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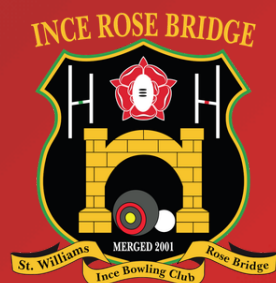
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COMMITTEE COMMENTS

On behalf of everyone at Ince Rose Bridge, a warm welcome is extended to the players, staff, and travelling supporters of Thornhill Trojans for what promises to be a fantastic contest today.

Thornhill arrive from West Yorkshire with a proud heritage, a BARLA National Cup-winning pedigree, and a reputation for uncompromising rugby. Having shared some great battles over the years, we know firsthand the grit and physicality the Trojans bring. Our lads have built brilliant momentum recently, but we are under no illusions about the challenge ahead and will need to be at our clinical best from the first whistle.

To our incredible sponsors, volunteers, and loyal supporters: thank you for your unwavering dedication. You are the backbone of our club and make open-age rugby league at Bridge possible.

May today's game be fought hard, played with mutual respect, and showcase the very best of community rugby league. Good luck to both teams.

Tony Sanby





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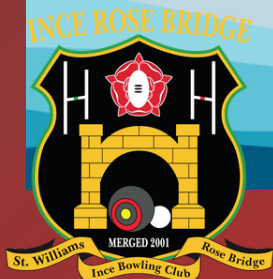
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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

THORNHILL TROJANS

Formed in the rugby league heartland of Dewsbury, Thornhill Trojans are one of the most respected and proud community clubs in the game. Built on deep-rooted West Yorkshire heritage, uncompromising toughness, and community spirit at Overthorpe Park, the Trojans have long been a powerhouse across grassroots rugby league and the National Conference League.

From their earliest days, Thornhill have dedicated themselves to giving local players a stage to compete at the highest amateur level, shaping a club identity defined by relentless grit, work ethic, and fierce ambition.

Over the decades, the Trojans have earned national pedigree, highlighted by their historic BARLA National Cup and Yorkshire Cup triumphs. Central to that sustained success is an exceptional junior setup, which continually develops determined, homegrown talent for their senior ranks and has produced numerous professional players. That focus ensures they remain a physical, fearless, and cohesive outfit every season.

Renowned for their bruising pack, defensive resilience, and clinical play in tight games, Thornhill bring a formidable challenge across the Pennines. Today's fixture promises another ferocious Lancashire versus Yorkshire clash, and we know matching the Trojans requires absolute discipline and intensity across the full eighty minutes.

Well-coached, intensely proud of their roots, and backed by a passionate travelling support, Thornhill Trojans are precisely the caliber of opposition that brings out the very best in Ince Rose Bridge.







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The Challengers: Thornhill Trojans

Hailing from Overthorpe Park in Dewsbury, Thornhill Trojans are steeped in proud West Yorkshire rugby league tradition. Built on working-class grit, local brotherhood, and relentless toughness, the maroon-and-whites have long been one of the heavyweight amateur clubs across Yorkshire, producing elite professionals and earning a reputation for uncompromising rugby.

The Glory Days: The Trojans reached the very peak of the grassroots game when they lifted the prestigious BARLA National Cup in 2000, alongside claiming the Yorkshire Cup and securing promotions across multiple divisions of the National Conference League.

The Clash: Lancashire vs. Yorkshire

Clashes between Ince Rose Bridge and Thornhill Trojans are traditional, no-nonsense cross-Pennine wars where neither side ever gives an inch. Over the years, both clubs have traded fiercely competitive battles in the NCL, with the Trojans always bringing a physical forward pack and resolute defensive line. Today guarantees another fast, high-stakes 80-minute contest between two proud grassroots institutions.



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Player Comments

CRAIG SANBY

INCE ROSE BRIDGE OPEN AGE

It's a privilege to be part of this team, setting the tone and driving our standards every single week. At this stage of the year, games are won on pure grit, discipline, and defensive trust. Working hard without the ball has been our backbone, turning up for your mate, scrambling on our try-line, and winning the contact. When we lock that defensive foundation down, our strike in attack takes care of itself.

We enter today carrying brilliant momentum. Our form in the league over the back end of the season has been outstanding, hitting our stride right when it matters most. Backing that up with a relentless run in the National Cup to book our place in the semi-finals shows the sheer hunger across this squad. But my message to the lads today is clear: zero complacency. Thornhill Trojans are a proud, tough Yorkshire outfit who will test our resolve and scrap for every yard.

The energy in the squad is exceptional. The young lads are buzzing, the leaders are demanding high standards, and every session is competitive. We know what we're capable of, but we respect the Trojans and know nothing will be handed to us on our own patch.

They'll want to disrupt our rhythm, so we must dictate terms from set one. We're focused on delivering a complete eighty-minute display for our home crowd and keeping this winning charge firmly on track.

Craig 'Snake hips' Sanby

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A Team **GAME UPDATE**

Building Momentum down at Bridge

It has been a hugely positive period for the A Team, with the lads consistently showing the quality, commitment, and character we expect down at Bridge.

