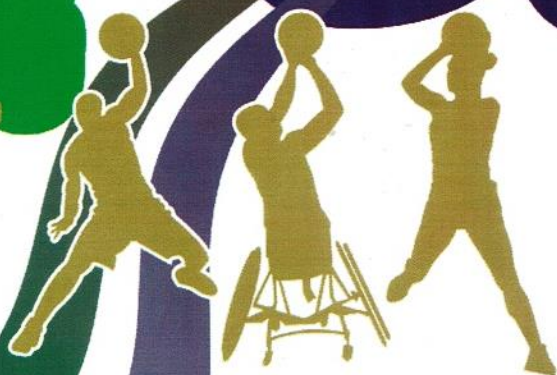


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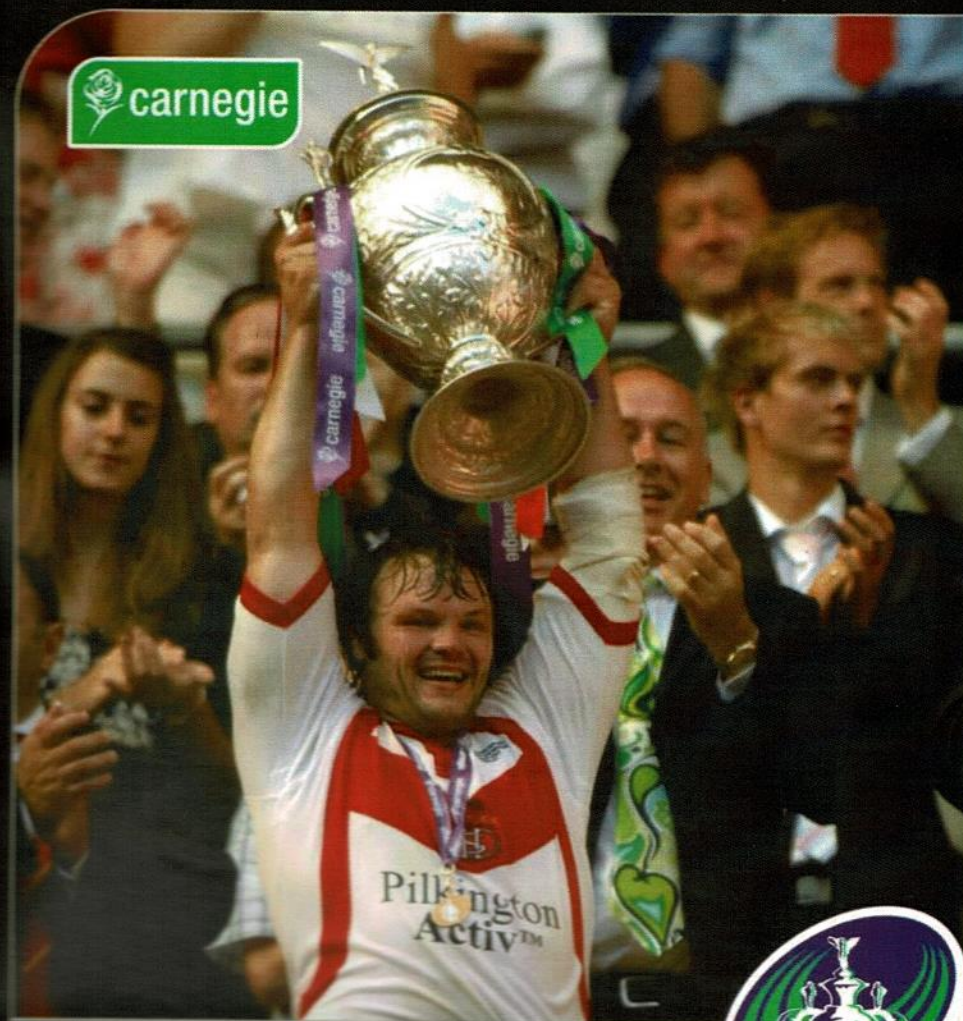
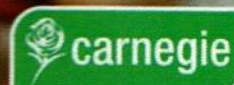
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RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Former Leeds Rhinos youngster Kyle Briggs has scooped the co-operative National League Two Player of the Month Award for March after a tremendous start to the season with Doncaster.

Briggs, who has started the year on loan at Hunslet before sealing a permanent move to the Keepmoat Stadium, has been described as "a real gem" by his coach Ellery Hanley.

But he grabbed the headlines by notching 22 points at Blackpool in a 54-12 victory and was League Weekly's man of the match in his side's 36-18 win over the Lions three weeks ago.

"He's only 19, but he's got a real cool head on his shoulders. When you're being pushed hard, like against Swinton, he just knows how to come up with the right play at the right time to keep us on the front foot." Dons director of rugby Carl Hall said.

"There's no doubt that Kyle can go on to play Super League. I remember when Ellery came back from signing him and said we'd just signed a real gem for the future."

Briggs was chosen as the top prize winner after a selection process involving League Weekly's match reporters and The Co-operative National League Two coaches. The thirteen includes the Lions' very own Marlon Billy, who has scored nine tries in seven appearances for the club this season.

