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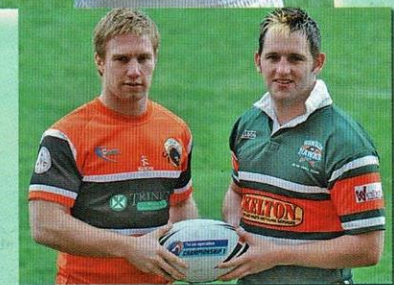
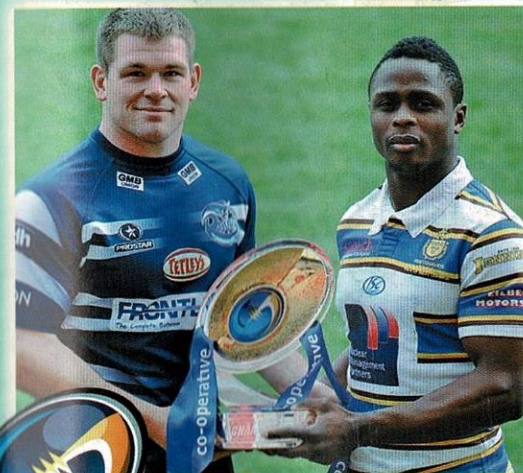
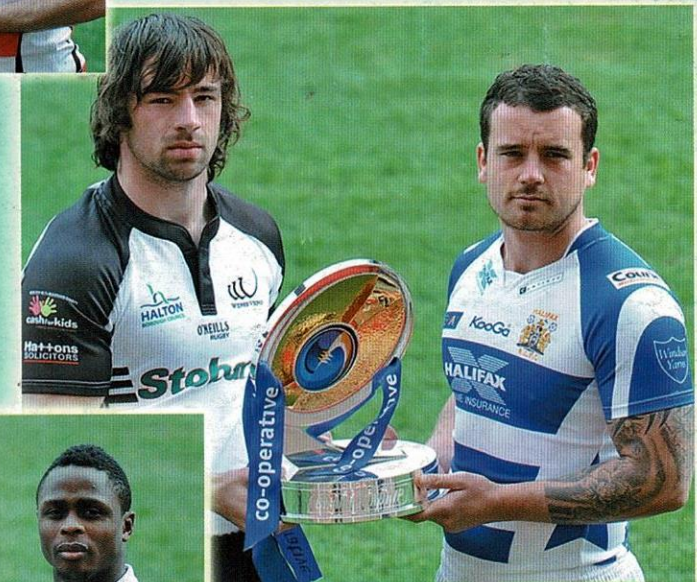
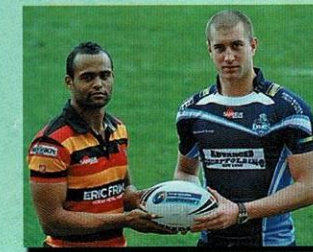
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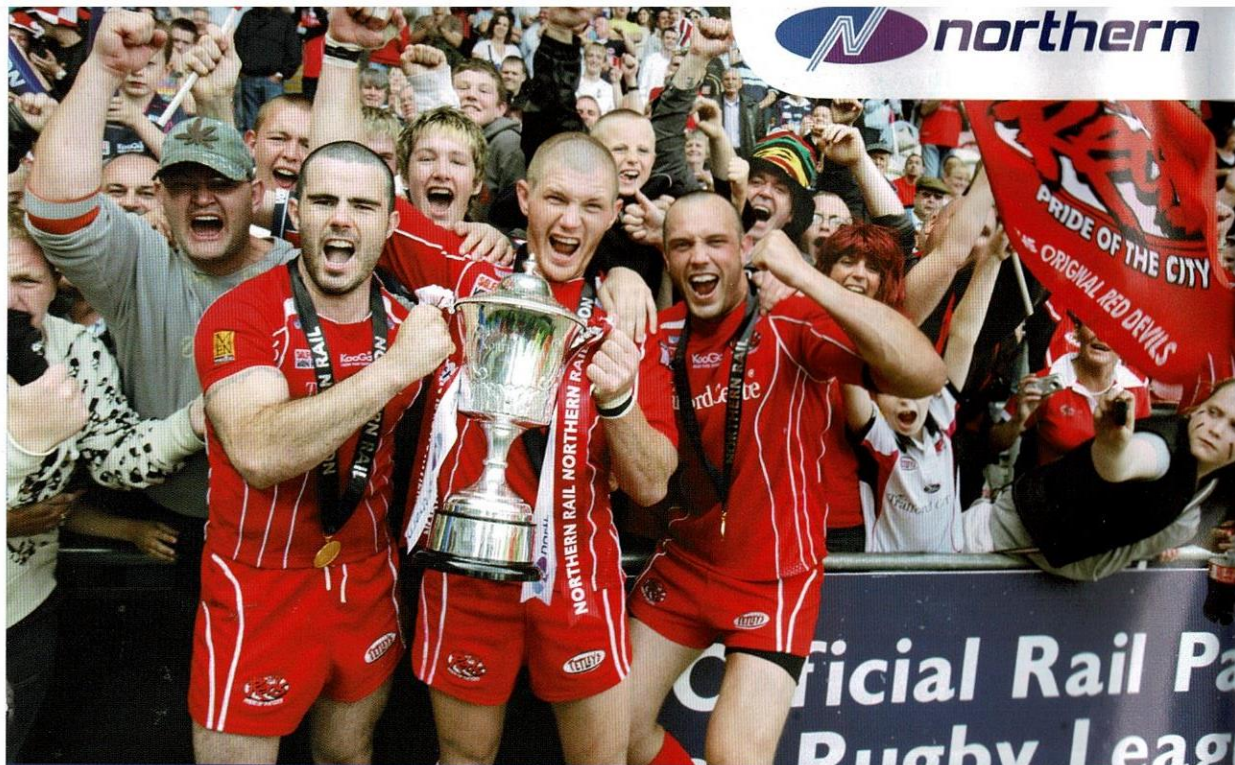
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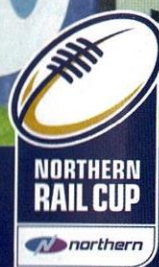


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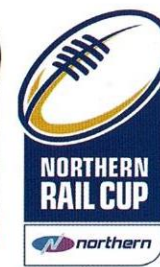
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Major weekend at top with big guns going head-to-head

YOU are either reading this knowing the
 result of the Halifax v Widnes game, or you
 are actually at The Shay ahead of the first
 'huge' match up of the season.

Either way... lucky you!

When I first saw the fixture list for the 2009
 season, this round of games jumped out at me
 straightaway.

The aforementioned Vikings and Fax are sure
 to be there or thereabouts at the top of the
 Championship all season so Thursday – or
 tonight's – clash is hugely significant.

I am writing this on Tuesday night so for me
 this is still a mouthwatering encounter. The win-
 ners will automatically become clear favourites to
 finish the regular season top.

It is no decider – heck, we are only in March –
 but it will put down an enormous marker for the
 weeks ahead.

Meanwhile in Championship One, the Rams entertain York City Knights. This clash is
 just as significant for the lower division and has all kinds of spice added with all the
 Dewsbury connections in the York line-up.

With a significant visiting support coming from North Yorkshire, there should be a
 great atmosphere at the Tetley's Stadium to boot.

Both teams have made their mark in the Northern Rail Cup and, along with Oldham,
 are hotly-tipped to lead the way at the top.

Again, whoever wins will take so much out of the victory. It is not just about three
 points, no matter what the respective coaches would have us believe.

I should also take this opportunity to say 'bonjour' to Toulouse, who host their first
 ever league game and 'hello' to all those Eagles fans making the long trip to the South of
 France.

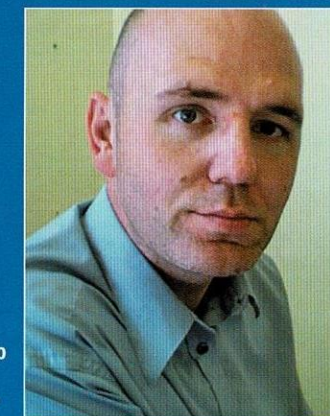
The French side did not have a very nice introduction to The Championship against
 Widnes last week but just how well they do this season will be better gauged by what
 happens on their own turf.

The Sheffield lads should just be grateful their trip across the English Channel is not
 happening in the summer when the temperatures in the region regularly exceed 40
 degrees.

I suspect the Eagles fans will have a great time, whatever the score.

I just wish I was going with them.

MARK FLANAGAN, EDITOR



RFL - official notes

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Resurgent Rams' ticket gamble pays dividends

CLUB FOCUS – DEWSBURY RAMS

LAST year may have been one to forget for the Dewsbury Rams but there is now a buoyant mood around the Tetley's Stadium.

While Dewsbury won just two of their 18 league games last season to be relegated to Championship One, that already seems a distant memory with the club boosting spirits by unveiling what they believe is the world's cheapest season ticket.

Just £40 would have gotten you admission to all the Rams' home league games, two Northern Rail Cup group games, a Challenge Cup tie

Dewsbury's relegation really hit the club hard as sponsors deserted them but thanks to an innovative season ticket scheme and some great squad management from Warren Jowitt, the Rams are flying, on and off the field

and all second-team fixtures, which equates to almost £2 a game.

That has swelled the number of season ticket holders from less than 250 last year to around 800, with an average attendance so far of 1,170, a marked improvement on the

800 Dewsbury averaged on their way to the National League 2 title in 2006.

In these days of recession and with the Rams in fierce competition with Super League neighbours Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield, the club have recognised they have to do that bit extra to lure supporters and the signs are the local community is responding to their initiatives.

"It started when we reduced tickets for televised matches last season," said chairman Mark Sawyer.

"It seemed to work so we decided to do the same with season tickets and it's had a big impact on attendances – and that's even though not all season ticket holders are going to each and every match.

"We've found that for about 100 of the new season ticket holders, we're not their first club. They might support Bradford, Leeds or Wakefield but are willing to pay £40 and come along whenever their team isn't playing, and that's something we hadn't expected. The rugby league family has really got behind it.

"Others might just come to a few games a season but at £40, you're no worse off just getting a season ticket they're such good value.

"We took a big gamble,

and needed around 500 season ticket holders to make it work so it's paid off.

"It's given everybody a lift and something to look forward to, which we've needed because in other areas we're really struggling."

Dewsbury have lost 75% of their sponsorship revenue since December, which meant coach Warren Jowitt's player budget had to be slashed.

