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Runners-up 1926/27, 1931/32

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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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Second Division Championship

Winners 1984/85

Runners-up 1986/87, 1996

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Second Division Premiership

Winners 1986/87

Runners-up 1988/89

National League Two

Runners-up 2006

BBC Floodlit Trophy

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
3 Oct 1957

Station Road Record

Attendance

44,621 Warrington vs Wigan
7 April 1951

Club Record Attendance

26,891 vs Wigan
12 Feb 1964

World Record Kick

77.75 yards by Martin
Hodgson at Rochdale Hornets
13 April 1940

Win

90-0 vs Prescott Panthers
11 Aug 1996

Loss

10-106 vs Leeds
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 |

Paul Kidd looks at our season finale as the Co-operative National League Two reaches a climax

Good afternoon and welcome to Park Lane for our last two two games against Oldham and Barrow.

Our final games see us take on two teams both pushing for the second automatic promotion spot in the Co-operative National League Two. Both teams have performed well this season, and will be looking for a win at park Lane. I would like to welcome Steve Deakin and his Oldham side, and Dave Clark and his Barrow team.

I would also like to welcome our sponsors, Tenon Group Plc. Cliff Lenord, Thompson Jones LLP and Premier Building Services to the games, as well as thanking all of our 2008 sponsors and the Supporters Trust for their support during the season.

At the end of what has been a very difficult year it would be wrong not to recognise the efforts of the back-room team, physio staff, coaching staff and players. I would like to thank them all for their efforts throughout the season.

Most importantly I would like to thank the supporters that have stayed with us throughout the year.

On the injury front it has been the worst year I have known, with no fewer than seven players missing practically every week. The more serious ones, including Chris Morley, Chris Tyrer and Phil Wood, will hopefully all recover in time for pre-season in 2009.

On a positive note I believe that the training facility that we have acquired at Agecroft will go a long way to stabilising the team for future years.

I have recently gone on record of saying that it is crucial for the club to attain a stadium back in Swinton if we are to survive as Swinton RLFC long term. We desperately need to claw back our identity and the new training base will give the players a sense of belonging.

On another positive note it is pleasing that we have so far secured contracts for next season to Richie Hawkyard, Phil Wood, Ben Williamson, Chris Frodsham, Neil Rigby, Chris Tyrer and Bruce Johnson on a two-year contract running until the end of 2010. Many more will follow in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the game

Paul



FROM THE TOUCHLINE

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Lions' coach

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Orders are being taken for the Wayne English Testimonial book. A £5 deposit will secure a signed copy and your name in the list of subscribers. The book will cost £15 and is published in November. It is 128 pages plus there are colour photographs covering Wayne's career and ten seasons with the Lions. See Ian Jackson at today's game.

Rugby League Annual Review 2008

What have Wayne English and Robert Seddon who played for Swinton the 1880s got in common? Both are featured in another new RL book. The Rugby League Annual Review 2008 published by London League Publications in August can be bought for £12-00 including postage from www.llpshp.co.uk

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Swinton v Oldham

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Swinton v Barrow

Our Executive Match Sponsor for our final game of the league season is a regular at Park Lane. We would like to welcome Peter Carlin of Thompson Jones LLP, chartered accountants of Heap Bridge, Bury.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors and guests for your continued support, and we hope that you all enjoy your afternoon at Swinton Lions.

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NATIONAL LEAGUES TALK with Gareth Walker

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Leigh Centurions play what could be their last ever game at Hilton Park this afternoon (17th August) when they entertain Whitehaven.

Unless Leigh move at least one position up the table before the end of the league campaign - and that is still very possible - this game will see the club and its supporters say farewell to a ground that has been home for 61 years.

Hilton Park has seen many great games through the years, and has played host to Championship and Challenge Cup winning sides.

Though its top flight exposure has been limited in recent seasons, it remains something of an iconic ground for many, and it will undoubtedly be an emotional day for the Centurions' supporters.

The club will be doing much to mark the occasion, with a succession of events being held over the weekend.

The Centurions have also produced a limited edition programme, of some 92 pages, that is available at the club shop, and includes a copy of the programme for the first ever match at Hilton Park.

But while the people of Leigh will be keen to remember days from the past, now is also a time for the club to look to the future, and the move to the plush Leigh Sports Village.

Anybody who hasn't had chance to see what kind of facility the Centurions will be gracing should check out the website at www.leighsportsvillage.co.uk.

The new ground will be the focal point of Leigh's next Super League licence application in 2011, and will provide the kind of resources that the club was crying out for the last time it was in the top flight in 2005.