The Co-operative NL2 Team of the month

1. George Raynor (Keighley Cougars)
2. Stewart Sanderson (Gateshead Thunder)
3. Sebastien Luisi (Doncaster)
4. Adam Hughes (Barrow Raiders)
5. Marlon Billy (Swinton Lions)
6. Kyle Briggs (Doncaster)
7. James Coyle (Oldham)
8. Mark Castle (Doncaster)
9. James Elston (Rochdale Hornets)
10. Alex Benson (Doncaster)
11. Michael Knowles (Gateshead Thunder)
12. Ian Sinfield (Rochdale Hornets)
13. David March (York City Knights)

The Co-operative NNL2 Player of the Month
Kyle Briggs (Doncaster)

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Runners-up 1926/27, 1931/32

Lancashire Cup

Winners 1925/26, 1927/28, 1939/40, 1969/70

Runners-up 1910/11, 1923/24, 1931/32, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1962/63, 1964/65, 1972/73

Lancashire League

Winners 1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1930/31, 1939/40, 1960/61

Runners-up 1897/98, 1900/01, 1922/23, 1926/27, 1934/35, 1938/39, 1965/66

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Winners 1986/87

Runners-up 1988/89

National League Two

Runners-up 2006

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Runners-up 1966/67

Western Division Championship

Runners-up 1963/64

RFU Lancashire League

Runners-up 1892/93, 1893/94



FOR THE RECORD

Points

Career

Ken Gowers 2105
1954-73

Season

Lee Marsh 310

2005

Albert Blan 283

1960/61

Match

Greg Pearce 30 v Prescott
Panthers

11 Aug 1996

Mick Nanyin 30 v York Wasps

25 Mar 2001

Bernard McMahon 29 v

Dewsbury

15 Aug 1959

Tries

Career

Jim Valentine 300
1884-1901

Frank Evans 197

1921-31

Season

Jim Valentine 48

1888/89

Johnny Stopford 42

1963/64

Match

Mark Riley

6 vs Prescott Panthers

11 Aug 1996

Goals

Career

Ken Gowers 970

Season

Albert Blan 128

Match

Ken Gowers 12 vs

Liverpool City

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Hodgson at Rochdale Hornets

13 April 1940

Win

90-0 vs Prescott Panthers

11 Aug 1996

Loss

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11 Feb 2001

Appearances

Ken Gowers 602 (inc. 8 sub)

1954-73



RECORD AGAINST TOURING SIDES

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Australia	11	4	1	6	94	141
New Zealand	5	3	0	2	64	55
Totals	16	7	1	8	158	196

Eighty years ago this week the Lion's won the Challenge Cup. Paul Kidd looks forward to another fixture in rugby league's most celebrated competition

Welcome back to Park Lane for this afternoons Carnegie Challenge Cup match against our local friends from Oldham.

Last week's game at home to London once again produced a disappointing tale of two halves - fortunately, we came away with the three points that we were looking for. Both the players and coaching staff are working extremely hard to rectify our inconsistencies and we are all very confident that just around the corner things will fit into place.

Steve Deakin brings his Oldham side to us today for what will be our third fixture together so far. Today's game has similar circumstances surrounding it as our recent Northern Rail Cup clash.

Last time they were coming to us off the back of a defeat to Rochdale; this time off one to Keighley. I know that Steve will have his side thoroughly prepared once again for this battle.

Steve Deakin and I know what to expect from one another, and from our point of view it must focus completely on competing for eighty minutes.

Today's game is a one-off in the cup, so I urge our loyal fans to get behind us this afternoon and out-voice what I expect to be a large contingent from Oldham.

"Steve Deakin and I know what to expect from one another... it must focus completely on competing for eighty minutes"

Next weekend we make the long trip to west Cumbria to take on Workington, before returning to Park Lane on May Day Bank Holiday Monday when we welcome Gateshead Thunder.

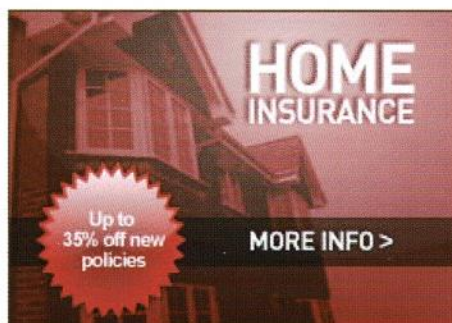
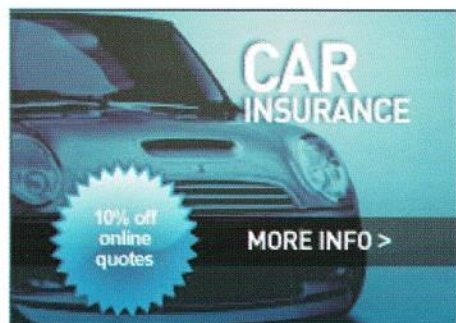
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Paul.



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Paul Kidd
Lions' coach



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There are very few places remaining for this event, so please ring 0871 231 2111 to reserve your lunch.

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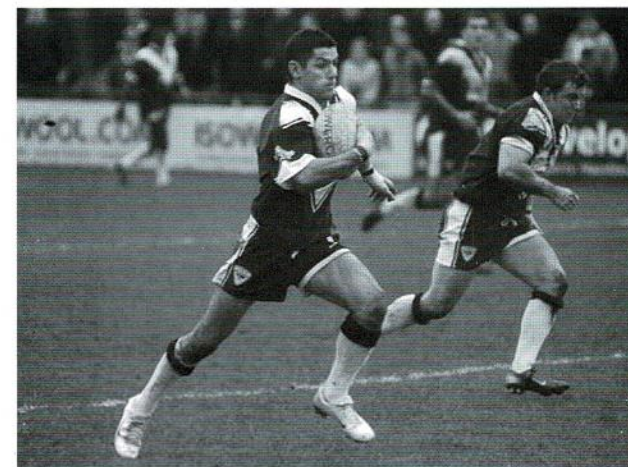
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WAYNE'S TESTIMONIAL

A dinner to celebrate the start of Wayne's testimonial will be held on Friday 4th July at Sedgley Park. On Wednesday 1st October there will also be "An Evening Talking Rugby League" at Swinton Moorside Cricket Club. This will be a Q&A night with a rugby league panel. Further details on both of these events will follow in a future programme.



