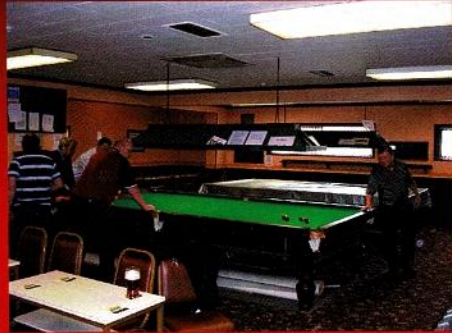


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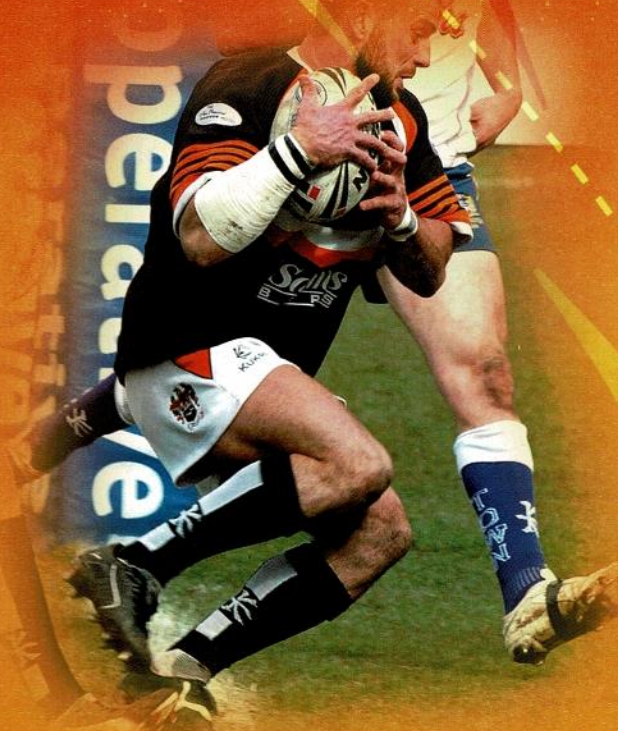
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# WELCOME FROM THE BOARDROOM



**John Chadwick**

Welcome to the Woodlands Memorial Ground for our seventh Co-operative League home fixture of the 2008 season. We extend a warm welcome to the Players, officials and travelling supporters of Oldham Roughyeds, who are making their second visit to the Woodlands, and we hope they enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey back to the Lancashire Heartlands.

This is the fixture that I looked for when the fixtures were announced many will be aware of my Oldham connections. I was born and brought up in Oldham and along with many others used to walk to Watersheddings on match days to watch the great Oldham team of the 50s.

My Grandfather John William Chadwick played for Oldham in the 1890s and my family have been involved with Oldham for many years and I was Chairman of Oldham when we won 2 Division 2 finals at Old Trafford, won the Lancashire Cup and reached 2 Challenge Cup semi-finals.

I sincerely hope that Oldham return to their former glories, nothing would give me greater pleasure than Oldham winning every game in a season (except of course those against Blackpool). My great ambition is to watch Oldham play in a long awaited Wembley Final this being the only major event they have never been involved in. This dream I know I share with thousands of others.

You really had to be at Rochdale two weeks ago to appreciate the efforts of both sides in blistering heat in a match that ended in a 38-38 draw to earn both sides 2 valuable league points. It was much later that I realised that the players by drawing away had earned themselves winning pay. I know a win would have earned us an extra point, but it would be churlish to devalue one of our greatest results by dwelling on such matters. I left Spotland proud of Blackpool Panthers.

The story at Workington was rather different after a promising first half where we were very competitive and hardly deserved to be trailing 8-12 at the interval. We were demolished in the second half to lose by 50 points to 12. This was by far our worst 40 minutes of the season.

Printing deadlines mean that these notes were compiled prior to our visit to Barrow on Wednesday.

Please enjoy the game and the magnificent facilities here at Fylde.





# CLUB INFORMATION

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**Associate Directors:** Keith Ashcroft (Events), Neil Robinson (Ground Safety)

**Club Staff:**

- Head Coach** - Martin Crompton
- Assistant Coach** - Gary Grainey
- Development Officer** - Chris Whiteley
- Equipment Managers** - Paul Riding and Gary Prescott
- Physiotherapist** - Helen Walsh
- Secretary** - Dennis Ramsdale
- Programme Editor** - Neil Robinson

## Development News

The Black Cats in the community development programme continues to evolve. In partnership with the local council we helped to run a healthy eating and lifestyle campaign over a 3 day period where over 750 local people of all age groups took part.

