



# There's no stopping Lancaster!

Preston 7 Lancaster 11

The previous week the team had travelled to Preston to face a side that last year had appeared to be on the up with former Lancaster player Paul Howarth in a player coach role.

The first quarter proved a bit of a shock to the home side however as Lancaster attacking what is usually the more difficult shallow end burst into a four goal lead courtesy of efforts from Ellwood (2), Steve Smith and Michael Brown.

The threat continued in the second quarter and Lancaster had scored twice more before two quick responses from Preston's Darragh and Nicholl finally got the home side on the score sheet. And before the half time whistle a further effort from Darragh reduced the deficit even further.

Lancaster responded through Ellwood but Preston fought back and gave themselves renewed hope with a couple of soft goals which should not have found the back of the net. With the quarter heading towards the whistle Sam Smith combined well with Michael Brown and Stef Detko before finding the back of the net to leave Lancaster 8-5 ahead going into the final quarter.

Preston scored again when Lancaster's keeper Sly was excluded for dissent but Ellwood and Sam Liver settled Lancaster's nerves adding two more goals to the tally. Preston managed one more score from Nicholl before Lancaster batted down the hatches with Steve Smith and Rysz Detko and Trafford rounded off the scoring in the final minute.

Team: Z Sly, M Brown, E Trafford, B Walker, Steve Smith, Sam Smith, D Ellwood, R Detko, S Detko, Lawrance Daykin, Sam Liver and Robert Simpson