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WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Wigan Warriors media day. On behalf of our owner Mike Danson and the Board I am delighted to invite you to participate in a unique and exciting experience at our state of the art Training Complex.

We are proud that this not only provides outstanding facilities for all of our Teams yet also has a strong Community focus. It is at the root of our deep connection between the Club, our supporters- who enjoy its enviable hospitality on match days-and the Wigan Community, with Robin Park arena being an inclusive place where all are welcome.

Today offers unrivalled access to our playing and performance staff led by our Head Coach Matt Peet, with opportunities to gain a special access all areas insight into the ethos, culture and values which underpin our winning team.

In addition our dynamic CEO Kris Radlinski will be facilitating wide ranging and varied in depth conversations around topical matters-including the forthcoming World Club Challenge, attracting a new audience to the fabulous product that is Rugby League and the welfare of our players particularly their brain health.

There will also be opportunities for keen and intrepid colleagues to participate and test yourself against a variety of performance metrics which the staff use to measure our players fitness and stamina!

Finally, please enjoy the day. Myself and the Board consider our relationship with the media to be of significant importance. As such, we are committed to our Club being front and centre of innovation, showcasing our wonderful sport and especially it's players who commit so much and provide such riveting entertainment.

My very best wishes
Chris

Professor Chris Brookes,
Chairman,
Wigan Warriors Rugby League.



KRIS RADLINSKI MBE

Welcome to the 2024 Wigan Warriors media day! I trust you've all had a rejuvenating break and are geared up for yet another thrilling Super League season. Let's face it, 2024 has a tough act to follow after the drama and excitement of 2023. The competition had it all from start to finish. Fortunately, for Wigan, the Grand Final brought victory against the formidable Catalans Dragons team. It was a game marked by pure defensive prowess and attrition. Tom Johnstone's heroic efforts prevented numerous tries from Wigan. The night also marked the conclusion of an illustrious career for Sam Tomkins. On behalf of the club and personally, congratulations to Sam on a stellar rugby league journey. Reflecting back to 2022, it feels like a distant memory when eyebrows were raised at the appointment of the relatively unknown Matt Peet as Head Coach. From

uncertainty in 2022 to doubts about sustainability in 2023, and now expectations in 2024. Many people think that we have the season won already, however, I have been around long enough to understand that seasons are not won on paper, and the Super League journey is never without its challenges. My responsibility, alongside Matt's, is to ensure we remain grounded, avoiding falling prey to the hype, and to foster a culture of honesty and endeavour.

Off-season discussions have predominantly revolved around changes in the game concerning brain health. My stance is straightforward—we must do everything within our power to safeguard our players while maintaining a high-quality product that continues to captivate us. Change may be inevitable, but we will adapt as we always have. Our club and players are committed to adhering to any rule changes that prioritise player safety.

The other major development is the change in ownership for our beloved rugby club. Ian Lenagan's tenure as owner and chairman concluded in 2023 on a high note, winning both the League Leaders trophy and the Super League trophy. A fitting end to a remarkable period of stewardship. While we achieved many triumphs under Ian's leadership, his impact on lives, including mine, Matt Peet's, and Shaun Wane's, is immeasurable. Mike Danson, our new owner, promises a fresh perspective. Having collaborated closely over the past 18 months, we are committed to a seamless transition. Mike's dedication to leaving no stone unturned will make a positive impact on the Wigan community. Professor Chris Brookes, our new Chairman, brings strong leadership qualities and will help me guide the club through the challenges of each Super League season.

Exciting times lie ahead. We pledge transparency and insight into our club, working with you to provide meaningful stories. Constructive criticism and feedback are not just welcomed but encouraged as we strive to continually improve.

Wishing you all a fantastic year ahead!

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The 2024 Betfred Super League Season is almost here and we will be starting the journey away to Castleford Tigers before playing in front of a capacity crowd at the DW Stadium against Penrith Panthers in the World Club Challenge.

Pre-season started back in November and we are pleased how the lads are progressing and there is a determination about the group to work hard and improve. From day one the intensity in training and conditioning has been high and we took it to another level at the start of the year.

Everything is 'on track' and everyone at the club is enthusiastic, but it's early days and I think every club will be saying the same things at this time of the year.

The new lads who have joined us have embedded well and we have just returned from a ten day training camp in Portugal. We were delighted that some of our sponsors made the trip too.

Just before Christmas we held a training night and invited the fans down to Robin Park to see how things were progressing. Following the session we held a meet the players signing

session and it was great to see so many fans turning out on a cold and wet night. The event over-ran by an hour but every fan who attended got the opportunity to meet the squad and coaching team.

Personally, I was delighted to sign a new four year deal with the club last August. Wigan Warriors is in my DNA, and as a leader my role here is very clear. Walking into our environment every day and seeing the quality of staff and players we have here at the Club who collectively are committed to be one of the best sporting organisations in the UK, both on and off the field.

From a media perspective we want to provide you, in the media with the best service possible. As always your first point of call is Stewart Frodsham who heads up our Media and Marketing Department. We will do our best to provide you with the best service available.

I look forward to speaking to you all during the forthcoming season.

**Regards,
Matt Peet**



2024 FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

R1: V CASTLEFORD TIGERS - SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY (A)

R2: V LEIGH LEOPARDS - SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY (H)

R3: V HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH (H)

R4: V LONDON BRONCOS - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH (A)

R5: V SALFORD RED DEVILS - THURSDAY 14TH MARCH (A)

R6: V ST HELENS, FRIDAY 29TH MARCH (A)

R7: V LEIGH LEOPARDS, THURSDAY 4TH APRIL (A)

R8: V CASTLEFORD TIGERS, FRIDAY 19TH APRIL (H)

R9: V HULL KR, FRIDAY 26TH APRIL (A)

R10: V CATALANS DRAGONS, THURSDAY 2ND MAY (H)

R11: V HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS, SATURDAY 11TH MAY (A)

R12: V SALFORD RED DEVILS, SATURDAY 25TH MAY (A)

R13: V WARRINGTON WOLVES, SATURDAY 1ST JUNE (A)

R14: V CASTLEFORD TIGERS, FRIDAY 14TH JUNE (A)

R15: V LONDON BRONCOS, FRIDAY 21ST JUNE (H)

R16: V LEIGH LEOPARDS, FRIDAY 5TH JULY (H)

R17: V ST HELENS, FRIDAY 12TH JULY (H)

R18: V HULL FC, SATURDAY 20TH JULY (A)

R19: V WARRINGTON WOLVES, FRIDAY 26TH JULY (H)

R20: V HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS, FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST (H)

R21: V LEEDS RHINOS, FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST (A)

R22: V ST HELENS, SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST (MAGIC)

R23: V HULL FC, SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST (H)

R24: V CATALANS DRAGONS, SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST (A)

R25: V HULL KR, FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER (H)

R26: V LEEDS RHINOS, FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (H)

R27: V SALFORD RED DEVILS, FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER (H)

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Fixtures may be subject to change.

FIRST TEAM SQUAD 2024

1 Jai FIELD

2 Abbas MISKI

3 Adam KEIGHRAN

4 Jake WARDLE

5 Liam MARSHALL

6 Bevan FRENCH

7 Harry SMITH

8 Ethan HAVARD

9 Brad O'NEILL

10 Liam BYRNE

11 Willie ISA

12 Liam FARRELL

13 Kaide ELLIS

14 Mike COOPER

15 Patrick MAGO

16 Luke THOMPSON

17 Kruise LEEMING

18 Warriors FANS

19 Tyler DUPREE

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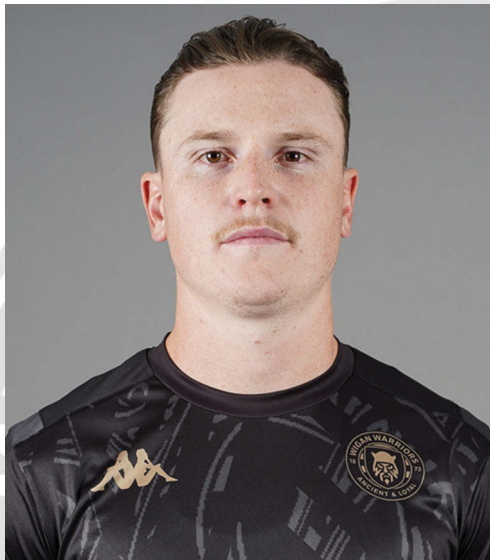
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1. JAI FIELD

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Shirt Number: 1

Position: Half Back, Full Back

Date of Birth: 06/09/97

Heritage Number: 1111

Previous Club: Parramatta Eels

Wigan Debut: vs Leigh Centurions, wing, won 20-18 at Emerald Headingley Stadium Leeds 28/03/21

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

After his bad luck in 2021, Jai Field lit up Super League in 2022 and became a Challenge Cup winner.

Jai, born in Wollongong, New South Wales, can play at half back or full back and made 17 appearances in the NRL.

Noted for his dazzling feet, quick turn of pace and tricky ball skills, Jai began his career at St George Illawarra.

After playing 11 games for St George Illawarra between 2017 and 2019, he joined Parramatta Eels in 2020 where he made six appearances.

Ahead of the 2021 campaign, Jai signed for Wigan on a two-year deal.

Jai made his debut for Wigan in the 2021 Round 1 win over Leigh Centurions, but it was cut short after he suffered a hamstring injury in the first half.

The half back returned from injury in August 2021 but suffered a further injury a few games later, this time on his groin and did not feature again in 2021.

Jai returned to the pitch in 2022 and was almost like a new signing for Wigan as he went on to make 30 appearances (the second most by any player in the team) and score 24 tries.

In April 2022, it was announced that Jai had signed a new two-year deal with the Club with an option of a third year - meaning the Aussie would remain in Cherry and White at least until the end of 2024.

In the Challenge Cup Final, Jai scored a second half try to contribute to his team's victory over Huddersfield Giants at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

In an outstanding year for Jai, he was awarded Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year at the annual Club Awards, he won Broadcast & Writers Association Player of the Year Award, as well as picking up numerous Player and Try of the Month Awards and was also shortlisted for the 2022 Man of Steel award.

Jai started 2023 as Full Back but was injured in the victory over Leigh in April, causing him to miss 7 games. On his return he was one of the best full backs in Super League and scored six tries in the last 5 games before the Grand Final. His try against Salford in September was one of the best tries of the season.

In January 2024 the Club were delighted to announce that Jai had signed a new two year deal with another two year option.

2. ABBAS MISKI

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Shirt Number: 2

Position: Winger

Date of Birth: 25/07/95

Heritage Number: 1116

Previous Clubs: London Broncos, Manly

Wigan Debut: vs Toulouse Away, won 29-28 at Stade Ernest-Wallon, 05/03/22

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final: 2023

Abbas Miski is a Lebanese international who scored twenty nine tries in 26 games last season (Inc Challenge Cup). Played his first game of the season away to Leigh Leopards in April.

His 29 tries included four hat tricks and his tally of five tries in the win over Castleford Tigers meant he had scored an incredible 17 tries in just seven games.

Abbas represented Lebanon at Under-18s level in 2013. He also played winger for his country in the 2017 World Cup and most recently the RLWC2021.

Also in 2019, he was called into Manly Warringah Sea Eagles' first team to make his debut. He also ended the year as the top try scorer for the Black Town Workers with 12 touchdowns.

Called into Manly Warringah Sea Eagles first team to make his debut in 2019, in the same year he was top try scorer for Black Workers with 12 tries.

Abbas signed for London Broncos for the 2021 season, where in 13 appearances, he scored 12 tries.

After an impressive 2021 season, Abbas joined Wigan ahead of the 2022 campaign on a three-year deal.

He scored his first try for the Club against Wakefield Trinity at the DW Stadium on Easter Monday 2022.

Overall during his debut season, Miski made nine appearances and scored eight tries.

After being selected to represent Lebanon at RLWC2021, Abbas featured in all three of their group games, whilst also starting in their Quarter Final tie against Australia. He scored four tries in the tournament.

Signed a new four year deal with the club in January 2024.

3. ADAM KEIGHRAN

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He then had two seasons at the Sydney Roosters making 17 NRL appearances before joining the Catalans Dragon for the 2023 season.

Wigan Head Coach Matt Peet said, after Adam signed: "We are excited to welcome Adam and his family to Wigan.

"His form for Catalans has been excellent this season and I look forward to working with him. He will bring athleticism and a high skill level to our back line."

Shirt Number: 3

Position: Centre

Date of Birth: 24/04/97

Heritage Number:

Previous Clubs: Catalans Dragons, Penrith Panthers, New Zealand Warriors, Sydney Roosters

Adam signed for the Warriors in July 2023 from Catalans Dragons on a two year deal. In 2023 Adam played 24 times for Catalans scoring 13 tries and kicking 69 goals. His last game for Catalans was against Wigan in the Grand Final in October.

The 26-year-old, who has played at centre, stand-off and hooker began his career at Penrith Panthers playing in the New South Wales Cup where he was picked as one of two centres of the year, before making his first grade debut for the New Zealand Warriors in Round One of the 2019 season.

4. JAKE WARDLE

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Having played for both the Giants and most recently Warrington Wolves on loan, the outside back scored 22 tries in 62 Super League appearances, before joining Wigan.

Halifax-born Wardle is an England international having made his try-scoring debut in a win over the Combined Nations All Stars in 2022.

He has also represented England Knights' on one occasion in a win over France in 2022. One of the stand out players for Wigan Warriors in 2023, missing only one game and scoring 16 tries. His performance in the Grand Final win over Catalans Dragons earned him the Harry Sunderland Man of the Match Trophy.

Shirt Number: 4

Position: Wing/Centre

Date of Birth: 18/11/98

Heritage Number: 1128

Previous Club: Huddersfield Giants

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR A Centre Lost 18-27 at The Sewell Group, Craven Park, 18/02/23

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Harry Sunderland Trophy: 2023

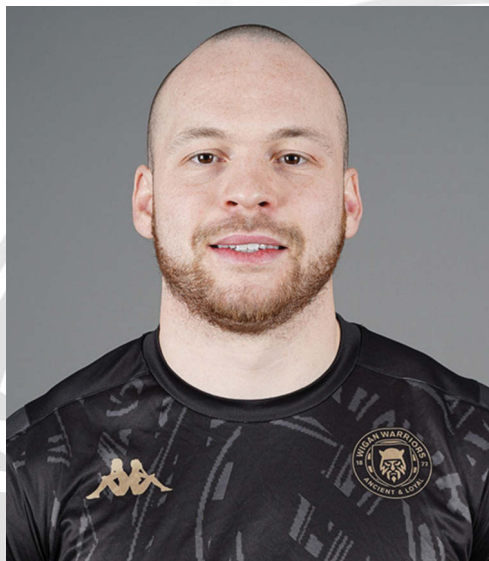
Super League Dream Team: 2023

A proven try scorer and versatile outside back, Jake Wardle joined the Warriors ahead of the 2023 season on a three-year deal.