Everybody has seen the kind of success that the likes of Warrington and Hull FC have generated when moving to new grounds in recent years, and the Centurions will be hoping that their switch can have a similar impact.

The Hilton Park farewell match is one of a handful of crucial clashes in NL1 this weekend, as six clubs battle it out for the bottom three play-off places.

Two of them meet on Thursday when Sheffield host Widnes, before Featherstone look to re-ignite their top six challenge at Dewsbury on Sunday, and Batley face the daunting task of a trip to Salford.

In NL2, Barrow may have taken a big step towards automatic promotion if they beat Keighley on Friday, while Oldham will be looking to keep up the pressure this afternoon here at Swinton.

It's all building towards a fascinating climax to the National League season.

READ GARETH WALKER IN "RUGBY LEAGUER AND LEAGUE EXPRESS" EVERY MONDAY!



OLDHAM RLFC

THE two young loan signings who made impressive debuts for Oldham against Barrow, Michael Brown and James Martin, are likely to be involved again this afternoon. Brown, a 21-year-old centre, and Martin, a 20-year-old back-row forward, have each signed for one month on loan from Super League club Huddersfield Giants.



NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2008
Oldham narrowly beat Swinton at Boundary Park on the first day of the season, before putting in a convincing win over the Lions at Park Lane.



CO-OPERATIVE NL TWO 2008
At the time of going to press, Oldham lay in third place behind already promoted Gateshead Thunder, and on equal points with second placed Barrow.



CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP
Oldham defeated the Army away at Aldershot in the third round, before setting up a fourth round win at Swinton. Today marks our fifth clash this season.

Brown, a Leeds boy, came out of the Hunslet Parkside club and signed for Leeds Rhinos at 16 before joining the Giants a year ago after three seasons with Leeds Academy. He has played one Super League game off the bench, helping the Giants to beat Harlequins 26-16 at the Galpharm Stadium in June. Martin, a Huddersfield lad, was reared at Newsome Panthers -- the club that produced Phil Joseph -- before joining the Giants and working his way through that club's academy and reserve-team set-up.

Both surpassed expectations in Oldham's win against Barrow, left-centre Brown with a 71st-minute try and substitute Martin working solidly in the forwards for nearly an hour in his first taste of senior rugby.

Said Martin: "I was a little nervous beforehand, but that is not unusual -- it's how my game preparation works. Once I had my first hit-up it was fine. The moves Oldham use are similar to the ones we use in the Huddersfield reserve team, so it is just a case of getting used to the new calls."

"I felt I got through the game okay and hopefully I will make progress from here."

THIS WEEK'S
AWAY END

BARROW RAIDERS



Founded in 1875 as Barrow FC, Barrow is thought to be amongst one of the oldest clubs in the UK that is still surviving and continuing to play. It is impossible to go into great detail on a Web Site with so rich a Club history, so we have endeavoured to put together a very brief outline of some of the key facts and events below.

The game was played in these early years under the Rugby Union code and it was not until April 1897, along with other Morecambe Bay clubs, that the team switched to the two-years old Northern Union.

August 1931 saw Barrow move to its current home ground, Craven Park. The club have reached the Challenge Cup Final on five occasions, winning only once in 1955 against Workington Town.

1938 - Lost to Salford 4-7
1951 - Lost to Wigan 0-10
1955 - Won against Workington 21-12
1957 - Lost to Leeds 7-9
1967 - Lost to Featherstone 12-17

In the recent 2004 season the club managed to gain promotion to Division 1, under the coaching of Peter Roe, however they were to yo-yo down again to Division 2 and that is where they are today.

At the end of 2007 the Board appointed ex-player and assistant Dave Clark as head coach. Dave has been at Craven Park for almost a decade, and has made a great start to his first senior coaching role. Ex favourites Dean Marwood and Darren Carter have been added to the coaching team and together with ex-Wigan and Widnes legend Mick Cassidy, have had a remarkable season.

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2008
Placed in a tough group with Super League hopefuls Widnes and Leigh, Barrow performed well, winning three fixtures before losing to Batley at the knock out stages.

CO-OPERATIVE NL TWO 2008
The Raiders went undefeated in the league for thirteen games, but came to Swinton on the back of four consecutive defeats (as of 14th August).

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP
Barrow defeated Rochdale Mayfield and Hunslet to progress to the fifth round, where they lost at home to Wakefield Trinity.