Above:
Wayne English celebrates his
testimonial season from
July onwards

SWINTON LIONS GOLF DAY

We will be hosting a **Celebrity Golf Day** including breakfast, 18 holes of golf, evening dinner with cabaret and presentations.

This will be held at Swinton Park Golf Club on Wednesday 16th July. Entry will be £200 per four person team (Ladies most welcome).

Swinton players will be competing, along with guest players from other clubs. For further details contact Martin Moana on 0871 231 2111 at the Lions office.

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PASSING COMMENT

The view from Swinton



NATIONAL LEAGUES TALK with Gareth Walker

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Keighley turned over Oldham last weekend. Gareth Walker looks at how the currently undefeated Cougars' side was built

KEIGHLEY Cougars' outstanding start to the NL2 season, which included Sunday's stunning win over today's visitors, Oldham, is just reward for the club's show of faith in coach Barry Eaton.

The former Dewsbury, Batley and Widnes scrum half is now in his third season at Cougar Park, having initially been appointed to work alongside Peter Roe. Now in complete charge on his own, Eaton is making an early play for the NL2 Coach of the Year award.

But at other clubs with more short-sighted views, he might not even have been in a job. When Eaton arrived at Keighley ahead of the 2005 campaign, he found a club who wanted to invest in talented local young players.

"One caller to a local radio station hailed the return of 'Cougarmania'"

That was always going to take some time, and in the last two seasons the Cougars finished 11th and 10th in National League Two. For many coaches, that would have meant the end of their tenure in charge, and a predictable look towards another new boss.

But Keighley showed faith in Eaton, and that is starting to pay real dividends for the Yorkshire club. The two years of rebuilding that Eaton was allowed to undertake has seen the likes of James Feather, Gavin Duffy and Richard Knight become established first team players.

Those three, and a host of other players, have been able to progress to the extent where they are now key members of an undefeated side that is second in NL2.

Alongside those, Eaton was then given the budget to bring in a number of experienced National League players during the close season to add to his squad.

Several shrewd captures - Neil Lowe, George Rayner, Dan Potter, Jon Presley and Jamaine Wray among them - have bedded in superbly so far. Lowe and Rayner both scored try doubles in Sunday's stunning 26-12 win over Oldham, which was played in front of a crowd of 1,276.

That prompted one caller to a local radio station to hail the return of 'Cougarmania' - the boom time that the club experienced in the 1990s. Back then, their average home attendance was well in excess of 3,000, and the club was one of the strongest outside the top flight.

While that radio caller's declaration might be a touch premature, the signs are that Keighley can continue to make significant progress in coming seasons.

In an era when the game's administrators are hailing the benefits of the Super League licence system allowing clubs to plan for the long-term, it just shows what can be achieved with a little foresight in the National League as well.

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OLDHAM ROUGHYEDS

Ten years ago Steve Deakin played a role in a Challenge Cup fairy tale that came true when he was part of John Kear's Sheffield Eagles coaching team that plotted the downfall of Cup giants Wigan Warriors in one of the all-time shock Final results at Wembley.

In 1998 Eagles were written off as 'no hoppers' when they faced the mighty Wigan but they stepped up to sink the Warriors 17-8 in front of a national television audience.

Now coach of Oldham, his home-town club, Steve has recruited a team Oldham feel are capable of returning to the Grand Final at the end of the season, but like so many other clubs in the professional game, have been beset by an injury crisis in recent weeks.

Deakin explains: "We've been existing on just 18 fit players for the last four to five weeks because we've had eight of the squad who have undergone surgery or been in plaster for a substantial spell."

And last weekend their league band wagon was severely jolted by an unexpected 26-12 defeat by an improving Keighley Cougars.

"I won't take anything away from Keighley who played well but we completed only 50 per cent of our sets and our kicking game disappeared," continued Deakin. "That meant we had to do more defending than we anticipated and, given the conditions of heavy mud and driving rain, it was just too much for us".



NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2008

After progressing from the group, Oldham defeated National League One side Whitehaven to set-up a quarter final tie away at Batley



CO-OPERATIVE NL TWO 2008

Following last weeks loss to Keighley, the Roughyeds currently sit in fifth, one position above the Lions.



CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP

In the third round Oldham defeated the British Army by 56 points to 10 in Aldershot, setting up the fixture this afternoon.

But some of the siege is lifting. This week Oldham expect experienced second row forward Robert Roberts and winger Lucas Onyango both to return after injury and Deakin says: "That'll be a major boost for the squad".

He added: "When you look at our squad that beat Salford this season the vast majority of the pack that played against the Reds, including Simon Baldwin and Matty Brooks, has been in the treatment room ever since. That has depleted our experience bank and if Rob Roberts is fit to play that will help fill that gap for us."

Deakin understands that the Lions present Oldham with a substantial Carnegie Challenge Cup obstacle.

He said: "I am conscious that Swinton have two major assets which make them dangerous Cup opponents for not just Oldham but any club from this level of the game. They possess great natural speed with players such as Gareth Sykes, Wayne English and Andy Saywell in their side. On top of that they also have great enthusiasm for the game and those two qualities ensure that we will have to take them very seriously as Cup opponents".

While Oldham, who beat The Army 56-10 in the Third Round, have their eyes firmly fixed on being involved in the Grand Final mix at the end of the season they are also keen to make progress in the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

Added Deakin: "As well as the prospect of pitting ourselves against teams for a higher division there is also the incentive of reaching the next round and enjoying the potential financial benefits of being drawn against a club from the engage Super League.

"Both Swinton and Oldham will have those two objects in mind when they go into this Fourth Round tie. But I think we're ready to do well in a knock out competition and we want to go as far as we can in the Carnegie Challenge Cup."

In the meantime Deakin is also preparing himself for next month's tenth year re-union of Eagles' Wembley heroes. He simply doesn't want to miss out on the magic the Cup still holds over Rugby League.



