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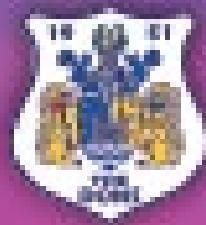
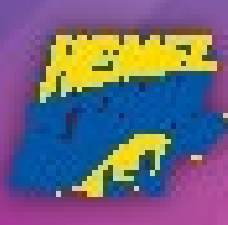
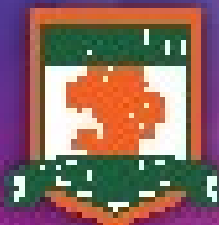
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## **Club Personnel**

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**Head of Medical** - Llyr Lloyd

**Sports Therapist** - Llyr Lloyd

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***Peter Tiffin***  
***Welcomes you to***  
***Stebonheath Park***

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Croeso cynnes I Stebonheath Park heddiw.

Warm welcome to Stebonheath Park today.

It's been a crazy couple of days at the club with 3 games in 8 days and the transfer window closing so it's nice to be back at our home ground for today's fixture against Hunslet. This is a nice month for everyone at the club as all 3 fixtures are at our home ground.

Our last 3 fixtures have been a bit of a rollercoaster, firstly we battled hard against Workington to make it very difficult for them, this gave the whole squad a confidence boost in which they needed. Following this we travelled to Coventry where we never got off the bus and didn't get anything out of the game & our most recent game we took on Hemel and were very unfortunate not to get anything out of the fixture.

Today we welcome Hunslet to our ground for the first time and understand that it will be a very tough battle as they go well in the league.

I would like to thank our match day sponsor Epos till management and hope them and their guests enjoy their day.





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## ***Paul Chambers Talks about steadying the ship until a new voyage begins in 2019.***

On behalf of Wales Rugby League, I am delighted to be supporting the West Wales Raiders and assisting with the coaching of the squad until the end of the season. It has been a tough season to date, as everyone is aware, but the players involved should be as excited by these next few months as the coaching staff and board are. The games are certainly not going to get any easier, but the players now have a clear vision for the future and how they use the remainder of the season will tell us a lot about them, their ability and their character.

The team has produced two of the strongest performances of the season in the last three matches, with us coming close to our first win of the season at Hemel last week. That elusive victory remains firmly in our sights and today sees the club enter a period that sees us playing five of our remaining seven fixtures at home. It would be a great end to the season if we can take advantage of these consecutive home games. We welcome Hunslet to Stebonheath Park this afternoon for today's game.

We would like to thank all our supporters and sponsors for their continued backing of the club.





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***to our head groundsman***

***Eddie Donne***





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# INTERNATIONAL SCENE

THE LATEST NEWS FROM [WWW.WALESRUGBYLEAGUE.CO.UK](http://WWW.WALESRUGBYLEAGUE.CO.UK)



Wales will open the third European Rugby League Youth Championships this Sunday when they take on Ukraine at the Makis stadium in Belgrade, Serbia.

The tournament is an eight-team straight knock-out, but every side will have three matches as there will be consolation play-offs and ranking matches in addition to the semi-finals and final.

All games will be at the same stadium as quadruple headers with further rounds on Wednesday 8th and Saturday 11th August.

New Welsh U19s head coach Anthony Walker, who has had his squad together for a month in preparation, acknowledged that it was a step into the unknown. “We are travelling to Serbia with a squad that we feel can be competitive and in contention for winning the competition,” he noted. “We have a range of players, from regulars in League 1, some from Super League academies and into the community game and nobody is guaranteed a shirt yet.

“We don’t know what to expect from

Ukraine but we can guarantee they will be a big physical side. We want to concentrate on our own performance and to lay a foundation with tough, aggressive defence that teams will find hard to break down.”

WRL would like to thank RAF St Athans for all their help in the lead up to this tournament. They recently had a weekend training camp there (pictured above with Wing Commander Steve Rowley) and Sergeant Rob Simon from the Physical Education Section believes that Wales could go all the way to the Final.

He said: “I thought last week went very well, with the boys getting together and you could feel the excitement building to that first game on Sunday. I really think you have a great opportunity to go out and win it. Pob lwc”

The inaugural European Youth Championships were staged in France in 2006 with Wales finishing fourth and the hosts winning the final in Barcares near Perpignan, sweeping aside England with a side that contained current Catalans Dragons stars,





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Mickael Simon and Vincent Duport.

Two years later, in Prague, and with the age level at U18, Wales were triumphant, defeating France 38-24 in the final with future Super League players and full Wales internationals Dalton Grant, Joe Burke, Rhys Williams and Gil Dudson in their victorious line up.