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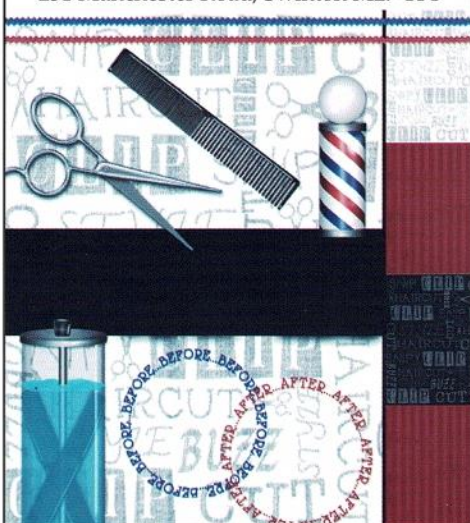
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Ian Jackson looks at a big match between Swinton and Oldham, held at Chorley Road in 1900



Almost 108 years ago a monumental encounter took place between the Lions and Oldham at Swinton's Chorley Road enclosure on 29 September 1900. A grand total of 13,118 people watched Swinton win the game by 11 points to nil.

In the crowd, there were 11,311 paying spectators through the gates, 1,638 season coupons, 100 boy's season tickets, 49 complimentary tickets and 20 press passes. One of the press passes belonged to a journalist from the Manchester Weekly Times who wrote under the pseudonym of "one of the crowd". Here is the account of what he witnessed that afternoon as it appeared in the paper on 5 October 1900.

The newspaper piece began as follows: "To the little village of Swinton I journeyed to exercise my journalistic muscle on those who did pursue with nimble feet the bouncing leather bladder." It appears that the journalist found all of Lancashire to be "mostly football mad."

So much so that: "Week in, week out, during the football season, as soon as "th' one-o'clock buzzer" goes, the British workman in these parts throws down his pick, or hod, or spade, or loom, or steam-derrick, or beetle, or Nasmyth hammer or whatever implement he happens to be wielding and flies him to the arena where the jersey-clad gladiators engage in footy encounter for possession of the leathern sphe-roid."

At first the journalist found it difficult to gain access into the ground as there were only "two or three narrow slits" serving as entrances. This was because of ground alterations at the Chorley Road enclosure during the summer of 1900. The journalist finally got into the ground via "a private wicket - the players' entrance." Once inside there was a crowd of "about sixteen thousand leather-throated enthusiasts, of whom an energetic minority had evidently journeyed from Spindledom."

Swinton won the toss and made Oldham play into strong sunlight. The game itself was a triumph for the Lions who were top of the league with Oldham at the time. Swinton scored three tries, one each for Bob Valentine, Jack Lewis and Vernon Hampson plus a goal from the legendary James Valentine who was less than four years away from an untimely death when struck by lightning on holiday at Barmouth on 25 July 1904.

It was a physical game as "the tackling sure and deadly" with the players "trod upon, pinched, squashed, strangled and flung violently to the ground" whilst many of them had a "nose tweaked" or "eye bunged-up" and some even had their "face rubbed in the turf". This was the true features of the genuinely uncompromising game of Northern Union Football in 1900.

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OLDHAM R L F C



Coach
Steve Deakin

Black, silver and
gold

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THE TEAMSHEET

Saturday 23rd August 2008

SWINTON LIONS



Coach
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Blue and white

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BARROW RAIDERS



Coach
Dave Clark

Red and white

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For those of you not lucky enough to be going to Australia for the Rugby League World Cup, there is a great opportunity to get your international rugby fix much closer to home this autumn!

The South Africa Rhinos Rugby League side are embarking on a tour of England in October this year. It will be the first time that the Rhinos have toured this country since the 2000 Rugby League World Cup.

The Rhinos, who arrive at Manchester Airport on Saturday 4th October, will be playing four games during their fifteen day stay against Lancashire, Cumbria, Yorkshire culminating in a Test Match against BARLA Great Britain.

They will be playing their games at Leigh, Barrow, Dewsbury and Hull and sponsors are being sought for the County and Representative games:

SCHEDULE

Sunday 5th October: Lancashire
at Leigh East ARLFC - Kick Off 4.00pm

Wednesday 8th October: Cumbria
at Craven Park, Barrow - Kick Off 7.00pm

Sunday 12th October: Yorkshire
at Dewsbury Rams RLFC - Kick Off 2.30pm

Friday 17th October: BARLA Great Britain
at New Craven Park, Hull - Kick Off 7.30pm

JUNIOR LIONS EXTRA!

BIRTHDAYS

Some of our junior members have recently or are going to celebrate their birthday, these are:

| | |
|----------|----------------------|
| 5th Aug | Emily Parker (11) |
| 13th Aug | Ethan Stanton (9) |
| 16th Aug | Alicia Brookes (5) |
| 29th Aug | Luke Worthington (2) |

We hope you had a good day (or are going to) and Happy Birthday from everybody at Swinton Lions RLFC!