Above:
Phil Wood in action for the Lions
against Oldham last season

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Eighty years to the week since Swinton last won the Cup, Ian Jackson looks at the 1928 journey that faced the Lions on the road to the final



As the Lions continue their Challenge Cup campaign this season, it is exactly 80 years since the club last won the trophy.

On Saturday 14 April 1928 Swinton defeated Warrington by 5 points to 3 at Central Park in Wigan to lift the Challenge Cup for the third time in their history. The victory was part of the historic achievement of winning five cups in one season. Also, the match was Swinton's third successive appearance in the final having lost to Oldham the previous year but beaten the same club in the 1926 final.

With a great parallel this season, in the first round of the Challenge Cup 80 years ago, the Lions made the long trip to Cumberland to play the top amateur side Whitehaven Recreation and won by 44 points to nil. There were ten tries in all, including Dick Cracknell (5) Frank Evans (2) Chris Brockbank, Bert Morris and Miller Strong plus seven goals from Bert Morris.

The second round was a much sterner test at Halifax with one try from Jack Pearson ensuring victory by 3 points to 2. To prove it was no fluke, the Lions went back to Thrum Hall the next week in the league and won 5 points to 3.

In the third round, the Lions were at home, then the Chorley Road ground, where they beat a determined Castleford side by 3 points to nil thanks to a Frank Evans try.

The semi-final was yet another close affair at Fartown, Huddersfield. There was a 12,000 attendance (with gate receipts of £792) to

witness the Lions overcome Hull by 5 points to 3. This time a Jack Evans try and a single Bert Morris goal secured victory and the Hull try was one of only two times in the entire competition that the opponents crossed the Swinton line.

This victory set up the Lions for a Challenge Cup final appearance and the last time before the final was moved to the Empire Stadium, Wembley.

In the final, Swinton lined-up as follows:

Full back Billy Young; three-quarters Frank Evans, Hector Halsall (captain), Jack Evans, Chris Brockbank; halfbacks Albert Atkinson, Billo Rees; forwards Miller Strong, Henry Blewer, Bert Morris, Martin Hodgson, Dick Cracknell and Fred Beswick.

Chris Brockbank put the Lions ahead from a perfectly-timed pass from Jack Evans. It was also Jack Evans who scored a vital drop goal to ensure the victory after Warrington had equalised following a try from Seeling.

The attendance was 33,909 and the gate receipts totalled £3,159. The Swinton team continued its fine form a few weeks later beating Featherstone Rovers in the Championship Final and thereby winning five cups in all during the glorious 1927-28 season.

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SWINTON 34 LONDON SKOLARS 24

The Lions got another win under their belts last Sunday when they defeated the Skolars by 34 points to 24 at Park Lane. Tries from Bruce Johnson, Darren Gibson and Andy Saywell, along with a brace from Wayne English either side of half time, gave the Lions a strong early lead before the Skolars fought back.

A further try from Dean Gorton ten minutes from the final whistle sealed the match for Swinton

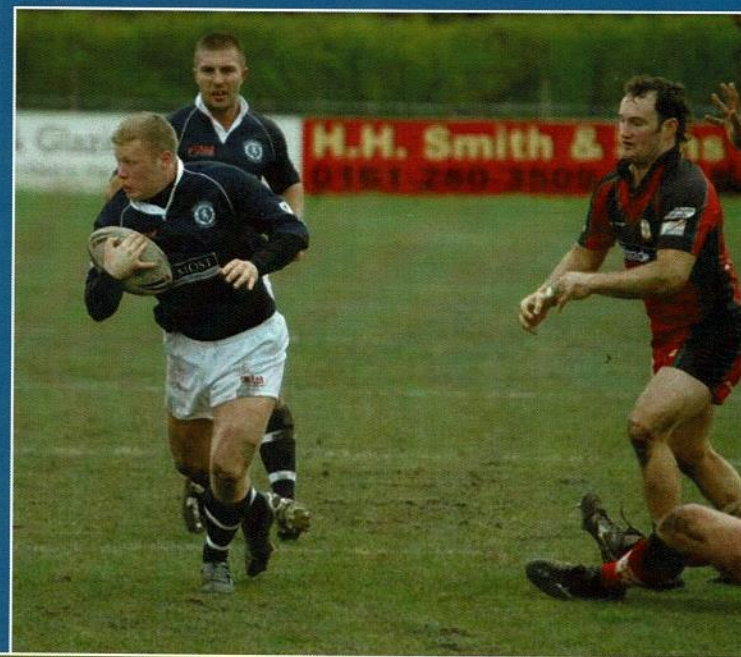
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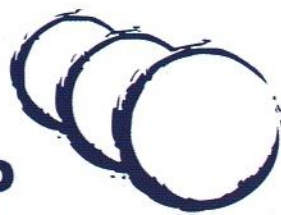
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OUR COMMUNITY

The club is set to deliver some exciting rugby league coaching to kids in Prestwich, Crumpsall and Cheetham Hill over the next few weeks

The community departments at Swinton Lions and Oldham RLFC were both recently boosted by a Sporting Equals "Sport for Communities" grant in partnership with the RFL to help develop the game amongst ethnic minority communities in north Manchester.

With the links Swinton are forging in the Cheetham, Crumpsall and Prestwich area, the news came as an added boost to the club's expanding community work, whilst Oldham are focussing their project on helping to develop the game in their town.

"Later this month we will begin the delivery of rugby league to young people at Manchester Maccabi Sports Club near Heaton Park," said Lions' Community Manager, John Thomason. The club is a focal point for the Jewish community in north Manchester, and has over 2000 members.

