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Dolls Dressed to the Nines

Wakefield Trinity Wildcats popular dancers, the Wildcats Dolls are to perform at this year's prestigious Carnegie Floodlit Nines tournament.

The Dolls will join forces with their Leeds Rhinos counterparts at the August event, to cheer on the 12 participating clubs and discover who will be crowned as rugby league's fastest man.

Sarah Robinson, Community Manager at Wakefield Wildcats explains: "The Dolls are really honoured that they have been asked to be a part of the ever-growing Carnegie Floodlit 9's. It will be great to see so many different teams coming together for this fantastic night and also of course us joining forces with the Rhinos girls to add a bit of 'glamour' to the evenings events!"

The Dolls have been really busy over the Summer Period especially with Camp Dolls running for 2 weeks over the August Holidays. They are also gearing up for the visit of Britain's Got Talent winners, Diversity, to the Belle Vue Stadium on Sunday 16 August to provide the half-time entertainment at the Wildcats v Celtic game. The dancers have also been asked to perform at Xcsape at the Voice of 2009 competition in August, and this weekend are supporting the Help for Heroes Campaign in Pontefract, a cause very close to the girls' hearts

The 'Rugby League's fastest man' competition will be held before the showpiece final of the Carnegie Floodlit nines. Stars from the game including Scott Donald,

Kevin Penny and James Ford will bid to be crowned the quickest player in rugby league. The challenge was devised by the Carnegie Nines organisers, who have partnered with tournament sponsors Carnegie, Northern Rail and Totesport, to bring this exciting event to build on the burgeoning reputation of the Headingley floodlit event. The competitors will line up in full playing kit and sprint 90m along the famous Headingley turf without a ball.

Tickets are on sale now for the Carnegie Floodlit Nines from the Headingley Carnegie ticket office. You can book them in person or by calling 0871 423 1315 or you can buy online 24 hours a day by logging on to www.floodlit9s.co.uk

The 2009 Carnegie Floodlit Nines will host 12 senior teams including six engage Super League clubs. Prior to the showpiece finals there will be a Girls rugby league county game which last year saw a keenly contested game between Yorkshire and Lancashire. The competition will take place on Wednesday August 26 at Headingley Carnegie Stadium. The tournament also revives the tradition of the Headingley 7s, which was staged at Headingley Carnegie Stadium between 1965 and 1978, and provided high-energy league action for fans.

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Totesport has also compiled odds on all of the confirmed competitors for the race to find 'Rugby League's fastest man'

Current odds are:

Kevin Penny 2/1 Warrington Wolves
Scott Donald 4/1 Leeds Rhinos
Dave Halley 9/2 Bradford Bulls & Wales
Peter Fox 5/1 Hull KR & England
Craig Calvert 6/1 Whitehaven and Cumbria
Roy Calvert 6/1 Duhaney Park Sharks & Jamaica
Paul Ballard 8/1 Celtic Crusaders
Luke George 8/1 Wakefield Wildcats
Amos Roberts 12/1 Wigan Warriors

James Ford 12/1 Castleford Tigers
James Nixon 6/1 Barrow & Cumbria

The Carnegie 9s draw in full:

Qualifying Group A: Jamaica, Cumbria RL, Leeds Met Carnegie
Qualifying Group B: Army RL, Royal Navy, Blackpool Panthers

Round 2

Hull FC v Group A winners
Warrington Wolves v Leeds Rhinos
Hull KR v Wakefield Wildcats
Huddersfield Giants v Group B winners

Please see www.floodlit9s.co.uk for ticket info.

Notes for editors:

9s Rugby has a heritage which can be traced as far back as 1883 when the Batley club became the first ever 9s winners in a tournament played in their home town.

Carnegie Floodlit Nines

The Carnegie Floodlit 9s will be a one-day rugby league 9s tournament, which will host 12 senior teams including six engage super league clubs. Preceding the showpiece event, an invitational junior tournament will take place. The competition will take place on Wednesday August 26 at Headingley Carnegie Stadium.

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- The University has achieved its best ever Research Assessment Exercise results. Sports-Related Studies is in the top 6 institutions in the country with research rated at the highest levels of 4* and 3*.
- The University scored highly in the Times Higher's Student Experience and was ranked 2nd in the category 'Good library and library opening hours'.
- Leeds Metropolitan University won the 'Coaching Environment of the Year' award at the sports coach uk 2008 UK Coaching Awards and was announced as the home of the UK Centre for Coaching Excellence.
- The University is home to The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence.
- Leeds Met Carnegie is the primary partner of rugby league's Carnegie Challenge Cup.