In the close season the following Juniors are celebrating their birthday, and we wish them a Happy Birthday! Those celebrating are:

• Charlotte Gettins • Jack Bentham
• Thomas Rowley • Oliver Colven
• Daniel Watts • Jordan Sharples
• Mitchell Smith • Jordan Corrigan
• Daniel Croston • George Boylin
• Michael Cottrill • Ashley Parker
• Ryan Hulse • Rowan Campbell

150!

Ten-year old George Jackson from Macclesfield attended his 150th Swinton game at the Keighley home match in July. He attended his first Swinton game when he was seven weeks and his favourite all time player is Wayne English.

GRASSROOTS

BARLA 18 ENGLAND STUDENTS 21 :: SKANSKA CUP FINAL
The Arthur Miller Stadium, Stanningley (played Wednesday evening)

England Students produced a tremendous team effort to upset the odds and lift the 2008 Skanska Cup against the holders BARLA. A wet night at Stanningley meant that handling conditions were always going to be difficult but both sides deserve credit for the rugby they played.

The scoreboard was soon in action with a Mark McKinley penalty after just two minutes and he further increased the Students lead with another well struck effort minutes later. BARLA then began to come back into the game and make inroads into Student territory. The pressure eventually told as winger Eugene Swift pounced on a mistake from full back Gareth Davis to score out wide and he was soon followed over the line by centre Andy Dobson as the holders hit the front.

The remainder of the first half was an end to end affair with both sides looking dangerous with the ball in hand, although the conditions often led to handling errors at crucial times. The closing minutes saw the impressive kicking of McKinley draw the Students level at 8-8 as he punished BARLA indiscipline and in-between times BARLA were reduced to 12 men as Jimmy Rogers was sin binned for dissent.

The second period started much like the first with McKinley edging the Students ahead with two further penalties, although he then missed his first attempt of the evening that would have opened up a six point gap. After that let off BARLA didn't need any further encouragement as they began to get on the front foot and run more purposefully. On 54 minutes winger Chris Walker showed great strength to spin out of a tackle and plant the ball down near the corner, following

some great BARLA handling.

With the game entering the final quarter a Gareth Davis penalty - taking over the kicking duties with McKinley off the field - cut the deficit to two points, however a great break from the impressive Simon Stevens finished with Walker getting his second try of the night and Robb tagged on the simple extras from under the posts.

With time running out many in the crowd now expected the favourites to go on and seal a third consecutive Skanska title, however the Students had other ideas. After making their way to within 20 metres of the BARLA line the Students were desperate for a piece of magic to get them over the line for their first four-pointer of the game, and in lively scrum half Nigel Scott they had just the man.

After taking the ball at first receiver Scott took on the defensive line before delivering a perfectly timed pass for the charging Chris Clarke to collect and the second rower did the rest as he dived over to the left of the uprights.

Davis - who had a great game after his early error - then kept his nerve to nudge the Students back in front by 20-18, before captain Mark McKinley returned to add a drop goal with just minutes left.

Despite some late BARLA pressure their indiscipline ended up costing them and this was further evident as Gary Weymes, who'd had a excellent game until then, became the second player to be dispatched to the sin bin for dissent with just seconds remaining and the Students were left to celebrate.

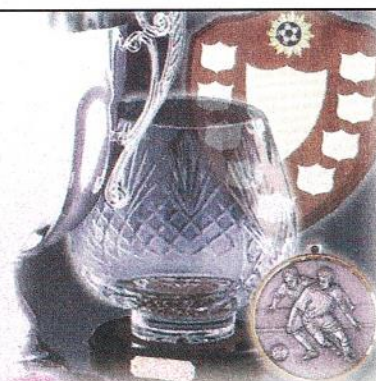
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WELCOME!

As this is the last programme of the year, we would like to say thankyou to everybody who has supported the Junior Lions by either contributing or joining in any of the competitions - and also a **BIG** thankyou to the people behind the scenes!

Today we wish a warm welcome to the Roughyeds of Oldham and also a warm welcome to the Raiders of Barrow (depending when you are reading these notes), especially any junior fans and their families from these clubs. Both matches will be difficult for the Lions as we struggle at the wrong end of the table whereas our visitors are fighting for the automatic promotion spot.

After a good home victory against the Hawks ended our losing run we went back to our old ways against Rochdale, but hopefully we will surprise both our opponents and come out on top. So for the final time this season lets get behind the Lions and make them roar...

COME ON YOU LIONS!!!

HALF TIME / FULL TIME DRAW

Don't forget to get your free draw ticket and win a prize. At our last home game against Hunslet, the winner was Ethan Stanton.