WAYNE ENGLISH COMPETITION

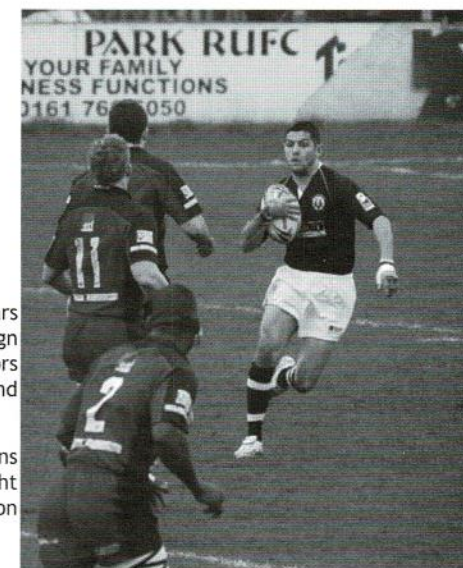
Wayne, pictured in action against London Skolars last week, has asked if one of our juniors can design a T Shirt for his testimonial year. As all our juniors have hidden talents, get the thinking caps on and fill in the entry form.

The entry forms are available from the Junior Lions table and completed designs need to be brought back before the home match versus Gateshead on Monday 5th May.

"During the Whitsun break we will introducing rugby league to young people in Cheetham Hill in partnership with Manchester City Council," continued John.

The north Manchester area has always been an area with many Lions' supporters, particularly after Broughton Rangers moved to Belle Vue.

The club is keen to rebuild these links, particularly as the district is just a stones throw from Agecroft.



GRASSROOTS

TAYLOR NAMES "COMMUNITY LIONS" SQUAD TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

Great Britain Community Lions Head Coach Jimmy Taylor has named his squad for this summer's tour to Australia, which includes Eccles and Salford Juniors player, Carl Mort.

The Lions will fly out to Brisbane on the 2nd July, having been invited to take part in the Australian Amateur competition known as "The Quad Series".

The series involves the best Australian amateur sides from Queensland, New South Wales and the Affiliated States (Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory).

"I believe I've selected a very strong squad for what will be an extremely tough trip," said Taylor.

"Preparation is going well, I'm taking 22 guys over and hopefully we'll have a couple of training camps before we leave and we may even get another hit out against France in June."

The Lions will play a warm up game a few days after arrival "down under" and are then scheduled to play their series games on the 9th and 12th on the Gold Coast, before the

competition moves to the Sunshine Coast for their last group game on the 15th and the final of the competition on the 19th July.

SQUAD

Melvin Alker (Wigan St Patricks)
Anthony Atherton (Wigan St Patricks)
Steven Atkinson (Skirlaugh)
Tony Baker (Ince Rose Bridge)
Sasch Brook (Oulton Raiders)
Lee Brown (East Hull)
Gavin Corfield (Wigan St Judes)
Luke Garnett (Siddal)
James Giblin (GB Students)
Chris Humphrey (Leigh Miners Rangers)
Daniel Kilshaw (Leigh East)
Michael McAllister (Wath Brow Hornets)
Carl Mort (Eccles & Salford Juniors)
Shaun Painter (East Hull)
Paul Pendlebury (Wigan St Judes)
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WELCOME!!!

Today we are on the Wembley trail and wish a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters from our local rivals, Oldham - especially any junior Roughyeds fans and their families.

This is Oldham's second visit of the season and the Lion's are still looking for their first victory against the Roughyeds in 2008 - hopefully third time lucky for the Lions today!

Last week saw us beat London Skolars and gain three valuable league points, and hopefully we will take the confidence of the victory into today's game. A victory today could mean a tie in the next round against the big boys of Super League - so come on Junior Lions, lets get behind the lads... **COME ON YOU LIONS!**

TODAY'S JUNIOR LION

Today's Junior Lion is Dillon Dyson, who comes from Little Hulton. Dillon was 13 last week, and he goes to Harrop Fold High School. His favourite player is Andy Saywell, and when at home he enjoys rugby. He also enjoys listening to 50 Cent and watching Family Guy on TV. Dillon favourite food is a KFC meal, and his favourite holiday destination is Spain

MEMBERSHIP 2008

Our numbers have now reached fifty, and are still growing match-by-match. If you wish to join the Juniors, get a membership form on matchdays.

BIRTHDAYS

Some of our junior members have recently celebrated, or are going to celebrate their birthdays. These are:

15th April	Daniel Bentham (8)
16th April	Mitchel Ellor (10)
19th April	Dillon Dyson (13)
26th April	Emily Poole (12)
29th April	Sam Thomason (1)
3rd May	James Jackson (14)
5th May	Ainsley Parker (8)

Happy birthday to our junior members from everybody at Swinton Lions RLFC!

TODAY'S QUIZ

Match the attendance with the correct game.

- A. Swinton v London
- B. Keighley v Oldham
- C. Barrow v Blackpool
- D. York v Workington
- E. Hunslet v Doncaster
- F. Whitehaven v Celtic Crusaders
- G. Sheffield v Leigh

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IN PROFILE

Last night, five historic rugby league trophies were reunited in central Manchester as the club celebrated the eightieth anniversary of winning "All Five Cups"

This week we look at the history of one of those - the Rugby League Challenge Cup



*Above:
Batley and St Helens line-up at Headingley for the inaugural final in 1897*

The clubs that formed the Northern Union had long been playing in local knockout cup competitions under the auspices of the Rugby Football Union, the most famous being the Yorkshire Cup. However, during the build-up to the 1895 split, the rugby union authorities refused to sanction a nationwide tournament, fearing that this would inevitably lead to professionalism.

After the schism of 1895, the break-away clubs were free to go-ahead, and they instigated the Northern Rugby Football Union Challenge Cup, a competition that was to become the most famous rugby league tournament in the world.

