, was held at Bullocksteads. In total over 200 teams entered! The weather was kind to make it the biggest and best festival run by the falcons and by far the Falcons biggest ever crowd! (Photo Credit – Paul Jackson)



St Benedict's Youth in Action at the Falcons Festival prior to 'The Big One'!

Cumbria MLD/SLD Festival 2018

Participation in sport should not be limited to those who are able to do it and access it easily. The RFU in partnership with Active Cumbria recently held their MLD/SLD Tag Rugby Festival at Penrith Leisure Centre as part of the Schools Games Programme in Cumbria. This involved children with Mild or Severe Learning Difficulty playing the non-contact version of the game supported by Young Leaders from West Lakes Academy. "The commitment of the kids was absolutely outstanding and they were coached and officiated by a very good dedicated group of young leaders from WLA" Said Liam Nicholls RDO. He added "We are looking to provide additional opportunities linked to inclusion clubs in the county as it was evident how much the kids enjoyed this event". Thanks very much to the Young Leaders who were outstanding throughout the day!



County Youth Cup - Updates

With the recent poor weather there has been a delay in some of the county youth cup games being played. Clubs are working hard to get these fixtures in their programme. In the meantime we ask all to be patient on receiving info for the finals, this will be distributed as soon as we have all the required aspects in place. We will again be looking at hosting the U14/U16/U18 finals at a single venue on 29th April and the U15/U17 finals at a single venue on 6th May. Good luck to all teams with remaining fixtures and we will look to have all information in place and out to clubs as soon as we can.



Kirkby Re-Launch Girls Section

At the end of February Kirkby Lonsdale re launched their girls section. Working with Local schools the Club Development Officer, Scott Armstrong along with General Manager Ben Muschamp and Club Coach Coordinator and Club Coach Jim Tilburn hosted the 1st event at the new Queen Elizabeth School Indoor Sports Facility. Supported by Local CRC Garry Holmes an initial 3 weeks were held at the indoors, starting with 15 players. The group have now moved back to the club and recorded a fantastic 40 players at the last session. Kirkby Lonsdale Women's and Girl's section will now train every Monday night from 7th April until May when the club will launch its 'BRAND NEW O2' touch rugby programme.



Girls in action at the Kirkby Lonsdale Sessions at the Lunesdale Centre.

Netherhall host Catherine O'Donnell

After beating Ireland's Women, Catherine O'Donnell Maryport's own England Women's International made a surprise visit to Netherhall. It was brilliant to see Catherine make the England team again and then to support the newly formed Netherhall girls U15 Team. For many of the girls this was really the icing on the cake after playing their first club fixtures recently too. The Women's game is really growing in strength nationally. The girls really play a strong, competitive and exciting game. Maryport can be an outpost when it comes to rugby, however, the club is beginning to establish itself with girls rugby with numbers growing steadily week on week. Plans are already in place to expand the game for season 2018/19 at various age groups. Interested? Contact netherhallrugby@gmail.com



England International Catherine O'Donnell at her recent visit to Netherhall.

CSU Finals 2018

The recent Cumbria Schools Finals were a real success with various finals and the Cumbria U16 7's Event. Winners were; U14 Plate – QKS Kendal, U15 Plate – Nelson Thomlinson (Wigton), U14 Cup – Ullswater CC, U15 Cup – QEGS Penrith & RWC2015 Legacy 7's – Ullswater CC. For full write up visit the CRU Website.



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For more events, news & Info –
<http://cumbriarfu.pitchero.com/>

Interested in running a course at your club???

If you are interested in running a course at your own club we now have a certain amount of flexibility through our club centric approach. If we have a critical mass of numbers we can support this and open up to other local clubs to deliver to your needs.

Do you have some news? Don't forget to let us know and we will feature you in the Newsletter!

Upcoming Events in Cumbria

- 17th Apr – Cumbria 2 Teams Mtg @ Keswick – 6-8:30pm
- 18th Apr – Natwest RF Workshop @ Keswick RFC – 6:30-9pm
- 25th Apr – CBRDP Stakeholder Event 1 @ Wigton – 6:30-8:30pm
- 29th April – U14/U16/U18 Finals @ TBC – 11am-4pm
- 6th May – U15 & U17 Finals @ TBC – 1-4pm
- Monday's – LCWC (7-8) & Kendal (6:30-8) – Pitch up and Play Touch Rugby.
- 13th May, 10th & 24th June – England Rugby Coach Award @ Egremont RU – 9:30-5pm all Days (New - £150)
- 16th May – CBRDP Stakeholder Event 2 @ Ambleside TBC – 6:30-8:30pm

Pictures of Activity in Cumbria are on our Facebook Group 'Cumbria Rugby Union Pictures'!



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