Yet the former Hull forward has still managed to assemble a squad capable of challenging for an immediate return to the second tier, so there is plenty of cause for optimism on the pitch as well as off it.

The Rams have won their opening five games of the season, topping their Northern Rail Cup group despite being in the lower division, and won at Featherstone for the first time since Neil Kelly's title-winning era of 2000.

While some Featherstone fans pointed to the absence of key names such as Iestyn Harris, Dewsbury were without new signings Rob Spicer and Ian Tonks while James Walker and Jimmy Elston were injured.

The Rams also beat Carcassonne in the Challenge Cup to set up a fourth round tie with Sheffield Eagles, further evidence of the excellent job Jowitt has done in rebuilding his squad.

"His budget wasn't great," said Sawyer. "Some players had to take a big reduction in terms but he managed to keep a lot on despite them receiving other offers.

"He's also brought some young players back who

Dewsbury winger Austin Buchanan takes the ball forward against Swinton. The Rams won, one of five consecutive victories going into their clash with York

played for us in Under-21s but have not been playing professionally the last couple of years.

"We've only got one foreign player and he's working in youth development, and the majority of players are only on match terms.

"Some of the fans thought we were taking a backwards step with some high-profile players going out in the close season and inexperienced players coming in, but you have to take your hat off to Warren.

"The fans and the club have been pleasantly surprised by how well it's going. We've got York this Saturday and they came second in our cup group so it'll be a good barometer for us."

Jowitt has also found time to promote the club's Mentoring And Development (MAD) scheme, which has created interest among the amateur game and further boosted Dewsbury's image in the local community.

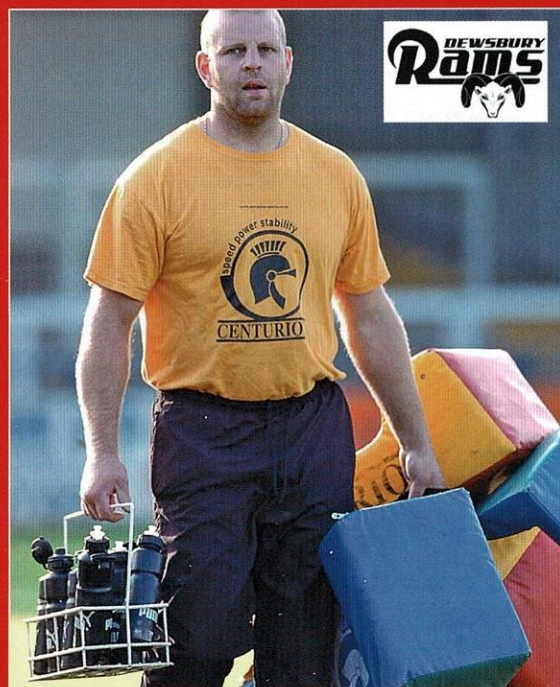
Set up by Shaw Cross Sharks coach James Stephenson, the scheme will see Dewsbury players helping youngsters improve their skills, as well as giving advice on adopting a healthier lifestyle, with the Sharks' U-9s the first to benefit from the scheme.

"We've got a big community team going out week-to-week with a lot of fans and staff working hard to promote the club," said Sawyer.

"The MAD scheme is similar to youth development in schools but the players will get more personally involved with junior player development at local clubs and it gives the kids someone they can look up to.

"We're investing in these kids for the benefit of local clubs and the kids themselves. Many amateur sides find it difficult to keep going and this gives them some of the expertise and help they need.

"We've got a rich vein of amateur sides in the area that are really supportive of it, and you don't get that everywhere."



Dewsbury's hands-on coach Warren Jowitt

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the world according to **WILKO**

In this installment of 'The World According to Wilko' read about fans voting for the Co-operative player of the month awards for the first time, the Challenge Cup draw and his thoughts on the first Championship games of the season.

I WATCHED the opening match of the season between Widnes and Toulouse, live on Sky, and I was really impressed with the new look of the Championships.

It brings a professional image to the league and player's names on the shirts helps identify the lads on the pitch.

It was a bit of a shame that the match wasn't a little bit closer in terms of the scoreline but it was a great showcase for the quality in the league.

Widnes played very well, and with some Super League experience in the team, and the appointment of Paul Cullen as coach, they are certainly a dangerous team.

Toulouse should not be downhearted though at all with the result.

This was the first match for them in a new league and they came up against one of the strongest sides.

They put in a great deal of effort and I'm sure later on in the season, when they meet again, the result will be much closer.

As has been shown many times it is just the small things that need to be changed from a Toulouse perspective, this season for them is all about learning and developing rather than winning all their games. They need to acclimatise to the speed and ferocity of the league.

Widnes will make the play-offs in my eyes, and speaking of knock-out competitions the Challenge Cup draw has thrown up an intriguing round of match-ups that really benefits The Co-operative Championship clubs.

The majority of the Super League clubs have been drawn against each other and the tie of the round has got to be my St Helens against Leeds Rhinos.

I am looking forward to the game and many people expected that both teams would be in the final this year. Obviously we are hoping we are going to win, if anything to help erase the defeats to Leeds in the last two Grand Finals.

Something that is great about rugby league is that so often it is the fans who have interesting opinions on the game and I like to see them being given the chance to be able to voice their opinion.

So it is great that this year fans are being encouraged to vote for their player of the month.

The monthly awards, which are run with League Weekly, will this year see fans able to nominate a player alongside the League Weekly team and my old teammate Paul Sculthorpe.

I know from speaking to him he is looking forward to catching a few Championship games and, knowing his will to win, hoping his pick for player of the month wins each time!

All that remains for me to say is enjoy the rugby league this weekend and if you can, go and vote for your player of the month. The details are all here below!

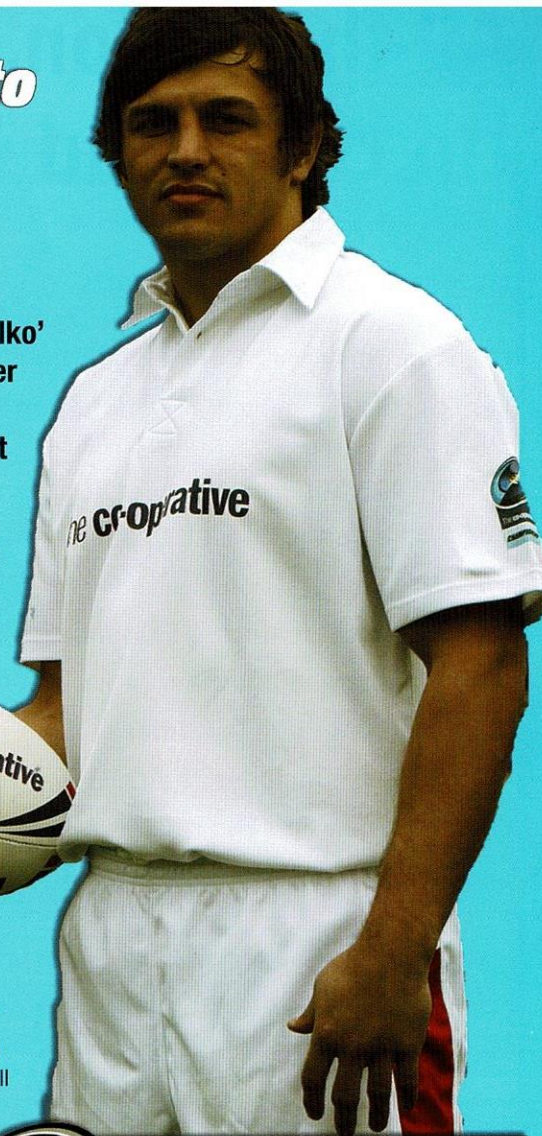
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Ups and downs

THE RFL has confirmed the promotion and relegation mechanics for this season's Co-operative Championships.

The bottom two clubs in The Co-operative Championship at the end of the regular season will be relegated. The only exception is that Toulouse Olympique are exempt from relegation and therefore should they finish 10th or 11th then the club finishing ninth will be relegated in their place.

In Co-operative Championship One, the club finishing top at the end of the regular season will win automatic promotion while the clubs placed second to seventh will enter the play-offs with the eventual winner being promoted.

The Championship One play-off final clash will once again form an integral part of the exciting Co-operative Championships Finals Day triple header which will take place at The Halliwell Jones Stadium on Sunday, October 4.

The RFL have also confirmed that Hornets RL will start their Co-operative Championship One campaign on minus nine points as a result of going into administration.

Zeb gets all clear

BARROW Raiders are looking forward to the arrival of Zeb Luisi now that his application to the British Counsel in Auckland has finally been dealt with.

Barrow Chairman Des Johnston said: "I have spoken with Zeb and he tells me he has been assured by the British Consulate that the necessary paperwork will have been completed by Friday.

"A flight to the UK from Auckland has been booked and we hope to be seeing him in Barrow early next week. He is a player of great potential and will offer more options in the back line."

Oldham u-turn

OLDHAM have moved what could be a crucial Boundary Park clash with joint title favourites Dewsbury Rams from the night of Easter Monday, April 13 to the following Sunday (April 19) when all clubs had a free date.

By switching a key game to a blank Sunday afternoon (3pm kick off), Roughyeds believe it will be to everyone's advantage



WIDNES VIKINGS players Anthony Thackeray and Richard Fletcher, who also work for the Valhalla Foundation, the club's newly-registered charity, joined colleagues from the first team squad on a surprise visit to Liverpool's Alder Hey hospital.

The visit to the children's ward and Ronald McDonald House was an attempt to raise children's spirits and also highlight the wonderful work both the hospital and the hospice do, not only for the children of Liverpool, but the surrounding areas.

Sporting director Terry O'Connor said: "It is important for the players to put something back into the community and it makes us all realise how fortunate we are to be involved in the sport of rugby league."

rather than kicking-off at 8 o'clock at night, albeit on a Bank Holiday.

There is a "history" to this fixture. Oldham Athletic are at home on Easter Monday afternoon so Oldham asked the Rugby League for an away game on that date.

When the fixtures were published, Roughyeds were given a Boundary Park clash with Dewsbury, kicking-off at 3pm, and after talks with both the RFL and Athletic it was later announced that Roughyeds would play at night.

Given that this would involve a massive operation to get the stadium and the pitch ready for the rugby game in time, with little over two hours available to groundstaff, Roughyeds said they were indebted to the football club for their willingness to have a go.

Oldham have since had second thoughts, however, and with the agreement of the

RFL and of Dewsbury they have abandoned the Easter Monday night plans.

Chief executive Chris Hamilton said: "The more we thought about this, the more we realised it would be better all round to go for the following Sunday.