In 1896 Fattorini's of Bradford were commissioned to manufacture the Challenge Cup at a cost of just £60. Fattorini's also

supplied three-guineas winners' medals then valued at thirty shillings. The first competition was held during the 1896-97 season, which was the first season entered by the Lions, and 56 clubs entered to compete for the trophy.

The first final was held at Headingley in Leeds, on the 24th April 1897, and saw Batley defeat Saints 10-3 in front of a crowd of 13,492. Just three years later, in the 1899-1900 season the Lions won their first Challenge Cup, defeating Salford by 16 points to 8.

The competition was interrupted by the First World War, though it was held in 1915, when the season that had begun before the war was completed. It was then suspended until the end of hostilities.

During the 1920s, when Swinton were a dominant force in the game, the club took the trophy on two occasions - firstly in 1926 when they defeated today's rivals, Oldham, at Rochdale by 9 points to 3, and secondly in the famous 1927-8 season, when the club also won four other trophies, on this occasion defeating Warrington 5-3 at Central Park in Wigan.



THE CHALLENGE CUP



Originally the final tie was held at one of the larger club grounds in the north, however, noting the excitement in Huddersfield that the town's soccer team were playing at Wembley in the FA Cup Final, the rugby league authorities voted to relocate to the recently built Wembley Stadium in London. The first final held at Wembley was in 1929 when Wigan beat Dewsbury 13-2 in front of a crowd of 41,500.

In 1946, the Lance Todd Trophy was introduced and awarded to the man of the match. The winner is selected by the members of the Rugby League Writers' Association present at the game and the trophy is presented at a celebratory dinner at The Willows. In 2006 St Helens scrum-half Sean Long became the first player in the history of the Challenge Cup to collect a third Lance Todd trophy following his man-of-the-match performance in the final against Huddersfield Giants. His other Lance Todd trophy wins came in the 2001 and 2004 Challenge Cup Finals.

Until the 1993-1994 season there were very few amateur clubs included in the cup, typically two. For part of the 1980s and the 1992/1993 season the cup was solely for professional clubs. The competition was then opened up to large numbers of amateur clubs, several of whom have defeated professional opposition.

*Above:
Hector Halsall is carried by supporters following Swinton's victory over Warrington in the 1928 final*

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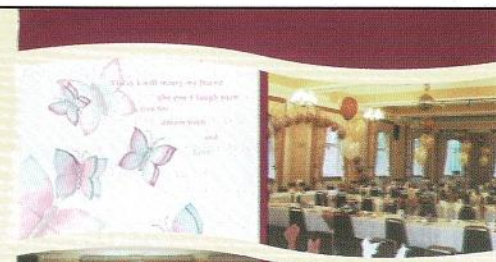
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ON THE ROAD

Next week brings another lengthy away trip up to west Cumbria when the Lions take on Workington Town

Co-operative National League Two
27th April 2008 :: 3.00pm kick-off

**WORKINGTON TOWN v
SWINTON LIONS**

Derwent Park, Workington



It's been a disappointing start to the season for Workington so far, winning only two games one of which was against Wigan St Patricks in the Carnegie Challenge Cup, the other being against fellow NL2 outfit, York City Knights.

Club address:
Workington Town RLFC
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Tel. 01900 603609

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Head out of Swinton on the East Lancs Road and join the M61 at Wardley. Follow the M61 until it merges with the M6, and continue along the M6 for a further seventy miles, leaving at junction 40.

Join the A66, signposted Workington and Keswick, and follow through the Lake District for thirty seven miles. The road leads directly into Workington town centre, with the stadium being located adjacent to a large Tesco superstore.

It is 132 miles from Swinton to Workington. There are no practical trains available from Manchester to west Cumbria on a Sunday.



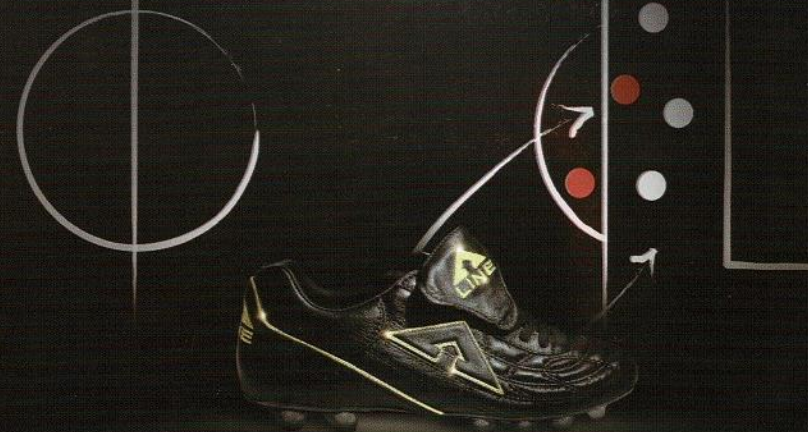
*Right:
Swinton Lions in action against
Workington Town at Park Lane last
season*

NEXT HOME GAME

SWINTON LIONS v GATESHEAD

Monday 5th May 2008 :: 3.00pm kick-off

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FIXTURES, RESULTS AND ATTENDANCES 2008 SEASON