Wardle progressed through Huddersfield's Academy and made his debut for the club in 2016.

5. LIAM MARSHALL

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The winger was handed a professional contract with Wigan ahead of the 2017 season and he had a dream debut campaign, playing 24 times, scoring 23 tries and being named joint Wigan Warriors Young Player of the Year.

He made his first major Final appearance in the 2017 Challenge Cup Final against Hull FC at Wembley Stadium.

After a number of stand-out performances, he signed a new four-year contract in April 2018 after a string of stand-out performances. Overall, in that year, he scored 16 tries in 21 games, but his season was cut short after picking up an ACL injury in August.

He returned to the side in 2019, becoming Wigan's Top Try Scorer for the season with 17 in 24 games.

After his ACL injury in 2020 Liam returned to action in June 2021 after a 10-month spell on the sidelines.

In 2021, he made 16 appearances and scored seven tries.

In May 2022, Marshall made history as he scored the winning try in the Challenge Cup Final at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium against Huddersfield Giants - helping Wigan to win their 20th Challenge Cup.

During the season, he continued to prove his try scoring reputation as he scored 26 tries in all competitions.

In October 2022, Marshall made his England first team debut as he came off the bench in a 50-0 win over Fiji in a World Cup warm-up match.

Also in October 2022, Marshall announced he had signed a new three-year deal that would see the winger remain at his hometown at least until the end of 2025.

2023 saw Liam score 24 tries in 29 appearances including a hat-trick against Hull KR which helped Warriors to the Grand Final. Liam started the season with 8 tries in the first three games including 4 against Wakefield Trinity and 3 at Castleford Tigers. Liam also scored Wigan's only try in the Grand Final 10-2 win over Catalans.

Shirt Number: 5

Position: Winger

Date of Birth: 09/05/96

Heritage Number: 1075

Previous Club(s): Wigan Academy, Wigan St Patricks

Wigan Debut: vs Leigh Centurions wing, won 20-0 at DW Stadium 03/03/17

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2018, 2023

Renowned for his acrobatic diving style and rapid speed when scoring tries, Liam Marshall made national headlines in 2022 and 2023 when he scored Wigan's Challenge Cup winning try in 2022 and then again with his Grand Final winning try in 2023.

Liam is a former Wigan Academy player who played for the Reserves side in 2016. He also played for Swinton Lions in the Championship in 2016, scoring 20 tries in 22 appearances.

6. BEVAN FRENCH

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Shirt Number: 6

Position: Full Back, Wing, Stand Off

Date of Birth: 04/01/96

Heritage Number: 1098

Previous Club: Parramatta Eels,

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR, wing sub, Won 36-18 at DW Stadium 09/08/19

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

NRL Indigenous All-Stars

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Man of Steel: 2023

Super League Dream Team: 2020, 2022, 2023

Renowned for his electric pace and dancing feet, Bevan French set a new Super League record in 2022 when he scored seven tries in a single game.

In 2023 he was one of only two ever-presents (Harry Smith was the other) and Bevan played in three positions during

the season, Full Back, Wing and Stand-Off. His incredible performances earned him the prestigious Man of Steel Award.

Born in Tingha, New South Wales, Bevan is of Indigenous Australian descent and played his junior Rugby League for Tingha Tigers RLFC.

He is the nephew of former Australian international and St George Illawarra Dragons and Hull FC winger Nathan Blacklock.

Bevan made 47 appearances for Parramatta Eels. Following his debut in May 2016 and scored 35 tries Overall. He also represented the Indigenous All Stars in 2017.

Bevan joined Wigan halfway through the 2019 season after being granted a release from Parramatta, he made his debut for Wigan as he came off the bench in the 36-18 win over Hull KR at the DW Stadium on 9th August and scored a try on his first start for the Club a week later in the victory against Warrington Wolves.

Bevan became top try scorer for Wigan in the 2020 season, touching down 17 tries in 21 games in all competitions and was named in the 2020 Betfred Super League Dream Team at full back.

The Australian also helped Wigan to secure silverware in 2020, clinching the League Leaders' Shield following a win in the final regular season round over Huddersfield Giants. He was awarded Players' Player of the Year and Player of the Year in the Club's End of Season Awards as well as the Rugby League Writers' and Broadcasters' Association Player of the Year for 2020 and shortlisted for the 2020 Steve Prescott Man of Steel.

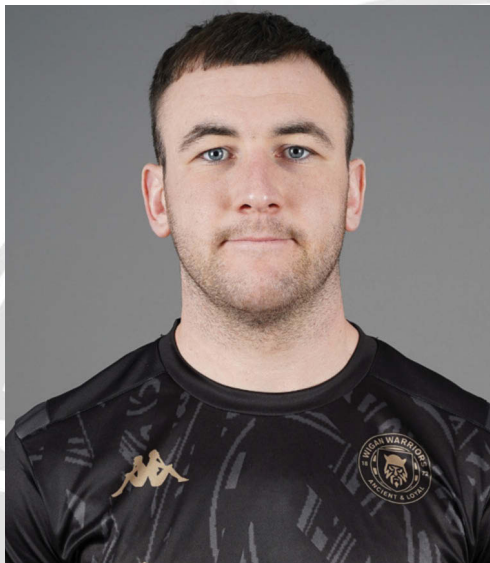
Bevan suffered a season ending hamstring injury in May 2021 and returned home to Australia to complete rehabilitation. On his return in 2022, French was in fine form, scoring 31 tries and was crowned Top Try Scorer in Super League, winning his first Challenge Cup along the way.

During the 2022 season, Bevan set a new Super League record when he scored seven tries in a single match against Hull FC in July. The seven tries alone was a remarkable feat but when you consider he was replaced on the hour with a hamstring tweak, his seven tries in 60 minutes was amazing.

His fantastic work throughout 2022 saw him selected in the Super League Dream Team for a second time and shortlisted for the Steve Prescott Man of Steel.

7. HARRY SMITH

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Harry's rise through the Academy saw him become Captain of the Under-19s, as well as a three time Grand Final winner (2017, 2018 and 2019) and the 2018 Under-19s Player of the Year.

Harry was influential as he Captained England's Academy side to a 2-0 series win against Australia in December 2018.

In 2019, the half back joined Swinton Lions on loan in the Championship, as well as playing for Wigan's Under-19s.

He made his first team debut for Wigan in September 2019, coming off the bench and scoring a try in a 46-12 win over Catalans Dragons at the DW Stadium.

After a special season, Harry was rewarded internationally, with a call up to the England Knights squad for the first time and started in the halves in the 38-6 international fixture win over Jamaica in October 2019.

Harry impressed in his first full season in the first team in 2020, making 17 appearances, scoring four tries and kicking two drop goals. His injection of creativity throughout the campaign helped Wigan to their first League Leaders' Shield since 2012.

2021 saw Harry's career go one step further, the Half back played in every game for Wigan, a total of 28. He went over for three tries and notched 32 goals in the season.

He played a vital role in the 2022 Challenge Cup Final, scoring a try in the first half, kicking 2/3 conversions and a grubber kick to assist Liam Marshall's winning try.

Named Young Player of the Year at the annual Club Awards, Smith made 24 appearances in 2022, scoring seven tries, 94 goals and two match-winning drop goals.

Smith made his senior England debut in October 2022 as he came off the bench in a World Cup warm up game against Fiji.

In 2023 Harry put in several match winning performances and created some magical memories including a try in the Good Friday win over St Helens and a crucial drop goal at Warrington. His consistent performances didn't go unnoticed, and Harry was named, and played in the England team that beat Tonga 3-0 in the Autumn Internationals.

Shirt Number: 7

Position: Scrum Half

Date of Birth: 25/01/00

Heritage Number: 1099

Previous Clubs: Wigan Academy, Halton Farnworth Hornets

Wigan Debut: vs Catalans Dragons H Scrum Half sub (scored one try) won 46-12 at the DW Stadium 06/09/19

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England, England Knights

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

After progressing through the Wigan Academy, Harry Smith has cemented himself as a fixture in the first team.

Harry was an ever present along with Bevan French in 2023 and was one of the best play makers in Super League.

In the 2022 Challenge Cup Final he created the assist to set up Liam Marshall's match-winning try.

A former St Judes ARLFC junior, Widnes-born Harry joined Wigan's Scholarship system as a 14-year-old from Halton Farnworth Hornets.

8. ETHAN HAVARD

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Shirt Number: 8

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 26/10/00

Heritage Number: 1097

Previous Clubs: Wigan Academy, Wigan St Patricks

Wigan Debut: vs Wakefield Trinity H, Prop Forward sub, won 46-16 at DW Stadium 18/07/19

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Ethan is a prop forward who was born in Sofia, Bulgaria before growing up in Wigan to later join the Club's Academy where he progressed to the first team.

Ethan was born in Sofia, the capital city of Bulgaria, where his parents were working at the time – his mother was a nurse and his father worked in telecommunications.

Born as Joseph Ethan Havard, his name is part of a family tradition, as his father is called Joseph Kieron Havard and his grandad is called Joseph Brian Havard.

When Ethan was six-months-old, his family moved back to England to live in Bath, before moving to Wigan a few years later – where his father, Kieron hails from.

Ethan first got into Rugby League at the age of five as his father was a coach at Wigan St Patricks ARLFC – Ethan started playing for the Under-7s team when he was six years-old.

After being approached by Wigan, Havard joined the Club's Scholarship system half-way through 2016.

He played the full second year in 2017 and was awarded The Riversiders (Wigan Warriors Supporters Club) Under-16s Player of the Year.

In 2018, he moved up to the Under-19s level in Wigan's Academy and played a part in the Grand Final winning squad that beat Leeds Rhinos 14-6 at the DW Stadium in September.

After stand-out performances in 2019, Ethan made his professional debut for the Club in the 46-16 win over Wakefield Trinity in July.

Ethan became a double Academy Grand Final winner when he started at prop in the 22-10 triumph over St Helens at the DW Stadium in September 2019.

In two years playing for the Under-19s, he made 42 appearances and scored 16 tries.

In 2020, Havard impressed in his debut season as a full professional, making 11 appearances before having his season cut short with an ankle injury. He picked up the first silverware of his career with Wigan's League Leaders' Shield success in November.

Ethan excelled in 2021, making 25 appearances and scored his first try in Cherry and White against Warrington Wolves at the Magic Weekend in Newcastle.

In 2022, Ethan made 22 appearances, scored five tries and came off the bench in the Challenge Cup Final win over Huddersfield Giants.

In June 2022, he signed a new two-year deal with the Club - seeing him stay at Wigan at least until the end of 2024 2023 saw Ethan pick up two long term injuries (elbow and hamstring) which limited him to just 17 appearances. He worked incredibly hard on his rehab and was named on the bench in the Grand Final. Sadly his comeback was cut short with a recurrence of his hamstring injury and he had to be replaced. Ethan has been working with the medical team to aid his recovery and is looking forward to 2024.

9. BRAD O'NEILL

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international youth experience, representing England Youth four times. In one of those games, He broke two ribs and suffered a liver laceration injury.

He progressed into Wigan's Academy in 2019 and also represented Lancashire Academy twice. In July that year though, he suffered an ACL injury in a game against the City of Hull Academy, which ruled him out until 2020 – a year which saw all Academy games suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Due to injury and the pandemic, Brad made just eight appearances for Wigan's Under-19s team. In March 2021, he played for the first time in over 20 months – gaining first team experience for the Warriors, as he featured in the pre-season friendly against Salford Red Devils.

In April 2021, Brad signed for Widnes Vikings on a four-week loan deal. His spell with the Betfred Championship club was extended and he played nine games and scored two tries in his time there. He also made an average of 42 tackles per game.

He was recalled from his loan and went on to feature in eight games for the Warriors in 2021. In 2022, Brad secured his first Challenge Cup win against Huddersfield Giants at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, in place of the suspended Sam Powell. O'Neill made 13 appearances during the campaign.

He is predominantly a hooker but can also play in the loose forward position. In 2023 Brad played in 27 games and made the Hooking role his own, winning a Grand Final winners medal.

Shirt Number: 9

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 22/07/02

Heritage Number: 1112

Previous Club: Widnes Vikings (Loan)

Wigan Debut: vs Wakefield Trinity away, Hooker sub, lost 14-16 at Mobile Rocket Stadium 24/06/21

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

A product of Wigan's Academy system, Brad carried off in 2023 and where he had left off in 2022 and helped the team to the League Leaders Shield and Grand Final victory.

Brad was born in Leigh and has been playing Rugby League since the age of five after joining Widnes-based amateur club Halton Farnworth Hornets ARLFC.

In September 2017, Brad signed for Wigan's Scholarship system and played two seasons for the Under-16s team.

Whilst playing for Wigan's Scholarship side, he gained

10. LIAM BYRNE

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Whilst on trial he caught the train from Salford and cycled to training every morning to make it in on time. At the same time, he played for the Wigan Warriors Education team.

Stand-out performances for the Under-19s led to him being signed up permanently by the Warriors in 2017.

He spent two years in the Academy and became a double Under-19s Grand Final winner.

Liam was awarded the 2018 Wigan Warriors Official Supporters Club 'Riversiders' Player of the Year. He previously played for the Wigan Reserves and Championship side Swinton Lions on dual registration.

Liam made his try-scoring Wigan debut against Hull FC at the DW Stadium at the end of February 2019.

Internationally, Liam has Irish heritage and has previously played in the 2018 European Championships. He featured in World Cup qualifier matches for the Irish at the end of 2019 – helping his side to reach the 2021 tournament with a victory over Italy and featured in the first two of Ireland's group stage matches at RLW21.

Shirt Number: 10

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 18/08/99

Heritage Number: 1092

Previous Club(s): Wigan Academy, Cadishead Rhinos

Wigan Debut: vs Hull Fc Prop Forward sub (scored one try) lost 22-23 at The DW Stadium 25/02/19

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Ireland

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2020,2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Liam Byrne has excelled in the last few years and has become a consistent starter in Matt Peet's first team.