Our recent battle against Blackbrook A Team was an absolute thriller that showed the enormous heart in this group. It was an end-to-end contest where the boys left everything on the field, defending tough and trading blow for blow against top-tier opposition. To fall on the wrong side of the scoreline with the very last kick of the game was heartbreaking, but the performance itself spoke volumes. The grit, togetherness, and work rate on display proved that we can compete with anyone.

As a coaching staff, we couldn't be prouder of the dedication being shown across the entire squad week in, week out. The effort at training and the hunger to represent the badge on a Saturday has been outstanding.

The culture within the A Team continues to go from strength to strength. It's fantastic to see several old lads returning to the club, bringing valuable experience, leadership, and great energy to the shed. Alongside them, new players coming into the sport have integrated seamlessly, while our young lads are transitioning into the physical demands of Open Age rugby with real maturity. That blend of youth and experience makes the future extremely bright for Bridge.



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Keiron Malone

Everything we have worked for since day one of pre-season comes down to this: Play-Off rugby league at Pinfold Street.

This squad has been outstanding down the back stretch of the year. Reaching the National Cup Semi-Finals and stringing together vital league wins showed what this group can produce under intense pressure. The commitment, the defensive discipline, and the sheer work rate the lads put into every training session has created fantastic momentum, and as a coaching staff, we couldn't ask for a more dedicated group of players.

Now, Game 1 of the Play-Offs is here, and the margin for error is gone. Thornhill Trojans arrive with huge pedigree, and we know exactly what a proud Yorkshire outfit brings to a knockout contest. They are big, uncompromising in the contact, and will relish the chance to spoil our afternoon on our home patch. In games of this magnitude, talent alone doesn't get you over the line, it's won in the tough yards, winning the ruck, and scrambling for each other when your lungs are burning.

We've prepared well, the focus all week has been razor-sharp, and the boys are desperate to take this next massive step together.

To our supporters packing the touchline today, you are our 18th man. When Pinfold Street gets loud, it gives the lads an extra gear. Make your voices heard, back the boys from the first hit, and let's get this Play-Off campaign underway!

Keiron





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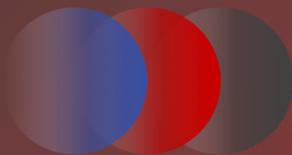


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Sat 14th - Crosfields **AWAY**
Sat 21st - Leigh East **HOME**
Sat 28th - Saddleworth Rangers **AWAY**

July

Sat 4th - Ashton Bears **AWAY**
Sat 11th - Orrell St James **AWAY**
Sat 25th - Clock Face Miners **HOME**

April

Sat 11th - Blackbrook **HOME**
Sat 25th - Woolston Rovers **AWAY**

August

Sat 8th - Crosfields **HOME**
Sat 22nd - Blackbrook **AWAY**

May

Sat 9th - Ashton Bears **HOME**
Sat 16th - Clock Face Miners **AWAY**

June

Sat 6th - Saddleworth Rangers **HOME**
Sat 13th - Leigh East **AWAY**
Sat 27th - Woolston Rovers **HOME**



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National Cup and League Play-Offs

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Vs Clock Face Miners **HOME**
sat 23rd - National Cup Round 2

October

Sat 10th - Play-Off Semi Final
Sat 17th - Play-Off Grand Final
Sat 31st - National Cup Final

July

Sat 18th - National Cup Round 3

August

Sat 1st - National Cup Quarter final
Sat 15th - National Cup Semi Final

September

Sat 5th - Play-Off Round 1
Sat 12th - Play-Off Round 2
Sat 19th - Play-Off Round 3
Sat 26th - Play-Off Quarter Final

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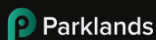
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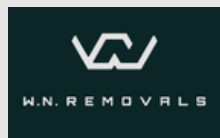


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Spotlight on Ince Rose Bridge Sports and Community Club Rugby Pathways

At Ince Rose Bridge Sports and Community Club, rugby is more than just a game – it's a journey that welcomes everyone, from toddlers taking their first steps onto the pitch to seasoned players who still lace up their boots for the love of the sport. Here's a look at the vital sections that make up our rugby family:

Mini Bridgers – First Steps into Rugby

The Mini Bridgers are our youngest group, introducing children to the basics of rugby through fun, inclusive, and engaging activities. Focused on building confidence, coordination, and social skills, this is where the love for the game begins. It's non-contact, play-focused, and perfect for developing early interest in team sport.

Contact Dean Kenny 07460348497

Ince Rose Bridge Junior Rugby – Growing Through the Game

Our junior teams form the core of the club's player development pathway. Ranging from Under 7s to Under 18s, they learn the values of teamwork, discipline, respect, and perseverance. These squads are coached with an emphasis on skill development, enjoyment, and preparation for the transition into adult rugby. Many of our senior players started right here.

