

NORTHERN RAIL 9's.

SATURDAY 17TH JULY 2010. BLACKPOOL.

THE BEST OF THE CO-OPERATIVE LEAGUES ARE PREPARING TO LAND IN BLACKPOOL AGAIN FOR A BIG WEEKEND OF SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT. JOIN THE PARTY AS THE NORTHERN RAIL CUP COMES TO ITS DRAMATIC FINAL AND NORTHERN RAIL 9's ENTERS ITS SECOND YEAR!

An entire 9s tournament, with every English based club in Championship and Championship 1 not involved in the Cup Final included. And all played out over on one action-packed day on the 17th of July.

The early part of the Competition has all 18 clubs playing in a Group Stage. Each Club is guaranteed to play three Group matches with all results and points going into a league table. At the end of the Group Stage, the top four teams in the league will progress to the Semi-Finals. Do or die...the winners of the Semis will play in the Final. And all on one glorious day!

Last season, home advantage proved crucial for the Blackpool Panthers, as they became the first ever Northern Rail Champions. Who'll win this year? Make sure you're there to cheer your club on!

Go on ... make a weekend of it in Blackpool!!

BOOKING INFORMATION

TICKETS:
PRE BOOKED **9**
OR **£10** ON THE DAY
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

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ON **0161 828 2877** OR VISIT THE
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THE NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL
BLOOMFIELD ROAD, BLACKPOOL, 18TH JULY

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Northern Rail 9s where a total of 18 Co-operative Championship and Championship One Clubs will once again be going all out to lift the trophy won so impressively by Blackpool Panthers last year.

The Panthers found an extra gear to pip Sheffield with a last minute score in a thrilling Sunday final at Bloomfield Road after putting in the hard work in Saturday's pool stages.

This time around all of the matches will be played on the same day at the same venue, the Woodlands Memorial Ground, home of Fylde Rugby Club with the action due to kick off at 10am and the final scheduled for 6.30pm.

Once again the event has got the invaluable support of the North West Development Agency (NWDA) and of course proud sponsors Northern Rail.

Sheldon Phillips, Head of Regional Major Events at the NWDA, said: "The Northern Rail 9s is now in its second year and is a great opportunity for Rugby League fans across the country to enjoy a family weekend in Blackpool, especially with the Northern Rail Cup Final also being held on the Sunday. "Blackpool is a fantastic visitor destination and our support for the 9s complements our wider work to support the town's tourism offer."

Don't forget you can buy tickets here for tomorrow's showpiece Northern Rail Cup Final between Batley Bulldogs and Widnes Vikings (4pm kick-off). Your 9s ticket entitles you to a £5 discount!

We're delighted you've been able to join us and hope you enjoy the action



TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

This exciting 9's competition will feature all 18 English Co-operative Championship and Championship 1 clubs that are not participating in the Northern Rail Cup Final. This year the tournament will be decided in one thrill packed day.



Clubs will be split into 5 pools (three pools of four and two pools of three) for the initial group stages. The four teams in Pools A, B and C will play a round robin format against each team in their Pool (i.e. three games for each team). The teams in Pool D will play each team in Pool E. All clubs are guaranteed to play a minimum of three games.

All results and points will be collated in to one league table and at the end of the group stages, the top four teams will progress into the semi finals.

Semi Finals:

Game 1 - 1st placed team v 4th placed team.
Game 2 - 2nd placed team v 3rd placed team.

Final:

Game 3 - The winner of Game 1 will play the winner of Game 2.