Liam started his Rugby League career at amateur club Cadishead Rhinos and was given a trial with Wigan, after impressing a local amateur coach at Wigan St Judes ARLFC who informed the Warriors Academy about him.

2020 proved to be another solid season for the prop forward, making 11 appearances and scoring one try. Liam gained the first silverware of his career late in the season, as Wigan lifted the League Leaders' Shield.

Byrne became an ever-present in 2021 as he made 25 appearances for the Warriors.

In June 2022, he signed a new three-year deal with the Club - seeing him stay with Wigan at least until the end of 2025.

2022 saw Byrne play a role on the winning side at the Challenge Cup Final at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, winning against the Huddersfield Giants.

During the 2022 season, he was one of the most consistent names on the team sheet, making 29 appearances and scoring one try.

2023 saw Liam play 24 games for the Warriors before a hamstring injury at Leeds Rhinos cut short his season and meant he missed out on a Grand Final appearance.

Liam has been training hard and will be ready for the 2024 season.

11. WILLIE ISA

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Isa then went on to join Melbourne Storm for the 2009 and 2010 seasons before moving to Super League.

Willie Moved to Castleford Tigers for one season in 2011 but was restricted to just nine appearances owing to injury.

He signed for Widnes Vikings for the 2012 campaign and soon became a regular, making 85 appearances in four years.

Ahead of the 2016 season, Willie signed for Wigan and made 30 appearances that campaign, including the Grand Final win over Warrington Wolves.

In 2017, he featured 29 times for Wigan but missed out on the 17-man squad for the Grand Final against Warrington Wolves at Old Trafford.

Willie played in all 34 games in 2019, including the historic Super League match against Catalans Dragons at Barcelona's Camp Nou.

A Liverpool FC fan at heart, Willie scored a try at The Kop end at Anfield in the Dacia Magic Weekend clash with Warrington in May 2019.

A consistent performer at second row in 2020, Willie made the joint highest appearances in the squad (21) and scored two tries in a season that saw the Warriors lift the League Leaders' Shield.

In 2021, Willie was named Wigan Captain for the first time as he led the Warriors to victory in their final round game against Catalans Dragons at the DW Stadium.

In 2022 he made 22 appearances in Cherry and White - helping steer Wigan as part of the Leadership Team. He did though miss out on the Challenge Cup Final.

In what was Thomas Leuluai's final career game, Willie represented New Zealand in a World Cup warm-up match against Leeds Rhinos at Headingley Stadium in October 2022.

Willie picked up several injuries during 2023 managing only 11 games but fought his way back to full fitness and played a big part in Wigan's victory over Catalans in the Grand Final.

Shirt Number: 11

Position: Second Row

Date of Birth: 01/01/89

Heritage Number: 1064

Previous Clubs: Widnes Vikings, Penrith Panthers, Melbourne Storm, Castleford Tigers

Wigan Debut: vs Catalans Dragons H Second Row won 12-6 05/02/16 at the DW Stadium

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Samoa, New Zealand

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2016, 2018, 2023

A backbone in the forward positions and versatile to fill in at centre, Willie Isa is entering his ninth season as a Warrior in 2024.

Willie was born in Auckland, New Zealand and he went on to represent the Australian Schoolboys at Under-15s level.

He played for New South Wales Under-17s side and later went on to make his senior debut for Penrith Panthers aged 19 in 2008.

12. LIAM FARRELL (C)

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TIEVA



Shirt Number: 12

Position: Second Row

Date of Birth: 02/07/90

Heritage Number: 1017

Previous Club(s): Wigan Academy, Wigan St Patricks

Wigan Debut: vs Wakefield (H) sub (scored one try) won 54-4 at DW Stadium 05/04/10

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England

CLUB HONOURS

World Club Challenge: 2017

League Leaders Shield: 2010, 2012, 2020, 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2023

Challenge Cup: 2011, 2013, 2022

Harry Sunderland Trophy: 2016

Super League Dream Team: 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

A One-Club man who has had a glittering career so far – winning all there is to claim in the domestic game – and is the Wigan Warriors Club Captain, leading the team to a Grand Final win in 2023.

Liam is a product of the Wigan Academy having played for the Club's Under-18s and Under-20s teams.

He is the distant cousin to Wigan legend Andy Farrell and brother to ex-Warrior Connor.

He made his debut in 2010 and went on to complete a dream first season playing 23 games, including the Grand Final win over St Helens.

His 80th minute match-winning try in the Good Friday derby against St Helens in 2011 will be part of Club folklore.

Liam is a five-time Grand Final winner with Wigan after wins in 2010 (vs St Helens), 2013, 2016 and 2017 (all vs Warrington Wolves) and Catalans Dragons (2023).

In the 2016 Grand Final, Liam was named the Harry Sunderland Trophy winner after he returned from injury to play an instrumental part in the win over Warrington.

He is a three-time Challenge Cup winner with Wigan after victories in 2011 (vs Leeds Rhinos), 2013 (vs Hull FC) and 2022 (vs Huddersfield Giants).

He has also won the League Leaders' Shield four times (2010, 2012, 2020 and 2023).

Liam played twice for England at the 2013 World Cup and was an ever-present in the 2014 Four Nations Series.

Was part of the 2017 World Club Challenge squad that beat Cronulla Sharks at the DW Stadium.

In 2019, he played 17 games and scored eight tries - a season which saw him being named in the Super League Dream Team for the second time in his career (2015 was his first time).

The 2020 season marked Liam's Testimonial year for Wigan. The Warriors took on Leeds Rhinos in his Testimonial friendly fixture, taking place at the DW Stadium ahead of the Betfred Super League season at the end of January.

It was a fantastic 2020 campaign for the second row as he featured 21 times, scoring 10 tries - helping the Warriors clinch their first piece of silverware since 2018, lifting the League Leaders' Shield.

At the end of the 2020 season, Liam was rewarded for his performances as he was named in the 2020 Dream Team and was shortlisted for the 2020 Steve Prescott MBE Man of Steel Award. He was also awarded the Coaches Player of the Year by Adrian Lam at Wigan's End of Season Awards.

In 2021, Liam made 24 appearances, including a stint at centre and grabbing nine tries along the way. That year also saw him named in the Dream Team for a fourth time, as well as picking up the Player's Player of the Year at Wigan's End of Season Awards.

In May 2022, Liam secured his third Challenge Cup win against Huddersfield Giants at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

During the 2022 season, Liam surpassed 300 games for Wigan - featuring in 26 games and scored 15 tries throughout the campaign. He was named in the Super League Dream Team for the fourth year in a row and put pen to paper on a new three-year deal to keep him at Wigan at least until the end of 2025.

Liam was appointed as Club Captain ahead of the 2023 season and led the team to the League Leaders Shield, Grand Final Victory and the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup. During the season Liam played in 30 games and scored nine tries including a hat-trick at Hull KR in May.

13. KAIDE ELLIS

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Kaide made eight first team appearances Penrith.

At the end of 2019, he was released by the Panthers and then signed for St George Illawarra Dragons for the 2020 season.

He spent two seasons at the Dragons, making 18 appearances overall.

The prop forward joined Wigan ahead of the 2022 season on a three-year deal.

In May 2022, Kaide came off the bench to help the Warriors secure a Challenge Cup Final win over Huddersfield Giants at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

He made 23 appearances during his first campaign with Wigan, scoring two tries.

Kaide made 21 appearances in 2023 including a starting place in the Grand Final winning team.

Shirt Number: 13

Position: Prop Forward, Loose Forward

Date of Birth: 04/08/96

Heritage Number: 1114

Previous Clubs: St George Illawarra, Penrith Panthers

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR A, Prop Forward won 24-10 at Sewell Group Craven Park 11/02/22

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

After joining Wigan from the NRL Kaide Ellis became a Challenge Cup winner in his first season at the Club.

During his early career development, Kaide was part of the Penrith Youth system, winning the 2015 National Youth Competition Grand Final.

He made his NRL debut in 2018 against Gold Coast Titans, which ended in a 35-12 victory for Penrith Panthers.

14. MIKE COOPER

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Mike played 238 games for Warrington Wolves and made 69 appearances for St George Illawarra Dragons in the NRL.

He won the Challenge Cup in 2019 with Warrington Wolves and was awarded a Testimonial a year later.

A member of the 2020 Super League Dream Team, the forward is renowned for his tireless and consistent performances and having a powerful offensive game in both attack and defence.

Mike has also represented England – featuring for the Knights in 2011 and 2012 before playing for the first team against France and New Zealand in 2015 and most recently in the RLWC2021, including the Semi Final.

Since making his Wigan debut late in 2022, Cooper went on to make seven appearances in Cherry and White, scoring one try.

Mike's 2023 season was cut short with a knee injury sustained in the Good Friday win over St Helens. Mike has battled his way back to fitness and is looking forward to 2024.

Shirt Number: 14

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 15/09/88

Heritage Number: 1119

Previous Clubs: Warrington Wolves, St George Illawarra,

Wigan Debut: vs Leeds Rhinos A, prop sub, Lost 12-42 at Emerald Stadium 21/07/22

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Mike Cooper is an experienced prop forward who has amassed over 230 games in Super League and over 60 in the NRL.

Mike joined Wigan in July 2022, ending a 14-year career with Warrington over two spells.

15. PATRICK MAGO

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He made his debut for the Cowboys against Penrith Panthers in 2017. With just two appearances for North Queensland, he went on to join Brisbane for the 2018 season.

Patrick made 12 appearances for the Broncos, scoring 2 tries and appearing in their Elimination Final loss at Suncorp Stadium.

In 2020, Patrick joined South Sydney making 12 appearances. He then made a further 11 appearances in 2021.

In 2022, Patrick signed for Wigan on a three-year deal.

He came off the bench to help secure a 20th Challenge Cup Final win for the Club as Wigan beat Huddersfield Giants at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

In 2022 Patrick made 31 appearances - the most of any Wigan player during 2022, scoring one try.

In 2023 didn't start a game but made 27 appearances off the bench scoring 2 tries.

Shirt Number: 15

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 04/12/94

Heritage Number: 1115

Previous Club(s): South Sydney Rabbitohs, North Queensland Cowboys, Brisbane Broncos

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR A Prop, sub won 24-10 at Sewell Group Craven Park 11/02/22

CLUB HONOURS

Challenge Cup: 2022

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Patrick Mago signed for Wigan ahead of the 2022 season and he went on to win silverware in his first year at the Club - lifting the Challenge Cup.

Born in Auckland, New Zealand, Patrick has NRL experience - playing for North Queensland Cowboys, Brisbane Broncos and South Sydney Rabbitohs.

16. LUKE THOMPSON

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Luke has made seven appearances for England, including featuring in the Rugby League World Cup 2021. He also made three appearances for Great Britain on the 2019 Lions tour.

Warriors Head Coach, Matt Peet said: "Luke is an outstanding acquisition for the club. He is a quality front-rower and brings a wealth of experience.

On signing, Luke said: "It's a really exciting time to be joining Wigan. They're playing great rugby and I'm looking forward to being a part of it."

Shirt Number: 16

Position: Prop Forward, Second Row, Loose Forward

Date of Birth: 27/04/95

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England, Great Britain

Luke became Wigan's sixth signing ahead of the 2024 season when he put pen to paper on a four year deal.

Luke made the move from Canterbury Bulldogs for whom he made 42 appearances after leaving St Helens in 2020.

Luke won two Super League Grand Finals with St Helens in 2014 and 2019, and was the Harry Sunderland Trophy winner in the latter. He was also named in the Super League Dream Team in 2018 and 2019.

17. KRUISE LEEMING

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Kruise has been known to be able to drop goals when needed

On signing for Wigan, Kruise said: "I am absolutely delighted to sign for the Wigan Warriors. "When I spoke to Matt [Peet] and Kris [Radlinski] their ambition, standards and culture at the Club really resonated with me."

Warriors Head Coach Matt Peet added: "Kruise is an outstanding hooker who we believe will be a great fit for Wigan. We are delighted to secure him for what should be the best years of his career."

Shirt Number: 17
Position: Hooker
Date of Birth: 17/09/95

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England, Combined Nations All-Stars

Kruise joins the club on a four year deal.

Kruise, who played for six years at Huddersfield Giants between 2013 and 2019, joins from the Gold Coast Titans whom he joined after leaving Leeds in April 2023.

Leeming was born in Lobamba, Eswatini (then Swaziland).

Kruise is a graduate of the Giants' academy system.

Leeming has also represented the England Knights and the Combined Nations All Stars.

Kruise played in the 2020 Challenge Cup Final for Leeds.

19. TYLER DUPREE

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23 year old and Tyler has already played for England Knights and England.

Tyler emerged through the junior ranks at Leeds before spells with Featherstone, Batley, York, Oldham and Widnes.

Following a significant number of impressive appearances for Salford, the Siddal junior made his England debut in Shaun Wane's squad that faced France in the mid-season test at Warrington in 2023, starting the game on the bench.

Tyler's great uncle Billy Joe Dupree played American football for the Dallas Cowboys, with whom he won a Superbowl.

Shirt Number: 19

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 08/02/00

Heritage Number: 1129

Previous Club(s): Salford Red Devils, Featherstone Rovers, Batley, York, Oldham, Widnes and Siddal

Wigan Debut: v Leigh Leopards 29/07/23 Prop, sub won 44-18 at the DW Stadium

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights, England

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Grand Final Winner: 2023

Tyler joined Wigan Warriors in July 2023 from Salford Red Devils on a four year deal and made a try scoring debut against Leigh Leopards in the 44-18 victory.

Tyler played in nine games for Wigan in the run up to the Grand Final.

20. HARVIE HILL

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Spotted by Wigan scouts whilst playing for Hensingham against Wigan St Patricks in the U14's National Cup.

Started playing the game aged 7.

Wigan Warriors Academy Player of the Year in 2021.

Harvie is the son of former Oldham and Whitehaven player Howard Hill.

He made his England Knights debut against Scotland in October 2022.

Yet to start a game for Wigan Warriors but made 15 appearances from the bench in 2023.

Shirt Number: 20

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 03/09/03

Heritage Number: 1124

Previous Club(s): Wigan Academy, Hensingham ARLFC (Cumbria)

Wigan Debut: Hull KR Away Prop, sub lost 28-38 at Sewell Group Craven Park 29/8/22

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

England Knights

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Harvie forced his way into the first team in 2023 and put in some excellent performances.