Contact Dean Kenny 07460348497

Rose Bridge Pantheresses – Girls Making Their Mark

The Pantheresses are our dedicated girls' teams, providing a supportive and empowering environment for young women to thrive in rugby. With growing numbers and strong community backing, the Pantheresses are helping to pave the way for girls' rugby in the region, offering a pathway from grassroots to competitive levels in a sport that's becoming more inclusive every year.

Contact Dean Kenny 07460348497

Ince Rose Bridge PDRL – Rugby for All Abilities

Our Physical Disability Rugby League (PDRL) team is a testament to our belief that rugby should be for everyone. Designed for players with physical disabilities, PDRL offers the chance to play competitively while celebrating what players can do. It's an inspiring, high-energy form of the game that promotes inclusion, teamwork, and personal growth.

Contact Scott Winstanley 07973 522351

Open Age Rugby – The Heart of Competitive Rugby

Open Age is where youth development meets senior competition. It's the platform for players aged 18 and above to represent the club at a competitive level, with a strong tradition of pride, resilience, and community spirit. Whether they're lifelong members or new signings, these players embody the strength and identity of Ince Rose Bridge on and off the field. The Open Age squad is a vital link between our junior ranks and our broader ambitions in the rugby league.

Contact Peter Threlfall 07523 852844

Ince Rose Bridge Masters – The Game Never Ends

The Masters team is where the passion for rugby continues well into adulthood. Aimed at players aged 35 and over, Masters Rugby is played in a modified, safer format that allows former players—and even those new to the sport—to keep playing. It's about camaraderie, fitness, and enjoying the sport without the pressures of competition.

Carl Sargent 07453 012817

One Club, Many Paths

From beginners to veterans, girls and boys, players of all abilities and backgrounds – every team at Ince Rose Bridge plays a part in building a strong, inclusive rugby community. We're proud of each group and grateful for the volunteers, coaches, families, and players who make it all happen.

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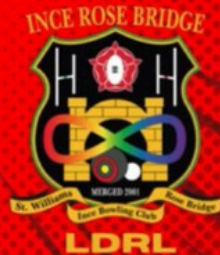
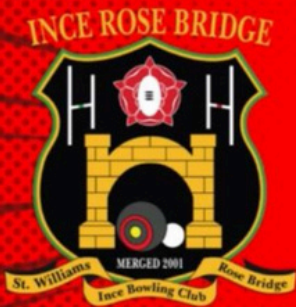


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- LDRL (Learning Disability Rugby League)
- Open Age
- Masters

★ Football Section – Now Recruiting For:

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- Juniors

Whether you're stepping onto the pitch for the first time or you're a seasoned player, there's a place for YOU at Ince Rose Bridge!

Get in contact, and we'll point you in the right direction for the team you require.

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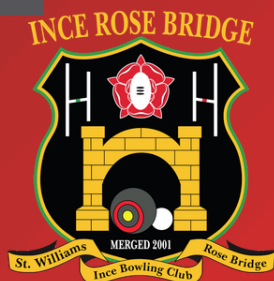


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Highlight on Player, Coaches, Parents and Spectator Conduct



Ince Rose Bridge Sports and Community Club is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment for all members, participants, volunteers, and supporters. As a community-driven organisation, we uphold the values of respect, integrity, and fair play in all aspects of our operations.

We have summarised the key points of Player, Coaches, Parents and Spectator conduct from the main Club Code of Conduct below

Player Conduct:

Respect for All: Treat everyone with dignity and fairness. Avoid discriminatory language and behaviours.

Sportsmanship and Fair Play: Display good sportsmanship on and off the field. Follow rules and accept outcomes graciously.

Positive Communication: Communicate respectfully. Resolve conflicts calmly and avoid negative commentary.

Personal Conduct: Uphold the club's reputation. Refrain from violence, abuse, or illegal substances.

Spectator Conduct:

Respect for All: Treat everyone with dignity and fairness. Avoid discriminatory language and behaviours.

Positive Communication: Communicate respectfully with members, officials, and volunteers.

Personal Conduct: Uphold the club's reputation. Refrain from violence, abuse, or aggressive behaviour.

Coach Conduct:

Role Model: Demonstrate positive behaviour and sportsmanship. Set a good example for players.

Positive Reinforcement: Encourage and support all players. Provide constructive feedback.

Respect for All: Treat all participants, officials, and volunteers with respect. Avoid discriminatory language and behaviours.

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Parent Conduct:

Supportive Behaviour: Encourage and support all players, including opponents. Avoid negative or critical comments.

Respect for All: Treat everyone with dignity and fairness. Avoid discriminatory language and behaviours.

Positive Communication: Communicate respectfully with coaches, officials, and other parents.

Personal Conduct: Uphold the club's reputation. Refrain from violence, abuse, or aggressive behaviour.

Important Notice : Following recent incidents within the game of Amateur Rugby League and Respect and Discipline Updates sent out from the RFL to all clubs, we would like to reiterate we will not tolerate any behaviour that breaches this code. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, including suspension.

Approved by Ince Rose Bridge Sports and Community Club Committee

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