TODAYS JUNIOR LION

Todays Junior Lion is Alicia Brookes from Rochdale aged 5 years old. Alicia attends Holy Family in Rochdale and her favourite Lion is Wayne English. In her spare time she enjoys Painting. Her favourite food is sausage and her favourite holiday destination is Australia

LANGUAGE

Will people please remember that Rugby League is a family sport and refrain from bad language especially as children do enjoy the sport. This does not only apply to supporters it applies to everybody in the ground - players, officials and staff.

Please remember to curb the language - we are a family sport.

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Don't forget to get your voting slip and vote for your favourite player.

EXTRA, EXTRA...

There is more Junior Lions news on page 21!



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IN PROFILE

HECTOR HALSALL was Swinton's "Five Cups" winning captain in the 1927-8 season

Following his retirement as a player he went on to coach both Leigh and Barrow, where he helped lay the foundations for their own golden era



Right:
Halsall triumphant after winning the Challenge Cup for Swinton at Wigan's Central Park
Picture credit to Steve Wild

Many thanks to Ian Jackson and Keith Nutter for their help with this article.

Hector Halsall signed for the Lions almost ninety years ago in 1920, coming to the club from Wigan for £105. The inter-war period was a time of rebuilding at the club, with the board putting in place many of the foundations that were to see the Lions become one of the dominant clubs in the game during the 1920s.

Halsall signed at the same time as Albert Jenkins, who joined the club from Ebbw Vale RUFC, and made his debut on 6th November 1920 away at St Helens Recreation, a fixture that was narrowly won 10 points to 9 by the Lions.

In terms of the number of trophies won, Halsall was the most successful captain that the Lions have known, being captain throughout the decade and, in particular, during the famous "All Five Cups" season eighty years ago.

HECTOR HALSALL

During his time with the Lions he earned one Great Britain cap when he took at the Kangaroos in the first test match to take place at the newly built Station Road ground in the 1929-30 series. The match is remembered not only for being the only 0-0 draw in Ashes history, but also for an incident in which Swinton's Fred Butters severely injured his ear.

His final game for the Lions was just seven weeks later when Swinton took on Widnes at Station Road, a game that ended in a 7-all draw.

Following his retirement, Halsall continued to run the Buckley Arms on Partington Lane in Swinton, where he had been landlord for a year previous, and stayed until 1933.

By this point he had become coach at Barrow, where he was to remain until 1950, leading the

Shipbuilders to a Challenge Cup Final appearance in 1938 against Salford at Wembley.

In his book "Twin Towers" Barrow historian, Keith Nutter, notes that Halsall was the "brains" behind the team, bringing great players such as Willie Horne and Jim Lewthwaite to the fore at Craven Park.

In 1950 Halsall retired as coach at Barrow, but continued to take an active interest in the club as groundsman.



Right:
Hector Halsall (centre) sits alongside All Four Cups in 1928 - the Championship Trophy, The Challenge Cup, the Lancashire League Trophy and the Lancashire Cup

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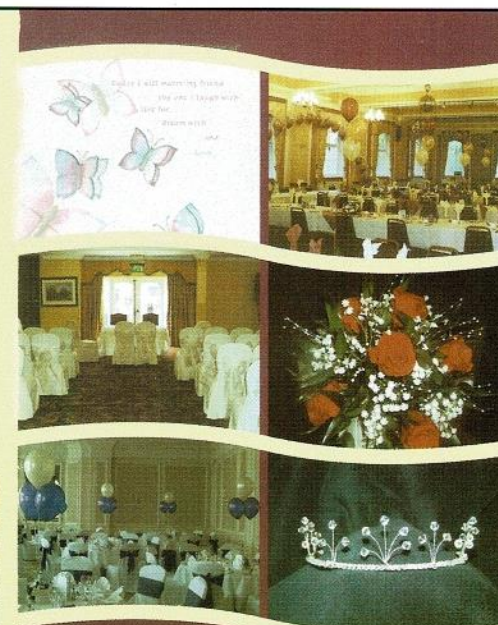
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Latest results

Gateshead 44 Blackpool 22
Hunslet 6 York 34
Keighley 26 Workington Town 20
London Skolars 16 Doncaster 23
Oldham 34 Barrow 22
Rochdale Hornets 50 Swinton 26

Fixtures this weekend

Barrow v Keighley (played Friday)
Blackpool v Hunslet
Doncaster v York (played Friday)
Rochdale Hornets v London Skolars
Swinton v Oldham
Workington Town v Gateshead