Highly rated by England Knights Assistant Coach Paul Sculthorpe who said "I've followed Harvie's progress for a number of years and he definitely earned the right to be part of the Knights programme." Harvie was one of seven debutants in the Betfred Super League game at Hull KR in August 2022.

21. JUNIOR NSEMBA

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He scored 5 tries in 6 appearances for the Reserves in 2022.

Junior scored a hat-trick of tries against London Broncos in an Academy game in 2022.

Junior was an 18 year old debutant at Hull KR

He represented Lancashire in the 2022 Origin Series.

Was named The Riversiders Academy Players of the Season for 2022

Started one game in 2023 against Castleford Tigers but made 14 appearances of the bench.

Scored the match winning try in the Challenge Cup win at Leeds Rhinos, live on BBC.

Junior's performances in 2023 earned him a four year contract with the Warriors.

Shirt Number: 21

Position: Prop/Second Row

Date of Birth: 27/06/04

Heritage Number: 1120

Previous Club: Wigan St Judes

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR A Second Row at Sewell Group Craven Park 29/08/22

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Lancashire

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Junior played at Academy/Reserve and First Grade Levels in 2022.

He played in the pre-season games against Newcastle Thunder and Warrington Wolves and was named Man of the Match for his performance against Newcastle.

Junior can play both Prop and Second Row.

22. SAM WALTERS

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Shirt Number: 22

Date of Birth: 25/12/00

Position: Prop/Loose Forward

Previous Clubs: Leeds Rhinos, Bradford Bulls (loan)
Halton Farnworth Hornets

23 year old Sam joins Wigan Warriors for the 2024 season on a 3 year contract.

Sam prefers second row but also enjoys playing at prop

Made his Super League debut for Leeds Rhinos against Catalans Dragons in September 2020.

Sam started his rugby league career in his hometown Widnes at Halton Farnworth Hornets before he was quickly signed onto the Scholarship books at Widnes Vikings.

In 2018, Sam was part of Luke Robinson's England Academy squad that beat Australian Schoolboys 2-0 in a historic Test series win alongside current Warriors Harry Smith, Ethan Havard and Joe Shorrocks.

After signing for Leeds Rhinos at the start of the 2019 Academy season, Sam, who stands at 6'7", hit the ground running as he scored two tries in his first Under 19's game. He went on to have a stand-out debut year which saw him named as Academy Player of the Year after scoring nine tries in 15 starts.

Sam was also included in the Lancashire squad – alongside Ethan Havard and Brad O'Neill – which came from behind to beat Yorkshire 2-1 in the 2019 Academy Origin Series.

He made a try scoring appearance against Leigh Leopards for Batley Bulldogs in the Championship in 2019, before he made his Super League debut for Leeds Rhinos in September 2020 against Catalans Dragons.

Walters' scored his first try in the competition in his second game against Warrington Wolves.

Sam played two games for Bradford Bulls on dual registration in 2022, before he finished the year off with an interchange appearance in the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford.

The 22-year-old recorded his best season to date in 2023 scoring six tries in 17 matches before it was announced in June 2023 that he would join the Warriors from the start of the 2024 season.

23. RYAN HAMPSHIRE

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Ryan is well known to Head Coach Matt Peet who worked with him in his early career when Matt was Academy Coach.

Matt said that Ryan is a versatile back who will add more depth to the squad.

Ryan's most successful period in Super League was with his hometown club, Wakefield Trinity between 2018 and 2021.

He played 86 games scoring 28 tries and kicking 129 goals and 3 field goals.

Ryan played in three games for Warriors in 2023. His 'second debut' was at Stand Off in the dramatic Challenge Cup win at Leeds Rhinos followed by the even more dramatic, golden point win at Hull KR.

Ryan made it 3/3 wins helping the Warriors to a 48-6 victory over his former club Castleford Tigers in September, when he kicked 3 conversions.

Shirt Number: 23

Position: Utility Back

Date of Birth: 29/12/94

Heritage Number: 1048

Wigan Debut: v Widnes Vikings A 07/06/13 won 33-32 at Halton Stadium

CLUB HONOURS

League Leaders Shield: 2023

Ryan was born in Wakefield and grew up watching Trinity.

He signed for Wigan from Normanton Knights and made his full Wigan debut v Widnes Vikings in June 2013.

Ryan returned to Wigan, where his career started in January 2023.

He injured his ACL during 2022 playing for Castleford against Catalans and worked hard to regain full fitness.

24. TIAKI CHAN

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Peet, Sean O’Loughlin, Thomas Leuluai and Kris Radlinski who all have immense Rugby League knowledge, and all who have been an integral part of my decision to come to Wigan.

Head Coach Matt Peet added: “Tiaki is a dynamic young forward who we feel will go on to be loved by his team mates and the Wigan supporters.”

Shirt Number: 24

Position: Prop

Date of Birth: 15/06/00

Previous Clubs: Catalans Dragons, St Esteve

Tiaki joins Wigan on a 3 year deal from Catalans Dragons.

The Australian-born French international played for Saint-Estève XIII before joining the Catalans Dragons in 2022.

Tiaki made his Super League debut for Steve McNamara’s side against Leeds Rhinos in 2022 and his performances earned him a call up for France against England in 2023.

Tiaki played 13 times for Catalans Dragons in 2023 – all off the bench, scoring one try.

Tiaki is the son of New Zealand international Alex Chan.

Tiaki Chan said: “I am so grateful to get the opportunity to come to such a reputed Club for the coming seasons. I look forward to developing under the guidance of Matt

25. SAM ESEH JNR.

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Eseh, who is 6'4", beat London Broncos halfback Oli Leyland and York winger AJ Towse to the seasonal second-tier award.

On signing for the Warriors, Eseh said: "I'm really excited to be signing a deal with the Warriors. Growing up playing rugby I've always known Wigan as a club that is relentless in anything they do and that's something I can't wait to be a part of.

"I'd also like to thank Wakefield Trinity and the staff for giving me the opportunity to get to this point in my career."

On the arrival of Eseh, Matt Peet said: "Sam is a player we have been tracking for a few years and it is the right time for him to join us.

Shirt Number: 25

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 30/06/2003

Previous Club: Wakefield Trinity

Wigan Warriors snapped up Sam Eseh Jr on an initial two-year deal, beating off the challenge of other clubs looking to sign him

Sam joins Wigan from Wakefield Trinity after loan spells at Barrow and Featherstone.

Sam, who featured 16 times for Wakefield in 2023, was handed a first team contract in January 2021, rewarding his progress through the Trinity Scholarship and Academy ranks where he was under the tutelage of Mark Applegarth.

The East Leeds Community Club product carried off the 2022 Championship Young Player of the Year prize after impressing on loan at Barrow, then Featherstone.

26. ZACH ECKERSLEY

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In his high school days Zach was a keen sprinter and represented Oldham & Royton Harriers as well as Greater Manchester schools.

Gained valuable experience on loan in 2023 with Barrow, London Broncos and Widnes.

Zach's time at Widnes saw him score 5 tries in 8 games.

Zach captained the Wigan Reserves side to victory in the Grand Final over St Helens in 2023.

Shirt Number: 26

Position: Centre

Date of Birth: 10/11/03

Heritage Number: 1125

Previous Clubs: Wigan Academy, Waterhead ARLFC

Wigan Debut: vs Hull KR Sub, Centre, lost 28-38 at Sewell Group Craven Park 29/08/82

Zach made his debut off the bench in the game at Hull KR in August 2022 as one of seven debutants.

Zach Played as a youngster for Waterhead, the same club that Kevin Sinfield, Paul Sculthorpe and Barrie McDermott started at.

Zach's father, Chris, played for Oldham and Warrington Wolves as a winger.

Zach Joined Wigan on a scholarship aged 14.

Zach is a keen goal kicker and has been coached by Joe Ford, brother of George.

27. TOM FORBER

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Scored a try in Newcastle's 53-10 home win over Bradford Bulls in 2022.

Spent time on loan with Oldham, Wakefield Trinity, Whitehaven and Widnes during the 2023 campaign.

Shirt Number: 27

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 22/05/03

Heritage Number: 1123

Previous Clubs: Wigan Academy, Rylands

Wigan Debut: v Hull KR A sub Hooker Lost 28-38 at Sewell Group Craven Park, 29/08/22

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Lancashire

Highly rated by former Wigan Warriors legend Denis Betts who was Director of Rugby and Interim Head Coach at Newcastle Thunder in 2022.

Represented Lancashire in the 2021 Origin Series.

One of seven players to make their Wigan debuts in the game at Hull KR in August 2022.

Consistent performer for Newcastle Thunder in the Championship in 2022.

28. JACOB DOUGLAS

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Played in the 42-12 win over Newcastle Thunder in January 2022 as part of the pre season build up for Wigan. That game was also Matt Peet's first game in charge.

Signed a two year deal with an option of a third included.

Started training with the first team squad in November 2022.

Spent time on loan at Oldham and Whitehaven in 2023.

In 3 appearances for Whitehaven, he scored 2 tries.

Shirt Number: 28

Position: Winger

Date of Birth: 03/03/04

Previous Clubs: Wigan Academy, Saddleworth Rangers

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Lancashire

Jacob spent two years on scholarship, in his first year he broke his collarbone and his second season in 2020, the club had a complete shutdown due to the pandemic.

Former student in the Oldham Sixth Form College Set-Up which also produced Kevin Sinfield and Zach Eckersley.

Played consistently well for the Wigan Academy Side in 2021 including the away win at Hull KR.

Represented Lancashire in the 2021 Origin Series.

Jacob is a very good athlete with good speed, power and aerobic endurance.

29. HARVEY MAKIN

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Harvey was named in the 21-man for Wigan's Super League Round 13 trip to Hull KR in June 2023.

Harvey will play on-loan at Barrow Raiders during 2024.

Shirt Number: 29

Position: Prop Forward

Date of Birth: 17/11/03

Previous Club: Wigan St Judes

Played on loan for Barrow, London Broncos and Oldham during 2023. In his time at Oldham he scored a debut try in the Challenge Cup.

Born in Wigan, Makin started playing Rugby League at the age of 6.

Harvey, who was a Warriors season ticket holder growing up, previously played for Wigan St Judes.

Harvey, who signed his first Wigan contract in 2020, was one of six Warriors to represent Lancashire in the 2021 Origin Academy clash with Yorkshire.

30. JACK FARRIMOND

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Shirt Number: 30

Position: Scrum Half

Date of Birth: 26/10/05

After just one season in the club's academy, Jack has impressed enough to join the senior squad for pre-season training ahead of the 2024 Super League title defence campaign.

A stand-out for Lancashire in their Academy Origin win over Yorkshire in 2023, the goal-kicking half was also called up to England's academy squad under head coach Paul Anderson ahead of their fixture against France in July - although missed out on the match day team.

Just two weeks into pre-season at Robin Park, the 2023 academy player of the year – winning the Edwards-Johnson Memorial trophy - impressed head coach Matt Peet, adding depth to his playmaker options that includes Harry Smith, Jai Field and Bevan French.

COACHING AND PERFORMANCE STAFF

MATT PEET

HEAD COACH

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Matt has been part of the Wigan history for over 14 years, both as a Wigan Academy player and in a range of coaching roles. Matt started his coaching career in the amateur game with Westhoughton and Wigan St Patricks before a move to Wigan in 2008 as a Scholarship coach.

In a similar path to Shaun Wane, Matt has progressed through the ranks in his coaching career within the Club.

In 2009 he was named Under-20s Assistant Coach, alongside his role as the Club's education department Head Coach.

Matt's first Head Coach role came in 2011, when he was appointed as Under-18s Head Coach, overseeing players like Ryan Sutton, Oliver Gildart, George Williams and Lewis Tierney in the early stages of their careers.

His rise continued in 2012 as he became the Club's Performance Coach, a role that went alongside a new occupation as Head of Youth Performance in 2013, where he was in charge of overseeing the Club's Academy and Junior programmes, helping to produce players for the first team.

The Academy side enjoyed incredible success during his time at the helm, winning the Grand Final six times over a seven-season stint between 2013-2019.

During this period, Matt was also appointed as the England Academy Assistant Coach in 2014 – a role he remained in for three years, including the tour of Australia in 2016.

2018 saw a change of scenery for Matt, departing Wigan and crossing codes to join Sale Sharks as the Club's Head of Performance for a year before returning to the Warriors in 2019 as first team Assistant Coach, tasked primarily with coaching defence.

Following the departure of Adrian Lam at the end of 2021, Matt was appointed first team Head Coach and in his first season led Wigan to silverware - winning the Challenge Cup for the Club's record 20th time. He coached Wigan to a second placed finish in the Betfred Super League and a Play-Off Semi Final, as the Warriors scored 145 tries in the league in 2022.

At the end of 2022, Matt was named Coach of the Year at the annual Super League Awards.

2023 was even better for Matt and the Club. The team finished top of Super League and won the League Leaders Shield. After beating Hull KR in the play offs Wigan qualified for the Grand Final and beat Catalans 10-6 at Old Trafford.

Wigan also beat Leeds and Warrington in the Challenge Cup before losing to Hull KR by the Golden Point in the Semi-Final at Headingley.

SHAUN WANE

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

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saw him win seven Academy Grand Finals and six League Leaders' Shields between 1998-2010. In 2010 he became Assistant Coach to Michael Maguire as the Warriors claimed a League Leaders' and Grand Final double before they lifted a Challenge Cup in 2011.

Following Maguire's departure, Shaun took the Head Coach role for seven years - Wigan's longest serving Head Coach of all time. He boasts a haul of three Super League titles, one World Club Challenge, one Challenge Cup and one League Leaders' Shield, achieving the best win ratio of any Coach in Super League along the way as he was crowned Super League Coach of the Year in 2018 in a fitting end to his coaching career with the Warriors. After leaving Wigan, Shaun went on to be a High Performance Coach at Scotland Rugby Union and was then named Head Coach of England Rugby League. Wane worked towards Rugby League World Cup 2021, and coached England to a Semi Final after going undefeated in the Group Stages.

In the three match series against Tonga in the Autumn of 2023, Shaun led the England team to a 3-0 success.

Shaun is a big part of the Wigan furniture, having spent over 30 years with the Club as both a player and a Coach.

Shaun arrived with the Warriors from local club Wigan St Patricks and went on to make 150 appearances for the Cherry and Whites between 1981-1990. A notable forward, he made appearances for Wigan in Finals such as the Lancashire County Cup, John Player Special Trophy, Premiership and Championship Finals. He was also awarded Man of the Match as Wigan took an 8-2 victory over Manly in the 1987 World Club Challenge.