DATE	OPPONENT	KO	RESULT	1	2	3	4
Sun 20 Jan	WHITEHAVEN Pre-season	3.00pm	L 8-44				
Sun 27 Jan	ST HELENS XIII Pre-season	2.30pm	W 24-20				
Fri 1 Feb	OLDHAM Northern Rail Cup	8.00pm	L 20-22	English	Saywell	Hull	Gorton
Sun 10 Feb	ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup	3.00pm	L 34-36	Bamford T	Hamilton	Hull T	Gorton
Sun 17 Feb	SALFORD NR Cup	3.00pm	L 8-48	English	Saywell 2T	Sykes	Gorton
Sun 24 Feb	ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup	3.00pm	W 38-34	English	Saywell T	Sykes	Gorton
Fri 29 Feb	SALFORD NR Cup	8.00pm	L 6-70	Bamford	Hamilton	Brand T	Hull
Sun 9 Mar	WATH BROW Carnegie CC3	3.00pm	W 40-14	Bamford 2T	Saywell	Sykes	Hull T
Sun 16 Mar	OLDHAM NR Cup	3.00pm	L 10-52	English	Hamilton	Hull	Sykes T
Fri 21 Mar	BLACKPOOL	3.00pm	W 44-30	Bamford	Saywell	Sykes	Gorton T
Mon 24 Mar	KEIGHLEY	7.30pm	L 12-21	Bamford	Saywell 2T	Moana	Gorton
Sun 30 Mar	DONCASTER	3.00pm	L 18-36	English	Saywell	Hull	Gorton
Sun 13 April	LONDON SKOLARS	3.00pm	W 34-24	English 2T	Saywell T	Bamford 2G	Gorton T
Sun 20 April	OLDHAM Carnegie CC4	3.00pm					
Sun 27 April	WORKINGTON TOWN	3.00pm					
Mon 5 May	GATESHEAD	3.00pm					
Sun 11 May	YORK	3.00pm					
Sun 18 May	OLDHAM	3.00pm					
Sun 25 May	BLACKPOOL	3.00pm					
Sun 1 June	HUNSLET	3.00pm					
Sun 8 June	WORKINGTON TOWN	3.00pm					
Sun 15 June	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00pm					
Sun 22 June	GATESHEAD	3.00pm					
Sat 28 June	BARROW	6.30pm					
Sun 6 July	DONCASTER	3.00pm					
Sat 12 July	LONDON SKOLARS	3.00pm					
Sun 20 July	KEIGHLEY	3.00pm					
Sun 27 July	YORK	3.00pm					
Sun 3 Aug	HUNSLET	3.00pm					
Sun 10 Aug	ROCHDALE HORNETS	3.00pm					
Sun 17 Aug	OLDHAM	3.00pm					
Sun 24 Aug	BARROW	3.00pm					
Sat 30 Aug	CARNEGIE CC FINAL	3.00pm					
Sun 28 Sept	CO-OPERATIVE NL2 FINAL						



5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Billy T	Hawkyard 4G	Hulse	Line	Wood	Ball T	Morley	Rigby	Sykes
Billy 2T	Hawkyard 5G	Hulse T	Line	Ashall	Ball	Gibson	Rigby	Sykes
Hamilton	Moana	Hawkyard	Line	Wood	Ball	Morley	Gibson	Ashall
Billy T	Hawkyard 5G	McGovern T	Line	Wood	Ball	Hodson	Gibson 2T	Ashall
Widfield	Hawkyard G	McGovern	Line	Wood	Ball	Gibson	Hodson	Sykes
Billy 2T	Hawkyard T 6G	Hulse	Line	McGovern	Ball	Gibson	Rigby	Ashall
Widfield	Hawkyard G	Hulse	Ball T	McGovern	Tyrer	Hodson	Bryers	Ashall
Billy 3T	Hawkyard G	Hulse	Line T	Wood	Ball	Gibson	Rigby	Moana T
Hamilton	McGovern 2G	Hulse	Line	Wood	Tyrer	Gibson	Rigby	Hodson
Billy	McGovern	Hulse	Line	Wood T	Tyrer	Rigby	Moana T	Hodson
Billy	Hull	Hulse	Johnson T	Sykes 2G	Line	Gibson T	Rigby	Moana

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	P	W	D	L	BP	F	A	D	Pts
Doncaster	4	4	0	0	0	170	46	124	12
Keighley	4	4	0	0	0	107	50	57	12
Barrow	3	3	0	0	0	106	22	84	9
Gateshead	3	3	0	0	0	102	54	48	9
Oldham	4	3	0	1	0	134	96	38	9
Swinton	4	2	0	2	1	108	111	-3	7
Rochdale	3	2	0	1	0	116	78	38	6
Workington Town	5	1	0	4	3	108	128	-20	6
Blackpool	4	1	0	3	1	92	152	-60	4
York	4	0	0	4	3	74	112	-38	3
Hunslet	4	0	0	4	1	36	138	-102	1
London Skolars	4	0	0	4	1	32	198	-166	1

McGovern	Moana	Tyrer	Johnson T
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McGovern	Rigby	Tyrer	Johnson
Hull	Moana 2T	Tyrer	Johnson
Smith	Moana	Bryers	Johnson
Wood	Moana	Bibey	Johnson
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	APPS		TRIES		GOALS		FIELD GOALS		POINTS	
	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2	All	NL2
ASHALL, Craig	5								8	
BALL, Rob	8 (2)	1 (2)	2						16	4
BAMFORD, Darren	6	3	3		2	2				
BIBEY, Adam	0 (2)								36	12
BILLY, Marlon	7	3	9	3					4	
BRAND, Chris	1	(1)	1							
BRYERS, Matty	1 (1)									
ENGLISH, Wayne	6	2	2	2					8	
GIBSON, Darren	7	3	3	1					12	
GORTON, Dean	8	4	2	2					8	8
HAMILTON, Barry	5	1								
HAWKYARD, Richie	8 (1)	1 (1)	1		23	1			50	2
HAYES, Gareth	(3)	(2)								
HODSON, Ian	5	2								
HULL, Chris	7 (2)	2 (1)	3	1					12	4
HULSE, Gary	8	4	1						4	
JOHNSON, Bruce	1 (9)	1 (3)	3	2					12	8
JONES, Richard	(1)	(1)								
LINE, Rob	10	4	1	1					4	4
MCGOVERN, Liam	6 (4)	2 (1)	3	1	7	7			26	18
MIRFIELD, Ryan	2									
MOANA, Martin	5 (6)	4	4	2					16	8
MORLEY, Chris	2									
RIGBY, Neil	7 (1)	4								
SALISBURY, Lee	0									
SAYWELL, Andy	8	4	6	3					24	12
SMITH, Mike	0 (1)									
SYKES, Gary	9 (1)	2 (1)	1		5	5			14	10
TYRER, Chris	3 (5)	2 (1)								
WOOD, Phil	7 (3)	3 (1)	2	1					8	4



