

North Lancs Water Polo League summary 2013

After a rather slow start to the season Kendal, Lancaster & Radcliffe emerged from the pack as genuine contenders.

As the season progressed there were comprehensive victories for Lancaster. They came up against a determined Radcliffe after a see saw game Radcliffe Won 11-10 to inflict Lancaster's only defeat of the season. Radcliffe were then to concede the return fixture to set up a dramatic finish.

Blackpool hosted Fleetwood in a local derby & after a pulsating game neither team could muster a winning goal & the game ended 8 –8 to allow bragging rights to be shared.

Fleetwood, Preston & Burnley were finding it hard to field teams & eventually missed playing 16 league games between them.

Kendal were hanging in there in mid table when Radcliffe came to visit, a very evenly balanced match was eventually won by Kendal 8-7.

Kendal then suffered valiant defeats home & away to Lancaster 3-5 & 7-6 respectively.

Preston registered their only win of the season away at Blackpool (14-6) & Blackpool registered their only victory away at Burnley (11-10).

This left Fleetwood bottom of the table as the only winless team this season.

Just above them with one victory each were Burnley in 6th & Preston in 5th courtesy of a superior goal difference.

4th place went to Blackpool (3pts) with Kendal on the podium in 3rd (16pts).

This left a 2 horse race at the top & even though Lancaster only lost one game all season un-played games proved decisive leaving them as runners up (18pts).

The 2013 North Lancs League champions are Radcliffe on 20pts.

North Lancs League Table 2013	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points
Radcliffe	12	10	0	2	152	90	+62	20
Lancaster	10	9	0	1	111	34	+77	18
Kendal	12	8	0	4	97	60	+37	16
Blackpool	9	1	1	7	56	92	-36	3
Preston	6	1	0	5	38	52	-14	2
Burnley	7	1	0	6	25	76	-51	2
Fleetwood	7	0	1	6	31	80	-49	1

Top goal scorer was D Speakman from Radcliffe with 31 goals, The 'dirtiest' player was M Oakes also from Radcliffe with 21 major fouls, 10 more than anyone else could manage.

Congratulations to Radcliffe & many thanks to all players, fixture secretaries, scorers & referees who have all made this season possible.

Darren Gibson
North Lancs Water Polo League Secretary.

RESULTS

Date	Home			Away	Match sheet received
25/04/2013	Fleetwood	9	11	Radcliffe	Yes
	Fleetwood			Blackpool	
25/07/2013	Fleetwood	3	8	Kendal	No
	Fleetwood			Preston	
	Fleetwood			Burnley	
11/07/2013	Fleetwood	1	14	Lancaster	Yes
	Burnley			Lancaster	
11/03/2013	Burnley	10	11	Blackpool	Yes
	Burnley			Fleetwood	
	Burnley			Preston	
20/05/2013	Burnley	5	15	Kendal	Yes
14/10/2013	Burnley	6	16	Radcliffe	Yes
07/10/2013	Radcliffe	16	4	Fleetwood	Yes
17/06/2013	Radcliffe	18	8	Blackpool	Yes
11/11/2013	Radcliffe	11	10	Lancaster	Yes
25/03/2013	Radcliffe	13	10	Kendal	Yes
24/06/2013	Radcliffe	20	9	Burnley	Yes
28/10/2013	Radcliffe	21	10	Preston	Yes
05/09/2013	Kendal	3	5	Lancaster	Yes
	Kendal	5	0	Blackpool	Forfitted
20/06/2013	Kendal	8	7	Radcliffe	Yes
	Kendal	0	5	Burnley	Forfitted
	Kendal	14	6	Preston	No
13/09/2013	Kendal	8	5	Fleetwood	Yes
	Lancaster	7	6	Kendal	Yes
	Lancaster	31	4	Preston	Yes
	Lancaster	5	0	Burnley	Forfitted
	Lancaster			Blackpool	
28/07/2013	Lancaster	5	0	Radcliffe	Forfitted
	Lancaster	15	1	Fleetwood	No
	Preston			Lancaster	
19/09/2013	Preston	4	10	Radcliffe	Yes
	Preston	6	14	Kendal	Yes
	Preston			Burnley	
	Preston			Blackpool	
	Preston			Fleetwood	
	Blackpool	8	14	Lancaster	Yes
	Blackpool	15	9	Burnley	Yes
	Blackpool	4	15	Kendal	Yes
29/10/2013	Blackpool	9	7	Radcliffe	Yes
	Blackpool	6	14	Preston	Yes
14/05/2013	Blackpool	8	8	Fleetwood	Yes - poor copy