The following week we were again heavily involved in taking over 100 youngsters from deprived areas to Tower Wood adventure centre at Windermere.

We will be heavily involved in the forthcoming summer holiday with summer camps in the forefront of our plans.

If there are any businesses with Community and Social responsibility departments who are able to support our projects please do not hesitate to contact me at the club office.

*Chris Whiteley, Development Officer*

# FROM THE DRESSING ROOM



## We welcome our new head coach Martin Crompton

We return home after three successive away matches and I stressed to the players before commencing our travels that it was very important that we gained points on our travels to continue our improvement and not least maintain distance between ourselves and the bottom two. I thought we were the better side at Rochdale and could quite easily have won. I was not to disappointed with the final outcome of a 38-38 draw which gained us two valuable league points. I was particularly pleased that after conceding a converted try in the 79th minute, we showed great character and skill by going straight up field to score the equalizing try on the final hooter.

The Rochdale game was of course the final game of the 15 year career of our Captain Paul Anderson who retired after the game to take up a coaching role with Rochdale Hornets. It was fitting that both teams formed a guard of honour to applaud him from the field and the end of the game. Paul was my first signing at Blackpool and has been an inspirational leader and has played a vital part in our improved fortunes this season. Paul leaves with all our best wishes for the future.

I realised that the visit to Workington would be particularly difficult. They have been traditionally difficult to beat on their own patch and would certainly want revenge after becoming the first team to lose to Blackpool for almost two years. We suffered a late loss when Lee Birdseye who had impressed on his debut had to pull out with a non rugby related injury. It was also always going to be difficult with the first game without Paul Anderson.

We competed well for the first half and deserved better that a 12-8 interval deficit. The second half was a complete disaster, we rarely had the ball and conceded a 9-1 penalty count. To compound matters we also had one played sin binned and another sent off. It is a difficult enough game with a full complement and having the ball than trying to play without both.

These notes were compiled by necessity before Wednesday's rearranged game at Barrow and I will report on that game in due course. We have had a number of potential new players training with us lately and we are continuing to assess if they will prove to be suitable additions to our squad.





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## CLUB NEWS

**This Section will keep supporters informed of Items of information throughout the season.**

### 250 CLUB UPDATE

We are pleased to have recruited a number of new members to the 250 club including the majority of the playing staff, The monthly draw will take place today at half time, drawn on the pitch by the Referee. The draw for July will be made at half time in the Barrow Fixture on 20th July and the August draw will be made at half time in the Hunslet fixture on 17th August 2008. Subsequent monthly draws will be made in public throughout the winter. A list of venues and dates of draws will be published in the final programme of the season. Anyone wishing to join the 250 club should fill in the form in this programme and hand it to any club official.

### FRAMED PRESS CUTTINGS

Press cuttings of the Blackpool Gazette coverage regarding our historic win over Workington have been framed and are on display in the main bar.

### ADMISSION TICKETS

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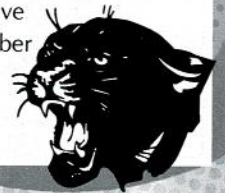
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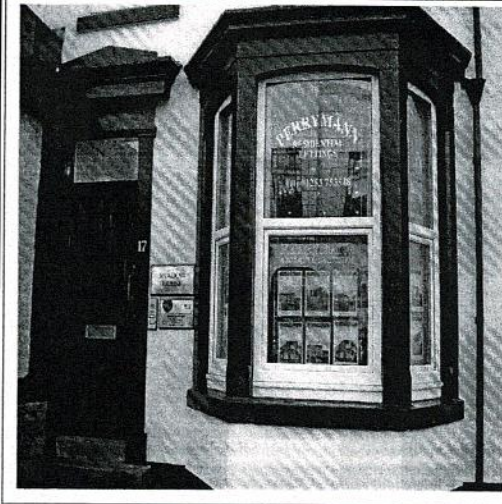
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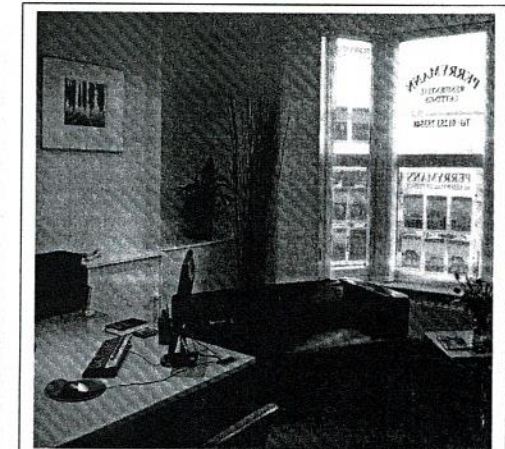
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How do I join ?