Wales U19s was formed in 2002 and played for five seasons before restructuring as U18s, at which age level they won the previous European Championship, in Prague in 2008. Since the turn of the century, nearly 30 players have graduated through the junior WRL ranks and gone on to win full caps, including UK Super League players: Ben Evans, Ben Flower, Elliot Kear, Lee Williams, Lloyd White, Michael Channing, Regan Grace, Rhodri Lloyd and Rhys Evans in addition to Grant, Burke, Williams and Dudson.

Tournament Director, Jovan Vujosevic said: "This is an historic moment for the development of the rugby league in Europe. I was involved in both the previous youth tournaments and Tournament Director for the U16 European Championships in 2007 and 2009, and have seen the sport grow at youth level.

"It is a significant moment to see this level return and I anticipate it will be the start of new chapter in European rugby league history and that more nations will join in future. A greater number of youngsters than ever before are playing the sport across Europe and national governing bodies have recognised the need for this level of competition domestically, because these young players are the future."

All matches are being streamed live on Serbian TV at <http://www.sportuzivo.tv/v2/>. Please go to <https://rugbyleagueu19euro.com/fixtures/> for kick-off time updates.

## WALES SQUAD

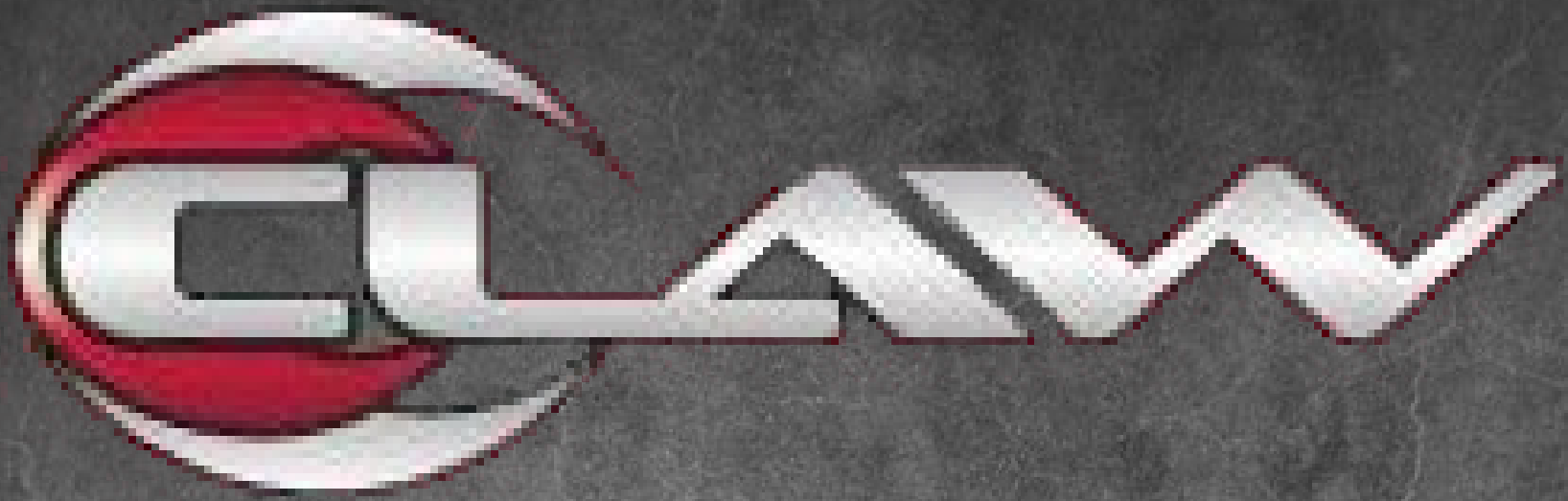
Adam Young (Aber Valley Wolves), Cobi Green (Bradford Bulls), James Bartlett, Jake Cannon, Benjamin Hunter, Morgan Rowlands (Cardiff Blue Dragons), William Lynch (Leigh Miners Rangers), Cai Ellis, James McGurk (Newcastle Thunder), Jacob Hitchcox (North Wales Crusaders), Finlay Swift (Pilkington Recs), Elliot Jenkins (Rochdale Hornets), Matthew Jones, William Mills (Salford Red Devils), Lewis Hall (Warrington Wolves), Macauley Harris, Ellis Simon, James Smith, Fraser Stroud, Aneurin Walker (West Wales Raiders), Billy Glover (Widnes Vikings)

## UKRAINE SQUAD

Anton Bolshakov, Daniel Cervinsky, Evgey Chernykh, Denis Mayorov, Vitaly Puchkov, Anton Pyatnitsky, Andrei Shelepovsky, Kirill Usik (RK, Rivne), Nikita Ivchenko (Legion XIII, Kharkov), Vladimir Brodovsky, Danylo Gapon, Oleg Kuninets, Bogdan Matsyuk, Alexander Petrenko, Maxim Shvets (Sokol, Lviv), Vladislav Rudov, Dmitry Vasilishin (Burevestnik, Khmelnytsky) Lubomyr Beznoschuk, Vladislav Osipov (Stanislaviv, Ivano-Frankivsk), Vitaly Kovach, Alexander Moroz (Zakarp)

Opening fixtures - Quarter-Finals – Sunday 5th August:  
Ukraine v Wales (15:00 UK time)  
Ireland v Scotland  
France v Italy  
Serbia v England.