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RULES OF THE GAME

All matches in the Tournament will be played to the Laws of the Game of Rugby League as current at the time of the Tournament, EXCEPT THAT:

- Each team shall be permitted a squad of up to 15 players.
- The game shall be played by two teams each consisting of not more than 9 players on the field at any time.
- Each team may nominate a maximum of 4 replacements/substitutes before the start of the game.
- Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed but will be controlled by the 4th Official. In order to make a substitution the player leaving the field of play must touch hands with his replacement. Such contact is to be made on the touchline or outside the field of play.
- Each match will be of 18 minutes duration and will be comprised of two halves of 9 minutes. There will be no half time interval but teams will be allowed a maximum of 2 minutes to change ends. Each half will commence with a place kick.
- The time will be controlled by the 4th Official. The hooter will sound after 9 mins has elapsed in each half regardless of where the ball is. The referee will acknowledge the sounding of the hooter by raising his arm as he would do to signal the last tackle. He will then blow his whistle to end the game when the ball is next out of play or a tackle is effected.
- To form a scrum not more than 5 forwards will be used. There will be no more than 3 in the front row and not more than 2 in the second row. When the ball is in the scrum no more than 4 players from each team shall act as backs. The ball must emerge from behind the feet of the second row. A second row forward cannot detach early to pick the ball up out of the scrum.
- A drop kick shall be taken after a try has been scored and shall count as 2 points if successful. Players from the team that has conceded the score do not have to retire behind the try line, but must not interfere with any conversion attempt.
- When points have been scored the team against which points have been scored will restart the game with a tap restart from the centre at the half way line. Play cannot recommence until the goalkicker and officials are in place.
- When a team is awarded a penalty then play must proceed by way of a tap 10 metres in advance of where the infringement took place.
- In the event of misconduct by a player the referee shall, at his discretion, caution, temporarily suspend for 5 minutes or dismiss the offender.



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FIXTURES

POOLS

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3
A. Dewsbury Rams	E. Featherstone Rovers	I. Keighley Cougars
B. Hornets RL	F. Barrow Raiders	J. Workington Town
C. Swinton Lions	G. Oldham RLFC	K. York City Knights
D. Gateshead Thunder	H. Sheffield Eagles	L. Whitehaven RLFC

Pool 4	Pool 5
M. Doncaster RLFC	P. Halifax RLFC
N. Blackpool Panthers	Q. Hunslet Hawks
O. London Skolars	R. Leigh Centurions

PITCH 1 POOL GAMES

10:00	Barrow Raiders	14	v	Oldham RLFC	14
10:30	Doncaster RLFC	20	v	Halifax RLFC	24
11:00	Blackpool Panthers	6	v	Hunslet Hawks	20
11:30	Featherstone Rovers	14	v	Barrow Raiders	4
12:00	London Skolars	10	v	Hunslet Hawks	14
12:30	Hornets RL	12	v	Gateshead Thunder	0
13:00	Featherstone Rovers	12	v	Sheffield Eagles	26
13:30	York City Knights	26	v	Whitehaven RLFC	14
14:00	Doncaster RLFC	16	v	Hunslet Hawks	24
14:30	Keighley Cougars	24	v	Workington Town	18
15:00	Dewsbury Rams	8	v	Swinton Lions	14
15:30	Blackpool Panthers		v	Halifax RLFC	
16:00	Workington Town		v	Whitehaven RLFC	
16:30	Blackpool Panthers		v	Leigh Centurions	

PITCH 2 POOL GAMES

10:30	Dewsbury Rams	10	v	Hornets RL	10
11:00	Keighley Cougars	28	v	Whitehaven RLFC	22
11:30	Swinton Lions	40	v	Gateshead Thunder	0
12:00	Oldham RLFC	0	v	Sheffield Eagles	40
12:30	Workington Town	6	v	York City Knights	10
13:00	Doncaster RLFC	6	v	Leigh Centurions	28
13:30	London Skolars	10	v	Halifax RLFC	34
14:00	Dewsbury Rams	28	v	Gateshead Thunder	16
14:30	London Skolars	16	v	Leigh Centurions	20
15:00	Featherstone Rovers	28	v	Oldham RLFC	12
15:30	Barrow Raiders		v	Sheffield Eagles	
16:00	Hornets RL		v	Swinton Lions	
16:30	Keighley Cougars		v	York City Knights	

Semi Finals

Pitch 1	1st place	v	4th place	17:00
	HALIFAX	v		

Pitch 2	2nd place	v	3rd place	17:30
	SHEFFIELD	v		

Final

Pitch 1	SF1 winner	v	SF2 winner	18:30
	HALIFAX	v	SHEFFIELD	