"In the first place we asked the RFL not to give us a home game, then when we went for an 8pm kick off we knew it was always going to be logistically difficult to stage at that time after Latics had played earlier in the day.

"Kicking off at that time on a Bank Holiday is far from ideal and when we thought about our fans and sponsors – and about the desperately tight schedules groundstaff would have to apply to mark the pitch, clear the stands, clean out the dressing rooms and generally get things ready again – we felt it made sense to use the blank Sunday just a few days later."

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ACTIONREPLAY



Iestyn Harris crosses for Featherstone against Batley
Pic: Gary Coyle

Super sub Haughey and Harris muzzle Bulldogs

Forward Tommy Haughey came off the bench to deliver the knockout blow to BATLEY as FEATHERSTONE opened the season in great style with a 34-8 victory at Mount Pleasant.

The second rower claimed a second half hat-trick to kill of the Bulldogs while Iestyn Harris also crossed for a try and was at the heart of most of Rovers' good work.

Daryl Powell's side ran in 20 unanswered points after half-time.

LEIGH'S Martyn Ridyard went from villain to hero with a drop goal in the dying minutes to give his side a dramatic

23-22 win over SHEFFIELD.

The young stand-off's pass had earlier been intercepted to put the Eagles back in the game with a try.

"We made hard work of it but Sheffield made it hard for us," said Leigh coach Neil Kelly.

"We didn't win in the way we would have liked to win but we toughed it out."

Eagles boss Mark Aston said: "We are getting better and it was an exciting game but we should have put them to bed."

There was only one name on everyone's lips at

WHITEHAVEN as a masterly display from teenager Gregg McNally inspired the home side to a thumping 42-18 victory over GATESHEAD.

In running in three tries and kicking six goals he helped his side gain revenge for their Challenge Cup exit.

Haven were furious at themselves for throwing away a six-point lead in the final three minutes at Gateshead last weekend, and looked up for this one from the kick-off.

And McNally took the plaudits with a well-deserved 24-point haul.

It was a good weekend for

the Cumbrian clubs as BARROW opened their Championship campaign with a 34-14 win over DONCASTER before a healthy Saturday evening crowd of 1,809.

But all credit to the visitors, who were down to 12 men on 34 minutes following the dismissal of hooker Craig Cook for alleged head butting.

Barrow's Liam Finch, who was involved in the skirmish with Cook, left the field with a blooded face to spend 10 minutes in the sin-bin.

Also in the bin on nine minutes were Barrow's skipper Brett McDermott and the

The Toulouse defence attempts to get to grips with Widnes centre Toa Kohe Love in front of the TV cameras last Thursday night

Dons' Jamie Bovill after a flare-up.

Barrow scored some brilliant tries and defended stoutly throughout despite leaking two late scores. James Nixon bagged two of the Raiders' tries, taking his tally to five in the last two games.

On Thursday night the first Sky game of the year turned into a non-event as WIDNES hammered TOULOUSE 70-0.

Clearly under-cooked after just one competitive game against Sheffield Eagles in the Challenge Cup last week, incredible as it may seem, Toulouse showed signs that they could justify the book-makers' call that they will finish mid-table.

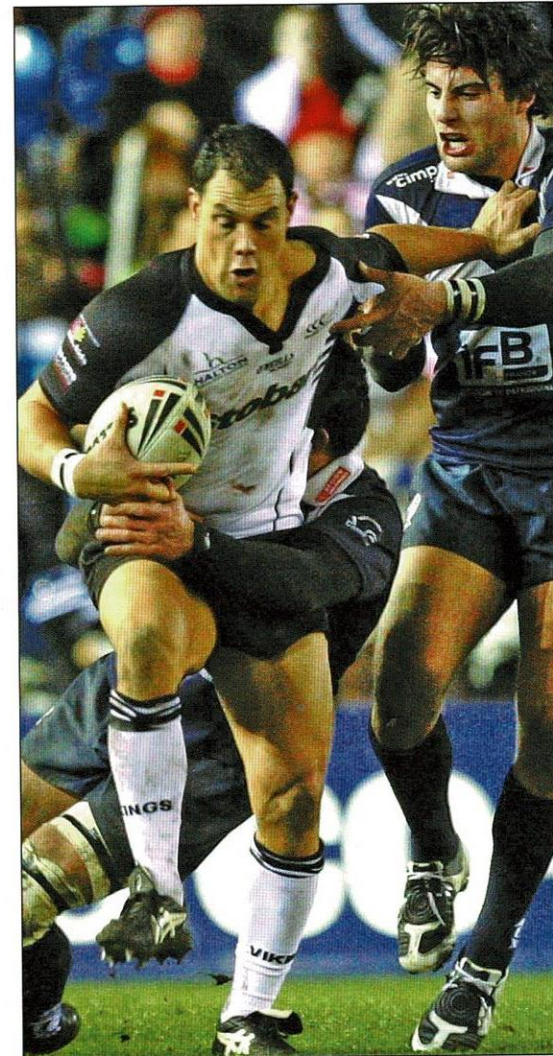
If they do it will be clearly built on home advantage, but they also have players who will not make it as easy as it was for the Vikings even on their travels!

Prop Brendan Worth worked himself to a standstill; the Wynn cousins illustrated they are of good stock; hooker Martin Mitchell proved he has the skill to match his combativeness; and Damien Couturier, if he ever gets fit, will be a massive player for them.

For the home side, Paddy Flynn led the try glut with a hat-trick while Loz Wildbore and Richard Fletcher both touched down twice.

Oldham subs turn it around

WAYNE Kerr, Tommy Goulden and Phil Joseph –



substitutes all – provided the inspiration for OLDHAM to turn this game on its head and win 36-18 after BLACKPOOL had gone in at half-time with a merited 18-4 lead.

Roughyeds were awful in the first 20. They were given a battering by Blackpool, who scored four first-half tries by scrum-half Dean Hatton, centre Tom Woodcock and two by winger Gareth Langley.

Langley also thumped home a touchline conversion to give the Panthers a 14-point interval lead.

But once Paul Reilly crossed eight minutes into the second half the home side went on to dominate, Lee Greenwood and Wayne Kerr both crossing twice.



Hawks edge past Cumbrian amateurs

HUNSLET Hawks breathed a huge sigh of relief at the final whistle after Cumberland League leaders Kells pushed them all the way in a tough Challenge Cup tie on Saturday.

Amateurs Kells put up a great fight but two tries just before the stroke of half-time proved a killer blow and the Hawks ran out 22-12 winners.

Hunslet hooker Richard Chapman proved the difference between the two sides, entering the fray after 19 minutes and having an immediate impact.

But he wasn't the only player to shine as Kells full-back Carl Sice proved a thorn in Hunslet's side, along with half-back Steve Kirkbride, whose kicking game was on top form.

Unbeaten Rams seal top spot

DEWSBURY duly qualified as Group Two leaders for the Northern Rail Cup quarter-final but their second-half passage was anything but comfortable in winning at SKOLARS 42-14.

The Rams stormed into a 28-6 lead at the break but made heavy weather of it after half-time.

London Skolars coach Callum Irving said: "We got a bit of a shock with the first half score, because we didn't think we deserved to be so far behind. But we did well in adversity in the second half when we faced six consecutive sets on our goal line, then when we got a second set, we scored."

"We are doing 70-80 per cent of things well. It's the last 20-30 per cent, where we allow a run through our line, that needs to be better."

Dewsbury coach Warren Jowitt said: "It was job done today. We have finished top of our group in the Northern Rail Cup. It wasn't expected, because our main aim is to win the league."

"We brought down a very young side because I wanted to see what they could do. We might need to use them if we have an injury crisis or if we have to change things, and they went very well."

"Special mention should go to Josh Tonks. He has just turned 17 and this was his first game in open age as well as his first as a pro and he showed me a lot."

On Wednesday, SWINTON Lions eventually overcame WORKINGTON 31-24 in a compelling re-arranged clash at Park Lane.

Both sides were yet to defeat professional opposition in the Northern Rail Cup, Challenge Cup or even friendlies so this was to be a major boost to the victors' confidence.



Toulouse v Eagles



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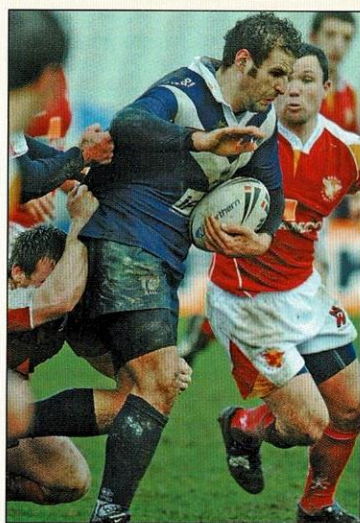
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3 Sebastien Planas
4 Damien Couturier
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9 Martin Mitchell
10 Mathieu Griffi
11 Timothy Wynn
12 Mathieu Almarcha
13 Eric Anselme
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Teli Pelo

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Nicholas Faure v Sheffield Eagles

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Right Wing	
Right Centre	
Left Centre	
Left Wing	
Stand off	
Scrum half	
Prop	
Hooker	
Prop	
2nd row	
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Loose forward	
Interchange	

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Tries

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Pens

DGs

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Touch: TBC
Fourth Official: I McGregor

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"Eagles to soar against rusty-looking French
- Sheffield by 10"

No. PLAYER

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2 Bolu Fagborun
3 Menzie Yere
4 Mike Roby
5 Ashley Thackeray
6 Brendan Lindsay
7 Gavin Brown
8 Jack Howieson
9 Grant Edwards
10 Mitchell Stringer
11 Alex Szostak
12 Ged Corcoran
13 Dane McDonald
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Woodcock 3, Damian Gibson 3

GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 22

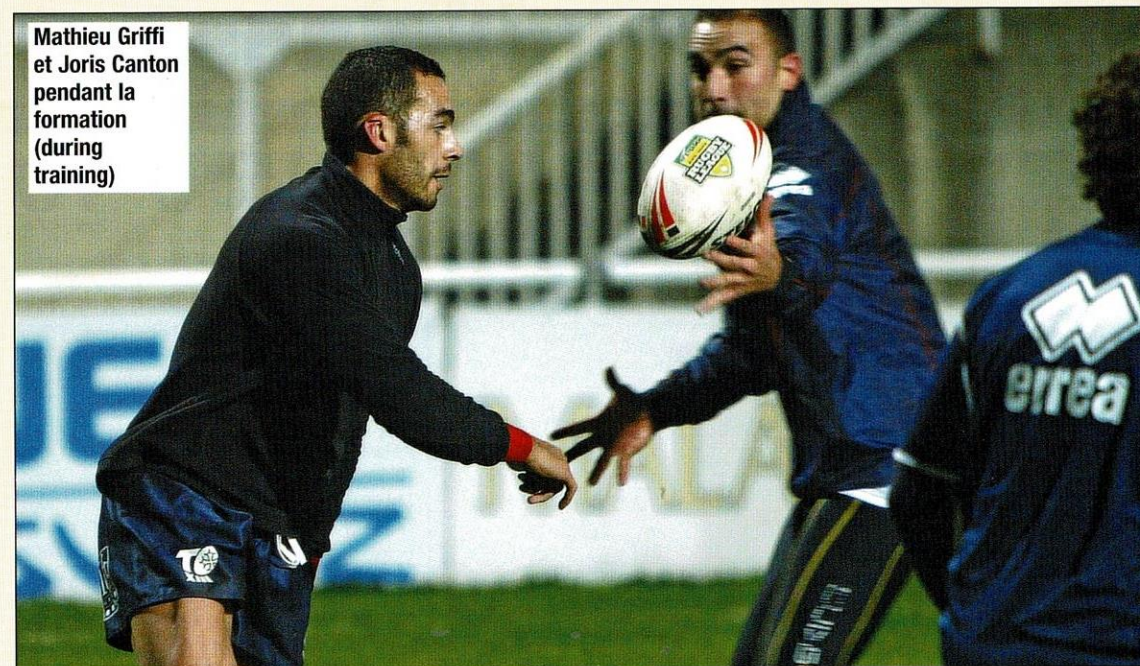
DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Jonny Woodcock

CLUBCALL

Toulouse v Sheffield Eagles

Mathieu Griffi
et Joris Canton
pendant la
formation
(during
training)



Bonjour et espérons pour une belle fête

So much at stake for French newcomers

NOUS y sommes enfin... le très attendu premier match à domicile de la saison 2008/2009 est enfin là!

Ce soir l'opposition entre les Sheffield Eagles (ancien pensionnaire de la Super League) et le Toulouse Olympique qui vise la qualification pour les play-offs du Championship doit être avant tout un beau spectacle sportif et une belle fête.

Ce lever de rideau à Toulouse de la saison 2009, les dirigeants et les supporters l'attendent maintenant avec impatience. L'objectif de la rencontre est double:

Prouver que le TO a bien sa place en Championship et marquer les premiers points au classement. D'autre part, un autre enjeu est de tester notre capacité à communiquer, élargir notre base de spectateurs et gérer l'organisation.

Côté terrain, l'équipe a besoin de jouer des matchs de haut niveau et surtout d'acquiescer des automatismes pour ce groupe qui a été renouvelé sensiblement à l'intersaison. Pour répondre aux exigences d'un championnat très relevé, qui compte pas moins de cinq anciens pensionnaires de la Super League, Gilles Dumas, peut s'appuyer sur un staff technique et médical de qualité. Quatre joueurs australiens, un joueur néo-zélandais, deux anciens Dragons et Eric Anselme, le nouveau capitaine sont venus renforcer le noyau toulousain. Avec l'intégration au coup par coup de neuf jeunes du Centre de Formation Toulouse pourra compter sur un effectif de 32 joueurs. Ce ne sera pas de trop pour relever le défi sportif qui attend le club cette saison.

A commencer par ce soir où il faudra sortir les tripes pour tenir la dragée haute aux Eagles!

A toutes et à tous bon match!

AT LAST! Here we are... the eagerly-awaited first home match of the 2008/2009 season is here.

Tonight's game between, Sheffield Eagles (former Super League team) and Toulouse Olympique, whose target is to qualify for the play-offs, must be, above all, a beautiful show, both on and around the field.

This opening of the 2009 season in Toulouse is eagerly-awaited by the staff and the public alike. The aim is double:

On the one hand the team must prove that it deserves to play in this championship and score the first points in the ranking. On the other we must test our ability to communicate, to bring a bigger audience and to organise such an event.

On the field, the team needs to play high level games and to gain experience because the group has been fairly modified since last season. To meet the demands of a high-level championship, with no less than five former Super League teams, Gilles Dumas can rely on a good technical and medical staff.

Four Australian players, one from New Zealand, two former Dragons and Eric Anselme, the new captain, have joined to strengthen the group.

With nine young players from the academy who can play in the team, Toulouse Olympique will be able to rely on a group of 32 players. That will not be too much to take up the challenge awaiting the club this season.

And it starts tonight!

The players will have to give it all to make it tough for the Eagles.

Have a good game!

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Halifax v Widnes



Thursday March 19th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. THE SHAY STADIUM

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	2 Lee Paterson
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	12 Paul Smith
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	14 Mark Gleeson
	15 Mark Roberts
Complete Building Materials	16 Said Tamghart
	17 Frank Watene
	18 Andy Bowman
	19 Mick Govin
Chadwick Lawrence	20 Graham Charlesworth
	21 Neil Cherryholme
	22 David Wrench
Howard Posner	23 Rob Worrincy
	24 Gareth Moore

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: W-WWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWL-WWW
 TRIES: Said Tamghart 6, Sean Penkywicz 5, Miles Greenwood 5
 GOALS: Mick Govin 11, James Haley 10, Ben Black 10.
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Said Tamghart

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Stand off
Scrum half
Prop
Hooker
Prop
2nd row
2nd row
Loose forward
Interchange

SCORERS

Tries
 Conv
 Pens
 DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks Touch: J Page & TBC
 Fourth Official: R Cowling
 Video Referee: D Merrick

BENNETT'S BET

"Shay men to shade battle of the title favourites
 - Halifax by 8"

No. PLAYER

1 Loz Wildbore	John Mather & his many sons!
2 Dean Gaskell	Barbara Spence
3 Richard Varkulis	Widnes Supporters Club
4 Toa Kohe Love	Widnes Supporters Club
5 Danny Mills	Kath Filkin
6 Anthony Thackeray	VIQI
7 James Webster	VIQI
8 Iain Morrison	Museum Visitors
9 Mark Smith	R J Lewis
10 Jim Gannon	Widnes World
11 Lee Doran	Swavesey Newsagents, Cambridge
12 Richard Fletcher	Widnes Supporters Club
13 Lee Paterson	Robert Johnson
14 John Duffy	James Owen
15 Tim Hartley	Marcus Booth
16 Gavin Dodd	The Dennett Family
17 Ben Kavanagh	Uncle Jack
18 Matt Strong	Fraser Family
19 Michael Ostick	Halton Borough Council
20 Sam Thompson	Leam Fox
21 Scott Yates	
22 Paddy Flynn	Lesley & Reg Warner
23 Shane Grady	West Bank Bears ARLFC
24 Josh Simm	Riverside College Sports Dep
25 Anthony Mullally	Mullally's Barbers
26 Steve Bannister	North West Contracts
27 Brett Robinson	

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-WL
 TRIES: Paddy Flynn 5, Jim Gannon 4, Loz Wildbore 4.
 GOALS: Scott Yates 24, Tim Hartley 14.
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: John Duffy

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CLUBCALL

Halifax RLFC v Widnes Vikings

Great measure of our progress



GOOD evening everyone.

I'd like to welcome the players, coaches and officials from Widnes to the Shay tonight for the start of the Co-operative Championship.

The winners of the Championship won't be decided by who wins tonight's game, but at the same time both teams will be very keen to get a strong start.

There have been a lot of changes behind the scenes at Widnes over the last few weeks - Steve McCormack leaving, John Stankevitch taking over and finally Paul Cullen in charge for the first time tonight - and it will be interesting to see how the Widnes players adapt to that.

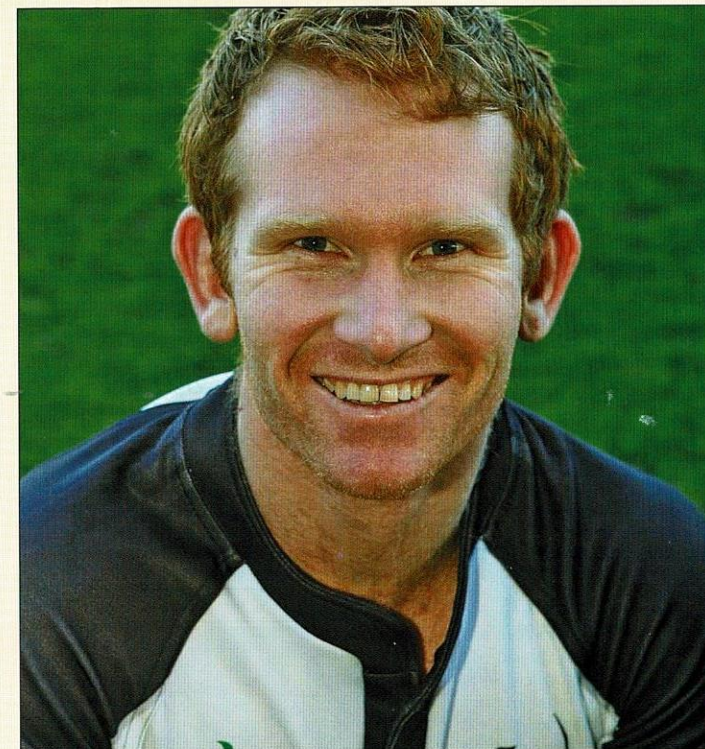
They were certainly pretty impressive in their first game against Toulouse last week and we know we will need to be near our best if we want to come away with the victory.

Having said that, I am confident we will throw a lot more at them than Toulouse did. Basically, I think the team with the best goal line defence, and that keeps the errors coming out of their own half to a minimum, will win the game. They have some really good players right across the park and James Webster in particular is really important to everything they do.

For myself and the players, it is almost a relief to get to a game like this because it will give us a good measure of how much progress we have made and how much we still need to make.

We're looking forward to it and I am sure you, the supporters, are too.

Matt Calland, coach



James Webster, the danger man for Widnes

Big audience will be watching us kick off

THE vagaries of a fixture list for a league with 11 teams gave Halifax a break from the action last week. In consequence we begin the Co-operative Championship playing 'catch up.'

But if the competition is starting late, it is certainly starting with a highlight - the visit of Widnes Vikings. Quite rightly, we are also joined by the Sky Sports cameras.

In each of the first two seasons of live coverage of the game at this level, the highest audiences were for Halifax v Widnes matches, and without exception they have lived up to expectations.

