

Shaun Wane Biography

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Shaun has been involved in Rugby League for most of his life. He started his career as a player at Wigan RLFC in the 1980's, then after a spell at Leeds and Workington, he moved into a coaching role once he retired from playing due to injury. He was able to work his way through the coaching ranks at Wigan, eventually achieving his dream of becoming Head Coach of his hometown club in 2012. Shaun has experienced great success, both as a player and as a leader, highlighting some of his coaching career achievements:

- 🏆 3 times Grand Final Winner and 2 times Grand Finalist
- 🏆 Challenge Cup Winner and Challenge Cup Finalist
- 🏆 League Leaders Shield Winner
- 🏆 Super League Coach of the Year 2018
- 🏆 World champions 2017
- 🏆 Achieved the best win ratio of any Super League Coach in its history – second best win ratio in professional world rugby league

Acknowledging this success, Shaun was made Head Coach of his National Team in Feb 2020. He is now working hard to lead England to success in the Rugby League World Cup in Oct 2022.

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From as early as he can remember; Shaun Wane's life has been a series of challenges.

As the third child of four, he grew up in a volatile household on a tough estate in Wigan, UK. Shaun was expelled from High School before he had the chance to gain any academic qualifications. Having been conditioned to endure physical punishment and with a ferociously competitive nature, the game of Rugby League had long been a sport that Shaun excelled at and, at the age of fifteen, he was signed to Wigan RLFC by Maurice Lindsay.

Shaun channelled his aggression, his physicality and his competitive nature into playing rugby league at the highest level. He was signed to Wigan at the age of 16 and made 149 appearances for the club before spells at Leeds and Workington. He also earned two caps for Great Britain and captained the under 21's team.

After progressing through the ranks as a coach, he became Head Coach of his hometown club in 2010. Harnessing the wealth of knowledge and experience that he had gained in earlier life, he implemented a strong high-performance culture, which led them to win all of the trophies and accolades available throughout his time as Head Coach:

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Shaun is passionate about developing young talent. Out of 52 debuts he gave during his 7-year tenure as Head Coach, 41 of those were products of the academy system that he helped to build – more than double the previous record. He trained players to not only be better athletes, but also better people in the world. Instilling discipline off the pitch that transcended all areas of their lives.

Upon leaving the Warriors, Shaun spent time as a Performance Consultant at Scotland Rugby Union, applying his knowledge from Rugby League and experience building a winning culture.

In Feb 2020, Shaun was lured back to the sport he grew up with and loved, in the capacity of his dream role – Head Coach of England Rugby League. He will be working hard to lead the National team to success in the World Cup in 2022.

Shaun is also a motivational speaker on the topics of leadership, winning mindset and culture, and creating high performing teams.

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