Fixtures weekend of 24th August

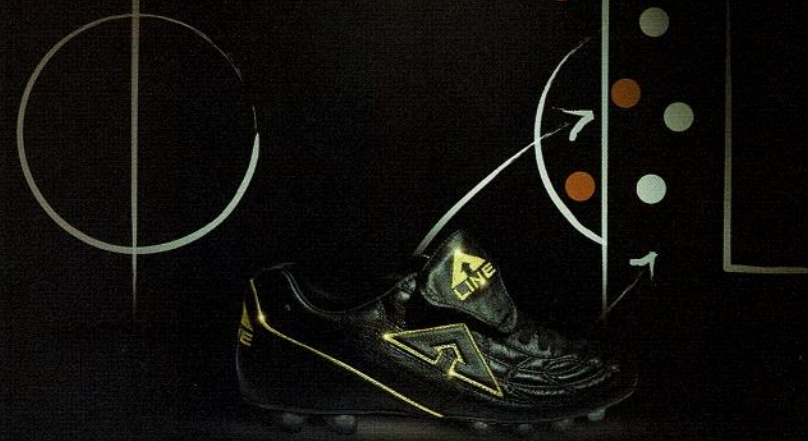
Gateshead v Doncaster (Thurs 21/8)
Keighley v Hunslet
London Skolars v Blackpool (Sat 23/8)
Oldham v Workington Town
Swinton v Barrow (Sat 23/8)
York v Rochdale

Outstanding fixtures

Doncaster v Barrow (Weds 23/8)
London Skolars v Keighley (Fri 29/8)
Doncaster v Hunslet (Sun 31/8)

| | P | W | D | L | BP | F | A | D | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Gateshead (P) | 20 | 17 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 723 | 383 | 340 | 53 |
| Barrow | 19 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 629 | 315 | 314 | 46 |
| Oldham | 20 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 638 | 420 | 218 | 46 |
| Keighley | 19 | 13 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 559 | 463 | 96 | 42 |
| York | 20 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 668 | 480 | 188 | 38 |
| Doncaster | 18 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 528 | 348 | 180 | 38 |
| Rochdale Hornets | 20 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 647 | 558 | 89 | 33 |
| Workington Town | 20 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 9 | 482 | 566 | -84 | 27 |
| Swinton Lions | 20 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 450 | 707 | -257 | 22 |
| Blackpool | 20 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 394 | 774 | -380 | 19 |
| London Skolars | 19 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 395 | 727 | -332 | 18 |
| Hunslet | 19 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 4 | 286 | 658 | -372 | 16 |