I expect to see a match demonstrating the quality and sheer entertainment value of Championship Rugby League - some-

Halifax chairman
 Michael Steele

thing which clearly contributed to the welcome news that the Co-operative Group have extended their competition sponsorship.

Unusually, tonight, we are 'involved' in all three of the season's major competitions. At Half-time, TV viewers will see the draw for the quarter-final of the Northern Rail Cup.

Winning Group One of that competition was the first, but least important, of the season's targets.

It provides status, but no advantage in the draw. The Northern Rail 9s is an exciting competition, but our aim is to

participate in the final of the cup itself, as, no doubt, is the aim of the other seven qualifying clubs, including Widnes.

Our next home match, at 8pm on Friday April 3, is against Widnes in the Carnegie Challenge Cup, a competition which is wide open after the draw last week.

Matt Calland is right when he says that the first result will not have any bearing on the next match, but as a fan we all know the result we want!

Enjoy the game, and get behind your team.

That way we can encourage the cameras to return to the benefit of all associated with the club, not least the sponsors who deserve your support.

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Featherstone v Whitehaven



Sunday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. THE CHRIS MOYLES STADIUM

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No. PLAYER

1 Tom Saxton
2 Waine Price
3 Ian Hardman
4 Andy Kirk
5 Jon Steel
6 Iestyn Harris
7 Andy Kain
8 Tony Tonks
9 Jack Lee
10 Stuart Dickens
11 Matt Dale
12 Jamie Field
13 Richard Blakeway
14 Tommy Haughey
15 James Houston
16 Joe McLocklan
17 Joe Hirst
18 Tim Spears
19 Sean Hesketh
20 Stuart Kain
21 Steve Dooler
22 Matt Handforth
23 Gareth Swift
24 John Fallon
25 Scott Wilson

Lorne Mosley

MASCOT Bluebeard

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW

LAST SIX HOME: DLL-WLW

TRIES: Andy Kain 6, Waine Price 5,
Sam Smeaton 4, Tommy Haughey 4.GOALS: Stuart Dickens 18,
Iestyn Harris 11.

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tommy Haughey

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No. PLAYER

1 Craig Benson
2 Ade Adebisi
3 Rob Jackson
4 Derry Eilbeck
5 Craig Calvert
6 Carl Rudd
7 Leroy Joe
8 Marc Jackson
9 Greame Mattinson
10 Karl Edmondson
11 Howard Hill
12 Spencer Miller
13 Scot McAvoy
14 Danny Barker
15 Ryan McDonald
16 Andy Gorski
17 John Walker
18 John Patrick
19 Kyle Amor
20 Marc Bainbridge
21 Taani Lavu Lavu
22 Matt Tunstall
23 Marc Shackley
24 Greg McNally
25 Jamie Theoharous

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
	2nd row	
	Loose forward	
	Interchange	

SCORERS

Tries
Conv
Pens
DGs

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWL-LLL

TRIES: Gregg McNally 9, Derry
Eilbeck 4, Andy Gorski 3, Ade
Adebisi 3.

GOALS: Gregg McNally 16,

Carl Rudd 6, Marc Jackson 5. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Gregg McNally

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran

Touch: M Kidd, J Roberts

Fourth Official: M Hague

BENNETT'S BET

"Home advantage to see Rovers sneak
past Haven - Featherstone by 8"



CLUBCALL

Featherstone v Whitehaven

The future's bright, the future's Rovers

As ever we give a warm welcome to our good friends from Whitehaven, one of the favoured teams to do well again in the Co-operative Championship, although it was a mighty surprise to see them eliminated from both the Northern Rail and Carnegie Challenge Cups just a few weeks ago.

Since then, it appears Haven have got their act together and soundly beat Gateshead in their opening Championship game.

Apart from our early wake up call against Dewsbury, we completed our Northern Rail preliminary matches in a very professional manner and duly qualified for the knock-out stages of the Cup. Hopefully the draw (which should have taken place on Thursday) has been kind to Rovers and we are at home?

Off the field, our hard work continues

STEVE EVANS Chairman

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The club has designated its Scholarship as the beneficiary of the scheme, as it will enhance our capability of signing quality young players and providing them with top quality coaching.

I hope you can be apart of Rovers Telecom - it's the future.

For further details call 0845 543 6023 or apply online at www.featherstonerovers.net and follow the link.

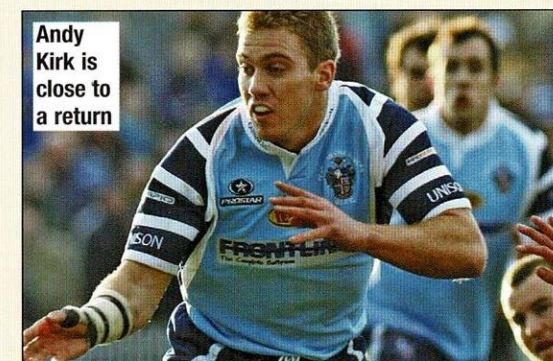
We must improve on 60% Batley showing

TODAY will be our first game at home in our league program. The season seems to be well underway after six games so far.

I think the decision to reduce the number of qualification games for the NR cup was a good one and, as a result, the clubs seem to have taken the competition very seriously. We certainly have and will now know who our quarter-final opponents will be - but that is a matter for later on as we have other priorities at the moment.

Our Championship campaign got off to a winning start last week at Batley. We played up hill against the wind in the first half so were pleased to be in front 14-6 at the break. As everyone knows, the hill hasn't got much Pleasant about it from a playing perspective.

We pulled away in the second half although Batley worked hard to restrict us and never gave up in any department.



Andy Kirk is close to a return

I thought we were at around 60% in that game and am looking for real improvement today against Whitehaven, who also started with a strong result last week.

There is always a strong element of steel in any Cumbrian team and this one will be no different so a tough physical encounter should form the backbone of this game.

We have worked very hard on the defensive components

of our game and the benefits are starting to show but we must remain focused on consistency today as all teams at this level can beat each other on any given day.

From an attacking point of view we have been going ok but have loads of improvement in us. As a team we are developing a style of play that will hopefully challenge any team, but the fluency of execution is not always there at

the moment. Having said that, the players are still creating plenty of opportunities and time together as a team on the playing field will only enhance what we are working at on the practice field.

Hopefully, we will have three outside backs returning soon from injury, which will give us more competition for places in the backline.

Andy Kirk, John Steel and Stuart Kain have been out for different periods in an area we were already quite light in so this will give the team a real lift and make sure the whole squad is having to perform well to retain their spot in the team.

We have a free week next week and I am looking forward to giving the players some time to recharge their batteries, but only after a massive effort from the whole group today.

Coach Daryl Powell

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Gateshead v Barrow



Sunday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

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No. PLAYER

1 Ben McAlpine
2 Danny Wilson
3 Kevin Neighbour

4 Dylan Nash
5 Stewart Sanderson

6 Neil Thorman
7 Luke Branighan

8 Jason Payne
9 Andrew Henderson

10 Tabua Cakacaka
11 -

12 Michael Knowles
13 -

14 Ryan Clarke
15 Matt Barron

16 Puna Rasaubale
17 Chris Parker

18 Robin Peers
19 -

20 Dave Vernon
21 Ryan McBride

22 Jamie Russo
23 Jonny Scott

24 -
25 -

26 Crawford Matthews
27 Scott Woods

28 Mark Dack
29 Rhys Clarke

30 Stephen Welton

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWL

LAST SIX HOME: WWW-WWW

TRIES: Stewart Sanderson 8, Dylan

Nash 4, Joe Arundel 4, Kevin

Neighbour 4, Luke Branighan 4

GOALS: Michael Knowles 14,

Luke Branighan 8. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ben McAlpine

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P Brooke

Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace

Fourth Official: S Johnson

BENNETT'S BET

"Enigmatic Thunder to strike on home turf

- Gateshead by 6"

No. PLAYER

1 Gary Broadbent
2 Mike Backhouse

3 Ian Bell
4 Liam Harrison

5 James Nixon
6 Liam Finch

7 Liam Campbell
8 Brett McDermott

9 Andrew Ellis
10 Lee Dutton

11 Andrew Brocklehurst
12 Martin Ostler

13 Andrew Bracek
14 Paul Noone

15 Chris Young
16 Jamie Butler

17 Scott Kaighan
18 James Finch

19 Chris Larkin
20 Nicky Beach

21 Joe McKenna
22 Ned Catic

23 Waisale Suka
24 Alipate Tani

25 Sevania Koro
27 Darren Holt

28 Michael Darby
32 Ruairi McGoff

35 Matt Storey

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLWL-WL

TRIES: Andrew Ellis 5, James Nixon 5,

Liam Harrison 5, Liam Finch 4, Mike

Backhouse 4

GOALS: Paul Noone 24

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Andrew Brocklehurst

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CLUBCALL

Gateshead v Barrow

Super League draw would be perfect 10

Mixed fortunes in the Northern Rail Cup and the Challenge Cup for Thunder. Great home results in each but unfortunately our away results meant we exited the Northern Rail Cup after the group stages.

We beat Whitehaven in the Challenge Cup, though, to go through. Despite an away draw to Doncaster in the fourth round, we will be hoping for an improvement in our away form and a win that will take us through to the fifth round. It would be fantastic to welcome a Super League side back to Gateshead International Stadium, in the club's 10th

ROD FINDLAY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

anniversary year.

Today's opponents and old friends, Barrow, drew Wigan Warriors at home in the fourth round. That's the draw that we wanted! We will have to get our own back today!

The third round victory over Whitehaven was witnessed by three of our new recruits - Paul Franze, Kris Kahler and Nick Youngquest - who are currently playing for Pia in France and

were in the UK for their own Challenge Cup match. The competition rules mean that they will be entitled to play for us if we make it through to the fifth round. Their presence created a buzz about the place and we already have two potential player sponsors interested.

The club has improved massively on the field and we are now seeing that replicated off the field - attendances are up, new fans are coming through the turnstiles, the club has increased profile and we are attracting the attention of new potential sponsors. In the current climate this is great news.

If we can maintain our discipline results will come

WELCOME everyone to our first home clash of The Co-operative Championship 2009.

We haven't got off to the greatest of starts with our defeat at Whitehaven but we have all embraced the idea that this season will be tough.

We've had a good look at what we need to do better and what we need to keep doing well and are looking forward to a big game against Barrow.

If we can keep our discipline and composure for longer periods of the game, like we did for the first quarter against Whitehaven, we will find that the game will become a lot easier and will provide us with the right result.