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# A LOOK AT *THE OPPOSITION*



## ***Hunslet Rugby League FC***

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Did you know? Between 1996 and 2016 the club was known as Hunslet Hawks. In 2017 a fan poll saw the club return to its heritage name Hunslet RLFC.





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Name - Craig Lewis

Age - 31

Hometown - Tredegar

Position - second row

Representative Honours - dragonhearts

Favourite RL Player - sam Burgess

First Car - Vauxhall Astra

Favourite Restaurant - grape and olive

Worst Dressed player - dalton

Biggest Joker in the team - Higgysy

Most intelligent player in the team - sam Baker (van Wilder)

Favourite Film - blood diamond

Who is playing you in the movie about your life? - Adam Sandler

# Q & A...

Name - Luke williams

Age - 21

Hometown - skewen

Position - centre

Representative Honours - wales under 16's and under 19's

Favourite RL Player - Danny houghton

First Car - Renault Clio

Favourite Restaurant - Nando's

Worst Dressed player - Rowland Kaye

Biggest Joker in the team - Higgzy

Most intelligent player in the team - Harry boots

Favourite Film - the business

If someone was to play you in a film about yourself who would it be - Will Smith







# 2018 FIXTURES

## FEBRUARY

18 NEWCASTLE THUNDER (H)

## MAY

6 BRADFORD BULLS (A)

19 OLDHAM (H)

27 HUNSLET (A)

## AUGUST

4 HUNSLET (H)

11 YORK CITY KNIGHTS (H)

18 COVENTRY BEARS (H)



## MARCH

4 DONCASTER (H)

11 WORKINGTON TOWN (A)

25 COVENTRY BEARS (A)

30 NOR. WAL. CRUSADERS (H)

## JUNE

9 HEMEL STAGS (H)

17 KEIGHLEY COUGARS (A)

23 WHITEHAVEN (H)

30 LONDON SKOLARS (H)

## SEPTEMBER

2 NOR. WAL. CRUSADERS (A)

9 BRADFORD BULLS (H)

16 KEIGHLEY COUGARS (H)

23 NEWCASTLE THUNDER (A)



## APRIL

7 LONDON SKOLARS (A)

15 WHITEHAVEN (A)

29 YORK CITY KNIGHTS (A)

## JULY

8 OLDHAM (A)

15 DONCASTER (A)

21 WORKINGTON TOWN (H)

29 HEMEL STAGS (A)

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Llanelli Knights are the brand new amateur side set up to replace the West Wales Raiders in the welsh premier league.

The Llanelli Knights will play and train from a Llanelli based location and will also play a few games as curtain raisers to the West Wales Raiders at Stebonheath Park.

Even though the Raiders have set up the Llanelli Knights not all players will play for the knights if not selected for the raiders. To keep the amateur game strong we want all players to return to their local side.

If anyone would like anymore information please contact us on [info@raidersrugbyleague.co.uk](mailto:info@raidersrugbyleague.co.uk)

## LLANELLI KNIGHTS

### FIXTURES 2018

BRIDGEND BLUE BULLS	AWAY	SATURDAY 12TH MAY
TORFAEN TIGERS	HOME	SATURDAY 19TH MAY
CARDIFF DRAGONS	AWAY	SATURDAY 26TH MAY
VALLEY COUGARS	HOME	SATURDAY 2ND JUNE
WALES RUGBY LEAGUE 9's	TBC	SATURDAY 9TH JUNE
RHONDDA OUTLAWS	HOME	SATURDAY 16TH JUNE
BRIDGEND BLUE BULLS	HOME	SATURDAY 23RD JUNE
TORFAEN TIGERS	AWAY	SATURDAY 30TH JUNE
RHONDDA OUTLAWS	AWAY	SATURDAY 7TH JULY
VALLEY COUGARS	AWAY	SATURDAY 21ST JULY
CARDIFF DRAGONS	HOME	SATURDAY 28TH JULY
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SEMI FINAL PLAY-OFF	TBC	SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST
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GRAND FINALS DAY	TBC	SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST



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5. KURTIS HAILE
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7. CRAIG LEWIS
8. ARCHIE SNOOK
9. RHYS POPE
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13. ALAN POPE
  
14. DEAN HIGGS
15. CRAIG KELLY
16. CONNOR FARRER
17. LIAM SMITH

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9. JACK LEE
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