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|--------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|------------|----------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Sun 20 Jan | WHITEHAVEN Pre-season | | L 8-44 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 27 Jan | ST HELENS XIII Pre-season | | W 24-20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 1 Feb | OLDHAM Northern Rail Cup | 843 | L 20-22 | English | Saywell | Hull | Gorton | Billy T | Hawkyard 4G | Hulse | Line | Wood | Ball T | Morley | Rigby | Sykes | McGovern | Moana | Tyrer | Johnson T |
| Sun 10 Feb | ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup | 625 | L 34-36 | Bamford T | Hamilton | Hull T | Gorton | Billy 2T | Hawkyard 5G | Hulse T | Line | Ashall | Ball | Gibson | Rigby | Sykes | McGovern T | Moana | Tyrer | Johnson |
| Sun 17 Feb | SALFORD NR Cup | 1,664 | L 8-48 | English | Saywell 2T | Sykes | Gorton | Hamilton | Moana | Hawkyard | Line | Wood | Ball | Morley | Gibson | Ashall | McGovern | Rigby | Tyrer | Johnson |
| Sun 24 Feb | ROCHDALE HORNETS NR Cup | 464 | W 38-34 | English | Saywell T | Sykes | Gorton | Billy T | Hawkyard 5G | McGovern T | Line | Wood | Ball | Hodson | Gibson 2T | Ashall | Hull | Moana 2T | Tyrer | Johnson |
| Fri 29 Feb | SALFORD NR Cup | 6,042 | L 6-70 | Bamford | Hamilton | Brand T | Hull | Worfield | Hawkyard G | McGovern | Line | Wood | Ball | Gibson | Hodson | Sykes | Smith | Moana | Bryers | Johnson |
| Sun 9 Mar | WATH BROW Carnegie CC3 | 631 | W 40-14 | Bamford 2T | Saywell | Sykes | Hull T | Billy 2T | Hawkyard T 6G | Hulse | Line | McGovern | Ball | Gibson | Rigby | Ashall | Wood | Moana | Bibey | Johnson |
| Sun 16 Mar | OLDHAM NR Cup | 549 | L 10-52 | English | Hamilton | Hull | Sykes T | Worfield | Hawkyard G | Hulse | Ball T | McGovern | Tyrer | Hodson | Bryers | Ashall | Wood | Moana | Bibey | Hayes |
| Fri 21 Mar | BLACKPOOL | 447 | W 44-30 | Bamford | Saywell | Sykes | Gorton T | Billy 3T | Hawkyard G | Hulse | Line T | Wood | Ball | Gibson | Rigby | Moana | McGovern T 5G | Hull T | Tyrer | Johnson |
| Mon 24 Mar | KEIGHLEY | 607 | L 12-21 | Bamford | Saywell 2T | Moana | Gorton | Hamilton | McGovern 2G | Hulse | Line | Wood | Tyrer | Gibson | Rigby | Hodson | Hawkyard | Ball | Hayes | Johnson |
| Sun 30 Mar | DONCASTER | 1,305 | L 18-36 | English | Saywell | Hull | Gorton | Billy | McGovern | Hulse | Line | Wood T | Tyrer | Rigby | Moana T | Hodson | Sykes 3G | Bamford | Hayes | Johnson T |
| Sun 13 April | LONDON SKOLARS | 307 | W 34-24 | English 2T | Saywell T | Bamford 2G | Gorton T | Billy | Hull | Hulse | Johnson T | Sykes 2G | Line | Gibson T | Rigby | Moana | Wood | Brand G | Jones | Ball |
| Sun 20 April | OLDHAM Carnegie CC4 | 591 | L 8-20 | English | Hamilton T | Bamford T | Gorton | Billy | Hull | Hulse | Line | Wood | Ball | Johnson | Rigby | Sykes | Ashall | Tyrer | Moana | Hayes |
| Sun 27 April | WORKINGTON TOWN | 644 | W 30-20 | English | Hamilton T | Brand T 5G | Gorton T | Billy T | Hull | Hulse | Line | Wood T | Hayes | Johnson | Rigby | Sykes | Ashall | Moana | Tyrer | Ball |
| Mon 5 May | GATESHEAD | 340 | L 20-36 | Frodsham 2T | Hamilton | Brand | Williamson | Billy | Hull | Hulse | Hayes | Sykes | Tyrer | Rigby | Moana | Ashall | Hawkyard | Smith | Jones | Johnson |
| Sun 11 May | YORK | 501 | L 28-50 | Frodsham | Hamilton | Brand | Williamson T | Billy T | Hawkyard 4G | Hulse T | Johnson | Sykes T | Hayes T | Gibson | Rigby | Ashall | Wood | Smith | Moana | Bibey |
| Sun 18 May | OLDHAM | 1,191 | L 20-30 | Frodsham G | Hamilton | Bamford | Williamson | Billy 3T | Hawkyard TG | Hulse | Johnson | Sykes | Hayes | Gibson | Rigby | Moana | Smith | Tyrer | Line | Bibey |
| Sun 25 May | BLACKPOOL | 330 | L 28-30 | Frodsham | Hamilton T | Bamford | Williamson | Billy T | Hawkyard 3G | Hulse | Line | Sykes | Tyrer | Gibson | Rigby | Moana 2T | McGovern G | Smith | Ball | Hayes T |
| Sun 1 June | HUNSLET | 414 | W 17-6 | Hulse | Saywell | Bamford T | Williamson | Billy | Hawkyard 4G | McGovern DG | Line | Wood | Tyrer | Johnson | Rigby | Moana | Frodsham | Ashall T | Ball | Hayes |
| Sun 8 June | WORKINGTON TOWN | 367 | W 33-24 | Hulse T | Frodsham | Bamford | Williamson T | Billy | Hawkyard 4G | McGovern T DG | Line | Sykes T | Tyrer | Rigby | Johnson | Moana | Gibson | Ashall 2T | Ball | Raftery |
| Sun 15 June | ROCHDALE HORNETS | 488 | L 22-56 | Hulse | Frodsham | Bamford | Gorton | Billy | Hawkyard T | McGovern 3G | Line | Sykes | Tyrer | Rigby T | Johnson | Moana T | Wood T | Gibson | Ball | Raftery |
| Sun 22 June | GATESHEAD | 331 | L 12-28 | Hulse | Saywell T | Williamson | Gorton | Billy | Hawkyard 2G | McGovern | Line | Wood | Raftery | Gibson | Rigby | Ashall | Crook | Moana | Johnson | Hayes T |
| Sat 28 June | BARROW | 1,427 | L 14-70 | Hulse T | Saywell T | Bamford | Gorton | Billy | Hawkyard | Crook G | Line | Sykes | Johnson | Rigby | Donohugh T | Ashall | Frodsham | Moana | Smith | Hayes |
| Weds 9 July | DONCASTER | 315 | L 16-44 | Hulse | Bamford | Bowman | Gorton T | English | Frodsham | Donoghue | Line | Wood | Hayes | Crook 2G | Moana T | Ashall | McGovern T | Rigby | Gibson | York |
| Sat 12 July | LONDON SKOLARS | 314 | L 22-26 | Hulse | Bamford | Donoghue | Gorton T | English T | Frodsham | Gibson | Line T | Wood | Johnson | Crook 3G | Moana T | Ashall | Hawkyard | York | Hayes | Bates |
| Sun 20 July | KEIGHLEY | 421 | L 6-40 | English | Saywell | Bowman | Gorton | Billy | Hulse | McGovern G | Line | Hawkyard | Johnson | Rigby | Wainwright | Ashall | Sykes T | York | Moana | Bates |
| Sun 27 July | YORK | 762 | L 12-66 | English T | Saywell | Gorton | Sykes | Billy T | Frodsham | McGovern | Line | Hawkyard 2G | Johnson | Rigby | Wainwright | Moana | Hulse | Bamford | Hull | Hayes |
| Sun 3 Aug | HUNSLET | 335 | W 36-20 | English T | Saywell | Hull | Gorton T | Billy T | Hawkyard 2G | McGovern T 4G | Line | Sykes | Johnson | Rigby | Wainwright | Moana T | Hulse | Bamford T | Bates | Hayes |
| Sun 10 Aug | ROCHDALE HORNETS | 556 | L 26-50 | English | Saywell | Hull T | Gorton | Billy | Hawkyard | McGovern 3G | Line | Sykes | Johnson | Rigby T | Wainwright | Moana T | Hulse T | Bamford | Bates T | Hayes |
| Sun 17 Aug | OLDHAM | 3.00pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 23 Aug | BARROW | 3.00pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 28 Sept | CO-OPERATIVE NL2 FINAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SWINTON LIONS APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2008

