



coaching champions matters

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Carnegie coaching champions

Following the success of this year's Olympic Games, Leeds Met Carnegie will play a pivotal role in helping Team GB win more medals by London 2012. Leeds Met struck gold earlier this year when the Minister for Sport announced the University would host The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence, in partnership with sportscoach uk.

Like the Olympics, Leeds Met unites diverse communities, from its own Leeds Met student, Jo Ellis, who competed for Team GB in Beijing, to the 25,000 school boys and girls who took part in this year's Carnegie Champion Schools tournament. The

Year 7 boys finalists, Standish and Pickering High Schools, are playing the curtain raiser to the Carnegie Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

In the third round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Leeds Met's men's rugby league team made history by becoming the first ever student team to play a professional side in the competition. 17 members of the team then went on to represent England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales in the Rugby League Student World Cup in Australia, and four were selected for the World XIII team.

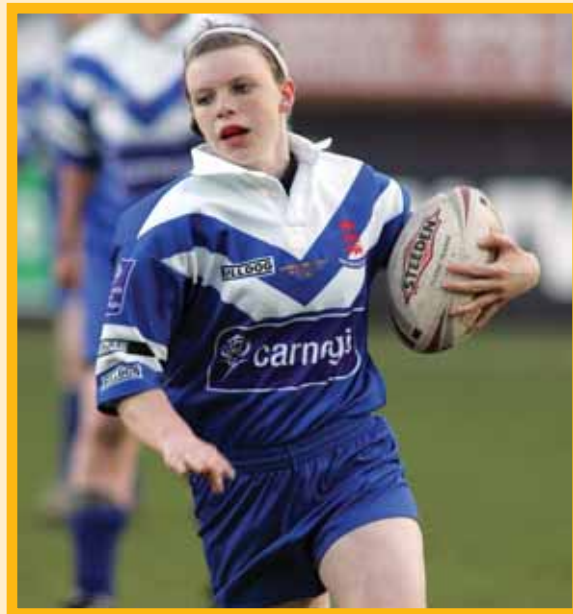
Many of those students returned

from Australia to graduate at the University's Summer Graduation Festival in the same week that sporting greats Hope Powell, Ian Botham and Waisale Serevi were awarded honorary doctorates, joining Haile Gebrselassie as Carnegie Champions.

The Leeds Met rugby league team also took part in the inaugural Carnegie Floodlit Nines at Headingley Carnegie Stadium, where Waisale Serevi made his rugby league debut with the Fiji UK team, and Yorkshire Under-16 Girls played the Northwest in the opening match of the tournament.







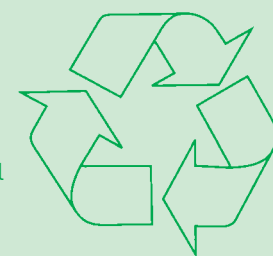


Players and staff from the world rugby league champions, Leeds Rhinos, received degrees in Sport and Exercise Science at Leeds Met's Summer Graduation Festival.

The players have been able to combine their sporting commitments with study due to the unique partnership between the University and Leeds Rugby.

Through its partnership with the RFL, the University continues to champion young people's rugby through the Carnegie Champion Schools tournament.





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