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### APRIL DRAW

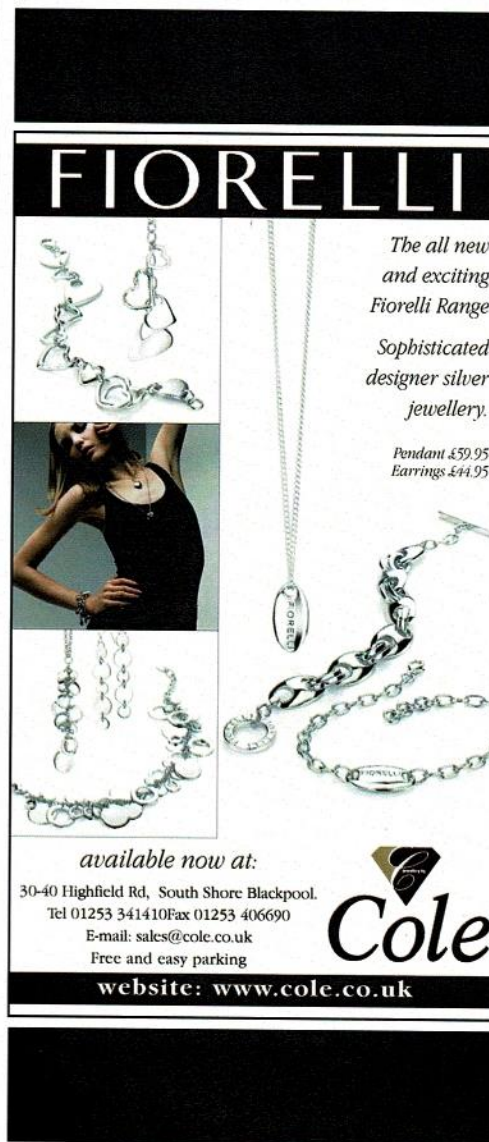
The draw for the May winner was made in the club house supervised by Finance Director Ron Carr after the Gateshead game and the winning ticket was owned by one of our players, recent signing forward Darryl Kaye.

### JUNE DRAW

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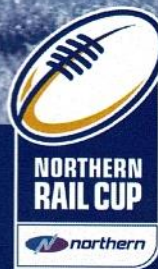


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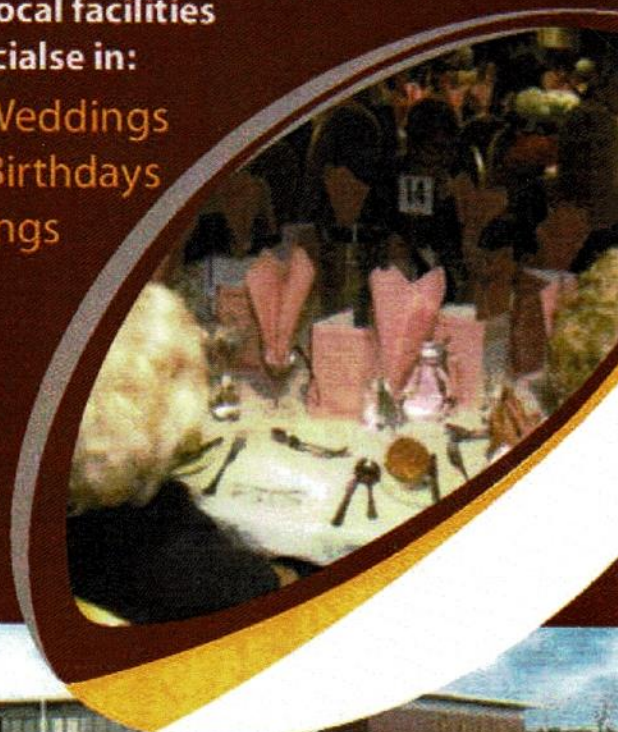
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## PROGRAMME REVIEW