Shaun retired as a player in 1994 before becoming a Youth Academy Coach with the Warriors, a role which

COACHING AND PERFORMANCE STAFF

THOMAS LEULUAI

ASSISTANT COACH

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Kiwi Tommy Leuluai spent 12 years as a player with Wigan before making the transition to Assistant Coach at the end of 2022.

Son of former Hull FC and New Zealand player James Leuluai, he made his NRL debut for New Zealand Warriors in May 2003, becoming the youngest player to ever play for the Club.

A New Zealand international, he made his debut for the Kiwis aged 18 in 2003, won the World Cup in 2008 and played his final game in a warm-up match against Leeds Rhinos in October 2022.

In his club career in the UK, Tommy started with London Broncos before signing for Wigan ahead of the 2007 season.

He went on to make 327 appearances for the Club and won all there is to win in the game, including three League Leaders' Shields, two Super Leagues, two Challenge Cup, a World Club Challenge and a Harry Sunderland trophy.

After hanging up his boots, Tommy made the switch into his coaching career as an Assistant Coach to Matt Peet, alongside former teammate and fellow Assistant Coach Sean O'Loughlin. In his first full season on the coaching staff, Tommy helped the club to the League Leaders Shield and a Grand Final victory.

SEAN O'LOUGHLIN OBE

ASSISTANT COACH

Sponsored by **CHRIS AND NICOLA MARTINDALE**



After an illustrious 19-year career as a player with his hometown Club, Sean is set to enter his fourth season as Assistant Coach for the first team. Sean played 459 games and won 10 major honours with Wigan.

The one-Club man and Captain hung up his boots at the end of his 19th season as a Rugby League professional in 2020.

Revered by colleagues and

opposition players with many pointing to him as one of the modern greats, Sean has been one of the most respected, consistent and inspirational players of the Super League era and captain of both Club and Country.

He led the Club to its first major titles in eight years, winning the League Leaders' Shield and the 2010 Super League Grand Final, before going on to win another eight major honours, including the 2013 double and the historic World Club Challenge title in 2017. Sean was named in the Super League Dream Team a record seven times.

In his first season on the coaching staff Sean, along with Lee Briers helped Matt Peet to coach the team to a Challenge Cup victory over Huddersfield. In 2023, the new coaching set up of Matt, Sean and Tommy Leuluai saw the team win the League Leaders Shield and a Grand Final win over Catalans.

SHANE ECCLES

RESERVES HEAD COACH AND HEAD OF YOUTH

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Shane Eccles has been working within Wigan's Scholarship and Academy system for the past eight years.

He joined Wigan in 2015 as Scholarship Head Coach and Community Foundation Development Officer. He was the Scholarship Head Coach until

the end of 2018. In 2017, Shane joined the Academy coaching staff as assistant to Darrell Goulding, where the Academy team won the 2017 and 2018 Grand Finals. In 2019, he took over as Head coach of the Academy, leading the team to the 2019 Grand Final victory over St Helens and has also been part of both the England Academy coaching staff and Lancashire Academy Origin Head Coach.

In 2022, following the departure of Goulding, Shane took over the role of Head of Youth which sees him manage player progression and the pathway system for young players entering the Club at Scholarship level, through to the Academy and Reserves teams.

RICHARD OWEN

RESERVES ASSISTANT COACH

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Former Head Coach of England Community Lions and Assistant Coach of England Lions.

Richard also runs his own company OwenGroundwork and Construction.

JAY DUFFY

ACADEMY ASSISTANT COACH



Brother of John Duffy, Jay is a former Wigan Academy Player who previously spent six seasons at Wigan Warriors Scholarship Coach under Michael Maguire and Shaun Wane.

JOHN DUFFY

ACADEMY HEAD COACH

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The former Leigh Centurions boss takes over the role of Academy Head Coach. Former Leigh Centurions boss John took over the Academy Head Coach role when Shane Eccles made the move to Head of Youth. A former half back in his playing days of 16 years, Duffy amassed over 350 games for

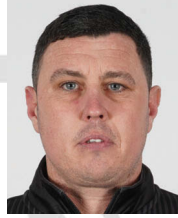
Warrington Wolves, Salford Red Devils, Leigh Centurions, Chorley Lynx, Whitehaven and Widnes Vikings.

Since retiring from playing in 2003, Duffy has taken on Head Coaching roles with Swinton Lions and Featherstone Rovers prior to joining Leigh in 2018. He has also held various roles with the Scotland national team.

DANNY FULLERTON

ACADEMY ASSISTANT COACH

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Danny Fullerton has been working within the Wigan Warriors youth system since joining the Club in 2018.

Since 2007, Fullerton has been involved with youth development, where he started his career with Warrington Wolves in a community and performance role - progressing

his way up to the Academy as Head Coach.

He enhanced his learning by challenging himself coaching in Mackay, Australia where he spent two and a half years, before returning to the UK to take up his dream job with his hometown Club - developing local talent.

Fullerton's roles at Wigan span across three different departments. He is the Rugby Development Manager within the Community Foundation, Head Coach of the Warriors Education Academy and an Assistant for the Academy. He was part of the Under-19s coaching staff in 2019 as the team won the Grand Final. His role within the Academy is to assist Head Coach John Duffy in developing players and nurturing home grown talent in preparation for the first team, as well as sharing his knowledge and experiences to the next generation of local talent.

COACHING AND PERFORMANCE STAFF

IAN BENTLEY

HEAD OF PERFORMANCE

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Ian Bentley has spent 12 years at the Club and is Head of Performance for the first team. He started as an intern at Wigan whilst completing his MSc in Sport Science.

Combining his part-time various roles as Scholarship Strength & Conditioning Coach, Ian had a position at the University of Central Lancashire as the course leader for the BSc in Strength & Conditioning degree. During that time, he gained a PhD in Applied Sports Biomechanics.

Now working full-time as Head of Performance for the Warriors first team, Ian brings a wealth of experience with him having been an accredited Strength & Conditioning Coach through the UKSCA for more than eight years. He has also previously worked in football, tennis and Paralympic sport.

CHRIS BARON

HEAD OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

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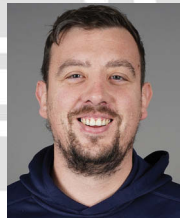
Chris joined the Club for the 2023 season as Head of Strength and Conditioning for the first team. He completed a degree in Sports Science at Edge Hill and is currently completing a Masters degree. Chris started his Strength and Conditioning work with Leicester

Tigers in 2006 and has also worked at Warrington Wolves and Widnes Vikings. He has also overseen Strength & Conditioning with England Rugby League since 2011 and has been Head of Performance for the last two years, including during the RLWC21 and brings with him a wealth of experience in the sport.

JACK PHILLIPS

HEAD OF ANALYSIS

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Jack Phillips joined Wigan as Head of Analysis and as part of the new Coaching Team announced ahead of the 2022 season.

He has worked at a variety of sports clubs including Newcastle United, England RU, South Sydney Rabbitohs, Sydney Roosters and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks.

Phillips started off studying Sports coaching at the University of Chester, a course which landed him a voluntary placement with Warrington Wolves Foundation in 2012, before being offered a full-time Community Coach role.

Whilst working with the Foundation, he was then offered a role as a Performance Analyst for the Warrington Wolves Academy teams, prompting a return to the University of Chester on a Master's degree for Performance Analysis. Phillips remained with the Wolves during his studies, as well as their partner Club at the time, Swinton Lions.

During the years of 2015-2017, remaining in current roles with the Wolves, Phillips also started working with the first team under the previous Head Analyst gaining valuable knowledge and experience and was part of the team to win the League Leaders' Shield and reach both Finals in 2016.

In 2018, Phillips was appointed Head of Analysis at Warrington Wolves under Steve Price. During his time, he was part of the team that appeared in a Challenge Cup and Grand Final in 2018, as well as the Challenge Cup winning team in 2019.

In 2022 - his first campaign with the Warriors - he helped the team to win the Challenge Cup Final, before going on to assist the England Rugby League team at the Rugby League World Cup 2021. Phillips assisted with the video analysis during the tournament.

TOM FITZPATRICK

HEAD OF RUGBY OPERATIONS

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Tom has had a number of different roles working for the first team, including Welfare Manager, Strength and Conditioning Coach and Covid-19 Officer.

Tom has been at Wigan for over ten years. He spent six years working with the Club's

Academy system before moving to the first team in 2018. During that time, he gained a BSc and MSc in Strength & Conditioning from the Club's partner university, UCLan.

Tom's time in the Club's Academy was spent as Head of Scholarship Strength & Conditioning and assisting with the Academy and Reserve teams. Tom moved to work with the first team in 2018 as a Strength and Conditioning Coach.

In 2019, he also took over as Head of Player Welfare at the Club, which involves looking after the players' mental wellbeing, helping to plan for life after rugby and educational needs.

At the 2020 End of Season Awards, he was awarded Clubman of the Year. The award was presented to Fitzpatrick, who had picked up the responsibility of Covid-19 officer during the pandemic. His tireless efforts ensuring and enforcing the correct protocols within the Club, and ultimately keeping the team and staff safe, made him a worthy winner.

JACK STOPFORD

HEAD OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

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Jack has worked at Wigan Warriors for almost nine years – he started working as a Physio for the Scholarship team moving on to the Academy before becoming first team as Head Physiotherapist in 2020.

After graduating from the

University of Liverpool with a BSc degree in Physiotherapy, Jack started his career working within the NHS as a Senior MSK Physiotherapist before joining Wigan Warriors.

Jack recently completed his MSc in Sports Medicine at the University of Central Lancashire.

DARREN MARSH

NUTRITIONIST

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After working as the Head of Strength and Conditioning for both the Women's team and Academy side, Darren is now Wigan's first team Nutritionist.

Previous to working in Rugby League, Marsh spent over eight years in and around different professional sports like boxing,

MMA, tennis and football.

In 2017, he joined Wigan as Rugby Engagement Officer for the Community Foundation.

In the same year, he worked as a Strength and Conditioning Coach for the British Army Rugby team on the Tour of Australia.

A year later, Darren became Head of Strength and Conditioning for the Warriors Women in their inaugural Super League season, where they won the Grand Final.

Marsh, who has a First-Class Honours degree in Strength and Conditioning after graduating at the University of Central Lancashire, went on to become the Head of Strength and Conditioning for the Warriors Scholarship and Academy in 2019, which saw the Under-19s win the 2019 Grand Final.

Darren is now the first team's Sport Scientist and Nutritionist. He has an MSc in Sports Nutrition and his current role includes providing the players with nutrition support and making sure players are optimally hydrated during and after training.

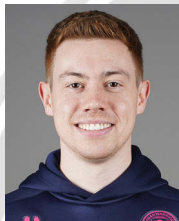
He also provides nutritional education to the Scholarship, Academy and Women's squads. Relating to Sport Science, Marsh takes charge of the GPS, which tracks each players' movement throughout a session or game, providing coaches with useful data – not only about the session or game but also individual player statistics.

COACHING AND PERFORMANCE STAFF

TOM HUANE

ASSISTANT PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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Tom Huane is an Assistant first team Physio who looks after the players' treatment and rehabilitation.

After working for the NHS, Huane moved to Widnes Vikings where he was the lead Academy and Assistant first team Physio. He joined Wigan at the start of

2019 where he was the lead Academy Physio and part of the performance staff that went on to win the 2019 Academy Grand Final.

Midway through 2020, Huane became an Assistant Physio for the first team, where he assists with assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of first team players.

TOM BURNS

SOFT TISSUE THERAPIST

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Tom Burns is a soft tissue therapist for the first team - providing soft tissue treatment for the players. Graduating from Edge Hill university with a BSc degree in Sports therapy, Burns started his career working in a private clinic whilst also working alongside the England

Community Lions providing pitch side cover. He joined Wigan towards the end of the 2022 season where he assists the medical team with the treatment and rehabilitation of the players.

DR. ANGELA COUMBARIDES

CLUB DOCTOR



Angela works within the NHS at Salford Royal in the accident and emergency services department. She is also a Director of APJ Rugby Sports Medicine Limited.

MATT MALONEY

ACADEMY STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH



Matt, 30, hails from Aldershot in Hampshire. His family moved to Ripon in Yorkshire where Matt joined the Army where he spent six years. After leaving the Army Matt enrolled on a course with UCLAN with an aim of graduating and getting a position at Wigan Warriors. Matt started work at

Wigan Warriors in 2021 as an intern and was appointed to his position of Academy Strength & Conditioning Coach ahead of the forthcoming season.

JOEL TOMKINS

SCHOLARSHIP HEAD COACH

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Joel returns to the club as the newly appointed Scholarship Head Coach. Joel is a double code international having made a switch to Saracens and making his England RU debut as a centre in place of Manu Tuilagi. Joel played in two Grand Final winning teams and the World Club Championship winning side in 2017.

In 2011 Joel scored one of the greatest tries in Challenge Cup history which was created by his brother Sam.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

HEAD OF YOUTH SHANE EGGLES

Wigan Warriors youth performance team is constantly growing and improving to create a stream of players progressing through the academy pathway and into the first team squad. In 2024 we will compete in the reserves, Academy & Scholarship programmes providing players with opportunity to develop their ability at the appropriate level with the aim of progressing into the next stage of their development. We have a recruitment team who are constantly watching players in the community game and assessing their rugby ability and their characteristics. Players are then recruited to join the club in one of our youth performance squads to provide them the opportunity to develop their skills and progress along the playing pathway.

For 2024 our scholarship programme is made up of 40 players in total.

We have 21 Under 15s and 19 under 16s players. These players are drawn from a variety of community clubs and schools where the coaches and teachers do a fantastic job in helping nurture the rugby league potential of the young players. The Scholarship squad is designed to enhance the skills and behaviours of the young players in preparation to make the step into the start of the professional game at academy rugby. The scholarship players started their programme in September with their first game being on Wednesday 20th March V St Helens @ Robin Park Arena

The academy squad is made up of 26 players with 13 Under 17s and 13 Under 18s players.

The Academy squad is the first level where our players are playing in a competition this is to help prepare them for the rigours of professional rugby league in a competitive environment. This stage of a player's development is where players can learn their trade as a rugby league player, not just on the rugby field but also how a professional rugby player behaves off the field and away from the club. We use a variety



of workshops to educate the players on how to be a professional rugby player.

