

## Panthers test for Whitehaven in fourth round

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Whitehaven have been handed a tricky little tie in the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

They must travel to take-on Blackpool Panthers, one of the most improved sides in the lower tier of Rugby League.

While Whitehaven struggled for a long time to master Leigh Miners Rangers in Friday's tie, Blackpool got through on Sunday &ndash; although they trailed 16-12 at half-time in Portsmouth against the Royal Navy.

The Panthers swept through in the second-half, winning 50-16 without conceding a point over the second 40 minutes.

They are in action on Friday night this week in their first Co-operative Championship On game at home to Rochdale Hornets. Whitehaven start their Co-operative Championship season on Saturday at home to Toulouse.

Borrow Raiders have an interesting tie as well, but with a different sort of test as they travel to Castleford Tigers, struggling in Super League with just one win in five games.

Holders Warrington Wolves will begin their defence of the Carnegie Challenge Cup against Co-operative Championship club Featherstone Rovers, who hammered Workington Town 74-0 on Sunday.

.The Wolves, who beat Huddersfield Giants at Wembley last August, will have home advantage in the fourth round on the weekend of April 16-18.

The outstanding tie of the last 32 pits Engage Super League champions Leeds Rhinos against Engage Super League rivals Hull FC at the KC Stadium in a repeat of the 2005 final which was won by the Black and Whites.

&ldquo;It's a tough draw,&rdquo; said Leeds coach Brian McClennan. &ldquo;We'll have to perform very well to beat Hull on their ground.&rdquo;

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The Hull-Leeds tie, which is a repeat of the 1910 final which was won by Leeds, is one of four all-Super League clashes.

Last year's runners-up Huddersfield are at home to Hull Kingston Rovers while Wakefield Trinity Wildcats visit Harlequins RL and Catalans Dragons host Salford City Reds.

Wigan Warriors meet Sheffield Eagles in a repeat of the famous 1998 Wembley final while St Helens, who won the trophy four times in a row up to 2008, are at home to Championship club Toulouse, one of four French clubs in the last 32.

"It's fair to say it's a favourable draw," said Saints full-back Paul Wellens.

Leigh must travel to Limoux while Widnes will be at home to Lezignan providing they overcome amateurs Wigan St Judes in a delayed third-round tie tonight.

Siddal, the only amateur club definitely in the fourth round, have landed a home tie against Batley.

Season ticket holders at Engage Super League clubs are entitled to free entry to the fourth round tie involving their club.

The draw for the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup:

York v Crusaders

Hunslet v Oldham

Swinton v Halifax

Limoux v Leigh

Harlequins v Wakefield

St Helens v Toulouse

Widnes or Wigan St Judes v Lezignan

Catalans v Salford

Sheffield Eagles v Wigan

Siddal v Batley

Hull v Leeds

Castleford v Barrow

Warrington v Featherstone

Blackpool v Whitehaven

Huddersfield v Hull KR

Dewsbury v Bradford

Ties to be played on the weekend of April 16-18.

Tickets for the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final are currently on sale, priced from just £21. Until Friday March 26, the RFL is offering complimentary upgrades on all ticket bands, with the exception of £76 tickets, for the Wembley showdown.

For example, anyone purchasing a £31 ticket will automatically be upgraded to a £41 ticket.

To book your Wembley seat at the historic 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final contact the RFL ticket office on 0844 856 11 13 or visit [www.carnegiechallengecup.co.uk](http://www.carnegiechallengecup.co.uk)