### 4 Try Llewellyn Gains valuable share of spoils for Panthers Rochdale Hornets 38pts Blackpool Panthers 38 pts.

Centre Dave Llewellyn rewrote Blackpool Panthers record books in this thrilling draw at Rochdale to earn the Panthers two valuable league points. Llewellyn who a month ago was playing for amateur side Black brook has now scored seven tries in five games for the Fylde based Panthers to become the hottest try scoring sensation in National League Two,

Llewellyn scored all his four tries wide out on the left, all four finishing off slick handling moves from the impressive Panthers, who look a class act with the ball in their hands. Llewellyn scored in the 2nd, 34th, 57th and 80th minute to become the first ever Blackpool Panthers player to score four tries in a match.

Matt Ashe converted both the early tries and struck the upright with the third and saw his potential match winning kick drift narrowly wide with the final kick of the game, however few of the admiring crowd begrudged both sides a draw in this pulsating game. Ashe also converted his own try to give the Panthers a 12 point lead after 5 minutes.

The early Panthers lead stung the Hornets into action and quick fire tries by Craig Farrimond and Ainscough both converted by Carl Sneyd levelled the scores after 13 minutes. Further tries by Andrews and O' Brien one converted saw the Hornets race into a 22-12 lead, but Llewellyn scored his second try converted by Ashe to leave the interval score 22-18.

The Panthers started the second half as they had the first with two early tries, Darryl Kaye burrowed over on the far left and Semisi Cocka forced his way over with brute force, both tries were converted by Ashe to leave the Panthers leading 30-22.

A sustained period of Rochdale pressure saw Alex Brown score an unconverted try far out on the right before Llewellyn completed his hat trick to leave the Panthers leading 34-26. Severe Hornets pressure then saw converted tries by O' Brien and Andrews to leave the hosts leading 38-34 with only a minute remaining.

Justice was done however as the ever impressive Panthers back line combined yet again to send Llewellyn over in the corner for his fourth try to set a new scoring record to level the scores.

As the final hooter sounded the crowd stood to its feet to applaud both sides from the field. There was a lovely final touch when both sides formed a guard of honour to applaud Panther's Captain Paul Anderson from the field after completing his final game of a 15 year professional career. He will now take up a coaching post at Rochdale on a two year contract. He leaves knowing the Panthers this side is now a force to be reckoned with in the division.

New signing Lee Birdseye was impressive at scrum half and the Panthers now head north to Workington having only lost one of their last four games.

Team, Leather, Gillam, Munro, Llewellyn, Weed, Ashe, Birdseye, Warriner, Clough, Fairhurst, Kaye, Ratcliffe, Anderson, Subs, (All used Wallace (A) Duell, Boland, Cocka.





# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

## We extend a warm Fylde Coast welcome to our visitors Oldham Roughyeds RLFC.

Roughyed is a nickname for a person from Oldham.

They were founded in 1876 as **Oldham RLFC**. They moved to their ground Watersheddings in 1889. Oldham were one of the twenty-one clubs that left the Rugby Football Union to form the Northern Union in 1895.

They were the second club to win the Challenge Cup after beating Hunslet 19-9 in 1899. Batley had won the first two finals.

Oldham were fourth in the first title race of 1895-96 and second a year later, they finally won their first title in 1904-05 just edging out Bradford Northern by three points. Oldham won the Lancashire League in 1897-98, 1900-01 and 1907-08 as well as the Lancashire Cup in 1906-07.

Title success followed in 1909-10 as they beat Wigan in the Championship final. Also in that same season they managed to win the Lancashire League and Lancashire Cup. The following season, 1910-11, they beat Wigan again in the Championship final.

Oldham won the Lancashire League in 1921-22 and the Lancashire Cup in 1912-13, 1918-19 and 1923-24.

Having lost in the 1907, 1912 and 1924 Challenge Cup finals, they finally won the trophy again in 1925 when they beat Hull Kingston Rovers 16-3 at Headingley, Leeds.

The club's last Challenge Cup final was in 1927 when they beat Swinton 26-7 at Central Park, Wigan, their fourth consecutive final and revenge for their 9-3 defeat when the same teams met in the previous year's match.

In 1932-33, Oldham won the Lancashire Cup again.

In the glory days of the 1950s, Oldham won the Championship and a host of other trophies with a side that boasted players such as Alan Davies, John Ety, Frank Pitchford, Derek "Rocky" Turner and Bernard Ganley.