The Academy pre-season started in November with their first game being on Saturday 16th March V Castleford Tigers @ Robin Park Arena

The final stage of our youth performance programme is the reserves squad, This squad is a combination of high performing Academy players who need a challenge to develop them, Part time reserves players who are with the club aiming to push into the first team squad and first team players who are not in the First team playing squad that week for various reasons. The reserves competition is a good opportunity for young players to be challenged against players that are further developed than them in preparation for making the step into the first team squad.

SCHOLARSHIP UNDER 15s SQUAD

PLAYER	CLUB	SCHOOL
Alfie Silcock	Shevington Sharks	Standish High
Ben Farrimond	Leigh Miners Rangers	Leigh St Mary's
Clayton Mayberry	Oldham St Annes	Coop Academy Failsworth
Cody Lyons-Ashworth	Wigan St Judes	St Edmund Arrowsmith
Harrison Oakes	Thatto Heath	Hawkley Hall
Harry Mikhail	Thatto Heath	Merchant Taylors
Harry Sephton	Thatto Heath	Rainford High
Henry Briscoe	Thatto Heath	Great Sankey
Issac Makahaza	Shevington Sharks	St John Fisher
Jack Myers	Thatto Heath	St Peters
Jacob Davies	Thatto Heath	De La Salle
Jacob Woods	Thatto Heath	Cowley High
Lucas Featherston	Leigh Miners Rangers	Leigh St Mary's
Matt Brown	Thatto Heath	Rainford High
Matthew Halton	Shevington Sharks	Standish High
Tate Brown	Oldham St Annes	Coop Academy Failsworth
Toby Calderbank-Mannix	Shevington Sharks	Standish High
Tom Burns	Greetland All Rounders	Ryburn Valley High
Tom Farrimond	Wigan St Judes	St Edmund Arrowsmith
Victor Omodele	Oldham St Annes	The Blue Coat School
Will Dootson	Shevington Sharks	Hawkley Hall

SCHOLARSHIP UNDER 16s SQUAD

PLAYER	CLUB	SCHOOL
Bailey Jones	Shevington Sharks	Deanery High
Connor Oxbury	Leigh Miners Rangers	Byrchall
Corben Ashurst	Normanton	Outwood Freeston
Dylan Mason	Wigan St Patricks	Standish High
Evan Buckley	Rochdale Mayfield	Hollingworth Academy
George Marsden	Golborne	Golborne High
George Wood	Shevington Sharks	Hawkley Hall
Jacob Logan	Golborne	Golborne High
James Gleeson	Orrell St James	Shevington High
James Parr	Orrell St James	St Edmund Arrowsmith
Joe Hollins	Shevington Sharks	St Peters
Joe McGann	Leigh Miners Rangers	Lymm High
Josh Tyrer	Leigh Miners Rangers	Leigh St Mary's
Leyton Hull	Leigh East	Lowton High
Noah Forster	Golborne	Golborne High
Seth Joyce	Shevington Sharks	Shevington High
Shea O'Connor	Orrell St James	St Peters
Zak Bielecki	Shevington Sharks	St Peters
Zak Brand	Shevington Sharks	St Peters

ACADEMY UNDER 17s SQUAD

PLAYER	CLUB	SCHOOL
Austin Daniel	Wigan St Judes	St John Fisher
Hamza Butt	Leigh Miners Rangers	Clitheroe Grammar
Harlen Smith	Orrell St James	St Peters
Jaiden Drachenberg	Wigan St Judes	St John Fisher
Josh Swindley	West Bank Bears	St Peter & Paul
Koen Perry	Hindley	Standish High
Leo Wadsworth	Orrell St James	St Peters
Mike Porter	Orrell St James	St Peters
Nathan Benson	Blackbrook	St Cuthberts
Nathaniel Twiss	Blackbrook	Kirkby Stephen Grammar
Thomas Bridge	Orrell St James	St Peters
Brody Allred	Leigh Miners Rangers	Bedford
Cam Bate	West Bank Bears	St Peter & Paul
Zak Brand	Shevington Sharks	St Peters

ACADEMY UNDER 18s SQUAD

PLAYER	CLUB	SCHOOL
Charlie Yeomans	Latchford Albion	Lymm High
Dylan Kelly-Duffy	Blackbrook	St Cuthberts
George O'Loughlin	Wigan St Judes	St John Fisher
Jack Purtil	Leigh Miners Rangers	St Mary's Catholic High
Josh Cartwright	Wigan St Patricks	Hawkley Hall
Kalum Rathbone	Leigh Miners Rangers	St Mary's Catholic High
Kian McDermott	Wigan St Patricks	Standish High
Lukas Mason	Siddal	Brighthouse High
Nathan Lowe	Leigh East	Lowton High
Noah Hodgkinson	Hindley	West Leigh High
Reece Rowcroft	Wigan St Patricks	Hawkley Hall
Taylor Kerr	Wigan St Judes	St John Fisher
Trent Kelly-Duffy	Blackbrook	St Cuthberts

2024 RESERVES SQUAD

PLAYER	CLUB
Adam Jones	Leigh Miners Rangers
Finlay Irwin	Salford Roosters
Finley Beardsworth	Bank Quay Bulls
Harry Higham	Leigh Miners Rangers
Harvey Wilson	Saddleworth
Maddox Jeffrey	Featherstone Lions
Ryan Brown	Rylands Sharks
Tom Ratchford	Wigan St Judes
Troy Richmond	Wigan St Judes



WIGAN WARRIORS WOMEN 2024

HEAD COACH – DENIS BETTS

Former player, Denis Betts, heads up the Women's Team for the 2024 season and beyond.

Betts won six league titles, seven Challenge Cups, three Premierships and two World Club Challenges as a player in a total of 367 appearances for the Club.

He scored a try in the last game at Central Park and also scored the first ever try at the DW Stadium (formerly JJB Stadium).

His coaching career began when he was caretaker Coach for the Warriors, spanning 38 games in 2004 and 2005. From there, he spent eight years with Widnes, Coaching over 200 games for The Vikings. Betts also coached on the International stage for England, alongside Wayne Bennett as an assistant Coach. Most recently, Betts spent three-years as Head Coach of Championship outfit Newcastle Thunder. Betts re-joins Wigan Warriors with a wealth of experience as both a player and a coach. Having served the Warriors twice as a player, gaining international honours, playing in Australia and gaining significant coaching experience across both codes, Betts is the ideal candidate to drive forward an ambitious plan to develop the Women & Girls pathway.



MIA ATHERTON

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre/Second Row

Date of Birth: 08/04/2005

Heritage Number: N/A

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Swinton Lions

Wigan Debut: N/A

Mia has impressed through the Warriors Academy and is now ready to make her break into the first team.

She made her England debut for the England Community Lions against Serbia where she scored a try.

At the Warriors Academy End of Season Awards she was named Players' Player of the Year and Academy Player of Steel.



GRACE BANKS

Shirt Number:

Position: Half Back

Date of Birth: 21/09/2005

Heritage Number: 73

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Leigh Miners Rangers

Wigan Debut: vs Warrington Wolves (A), 22-22 at Victoria Park, 16/04/23 Super League

Grace represented Wigan Academy and the first team in 2023.

She was instrumental in the Academy's thrashing of Warrington Wolves where she scored a hat-trick.

She also scored a memorable long-range try against St Helens in her first Derby experience.

Her biggest game yet was the Challenge Cup Semi Final against Leeds Rhinos last season.

She has represented England at three levels; DiSE, Students and Community Lions.

Grace was part of the England Students team that won the RFL President's Cup against UKCAF in June 2023, scoring two tries.



SARAH BARDSLEY

Shirt Number:

Position: Forward/Second Row

Date of Birth: 20/03/1990

Heritage Number: 76

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Rochdale Mayfield

Wigan Debut: vs Leeds Rhinos (H), lost 0-52 at Robin Park Arena, 09/07/23, Super League

Bardsley is the daughter of James (Jim) Molyneux, Wigan heritage number 667 and younger sister of Victoria Molyneux, Women's heritage number 029.

She represented Rochdale at the Greater Manchester Youth Games as youngster before joining Hillside Hawks girls team aged 11 and represented Lancashire as a junior at U14 and U16s.

After a long break, Bardsley then Registered with Rochdale Mayfield Women's team in September 2022 and joined Wigan for the 2023 season where she featured in the Nines Tournament before debuting midway through the season, going on to make 7 appearances.



ALISON BURROWS

Shirt Number:

Position: Scrum Half

Date of Birth: 29/09/1993

Heritage Number: 15

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Sefton RUFC

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (H), won 54-0 at Robin Park, 15/04/18, Super League

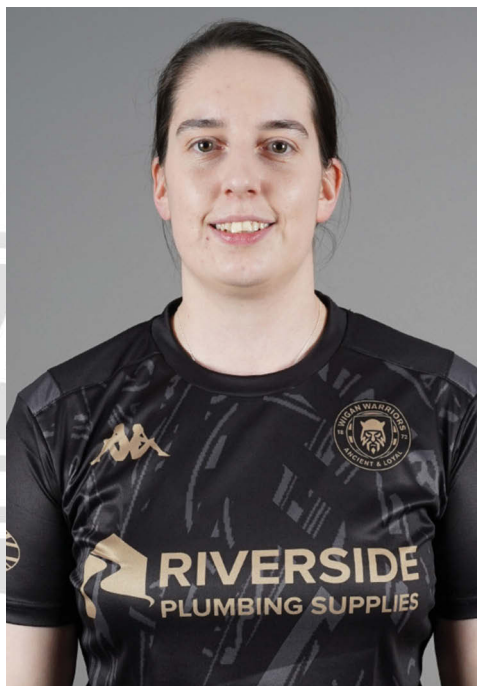
Honours: Super League Grand Final 2018

Alison was part of the inaugural Women's squad and went on to win the Super League Grand Final in 2018.

In her second season, where she played as a winger, at the Club she was Top Try Scorer with 10.

In 2021, Burrows made the switch into the halves but her season was cut short with a knee injury which saw her sidelined for the majority of the 2022 season.

She returned to the field in 2023 but once again suffered a knee injury late in the season.



MARY COLEMAN

Shirt Number:

Position: Back Row

Date of Birth: 04/02/1998

Heritage Number: 64

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Preston Grasshoppers

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (A), lost 12-10 at Millennium Stadium, 10/04/22, Challenge Cup Quarter Final.

Mary represented Kent County in both Rugby Union and Athletics before switching codes.

During her time at University, Coleman also earned three full Cambridge Blues in Rugby Union.

She has represented England Knights since 2022 as she was selected for the Knights Performance Squad.



ELLIE COSTELLO

Shirt Number:

Position: Half Back/Scrum Half

Date of Birth: 09/02/2000

Heritage Number: 54

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Wigan Touch Warriors

Wigan Debut: vs Bradford Bulls (A), won 6-44 at Horsfall Stadium, 20/03/22, Challenge Cup Group Stage.

Ellie has represented England Touch for Under 18s and at Open Age.

Costello made four appearances for Wigan in 2022, before suffering a long-term knee injury.

The half then suffered a recurrence of the injury and missed out on the 2023 season.



ANNA DAVIES

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre

Date of Birth: 02/05/1995

Heritage Number: 42

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Bath (Rugby Union)

Wigan Debut: vs Warrington Wolves (H*), won 52-8 at Victoria Park, 18/04/21, Super League

Before starting Rugby League, Anna had played Rugby Union up until 2019.

She played for the Team GB Teachers, making her debut against UKAF and Wales in October 2019 and in the 2022 RFL President's Cup.

Anna was Wigan's leading try scorer in 2023 with 9.

She earned her first call up to the England Performance Squad in 2023.



SINEAD DORIA

Shirt Number:

Position: Half

Date of Birth: 30/05/1994

Heritage Number: 61

Sponsored By:

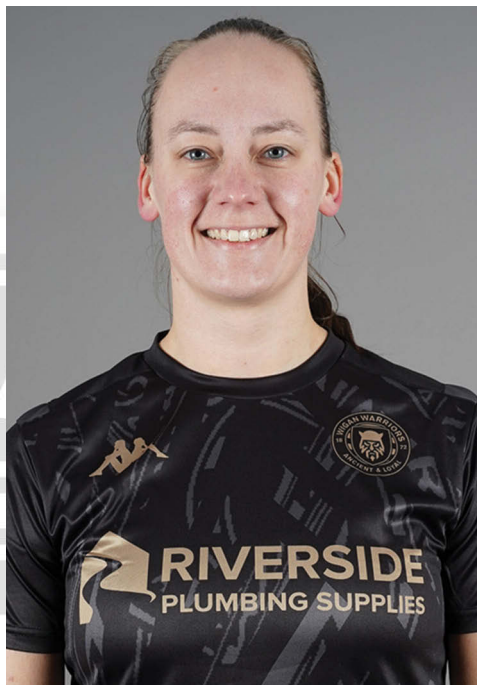
Previous Club: Preston Grasshoppers (Union)

Wigan Debut: vs Dewsbury Moor (H), won 62-0 at Robin Park Arena, 27/03/22, Challenge Cup Group Stage

Sinead originally played football for Blackpool Women, where she was Captain, until 2014.

She then played Rugby Union until 2022, most recently at Preston Grasshoppers, when she switched codes to join Wigan.

In her debut season she made nine appearances and kicked three goals, with a further six appearances in 2023 (1 Try, 5 Goals).



ELLISE DERBYSHIRE

Shirt Number:

Position: Outside Back

Date of Birth: 04/02/2005

Heritage Number:

Sponsored by:

Previous Club: Leigh Leopards

Wigan Debut:

Derbyshire has represented local Community Clubs Ince Rose Bridge and Leigh Miners at junior level.

She won the Woman of Steel award during her time at Leigh Miners and was named Young Player of the Year at the Leopards in her first Super League Season.

Derbyshire prides herself on being a versatile player, able to play in the outside backs but also at loose forward.

Most recently, Ellise was part of the England DiSE team who faced Catalan u19s in September 2023.



EMMA DWYER

Shirt Number:

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 11/02/1997

Heritage Number: 9

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Wigan St Patricks ARLFC

Wigan Debut: Featherstone Rovers (H), won 54-0 at Robin Park Arena, 15/04/18, Super League

Dwyer is one of the remaining names from the inaugural 2018 team.

She has remained a consistent name on the team sheet each season since.

She scored her first, and so far only try in Cherry & White against Huddersfield Giants in 2022.

Currently, Dwyer needs just one appearance for the Club to reach 50.