| | APPEARANCES | | TRIES | GOALS | DROP GOALS | POINTS |
|---------------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|--------|
| | Played | Subs | All competitions, exc. friendlies | | | |
| ASHALL, Craig | 11 | 4 | 3 | | | 12 |
| BALL, Rob | 10 | 7 | 2 | | | 8 |
| BAMFORD, Darren | 16 | 3 | 5 | 4 | | 28 |
| BATES, Dave | 0 | 4 | 1 | | | 4 |
| BIBEY, Adam | 0 | 4 | | | | 0 |
| BILLY, Marlon | 22 | 0 | 17 | | | 68 |
| BOWMAN, Adam | 2 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| BRAND, Chris | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | | 26 |
| BRYERS, Matty | 1 | 1 | | | | 0 |
| CROOK, Paul | 3 | 1 | | 6 | | 12 |
| DONOGHUE, Dane | 2 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| ENGLISH, Wayne | 14 | 0 | 5 | | | 20 |
| FRODHAM, Chris | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 14 |
| GIBSON, Darren | 13 | 3 | 3 | | | 12 |
| GORTON, Dean | 19 | 2 | 4 | | | 24 |
| HAMILTON, Barry | 11 | 0 | 3 | | | 12 |
| HAWKYARD, Richie | 21 | 2 | 2 | 45 | | 98 |
| HAYES, Gareth | 7 | 10 | 5 | | | 20 |
| HODSON, Ian | 5 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| HULL, Chris | 13 | 2 | 4 | | | 16 |
| HULSE, Gary | 23 | 2 | 5 | | | 20 |
| JOHNSON, Bruce | 14 | 11 | 3 | | | 12 |
| JONES, Richard | 0 | 2 | | | | 0 |
| LINE, Rob | 24 | 1 | 2 | | | 8 |
| McGOVERN, Liam | 14 | 6 | 7 | 19 | 3 | 69 |
| MIRFIELD, Ryan | 2 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| MOANA, Martin | 16 | 12 | 11 | | | 44 |
| MORLEY, Chris | 2 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| RAFTERY, Paul | 1 | 2 | | | | 0 |
| RIGBY, Neil | 22 | 2 | 2 | | | 8 |
| SAYWELL, Andy | 15 | 0 | 8 | | | 32 |
| SMITH, Mike | 0 | 6 | | | | 0 |
| SYKES, Gary | 21 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 26 |
| TYRER, Chris | 8 | 8 | | | | 0 |
| WAINWRIGHT, Michael | 4 | 0 | | | | 0 |
| WILLIAMSON, Ben | 7 | 0 | 2 | | | 8 |
| WOOD, Phil | 13 | 5 | 4 | | | 16 |
| YORK, Dave | 0 | 3 | | | | 0 |

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