I'd like to welcome Dave Clark and everyone from Barrow Raiders for today's clash. Both sets of fans enjoyed some great games between our two sides last season and I'm sure that this game will be no different.

We have been working hard on making our home ground a tough place to come to - just like every other ground in the division.

We have a good home record this season and this will something that we will be looking to continue throughout the year.

See you at the game.

Chris Hood, Head Coach

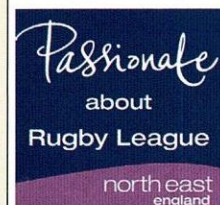


Barrow coach Dave Clark

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Getting behind Gateshead...





Leigh v Batley

Sunday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE



LEIGH CENTURIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
LISA	1 Stuart Donlan
Professor & Mrs Dale	2 Dave Alstead
	3 Steve Maden
	4 Tony Stewart
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	17 -
	18 Sam Reay
	19 Adam Rudd
	20 John Cookson
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	24 Dean Hatton
	25 Adam Thomas

Not allocated a number: Andy Ainscough, Danny Jackson, Danny Meekin, James Richies, Lee Marsh, Macgraff Leulal, Ryan Powell.
Trialists: Brett Longstaffe, Jamie Durbin, Lee Wingfield

COACH: NEIL KELLY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWW
LAST SIX HOME: WWL-WWW
TRIES: Jamie Durbin 5, Martyn Ridyard 4, Steve Maden 3, Stuart Donlan 4, Aaron Smith 3, Ian Mort 3.
GOALS: Ian Mort 24, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard
MAN TO WATCH: Ian Watson

BATLEY BULLDOGS

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.	No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
Full back	1 Ian Preece	Hopkins family
Right Wing	2 Ben Feehan	Mavis, Mac & Jack
Right Centre	3 Dale Cardoza	Wayne & Pauline Aston
Left Centre	4 Danny Maun	Fletcher family
Left Wing	5 Johnny Campbell	Laurie & Andrew Grailey
Stand off	6 Mark Barlow	Batley Rock & Roll
Scrum half	7 Paul Mennell	Batley Nash
Prop	8 Byron Smith	Key & Brian
Hooker	9 Kris Lythe	The Benson family
Prop	10 Luke Stenichon	Leyland Paints
2nd row	11 Kevin Crouthers	Brian Hooley
2nd row	12 Mark Toohey	George & Mary Gomersal
Loose forward	13 Ash Lindsay	Study Centre
Interchange	14 John Gallagher	
	15 Anthony Henderson	RSM Carriers
	16 John Simpson	Benson family
	17 Craig Potter	Protec Security
	18 Jermaine McGilvary	Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson
	19 George Flanagan	Norman Thewliss
	20 Dave Tootill	George & Alan Wainwright
	21 Nathan Armitage	Kirsty, Gemma, Nix, Laura & Karen Stanningley U-14s & U-17s Flanagan Transport
	22 Nat Browne	
	23 Chris Buttery	
	24 James Archibald	
	26 Jamie Aitcheson	
	27 Darryl Cardiss	John Miller
	28 Danny Samuels	
	29 Jack Watson	Mary Hughes

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: GARY THORNTON

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
Touch: AT Smith, J Farrell
Fourth Official: S Kilpatrick

BENNETT'S BET

"Centurions will have too much fight for the 'Dogs - Leigh by 14"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-LLW

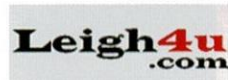
TRIES: Darryl Cardiss 3, George Flanagan 3, Chris Buttery 3

GOALS: George Flanagan 14

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Danny Maun

We're supporting Leigh!



CLUBCALL

Leigh v Batley

We need to improve to challenge big boys

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's Co-operative Championship game against Batley Bulldogs.

We came away with the points in last week's first round game against Sheffield at the Don Valley but we were far from impressive and we will need to up the ante today to make it two from two.

The good thing about last week was that the players and coaching staff new we didn't play well. But still came away with the points but they are realistic enough to know we will not get away with a performance like that against the top teams in the competition.

After saying that there were a lot of plusses.

Andy Hobson's form since his dismissal at Featherstone has been really impressive and he is leading a young pack from the front. Chris Hill was again outstanding from the bench and Steve Maden had his best game of the season but as the saying goes "you are only as good as your last game".

The pleasing thing for me this season is the development of the younger players and the club's policy of youth development is set to pay dividends in the future. We are committed to running an U-18s team next season and praise must go to Gary Eccleston, our player performance manager, and all the Scholarship coaches who are doing all the hard work in the background.

Any time we have had any degree of success on the pitch there has always been a nucleus of local talent in the side and with two top amateur sides in the town like Leigh Miners Rangers and Leigh East we do not need to scour the country. They are here on our doorstep.

We are going to play our U-21s games at Leigh Miners this season and we are very grateful to them for offering us the facility and as with the first team we encourage everyone to turn up at Twist Lane and support 'Knockers' team.

Simon Knox is embarking on his first season as U-21s coach and knowing him like I do I am sure he will get the best out of the boys.

I think it is about time the RFL took a stance about overseas players. There are too many of them over here and they are



Andy Hobson, who has been in great form since his sending off

stopping the development of British players.

The World Cup was a fiasco as far as England were concerned because too many players in pivotal positions are overseas men and when it comes to performing on the international stage we have no strength in depth.

We were absolutely devastated when we were overlooked for Super League but we are confident that we will develop a team here at Leigh Centurions of local

lads who can't be ignored because you can put as many Aussies as you want in Wales, London or any other place that is deemed to be a development area but they are not English.

And no matter how much the spin doctors tell us it is working the proof is in the pudding at international level.

Allan Rowley
Chief Executive

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Blackpool v Hunslet



Sunday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. FYLDE RUFC

BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

HUNSLET HAWKS

	No. PLAYER
Blackpool Supporters	1 Johnny Leather
Derek Way Roofing	2 Damien Munroe
Clover Tech of Wigan	3 Tom Woodcock
Chorley Supporters	4 Mark McCully
Morris and Oxley	5 Chris Mugan
S. Beilby and Family	6 Simon Svabic
Blackpool Supporters	7 Chris Forster
ACM Scaffolding Services	8 Peter Fairhurst
Seabridge Freight Services	9 John Clough
Robert Yates Design	10 John Hill
	11 Paul Alcock
Paul Wilson	12 Kris Ratcliffe
Clark Draper Family/	13 Rob Draper
Sheperds Inn, Lowton	
G&M Building Contractors	14 Martin Keaveney
	15 Mel Alker
Rema Tip Top	16 Ian Hodson
Morris Bakers	17 David Llewellyn
	18 John Boland
S. Beilby and Family	19 Liam McGovern
	20 Tom Wild
Morris and Oxley	21 Andy Marsh
	22 Keiron Tucker
	23 Daryl Kaye
Meyer Group Ltd	24 Chris Campbell
Morris and Oxley	25 Wes Lawton
	26 Craig Tunstead

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	Full back	
	Right Wing	
	Right Centre	
	Left Centre	
	Left Wing	
	Stand off	
	Scrum half	
	Prop	
	Hooker	
	Prop	
	2nd row	
	2nd row	
	Loose forward	
	Interchange	

SCORERS

Tries
Conv
Pens
DGs

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Nathan Larvin	Elliot and Ewan Boiston Green
2 Scott Childs	
3 Tom Sheldrake	
4 Michael Brown	Eric Simon
5 John Richardson	
6 Darren Robinson	Gary Martin-Selby Road Tyres
7 Stuart Young	Adie & Ron Jinks
8 Joe Helme	Paul Gray
9 Richard Chapman	Kenny Sykes
10 Ben Lawton	Phil Ogg
11 Joe Howey	South Leeds & Hunslet Cars
12 Jason Hart	Eric Simon
13 Mark McKinley	Dennis/Hannah Butterfield
14 Chris Redfearn	
15 Andy Robinson	
16 Mark Moxon	Bob Tate
17 Steve Brook	
18 Ayden Faal	Geoff Gray
19 Ben Walkin	
20 Antony Thewliss	
21 Dan Cook	
22 Scott Watson	
23 Jonny Wainhouse	
24 Charlie Wabo	Margaret Gibbon
25 Michael Mark	Phil Ogg
26 Nico Slain	Paul Gray
27 Gareth Firm	

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: WDLL-WL
TRIES: Mark McCully 4, Johnny Leather 4, Damian Munroe 2, Keiron Tucker.
GOALS: Johnny Leather 12.
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Johnny Leather

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley
Touch: R Jones, P Meadows
Fourth Official: C Waywell

BENNETT'S BET

"Panthers to get back to winning ways
- Blackpool by 12"

COACH: GRAEME HALLAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLLLW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLL-LLW
TRIES: Steve Brook 3
GOALS: Richard Chapman 2, Darren Robinson 2. DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Richard Chapman



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Blackpool v Hunslet

Wonderful rugby but now we need points

By John Chadwick
chairman

Welcome to our first home league match of the season and we hope our friends from Hunslet enjoy the game and the day.

At Oldham last Sunday, we played some wonderful rugby for 40 to 50 minutes and at half time were leading 18-4. Unfortunately we fell away in the latter stages leaving the final scoreline of 36-18 flattening the home side.

We are looking forward to obtaining our first league points today but I'm sure Hunslet will be no pushover.

Finally, on June 28, at our home fixture with Workington Town, the Challenge Cup will be on display with special guests Andy Gregory and the grandson of Lance Todd in attendance for photographs.

In the meantime I'd like to wish you all a very enjoyable and successful afternoon!

High hopes

THE Bispham and Collegiate High Schools pupils have had a three-week coaching session from the Panthers Development Staff. In

the three sessions they have learnt the basic techniques and skills of rugby league.

Hopefully they will enjoy the match day experience and watch the Panthers get their first home win of the season.



This week Nick Settle, our development manager, has invited three schools from the Blackpool area - Devonshire Primary School, Bispham and Collegiate High School - to our first

Championship One game against Hunslet Hawks.

After meeting with the Devonshire Primary Link Teacher, Zoe Evans, we have agreed that 20 pupils from Devonshire Primary School

will take part in a skills session before the main match. Each pupil who takes part has been given free entry to the match along with one parent or guardian.

Many thanks Nick.



First cheque for Trinity

THIS month saw our first presentation to the Trinity Hospice through our Panthers In The Community project. We handed over a cheque for a total of £137.40 which was greatly received by Jane Molyneux on behalf of Trinity.

The number of partners joining the scheme is increasing each month, with ever more money saving offers, making the membership card a must-have item. This month sees the addition of Faith Shoes, JR Taylors department store and Greggs Bakers with Blockbuster Video joining us in the spring.

