



## E. M. Whiteside

It is with deep regret that we learnt this morning about the death of a rugby colleague, Ted Whiteside.

Ted Whiteside, who also wore the shirts of Vale of Lune, the southern French side of Perpignan, and The Army, played mostly for Heaton Moor – a hooker – and latterly became a member of the Southport club, the club to which Ted's name is linked in the roll of Lancashire County RFU presidents.



Along with his wife, Liz (pictured above by Brian Minor), Ted has been a long-time member of the County and was a fervent supporter of the County team.

The County has benefitted from his many years' service on County Committees, particularly on the Disciplinary Committee. When the practice of the Senior Vice-President being Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee was dispensed with in 1993, Ted became the first person to be appointed to a three-year term as Chairman. He went on to serve another two terms, proving to be a most efficient Chairman.

Following his spell in the disciplinary chair, Ted became the first Manager of the newly-created "Community Task Group" which gives support to grassroots clubs, and has been instrumental in creating a forum for clubs to exchange ideas through the regular District meetings that he instigated. With the CTG, Ted offered much-needed help to clubs experiencing specific difficulties and provided support for a number of our clubs. He held this position until he became seriously ill earlier in 2007.

Ted was the 65<sup>th</sup> President of the County, in 2002 – 2003, and it was fitting that such a strong supporter of County Rugby should see Lancashire beat Gloucestershire in the County Championship final at Twickenham. This was a splendid end to a noteworthy Presidential year.

Ted was a true rugby man and he will be sadly-missed by all his friends in the County; our thoughts are with Liz at this sad time.

### Brian Leigh

*Hon Secretary, Lancashire County RFU*

*Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007*

**Funeral & Mass on Friday 31 August, 12.00noon at St. Maries, Seabank Road, Southport,**

All those who knew Ted are very welcome, with a reception afterwards for family and close friends

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