Oldham's success in the 1950s also included two further Championship titles - in 1954-55 and 1956-57; the Lancashire League 1956-57 and 1957-58 and the Lancashire Cup 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Oldham were Division Two champions in 1963-64, 1981-82 and 1987-88 while also winning the Divisional Premiership in 1987-88 and 1989-90.

When a Rupert Murdoch funded Super League competition was proposed, part of the deal was that some traditional clubs would merge. Oldham were supposed to merge with Salford to form a club to be known as Manchester which would compete in Super League. This was resisted and instead they adopted the name Oldham Bears and were founder members of the new league. Relegation came in the second year of the new summer season, when they finished below Paris St Germain.

In 1997 under Chairman Jim Quinn, they went bankrupt with debts of over £2m. A new team Oldham Roughyeds was then formed in December to play at a lower level. The Roughyeds tag had been a long accepted nickname for the old club.

To many loyal fans' dismay, the club left Watersheddings in 1997 and moved to Oldham Athletic AFC's Boundary Park stadium in nearby Chadderton / Royton.

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Mike Ford retired as player-coach of Oldham in 2001 and in January the following year took up a post as defensive co-ordinator with the Irish Rugby Football Union. Oldham put Mark Knight in temporary charge of the first team. After a successful 2001 season, they narrowly missed out on promotion to the Super League, losing to Widnes Vikings 12-24 in the Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final.

During the 2002 season they played at Hurst Cross in the nearby town of Ashton-under-Lyne, due to a dispute with Oldham Athletic over the use of Boundary Park.

Steve Molloy took charge of the Roughyeds after former boss John Harbin left to join Oldham Athletic as fitness conditioner and sports psychologist in July 2002. Under Molloy, Oldham won seven and drew two of their last 14 games, clinching promotion to National League One and reaching the last four of the play-offs.

In March 2005, Oldham entered a creditors' voluntary agreement (CVA) with total debts of £325,000. In 2007, the excavation and demolition firm The William Quinn Group acquired a 52% stake in the club. Bill Quinn became the club's new chairman, with previous owners Chris Hamilton and Sean Whitehead remaining as directors.

Oldham narrowly missed promotion in 2007 losing in the play off final to Featherstone and their league progress this season has been hampered by success in both the Northern Rail and Challenge Cups, where they reached the ? finals in both competitions.

## HONOURS

- Championship: 1904-5, 1909-10, 1910-11, 1954-55, 1956-57 (5 times)
- Challenge Cup: 1898-99, 1924-25, 1926-27 (3 times)
- Division Two Championship: 1963-64, 1981-82, 1987-88 (3 times)
- Lancashire Cup: 1906-07, 1909-10, 1912-13, 1918-19, 1923-24, 1932-33, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58 (9 times)
- Lancashire League: 1897-98, 1900-01, 1907-08, 1909-10, 1921-22, 1956-57, 1957-58 (7 times)
- Divisional Premiership: 1987-88, 1989-90 (2 times)

## RECORDS

- Attendance: 28,000 v Huddersfield - February 24th 1912
- Biggest Win: 67 - 6 v Liverpool City - April 4th 1959
- Worst Defeat: 0 - 84 v Widnes - July 25th 1999
- Most Career Goals: Bernard Ganley - 224 goals in season 1957-58
- Most Career Tries: Reg Farrar - 49 tries in season 1921-22
- Most Career Points: Bernard Ganley - 28 points v Liverpool City, April 1959

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# FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2008