And a note to anyone involved in a local club, group or association regarding our community chest funding.

We have had enquiries from more than 30 organisations across the Fylde Coast from local football clubs, disabled basketball through to an amateur dramatic group who all need extra cash. It's so easy but if you need more information about this funding, please contact our commercial department.



Rams v York



Sunday March 22nd 2009. Kick off 3pm. TETLEY'S STADIUM

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No. PLAYER

1 Tom Colleran

2 Morgan Starkey

3 Lee Lingard

4 Craig Bower

5 Andrew Tillotson

6 Ryan Smith

7 Gareth Greenwood

8 Jimmy Elston

9 Mike Emmett

10 Luke Haigh

11 Adam Robinson

12 Taron Wildey

13 Pat Walker

14 Ian Tonks

15 Bryn Powell

16 Austin Buchanan

17 Alex Bretherton

18 Chris Spurr

19 Liam Finn

20 Rob Spicer

21 Andy Bostock

22 Kane Epati

23 Keegan Hirst

24 Simon Cook

25 Gary North

26 Jake Wilson

27 Chris Grice

28 Liam Crawley

30 Chris Hall

32 Martin Woodhead

33 James Walker

34 Josh Tonks

35 Adam Hayes

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange

SCORERS

Tries

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 Danny Ratcliffe

2 Steve Lewis

3 John Oakes

4 Dave Clayton

5 Johnny Waldron

6 Adam Mitchell

7 Paul March

8 Danny Ekins

9 Paul Hughes

10 Adam Sullivan

11 Rob Kelly

12 Tom Haberecht

13 Richard Knight

14 Tom Hodgson

15 Chris Clough

16 Jordan Ross

17 Scott Woodcock

18 Steve Grundy

19 Kris Peacock

20 Adam Jones

21 Dave March

22 Tom Stancliffe

23 Adam Endersby

24 David Leeke

25 Garry Green

26 Danny Grimshaw

27 Luke Watling

28 Wayne McHugh

29 Mark Applegarth

30 Mike Mitchell

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Balfour Beatty

Acupuncture For Health

Brian Watson

HC Engineering

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Laura Dixon

Mrs Watson

COACH: PAUL MARCH

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WWWW

LAST SIX HOME: LWL-WWW

TRIES: Kane Epati 7, seven other

players with two tries each

GOALS: Pat Walker 28

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Kane Epati

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow

Touch: M Beadle, M Craven

Fourth Official: S Williams

BENNETT'S BET

"Rams to hold Knights at bay

- Dewsbury by 4"

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WWLWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-WL

TRIES: John Oakes 6, Tom Haberecht

4, Danny Ratcliffe 4, Paul Hughes 4

GOALS: Adam Mitchell 14,

Richard Knight 10

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: John Oakes

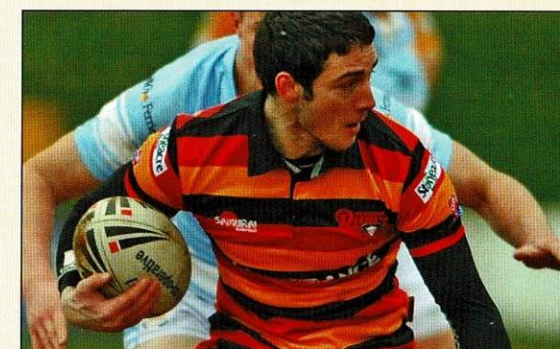
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Dewsbury v York

Marchs and Co will be dangerous



Bryn Powell rose to the occasion against London Skolars

HELLO all and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium this afternoon for our first clash of The Co-operative Championship One season against York City Knights.

Today's game is likely to be a bruising encounter between us as York are, at the moment, a very in-form team with a lot of dangerous players across the park, no more so than Dave and Paul March who have bags of Super League experience.

Also there are some ex-Dewsbury lads in there such as Rob Kelly, Dave Clayton, Danny Ratcliffe, John Oakes and Scott Woodcock, who will all be out to have impressive games.

Last weekend was a big test for us as we were able to try some of our fringe players and younger members of the squad, which saw eight of the first team regulars sidelined.

This was an important game for me as a coach to really see if we do have that strength in depth. Although it wasn't the best game, the youngsters came through and showed that they are more than capable of stepping up to the mark when they get the opportunity.

It was also pleasing for the team and the club to finish top of our pool in the Northern Rail Cup. It just goes to show all the hard work the lads have put in over the last six months is paying off. There is still a lot more work to be done as we are now in

the business end of the season and our performances from now on are more important than ever for the league campaign.

Hopefully today we should see Adam Hayes, Adam Robinson and Taron Wildey all back on duty. This will be a big bonus for us as they have all played a big part so far in the previous games.

The rest of the squad are all fit and vying for a place in the starting line up. A couple of performers from last week's game need a mention; one being Bryn Powell who took over captaincy duties for the game and gave an absolutely outstanding performance which contributed towards the win.

It's good to have the likes of Bryn in your team when they are on form as he is such a quality player who helps in our attack and eases pressure on the forwards.

Also I'd like to mention Josh Tonks, who played his first ever professional game at the ripe old age of 17 - also his first ever open age game. Josh put in a solid performance and showed some of his attacking abilities. He also showed he was more than capable in defence, which is pleasing for me as a coach and also bodes well for the future.

Enjoy the afternoon, see you all in the bar after.

Warren Jowitt, Head Coach

Great to see return of familiar faces

I'd like to welcome all the players, officials and supporters of York to the Tetley's Stadium for the start of the Co-operative Championship One season.

I don't think we could have asked for a tougher start to the season, especially with so many York players having previously turned out for the Rams and, of course, Director of Rugby James Ratcliffe enjoyed success with us during his time on our coaching staff.

It will be good to see a lot of familiar faces, but I hope it's the Rams fans who are still smiling at the end of the day. We haven't met York in a league fixture since 2005 when they did the double over us.

They beat us 23-15 here at the Tetley's Stadium in front of a crowd of more than 1,800 and it would be great if we could get anywhere near that attendance this afternoon. Having said that, I'm pleased with the numbers we have been attracting

Mark Sawyer, chairman

to our games with almost 1,000 here for our Challenge Cup tie which compared very favourably indeed with the majority of the other Co-Operative league teams.

We're almost two months into the season and I'm delighted we're still in the two competitions we've played in so far.

I think that both Sheffield and ourselves had hoped for a money spinning Challenge Cup tie against one of the big guns but that didn't happen. But we'll both see it as a game we can win to put ourselves into the draw for a possible game against a Super League team.

Meanwhile, the draw for the quarter finals of the Northern Rail Cup will have taken place by now and our fingers were crossed for a home tie but you'll know the outcome by now.

I personally feel the new Northern Rail

format is far better for clubs and games have been more meaningful, which has resulted in more exciting matches.

We've still got the Nines competition to look forward to in July as well although perhaps we'll be sitting that one out because we'll be involved in main event!

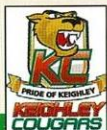
So back to the Co-Operative League and we're off and running this afternoon.

We know there are two promotion places up for grabs again this season with the league leaders being automatically promoted as champions and the teams from 2nd to 7th in a play off for the second promotion spot.

Toulouse are exempt from relegation so if they don't perform particularly well there'll be a number of teams in the bottom half of the Championship looking anxiously over their shoulders whereas in previous seasons they may have been safe. It all looks very interesting.

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Keighley v Oldham



Saturday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

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No. PLAYER

1 George Raynor
2 Sam Gardner
3 Dan Potter
4 Oliver Pursglove
5 Gavin Duffy
6 Jon Presley
7 Danny Jones
8 Andy Shickell
9 James Feather
10 Simon Bissell
11 Will Cartledge
12 Neil Lowe
13 Carl Hughes
14 Jermaine Wray
15 Craig Brown
16 Brendon Rawlins
17 Scott Law
18 Greg Nicholson
19 Craig Fawcett

20 Daley Williams
21 Ryan Smith
22 Lee Mapals
23 James Hutchinson
24 Luke Sutcliffe
25 Wayne Sutcliffe
Non-numbered:
Dan Belcher,
James Haythornthwaite
Tim Bibby,
Tom Hall
Ben Saga
Jack Copperwaite
Karl Gunney

COACH: BARRY EATON

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LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WLWLW

LAST SIX HOME: WWW-WWW

TRIES: Jon Presley 9, Gavin Duffy 3,
Lee Mapals 2, Oliver Pursglove 2,
Will Cartledge 2.

GOALS: Danny Jones 17

DGs: Danny Jones

MAN TO WATCH: Jon Presley

No. TODAY'S TEAM No.

Full back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Stand off

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER

1 Paul O'Connor
2 Andy Ballard
3 Danny Halliwell
4 Paul Reilly
5 Lee Greenwood
6 James Coyle
7 Thomas Coyle
8 Paul Highton
9 Gary Sykes
10 Jamie L'Anson
11 Dave Allen
12 Tommy Goulden
13 Rob Roberts
14 Richard Merrill
15 Jason Boults
16 Wayne Kerr
17 Craig Robinson
18 Neil Roden
19 Craig Littler
20 Simeon Hoyle
21 Lucas Onyango
22 Phil Joseph
23 Chris Baines
24 Marcus St Hilaire
25 Luke Menzies
26 Luke Sutton

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COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: LLLW-WW

TRIES: Andy Ballard 5, Paul Reilly 4,
Danny Halliwell 3, James Coyle 3,
Lucas Onyango 3

GOALS: Andy Ballard 22

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tommy Goulden

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Thomason
Touch: B Robinson, L Todd
Fourth Official: T Bell

BENNETT'S BET

"Roughyeds to keep their composure
- Oldham by 2"

CLUBCALL

Keighley v Oldham

Oldham will be trying to stay top all season



WELCOME and good afternoon to officials, players and supporters from Oldham for our first Co-operative Championship One league game.

Oldham got their league campaign off to a good start last week with a home victory over much-improved Blackpool having brought their fixture forward.

With that the only fixture to have taken place in the league the Roughyeds sit top of the Championship One table and that is a position they will be wanting to see themselves in throughout the campaign.

Over the last couple of seasons Oldham have been among the favourites for promotion but narrowly missed out so will be wanting to achieve their goal this time around.

There are no certainties in rugby league though and you need to have a little bit of luck along the way, which could be anything from having an injury-free squad to choose from to getting an important 50/50 call to swing a game for you.