NEXT WEEK

**WORKINGTON v
SWINTON LIONS**

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Blue and white

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Darren Gibson			
Dean Gorton			
Barry Hamilton			
Richie Hawkyard			
Gareth Hayes			
Chris Hull			
Gary Hulse			
Bruce Johnson			
Richard Jones			
Rob Line			
Liam McGovern			
Ryan Mirfield			
Martin Moana			
Chris Morley			
Neil Rigby			
Lee Salisbury			
Andrew Saywell			
Mike Smith			
Gary Sykes			
Chris Tyrer			
Phil Wood			

OLDHAM RLFC



Coach
Steve Deakin

Red and white

SELECTED FROM	T	G	DG
Chris Baines			
Simon Baldwin			
Jason Boults			
Matty Brooks			
Daryl Cardiss			
James Coyle			
Tommy Goulden			
Tommy Grundy			
Danny Halliwell			
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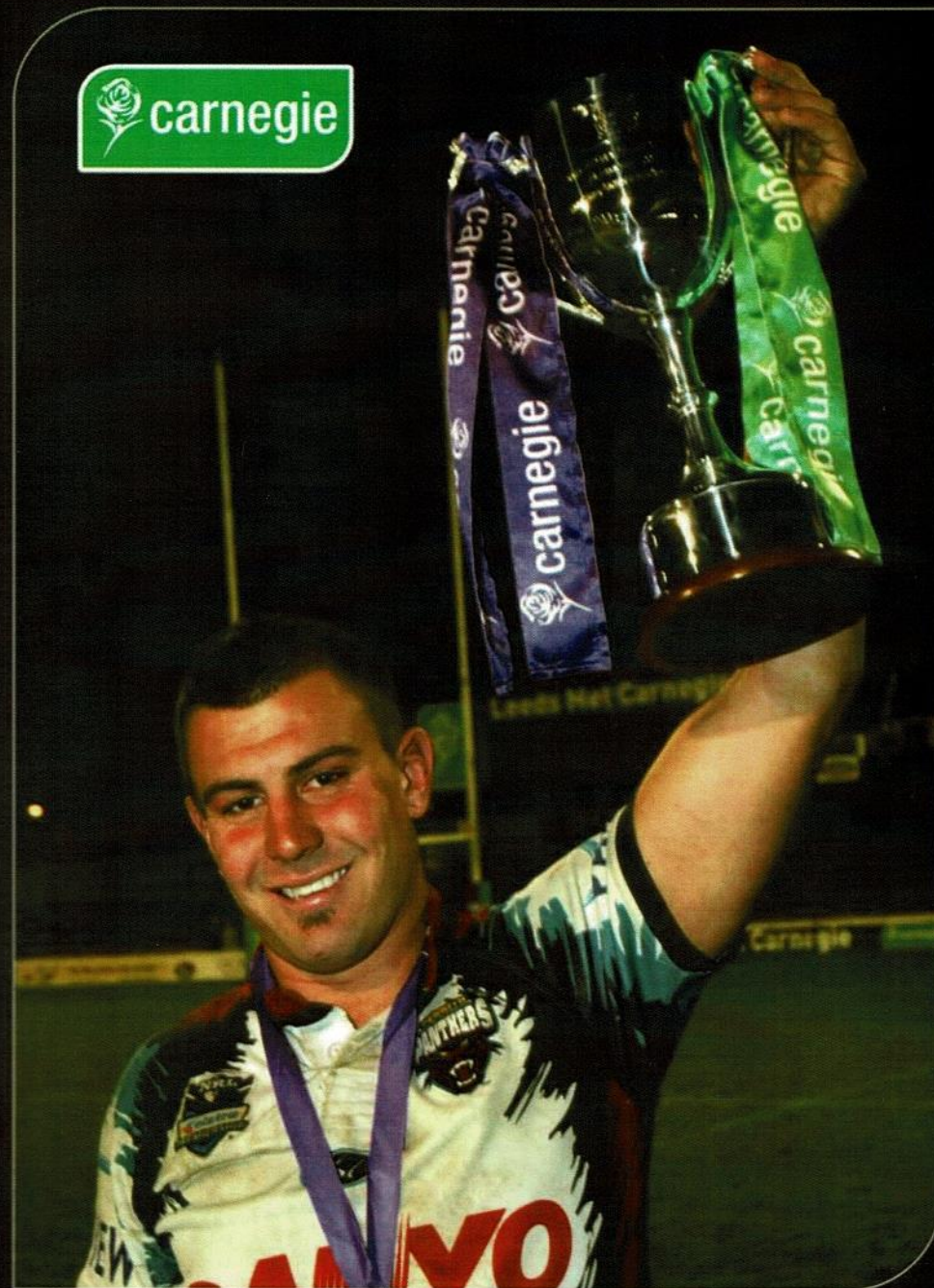
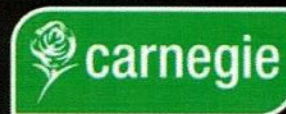
COMING UP NEXT...

WORKINGTON
GATESHEAD

Sun 27 April; 3.00pm (AWAY)
Mon 5 May; 3.00pm (HOME)

YORK
OLDHAM (NL2)

Sun 11 May (HOME)
Sun 18 May (AWAY)



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