| DATE      | OPPONENTS           | COMPETITION | VENUE                | RESULT | ATT  |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------|------|
| 3rd Feb   | Widnes Vikings      | NRL         | Home                 | 4-38   | 905  |
| 10th Feb  | Barrow Raiders      | NRL         | Away                 | 20-28  | 825  |
| 17th Feb  | Leigh Centurions    | NRL         | Home                 | 16-36  | 813  |
| 24th Feb  | Barrow Raiders      | NRL         | Home                 | 10-40  | 316  |
| 2nd Mar   | Widnes Vikings      | NRL         | Away                 | 12-60  | 3169 |
| 9th Mar   | Featherstone Rvs    | CC          | Home                 | 16-23  | 302  |
| 16th Mar  | Leigh Centurions    | NRL         | Away                 | 6-26   | 1725 |
| 21st Mar  | Swinton             | NL2         | Away                 | 30-44  | 447  |
| 24th Mar  | Doncaster           | NL2         | Home                 | 12-54  | 307  |
| 30th Mar  | Keighley            | NL2         | Home                 | 26-34  | 386  |
| 6th April | Workington          | NL2         | Home                 | 24-20  | 280  |
| 26th Apr  | York                | NL2         | Home                 | 10-50  | 317  |
| 5th May   | Oldham              | NL2         | Away                 | 26-38  | 1115 |
| 18th Ma   | Hunslet             | NL2         | Away                 | 36-24  | 339  |
| 25th May  | Swinton             | NL2         | Home                 | 30-28  | 344  |
| 1st June  | Gateshead           | NL2         | Home                 | 6-30   | 280  |
| 8th June  | Rochdale            | NL2         | Away                 | 38-38  | 479  |
| 15th June | Workington          | NL2         | Away                 | 12-50  | 548  |
| 18th June | Barrow              | NL2         | Away                 |        |      |
| 22nd June | Oldham              | NL2         | Home                 |        |      |
| 29th June | Keighley            | NL2         | Away                 |        |      |
| 5th July  | London              | NL2         | Home (Saturday 6pm)  |        |      |
| 13th July | York                | NL2         | Away                 |        |      |
| 20th Jul  | Barrow              | NL2         | Home                 |        |      |
| 25th July | Doncaster           | NL2         | Away (Friday 7-30pm) |        |      |
| 3rd Aug   | Rochdale            | NL2         | Home                 |        |      |
| 10th Aug  | Gateshead           | NL2         | Away                 |        |      |
| 17th Aug  | Hunslet             | NL2         | Home                 |        |      |
| 23rd Aug  | London              | NL2         | Away (Saturday 3pm)  |        |      |
| 30th Aug  | Challenge Cup Final |             |                      |        |      |





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## NATIONAL LEAGUE TWO REVIEW

As the league season reaches its halfway point, the table has an unexpected look about it. All the pundits expected a two horse race between Oldham and big spending Doncaster. This has yet to materialise with surprise packages Gateshead Thunder leading by four points having only lost one of their twelve games. They are closely followed by Barrow Raiders the only club in rugby league with a 100% record. The other surprise team Keighley are now starting to drift back to the pack after a couple of heavy home defeats.

Both pre-season favourites are suffering through cup successes. Oldham reached the quarter finals of both the Challenge Cup and Northern Rail and are playing catch up rugby. To visit both Gateshead and London in midweek will fully test the resolve. Doncaster have fared even worse, their wonderful Northern Rail campaign that has seen them reach their first final in their history, has left them a mountain to climb regarding their league fixtures. Last weeks game against Gateshead was their first home game in over two months.

York after a poor start are comfortably within the play off zone. Whilst Workington, Rochdale and Swinton are currently grappling for the final play off position.

Perennial strugglers Blackpool are neither in the play off zone or the battle for the wooden spoon as they lead both Hunslet and London Skolars by six points to occupy 10th place their highest league position for over two years.

### LEAGUE TABLE

|                | P  | W  | D | L  | BP | F   | A   | Diff | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Gateshead      | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1  | 1  | 455 | 208 | 247  | 34  |
| Barrow         | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 388 | 118 | 270  | 30  |
| Oldham         | 10 | 8  | 0 | 2  | 0  | 352 | 218 | 134  | 24  |
| Keighley       | 12 | 7  | 0 | 5  | 2  | 319 | 312 | 7    | 23  |
| York           | 12 | 5  | 1 | 6  | 4  | 338 | 259 | 79   | 21  |
| Doncaster      | 9  | 6  | 0 | 3  | 1  | 250 | 152 | 98   | 19  |
| Workington     | 12 | 4  | 0 | 8  | 6  | 291 | 335 | -44  | 18  |
| Swinton        | 12 | 5  | 0 | 7  | 3  | 306 | 363 | -57  | 18  |
| Rochdale       | 11 | 4  | 1 | 6  | 3  | 349 | 331 | 17   | 17  |
| Blackpool      | 11 | 3  | 1 | 7  | 2  | 250 | 410 | -160 | 13  |
| Hunslet        | 12 | 1  | 0 | 11 | 4  | 189 | 450 | -261 | 7   |
| London Skolars | 11 | 1  | 1 | 9  | 2  | 193 | 483 | -290 | 7   |



# PLAYER OF THE MONTH

## Co-operative National League Division 2 Player of the Month

Whilst idly browsing the RL website, I uncovered the following award, I must admit I was unaware of its existence. I wonder has a Blackpool player ever made this team?. If not its about time one did.