KERRIE EVANS

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre/Wing

Date of Birth: 28/11/2003

Heritage Number: 62

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Thatto Heath Crusaders

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (A), lost 12-10 at Millennium Stadium, 10/04/22, Challenge Cup Quarter Final

Before joining Wigan, she represented Thatto Heath in the National Cup Final.

In her debut season, she made five appearances for Wigan, scoring on her debut against Featherstone Rovers in a gutsy performance on the wing.

In 2023, she was a key player in Wigan's 'Nines' Tournament which saw them finish runners-up to Leeds Rhinos.



JADE GREGORY-HASELDEN

Shirt Number:

Position: Forward

Date of Birth: 26/03/1995

Heritage Number: 19

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Bangor University (Rugby Union)

Wigan Debut: vs Leeds Rhinos (H), lost 8-26 at Robin Park, 15/07/2018, Challenge Cup

Before switching to Rugby League in 2018, she was part of the University of York's winning side who defeated University of Lancaster in the Roses Tournament.

Jade is one of the remaining names from the inaugural Women's team from 2018.

The prop forward has gone on to make 39 appearances since then, getting her first try in the 2021 season.

A hip injury saw Gregory-Haselden sidelined for the 2023 season but looks set to make a return in 2024.



OLIVIA HARBOROW

Shirt Number:

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 20/09/2000

Heritage Number: 59

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Wigan Touch Warriors

Wigan Debut: vs York City Knights (H), lost 0-46 at Robin Park Arena, 26/06/22, Super League

Harborow has played both International Netball and Touch Rugby, playing in the Middle East and the UK.

Harborow previously represented Wigan Warriors Touch, winning the National touch series in 2021 and receiving female Coaches Player of the Year.

Heritage number 059, Harborow made her full debut for the Warriors against York City Knights in March 2022, a season where she featured for both the Women's Elite Touch squad and the Women's first team.

In the first team, Harborow made 2 appearances in 2022, also featuring for Orrell St James on dual registration and a further five appearances in 2023.

Away from Rugby League, Harborow is a Director of Sports Strategy Company, 'Global-13'.



BETHANY HAYES

Shirt Number:

Position: Prop/Half Back

Date of Birth: 03/01/2003

Heritage Number: 51

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Orrell St James

Wigan Debut: vs York Valkyrie (H), lost 6-20 at Robin Park Arena, 05/09/21, Super League Play Offs

Hayes joined the first team whilst also playing in the Warriors Academy set-up.

After 3 appearances in her debut season, she has become a more frequent name on the team sheet over the last two seasons.

In 2023, Hayes had her best score return with three tries. Hayes was part of the winning team for England Knights at the RFL President's Cup against UKCAF in June 2023.

2024 will be the prop forwards' fourth season with the Club.



KAITLIN HILTON

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre

Date of Birth: 03/01/2004

Heritage Number: 48

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Orrell St James

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (A), won 10-36 at Millennium Stadium, 04/07/21, Super League

Hilton was awarded Young Player of the Year in 2021 after a courageous debut season in Cherry & White. Kaitlin has represented England at three levels; DiSE, Students and Knights.

In 2021, 2022 and 2023 Hilton represented both Wigan Warriors first team and Academy, captaining the Academy side against St Helens.

Her most memorable game so far was for England Knights vs Cook Islands for the 2022 World Cup warm up game in October.

She also represented Lancashire in the Origin games where she was selected as part of the 41 Performance Squad this year.

In 2023, she was an ever-present and made 17 appearances, crossing for five tries.



EVA HUNTER

Shirt Number:

Position: Second Row

Date of Birth: 16/07/2005

Heritage Number: 71

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Orrell St James

Wigan Debut: vs Huddersfield Giants (H), won 42-4 at Robin Park, 07/08/22, Super League

Eva has represented England DiSE, England Students & England Knights.

She was named Academy Player of the Year in 2022 and went on to have a spectacular first full season for the First Team in 2023, earning Young Player of the Year in 2023.



LUCY JOHNSON

Shirt Number:

Position: Prop

Date of Birth: 13/05/2005

Heritage Number: 74

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Leigh Miners Rangers RLA

Wigan Debut: vs Warrington Wolves (A), 22-22 at Victoria Park, 16/04/23, Super League

Johnson was promoted from the Warriors Academy into the first team for the 2023 season, where she went on to make 14 appearances for the Club.

Lucy was part of the team who played in the Challenge Cup Semi Final against Leeds Rhinos in 2023.

She was also part of the England DiSE team who faced Catalan u19s in September 2023.



MOLLY JONES

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre

Date of Birth: 30/09/2004

Heritage Number: 67

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Orrell St James'

Wigan Debut: Huddersfield Giants (H), won 42-4 at Robin Park, 07/08/22, Super League

Molly has represented England in three teams; DiSE, Students and Knights.

She has progressed from Wigan Warriors Academy through to the first team and is now a consistent starter in the team.

A versatile player in the back row, she can play at full-back, wing and centre.



EMMA KNOWLES

Shirt Number:

Position: Half Back

Date of Birth: 10/11/2005

Heritage Number: N/A

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Leigh Leopards

Wigan Debut:

Knowles represented Wigan Warriors Academy in 2022, before experiencing her first year in Super League, playing scrum half at Leigh Leopards in 2023.

She represented Lancashire in 2020 and 2022 and is part of the England DiSE set-up.



CARYS MARSH

Shirt Number:

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 14/09/1997

Heritage Number: 28

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: St Helens

Wigan Debut: vs St Helens (H), lost 4-6 at Robin Park, 07/04/19, Super League

Marsh joined Wigan Warriors Women from rivals St Helens ahead of the 2019 campaign.

Carys has represented Wales since 2021, playing against England and Ireland that same year.

She recently played in the historic first ever match against France in Carcassonne.

Naturally a hooker, Marsh spent the majority of the 2022 season playing out of position in the halves where she played every game and scored three tries.

Away from Wigan, Marsh has also represented Tropics in the Rugby 7s all over the World.



CAILEY MILLER

Shirt Number:

Position: Winger

Date of Birth: 19/09/2001

Heritage Number: 75

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Leigh RUFC

Wigan Debut: vs Huddersfield Giants (A), won 20-30 at Huddersfield Laund Hill, 28/05/23, Super League

Cailey has represented Lancashire from Under 15's all the way to Open Age.

Upon joining Wigan in 2022, she suffered an ACL injury which kept her sidelined until a long awaited debut in May 2023.

Her debut season saw her cross for two tries in five appearances.

Away from Rugby League, Miller is a talented engineer and in 2022 was named The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Engineering Apprentice of the Year.



VICTORIA MOLYNEUX

Shirt Number:

Position: Second Row/Loose Forward

Date of Birth: 03/02/1988

Heritage Number: 29

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Hillside Hawks

Wigan Debut: vs St Helens (H), lost 4-6 at Robin Park, 07/04/19, Super League

Molyneux is the daughter of James (Jim) Molyneux, Wigan heritage number 667. Her Rugby League career stems back to aged ten where she represented a boys team from Rochdale before joining Hillside Hawks girls.

She was part of the first ever England team that faced France, and holds England heritage number three.

Molyneux was captain of the Team GB Teachers squad in 2019, seeing the side to victory in their two games that year.

She was also named vice-Captain for the Warriors ahead of the 2021 season.

Victoria became the first female player to be inducted in the Wigan Warriors Hall of Fame.

She also received the RFL President's Award in January this year.



Internationally, she was the most capped player in the World Cup 2021 for England and retired from the International stage at the end of 2023.

JODIE MORRIS

Shirt Number:

Position: Loose Forward/Prop

Date of Birth: 04/10/2004

Heritage Number: 57

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Wigan St Patricks ARLFC

Wigan Debut: vs Bradford Bulls (A), won 6-44 at Horsfall Stadium, 20/03/22, Challenge Cup Group Stage

Morris has progressed through the Warriors Academy.

She made her first team debut at the start of 2022 and has been an important squad player across the past two seasons.

Morris is one of Wigan's numerous kickers from the tee.



ABBIE SINGLETON

Shirt Number:

Position: Hooker

Date of Birth: 19/07/2004

Heritage Number: 63

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Thatto Heath Crusaders

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (A), lost 12-10 at Millennium Stadium, 10/04/22, Challenge Cup Quarter Final

Singleton has previously been part of St Helens Darts Academy and was scouted to play for Merseyside County youth darts team. She also took part in a charity darts match, paired with Alan Tabern to play against Johnny Vegas and Paul Wellens, Abbie won with a double 10.

Before making her switch in codes, Abbie represented Lancashire at Under 15's and Under 18's level.

She has regularly featured for the Warriors Academy, even captaining the side against Leeds. Rhinos.

She made 9 first team appearances in 2022, before an injury saw her out of the side in 2023.



RUTH THOMAS

Shirt Number:

Position: Winger/Fullback

Date of Birth: 28/02/1998

Heritage Number: 53

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Southport Rugby Union

Wigan Debut: vs Bradford Bulls (A), won 6-44 at Horsfall Stadium, 20/03/22, Challenge Cup Group Stage

Ruth originally played football for Merseyrail Bootle Ladies and Southport Rugby Union before switching codes and joining the Warriors.

Her debut came in the Challenge Cup in 2022, but the outside back suffered a broken leg against Dewsbury Moor at Robin Park Arena which saw her on the sidelines for the 2023 season.



RACHEL THOMPSON

Shirt Number:

Position: Centre/Loose Forward/Half Back

Date of Birth: 26/01/1995

Heritage Number: 13

Sponsored By:

Previous Club: Thatto Heath

Wigan Debut: vs Featherstone Rovers (H), won 54-0 at Robin Park, 15/04/18, Super League

Honours: Super League Grand Final 2018

Rachel was the first player to sign for the Women's team.

In her debut season, she scored 16 tries in 17 appearances and won the Super League Grand Final against Leeds and became the first Wigan player to score a hat-trick in a Grand Final.

The centre also has three England caps, representing the Lionesses in their 2019 trip to Tonga.

In 2020, she was named Captain of the Women's team though the team were unable to play due to Covid restrictions.

In September 2021, she was forced off the field after suffering injuries to her ACL, MCL and LCL and missed the 2022 season before returning to action in 2023.



WARRIORS WOMEN BACKROOM STAFF

DENIS BETTS
Head Coach

KIRSTY CREHAN
Assistant Coach

CHRIS MUGAN
Assistant Coach

KEIRON AINSCOUGH
Physiotherapist

AMY TURNBULL
Assistant Physiotherapist

TOM DERBYSHIRE
Assistant Physiotherapist

DARREN MARSH
Strength, Conditioning and Nutrition

GEMMA HUNTER
Team Manager

ANDREA MURRAY
Kit Manager and Logistics

CHARLOTTE FLETCHER
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Media Assistant

WIGAN WARRIORS WHEELCHAIR

With Women's and Inclusivity Rugby League making huge strides forward in recent years, professional clubs were now starting to look to include these teams within their roster. Wigan Warriors were no different and it was this that led to the formation of our own Wheelchair team.

After approaching Phil Roberts, the Player/Coach of Leyland Warriors, late in 2021, it was clear to see that the desire to have a Wigan Warriors Wheelchair team was mutual. From there, the club moved quickly to secure the services of Phil, and with the opportunity to play for the Cherry & Whites for a number of fans and season ticket holders, the majority of the players

also made the switch.

Having started their training sessions at Standish High School early in 2022, the team travelled to face Warrington Wolves in a pre season friendly for their first ever game on Sunday 20th February. Initially going 4-0 down, it was Jack Heggie who scored the first points for the new team and put his name in the record books. On the back of a hugely convincing performance, Wigan finished by scoring 100 points, with 5 tries apiece for Heggie and Dec Roberts, whilst conceding just 26.

That victory gave the team real confidence going into the new Wheelchair Super League, with fixtures



against London Roosters, Warrington Wolves, Halifax Panthers, Leeds Rhinos, North Wales Crusaders, and Hull FC to come. The schedule had all teams playing each other once, before a Top 4 and Bottom 3 split. Wigan finished phase 1 in second place, just a point behind Halifax Panthers, with a record of 4 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss. After the split, it was Home and Away fixtures vs Halifax, Leeds, and London, but with 3 wins and 3 defeats, Wigan only finished third. This then led to a loss to Halifax in the play offs before the Panthers went on to beat Leeds Rhinos in the Grand Final.

Once the domestic season had come to a conclusion, the RLWC2021 was to follow, with numerous Warriors players earning international call ups.

England - Adam Rigby, Dec Roberts

Ireland - Phil Roberts

USA - Matt Wooloff

Wales - Mark Williams

Having played their part along the way, Adam and Dec finished the tournament with winners medals and some new found fame to take back to their club.

At the start of 2023, due to having excellent numbers at training, the club decided to enter an A team into the Wheelchair Championship, meaning we were the first club to have two competitive teams within the divisional structure. This was the start of a what turned out to be a very commanding season for the club.

The first team started the season with a 59-45 victory over reigning champions Halifax Panthers, whilst the newly formed A team hit the road to take on North Wales Crusaders, ending in an encouraging 68-54 defeat.

For the first half of the season, the teams had contrasting results, the first team not being able to maintain their start, whilst the A team went from strength to strength with wins over Sheffield Eagles, Bradford Bulls, Rochdale Hornets, and Mersey Storm. This putting them second in the table, only NWC having a better start. The confidence that came from such a good start was the key to the progress within the team, as there was no predetermined end goal in their first season.

Whilst the A team form continued, the tide also turned for the Super League team. With only 2 wins from the opening 6 games, they went on to record 3 victories

in the remaining 4 games to seal a third place finish. With the exception of NWC, the Championship side went on to beat all comers and finished in the top 2. In the play offs, the A team defeated Sheffield Eagles to secure their place in the Grand Final at the first time of asking, whilst the Super League side had to make the long journey down to the capital to face London Roosters, a side that had beaten them twice in the league this season so far. Defeating the Roosters 43-34 was a huge shock, to everyone outside of the Wigan camp, but it now set up a double header for the teams in the Grand Finals on Sunday 15th October. On Grand Final day, the A team were first up and with NWC being the only team to have beaten them during the regular season, we knew it was going to be tough, but the confidence was high. A thrilling game saw the Warriors have the lead for the majority of the game, but a strong performance by the favourites after the break brought them right back into it and they took control late on. An 18 point deficit with 10 minutes to go was a mountain to climb, but one last push, led by Player/Coach Chris Greenhalgh, Nathan Roberts, and Mark Williams, the team were able to reduce that to just 4 points by the final whistle. Despite the defeat, to have had such a successful season, culminating in a narrow loss in the Grand Final, the A team were encouraged to be proud of their efforts and to use that as motivation going into next season.

Looking to go one step further, the first team went into their final as underdogs, just as they had in the Semi Final, but the desire to achieve success was there for all to see. After an outstanding 60 minutes, it looked like the team were well on their way to glory, but Leeds Rhinos came back to not only challenge for the lead, but to hit the front with just 10 minutes left on the clock. Was this where Wigan faltered and it was going to be two GF defeats on the same day? It was a resounding no from those in Cherry & White, with Heggie, Roberts, and Martin Lane involved with the last two tries that turned Wigan into Champions. Having taken a newly formed team to the Grand Final in just two seasons could be considered a huge success, but to then field a second team and then take them to the GF in their first season was unprecedented. The coaches, players, and volunteers within the Wheelchair team are fully deserving of the praise heaped on them. The challenge now is repeating and improving on that success in 2024 and future seasons.

WHEELCHAIR PLAYER PROFILES



ADAM RIGBY

Date of Birth: 03/07/96

Birthplace: Wigan

Started Playing Wheelchair RL: 2007

Honours: Won 2 World Cups and Runner Up in 1.
2023 SL Grand Final Winner.

Ambition: To continue playing at a competitive level and see the sport progress.

Outside RL: Work for the Ambulance Service.



CHRIS GREENHALGH

Date of Birth: 25/07/87

Birthplace: Bolton

Started Playing Wheelchair RL: 2012

Honours: Played for England between 2012 and 2014, including 2 tries in 2013 World Cup Final.
2023 Championship Runner Up.
2023 SL Grand Final Winner (unused sub).

Ambition: To lead Wigan to more success both as a player and coach.

Outside RL: I am a season ticket holder for BWFC and have been for 30 years, and love nothing more than spending time with my little girl and my dogs.

Other Achievements: Played in 3 World Cups in 3 different sports.



DANIEL DUTSON

Date of Birth: 20/08/92

Birthplace: Bolton

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2023.

Played the running game since I was 7.

Honours: 2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: Cement starting spot in Championship team and to lift a trophy in Cherry and White.

Outside RL: I watch Wigan and the NRL, plus do plenty of walking with my German Shepherd.



JACK HEGGIE

Date of Birth: 29/06/97

Birthplace: Bolton

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2009

Ambition: Win more trophies with Wigan and develop as a player. Play consistently for England and play in the 2026 World Cup See Harry (my son) play the sport and develop as a player.

Other Achievements: Scored a hat trick of tries in the Semi Final and Grand Final in 2023.



DECLAN ROBERTS

Date of Birth: 27/11/01

Birthplace: Wigan

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2013

Honours: 2014 Grand Final Winner. RLWC2021 Winner.

2023 SL Grand Final Winner.

Ambition: Continue to help grow the sport in the North West and be the best player I can be.

Outside RL: Spend time with my fiancé, work full time, walk my dogs & gaming.



JORDAN BURNS

Date of Birth: 23/08/99

Birthplace: Wigan

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2023

Ambition: To win trophies with Wigan.

Outside RL: I volunteer for a charity and talk in schools about disability.



HEATHER ROBINSON

Date of Birth: 23/04/85

Birthplace: Salford

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Honours: First female to play for Wigan Warriors Wheelchair.

Ambition: To represent Wigan consistently and to score my first try! Also to start a team in Germany.

Outside RL: Work - VP of Customer Support for a WiFi company. Hobbies - coach and play PDRL, coach LDSL. Wheelchair adventurer.



LEILA HAMRANG

Date of Birth: 09/04/92

Birthplace: Manchester

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Honours: 2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: Continue learning new skills.

Outside RL: Creator - jewellery/3D printing.



MARK WILLIAMS

Date of Birth: 13/05/77

Birthplace: Bangor

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2014

Honours: Wales - 38 Caps 164 pts (33 T/16 G).

5 Celtic Cups.

2018 Championship Trophy, Shield and Grand Final Winner.

2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: Play in World Cup & European Cup Finals IT Professional.

Outside RL: 6 time top 10 Britain's Strongest disabled man & finished Great North Run 3 times and only person to complete Paras 10 Course in Wheelchair.



NATHAN ROBERTS

Date of Birth: 03/07/09

Birthplace: Wigan **Started playing Wheelchair RL:** 2021 2022

Honours: Wheelchair RL Young Player of the Year nominee.

2023 Championship Runner Up.

2023 Wigan Warriors

Championship Top Try Scorer.

2023 SL Grand Final Winner

(unused sub).

Ambition: Win 2024 Grand Final. Win 2024 Challenge Cup. Become a consistent starter in the SL team.

Outside RL: University student in Physics with Astrophysics.



MARTIN LANE

Date of Birth: 27/10/75

Birthplace: Swindon

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2012

Honours: Captained and played for both England and Wales.

Ambition: Just to keep going as long as I can.

Outside RL: Manage a university digital manufacturing lab (FABLAB).



OLIVER STEELE

Date of Birth: 06/04/18

Birthplace: Liverpool

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Ambition: To play running and wheelchair rugby professionally at Super League level.

Outside RL: Live for Rugby League.

Play for a junior team as well as travelling regularly around the UK and France watching games.

I also likes to swim and to game with his friends online.



MATT WOOLFF



Date of Birth: 06/12/00

Birthplace: Wigan

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2006

Honours: 2014 Grand Final Winner.

2017 North League Grand Final

Winner.

2018 Championship 1 Winner.

2021 Super League Runner Up.

2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: Consolidate my place in the team, be a good team mate and person, enjoy my rugby with this team and win trophies for Wigan.



ROB GREGSON

Date of Birth: 09/12/78

Birthplace: Chorley

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Honours: 2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: To continue to improve as a player and to help grow the sport.

Outside RL: Work as a Funeral Director.



TOBY BURTON-CARTER

Date of Birth: 06/01/82

Birthplace: Ely, Cambridgeshire

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2020

Honours: Competed for Ireland in RLWC2021.

Former Captain and record points scorer for Warrington Wolves.

Ambition: To play for as long as possible then progress into coaching or community programmes around Rugby League.

Outside RL: Work full time, avid Gamer and being active. Military Veteran, mental health first aider, enhanced DBS.



SHAUN GASH

Date of Birth: 19/12/74

Birthplace: Mtarfa, Malta

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2019

Ambition: To play as long as I can.

Outside RL: Wheelchair basketball, scuba dive. Work full time for wheelchair company RgK.



TOM WELCH

Date of Birth: 04/05/95

Birthplace: Lancashire

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Honours: 2023 Championship Runner Up.

Ambition: To make SL debut and push for trophies with Wigan.

Outside RL: Clay pigeon shooting, fishing, spending time with my family and having a game of darts with a pint!



STEPHEN RIGBY

Date of Birth: 12/09/65

Birthplace: Wigan

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2005

Ambition: Rugby League Pioneer Initially started playing alongside my son Adam Rigby, still play when health permits as I love the game so much.

Outside RL: I enjoy watching rugby live/or on tv, going on holiday, spending time with family and team mates.



WES THOMASON

Date of Birth: 17/02/94

Birthplace: Wigan

Started playing Wheelchair RL: 2022

Honours: 2023 Championship Runner Up.

Representing Wigan Warriors in the Super League and coming runners up in the Championship Grand Final and getting a medal was an honour.



PAST PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

As Chairperson of the Past Players Association, I would again like to thank all those former players who have supported me and the committee in attending several events during the 2023 season.

I would also take this opportunity to thank our previous Chairman Mr. Ian Lenagan for his continued support of the players' association during his tenure and look forward to engaging with our new owner Mr. Mike Danson and Chairman Professor Chris Brookes.

However, it is with sadness and regret that I open my media, past players, notes in paying tribute to the association's former Chairperson Ken Holgate who passed away earlier this year. Ken was a stalwart of the players' association for many years and was a true gentleman. He was a tremendous aid to me personally when I was asked to take over the role of Chairperson due to his ill health and I cannot thank him enough for his assistance and encouragement something I will always be grateful for R.I.P Ken. In addition as a group, we have lost some dear friends and colleagues in 2023, who have been remembered at our functions, and I would like to express my condolences to all their family and friends as they will never be forgotten.

As the 2024 Super League season approaches I have reflected on the success of 2023 from both a club perspective and the Past Players Association with some notable achievements –

From a club perspective, the 2023 season was a major success for Wigan Warriors and Coach Matt Peet as the club lifted the League Leaders Shield and the Grand Final Trophy following on from the Challenge Cup in 2022. The Reserves won their Grand Final, with the Wheelchair team adding more silverware winning the Wheelchair Grand Final, a journey that many of the past players were privileged to be involved with. From a past player's viewpoint, newly appointed CEO Kris Radlinski, Leadership Management Director Shaun Wane, and Head Coach Matt Peet, continue to share their thoughts on how we can maintain our engagement with the Past Players and build on the successes over the last few years.

This support has been evident with the transformation of the 1872 lounge in Robin Park which is a welcome compliment to many former players who have worn the cherry and white jersey with pride featuring the legendary Billy Boston's famous Central Park tunnel picture encapsulated by many action photos from several eras, the published books by Richard de la Riviere - 50 Wigan Legends in their own words, the Wigan Warriors in the Sumer Era and of course the Heritage game success vs Warrington on 14th July 2023.

Our players association has formed some strong relationships with other Super League clubs in 2023 receiving invites from Salford and Warrington former players associations which we hope will strengthen and continue in 2024.

As an association, we currently have a database of 170 members

many of whom are seen regularly attending home games at the DW Stadium, the Heritage game previously mentioned being the highlight of the past player's season with Sky Sports featuring the likes of Scott Quinell and many more taking their place in the pre-match guard of honour.

It was also a pleasure to pay tribute in the Warrington match programme to Bernard McGurrin who turned 90 on 12th July 2023, and to my knowledge is still the oldest surviving former Wigan player.

Unfortunately (although there are no complaints) owing to the club's success we were unable to follow on from the inaugural dinner held at Standish Social Club in 2022 due to on-the-field achievements however, this is something that we look to address in 2024.



Keith Sutch

So as we look forward to 2024 It is my understanding that the club will again invite and welcome all former players to use the training facilities within our Matrix gym at Robin Park Arena regularly, have Breakfast with the First Team squad, attend First Team training sessions, and provide match day tickets for Super League fixtures, with the annual Heritage game to be arranged.

Then of course there is the small encounter with Penrith Panthers in the World Club Challenge in February which again I understand the club is discussing several options to involve as many of the past players as possible, especially those who played in the 1991 game at Anfield.

As I have mentioned on many occasions the aim of the P.P.A. is not to count how many medals, trophies, and caps have been won as players but to establish old friendships with those colleagues you have not seen for many years and rebuild that comradeship which I hope we can continue in 2024.

The association is run on your behalf by the past players' committee, and to quote Shaun Wane, we want your past player's group to be the best it can be, with your help and support there is no reason why we can't progress, and strive to be the best.

From a personal point of view, it has again been a privilege to meet so many former players whom as a Wigan fan I have idolised, and to see their friendships restored with teammates they have not seen for several years is quite overwhelming. Once again I take this opportunity to thank the P.P.A committee for their continued support and hard work over the 2023 season.

As Chairperson of the P.P.A. I intend to continue to ensure that former players donning the famous cherry and white jersey are remembered for their achievements on the rugby field irrespective of whether they made one appearance or 300 they have one thing in common "They All Played for Wigan"

I would also encourage any former players to contact the P.P.A. if they wish to join and request their player's card via sutch1961@outlook.com.

I look forward to meeting up with you all again in 2024.

**Regards
Keith Sutch**

WIGAN WARRIORS MEDIA TEAM

STEWART FRODSHAM

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Stewart has been involved with Wigan Warriors since 2000, eventually making the full time leap in 2014 after numerous part-time roles. Starting off as Match Day Presenter alongside his full time role as a professional DJ, he began managing the clubs website in 2003 and was there right at the start of the content era as Wigan because one of the first club's to leverage video content. He also presented on 102.4 Wish Fm being involved in the launch of the Super League Phone In, presenting the Evening Show, Weekend Breakfast and also Saturday Sport. In 2007, he began working for Wigan Athletic spending eight seasons in the media department working under managers Chris Hutchings, Steve Bruce, Roberto Martinez, Owen Coyle and Uwe Rosler before making the full time switch to Warriors in 2014. Since 2014, he has been responsible for the growth of Wigan TV and now heads up our overall media, content and marketing operations.

CHARLOTTE FLETCHER

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A graduate of University of Central Lancashire in Journalism, Charlotte has been a part of the media team at the Club since 2015, where she assisted in matchday content voluntarily before starting full time in September 2021. Charlotte oversees social media content as well as the Club website, and is also the media officer for the Wigan Warriors Betfred Women's Super League team. Away from the Club, Charlotte is also the media officer for Ireland Rugby League's Women's team.

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Victoria works across the first team and the community side of the club, filming, planning, editing

and creating video content for socials as well as heading up the tiktok account. (Video and Community Content Producer). Victoria has been at the club for 3 years. She started off voluntary and worked through a number of roles including community content producer. Victoria studied at the University of Salford at MediaCityUK, graduating with a First Class BA Hons degree in Television and Radio. She previously worked with a number of companies including ITV and Flix Facilities, and also worked on the One Voice, One Love charity concert.

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Thomas joined the Club in May 2023 after graduating from the University of Central Lancashire with a First Class BA Hons degree in Sports Journalism, and in his first season, Thomas was part of the Media Team assisting with the media coverage of the Warriors' League Leaders' Shield and Grand Final successes. Thomas also covered the Reserves and Academy games. Having gained experience volunteering at Sale Sharks and Rochdale Hornets, Thomas, who is in his first full time role in the industry, now assists with creating a variety of content to be used across the Club's social media channels and website.

DAVE SWANTON

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Dave returned to the club in December 2022 to help in the media department as the club prepared for the 2023 season. Dave was Media Manager at Wigan in 1998 and 1999 when the team won the inaugural Grand Final and said goodbye to Central Park. He spent 17 years at Sale Sharks before setting up his own business. Dave better known as 'Swanny' has worked in several sports including cricket with the ECB and Manchester Originals in The Hundred. Along with Club Historian Keith Sutch, Dave recently wrote and compiled the publication 'Wigan Warriors In The Summer Era'.





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