KEIGHLEY super sub Jamaine Wray has been named the official Co-operative National League Two Player of the Month for May.

Hooker Wray started each of his side's four fixtures on the substitutes bench. But, just as Saints star James Roby scooped the Man of Steel prize as an impact player last season, Wray has been key for the Cougars, who ended the month on top of the table.

Wray was chosen via a selection process involving League Weekly's match reporters and a panel of Co-operative National League Two coaches.

He beat off competition from Gateshead's half back duo Neil Thorman and Dan Russell, who have both been included in the official Co-operative National League Two Team of the Month.

Full back Stuart Kain is the third Thunder star includes, whilst York have two representatives in centre Ryan Esders and second row Ross Divorty.

The Cougars have three players selected in total with centre Dan Potter and prop Andy Shickell joining Wray in the side.

Barrow have duo James Nixon and Dave Armitstead included whilst Swinton winger Marlon Billy, Workington prop Dean Burgess and Oldham second row Tommy Goulden also make the cut.

The Co-operative National League Two Team of the Month - May

1. Stuart Kain (Gateshead Thunder)
2. James Nixon (Barrow Raiders)
3. Ryan Esders (York City Knights)
4. Dan Potter (Keighley Cougars)
5. Marlon Billy (Swinton Lions)
6. Neil Thorman (Gateshead Thunder)
7. Dan Russell (Gateshead Thunder)
8. Andy Shickell (Keighley Cougars)
9. Jamaine Wray (Keighley Cougars)
10. Dean Burgess (Workington Town)
11. Ross Divorty (York City Knights)
12. Tommy Goulden (Oldham)
13. Dave Armitstead (Barrow Raiders)

The Co-operative National League Two Player of the Month - May

Jamaine Wray (Keighley Cougars)

# TEAM STATISTICS SEASON 2008

In addition, the following played one game as substitute without scoring.  
Walley John, Wenham Lewis, Ormesher Steve.

|                 | APP | SUB | TRIES | GOALS | D GOAL | PTS |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|
| Anderson Paul   | 13  | 0   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Ash Matt        | 11  | 0   | 5     | 15    | 0      | 50  |
| Ashton Paul     | 6   | 2   | 1     | 3     | 0      | 10  |
| Barton Danny    | 4   | 5   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Birdseye Lee    | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Boland John     | 8   | 3   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Clough John     | 15  | 0   | 3     | 0     | 0      | 12  |
| Cocka Semisi    | 0   | 4   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Duell Deon      | 6   | 5   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Fairhurst Peter | 12  | 4   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Gambles Martin  | 8   | 1   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Gillam John     | 6   | 0   | 3     | 0     | 0      | 12  |
| Graham Craig    | 4   | 0   | 2     | 0     | 0      | 8   |
| Hodgkinson Tom  | 4   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Jones Gareth    | 5   | 5   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Jones Carl      | 9   | 1   | 5     | 0     | 0      | 20  |
| Kay Daryl       | 7   | 6   | 2     | 0     | 0      | 8   |
| Kilgannon Eddie | 10  | 1   | 2     | 0     | 0      | 8   |
| Kirby David     | 5   | 1   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Leather Johnny  | 15  | 0   | 6     | 19    | 0      | 62  |
| Llewellyn Dave  | 6   | 0   | 7     | 0     | 0      | 28  |
| Marsh Lee       | 4   | 0   | 1     | 9     | 0      | 22  |
| Mayberry Casey  | 7   | 0   | 3     | 0     | 0      | 12  |
| Munro Damien    | 14  | 0   | 7     | 0     | 0      | 28  |
| Murfin Luke     | 3   | 3   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| O'Brien Scott   | 2   | 1   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Ratcliffe Kris  | 16  | 0   | 5     | 0     | 0      | 20  |
| Smith Mike      | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Seeds Keiron    | 3   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Tabb Tom        | 2   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Tunstead Craig  | 1   | 11  | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Wallace Andy    | 6   | 6   | 1     | 0     | 0      | 4   |
| Wallace Mick    | 0   | 8   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Warriner John   | 13  | 1   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |
| Weed Sean       | 6   | 0   | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0   |



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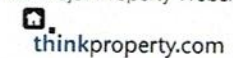
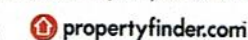
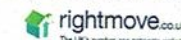
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