While we here at Keighley have not made any bold predictions about the league season ahead we do feel we can, with a full squad to choose from, challenge the top teams, and with Oldham travelling to Cougar Park today it makes

for a very exciting fixture and one that the players are very much looking forward to.

Craig Brown unfortunately broke his hand against Pia in the Challenge Cup and has had an operation which will rule him out for five to six weeks and Andy Shickell has had a scan on his knee problem and we await the results of that.

Also, as I write these notes, Brendon Rawlins is still waiting for clearance from immigration before flying back to the UK but if that clearance is given before the weekend, and we can get him back in time, he will come into contention to play immediately.

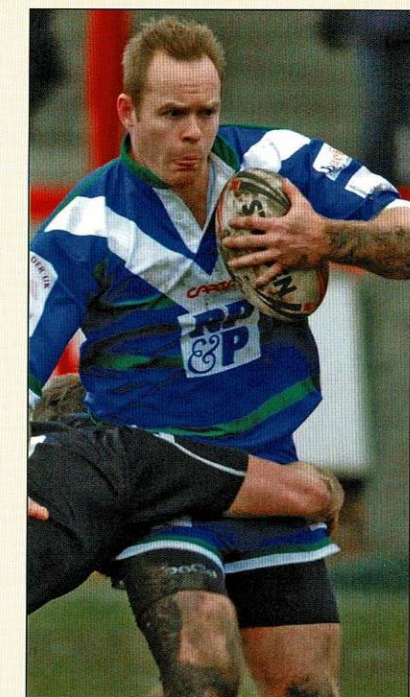
Carl Hughes and Daley Williams came through the reserve team friendly with Oldham last week and though Daley broke his nose both should be ok and available if selected.

It is certainly going to be a keenly contested competition this year and each game will not have a certain outcome so hopefully we can encourage more people to come down to get behind the players and hopefully share the experiences of Keighley Cougars this year.

Enjoy the game.

Barry Eaton, coach

Craig Brown has broken his hand



Today will be great event for all the family

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Cougar Park. I would like to welcome all of the Oldham directors, players and fans who have travelled today and I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Today should be a great event as not only do Oldham give us a great game of rugby league but it is our family fun day.

The Community Cougars Foundation have sponsored today's game and have been working with our RFL Management Academy Student Hannah Molloy on providing today's fun day entertainment.

The Foundation was launched last year and in the last six months has really progressed. We have a growing number of children joining the Freddie Club and becoming fans and playing the game more.

We have had some great funding bids accepted that will see us taking the game of rugby league out into our communities to show that this wonderful sport is fully

HELEN CARTER General manager

accepting of all religions, genders and colours. So keep your eyes peeled for more information on where the street academies will be held in your area.

The RFL Management Academy has been set up with the RFL and Leeds Met University and clubs were asked to take on a student for the year on work experience leading up a major project. I am thrilled we got Hannah as she is by far one of the best and has managed to put today together in a really short space of time so I hope you all enjoy the face painting, skills zone, stilt walkers plus everything else and I would like to thank Hannah for all her hard work.

I do envisage many of the activities you enjoy do become regular features

here at Cougar Park, giving all our fans a great family fun and safe day out and real value for money.

As most of you are aware, we have drawn Castleford in the Challenge Cup here at Cougar Park on April 5, kick-off 3pm. I would urge you all to get your tickets as soon as possible as it promises to be a fantastic spectacle for everyone.

The Tigers did very generously offer to stage the event, but I thought we would stay loyal to our fans and give them the spectacular day out in their home town of Keighley. The prices are the same as always so it will be great value for money.

Finally I would like to finish by wishing all our mums, both those being treated to a lovely Mothers Day upstairs in the Diamond Suite with pre match hospitality and those out on the terraces, a very Happy Mother's Day.



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LONDON SKOLARS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
	1 Frank Reid
Lanes Coaches	2 Corey Simms
	3 Olly Fountain
	4 Oliver Bloom
Alan Greenwood	5 Austen Aggrey
	6 Jermaine Coleman
No.1 City Road Bar & Grill	7 Paul Thorman
	8 Dave Ellison
	9 Gareth Honor
	10 Glenn Osborn
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	12 Dene Miller
Craig Ackroyd	13 Jaymes Chapman
	14 Graeme Spencer
	15 Bobby Wallis
	16 Tony Williams
	17 Chad Isles
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	19 Leigh Tyler-Nissen
	20 Paul Hyder
	21 Ben Joyce
	22 Danny Burke
	23 Andre Vine
	24 Smokie Junor
	25 Jaroslaw Obuchowski
	26 Olu Iwenofu
	27 Keir Bell
Sportstraders	Assistant Coach: Kevin Reith

COACH: CALLUM IRVING

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLLL
LAST SIX HOME: LLLL-L
TRIES: Austen Aggrey 3
GOALS: Paul Thorman 6
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Austen Aggrey

SWINTON LIONS

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.	No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
	Full back		1 Wayne English	Elizabeth Taylor (Grandma English)
	Right Wing		2 Barry Hamilton	Daniel Croston
	Right Centre		3 Dave Hull	Premier Building Ltd
	Left Centre		4 Dean Gorton	Dave Roberts
	Left Wing		5 Marlon Billy	Mike & Kath Tyldesley
	Stand off		6 Graham Holroyd	Muscle & Fitness Gym
	Scrum half		7 Richard Hawkyard	Junior Lions
	Prop		8 Paul Southern	Heartland M27 - Rob Dunford
	Hooker		9 Phil Wood	Junior Lions
	Prop		10 Bruce Johnson	Egan Contractors Ltd
	2nd row		11 Mike Wainwright	Bill Sheppard & Warren Mottram
	2nd row		12 Danny Heaton	Chris & Viv Tyldesley
	Loose forward		13 Marty Moana	Geoff Hewitt USA
	Interchange		14 Craig Ashall	In Memory of Peter Walker
			15 Gary Hulse	Lethbridge & Co
			16 Alex McLurg	John Spellman
			17 Tommy Grundy	MS Lottery Services
			18 Gareth Hayes	Ray Bowdler
			19 Neil Rigby	Burrow & Humphries
			20 Adam Bibey	Physio2
			21 Rob Line	In Memory of Graham Berry
			22 Darren Bamford	Moorside Autos
			23 Ben Williamson	Lethbridge & Co
			24 Paul Crook	Premier Building Ltd
			25 Matt Ashe	Mike & Sarah Dagnan
			26 Chris Frodsham	Phil, Ann & Josh Walker
			27 Chris Tyrer	Barbara & Emma Cathcart, Sue Buckley & Joyce Shannon
			28 Dave Newton	In Memory of Frank Scanlon
			29 Carl Sneyd	Redsentinal
			30 Andy Saywell	Northline Business Consultants

SCORERS

Tries
Conv
Pens
DGs

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLL-LLW
TRIES: Marty Moana 3, Dave Hull 2
GOALS: Carl Sneyd 8
DGs: Craig Ashall
MAN TO WATCH: Dave Newton

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T Roby
Touch: C Dean, C Hancock
Fourth Official: S Matthews

BENNETT'S BET

"Lions will add to the Skolars' misery - Swinton by 16"

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CLUBCALL

Skolars v Swinton

Good start is crucial for us

A WARM welcome to all our visitors - on a big day for Skolars and London rugby league - and to Swinton. Also a 'hello' to those familiar faces taking part in the Skolars v Quins masters game.

After a disappointing trip to Wath Brow a fortnight ago, a result that was certainly not in the plans for this season, we raised our game for Dewsbury. They are on a roll and were the only side in our pool to finish with a 100% record.

We held them for a long period in the second half and did about 70-80% of things right. But we're not doing the rest and that's got to be addressed.

With just 10 teams in the Co-Operative Championship One this season, it's particularly important that we get a good start to the campaign. However, I know our opposition will also be determined to put their Northern Rail Cup behind them.

We have talked very much about our promotion of local and British players this season, this is something we are very proud of.

But this is not an excuse for us to turn in some of the performances we have of late and as a group we are keen to address this problem. We have taken the decision to use British players because there are enough players of the quality to allow us to do this and we need a performance to let the world know!

Jaroslaw Obuchowski made a fine debut last week and that saw us add Poland to the list of nations that have put on a Skolars first team shirt. Another up and coming youngster Olu Iwenofu notched up a hat-trick, quite a rare event to do that in a game where the side only scores three tries.

Another warm welcome is extended to our new CEO, Phill Browne, who arrived last week. Phill has previously worked at the New South Wales Rugby League Academy and has been a long-time stalwart with the Fiji National Rugby League.

We are all really happy Phill has joined the club. The fact that we've spent two months waiting on a visa speaks volumes for how keen we are for him to join our team.

Phill joins one of the youngest management staffs in British professional sport



London Skolars and Swinton go head-to-head in their first league game of the season and (inset) Skolars coach Callum Irving



and the enthusiasm among the team is very high. I'm sure we'll bear fruit for the foreseeable future.

On another note, I hope everyone enjoys the London Rugby League Heritage Day next weekend. Looking through some of the exhibits in the office has been a real pleasure and it should be a fantastic day for the sport in the capital and an opportunity to celebrate the hard work put in over the years to help make

the game grow at grassroots as well as at the professional level.

It's 101 years since the game was first played in the capital and the events today from the Highgate Wood Festival to the Masters' game shows the diversity of the sport.

Enjoy today and keep backing London.

Callum Irving, Head coach

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Workington v Hornets



Saturday March 22nd, 2009. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

WORKINGTON TOWN

No. PLAYER
1 Jay Duffy
2 Neil Frazer
3 Andrew Beattie
4 Jason Mossop
5 Jamie Marshall
6 Carl Forber
7 Steve Roper
8 Ryan Benjafield
9 Jack Pedley
10 Dean Burgess
11 Mike Whitehead
12 Craig Hodgson
13 Mark Hobson
14 Brett Smith
15 James Robinson
16 Thomas Brindle
17 Peter Dobson
18 Kris Coward
19 Scott Burgess
20 Stephen Dawes
21 Mark Routledge
22 Patrick Coupar
23 Martyn Wilson
24 Jarrad Stack
25 Harry Kaufman

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Conv
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DGs

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: LWL-LLL
TRIES: Andrew Beattie 2,
Jarrad Stack 2.
GOALS: Carl Forber 7
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Carl Forber

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan
Touch: J Downham, S Moss
Fourth Official: J Seymour

BENNETT'S BET

"Town to edge a close encounter
- Workington by 2"

HORNETS RUGBY LEAGUE

No. PLAYER
1 Chris Giles
2 John Gillam
3 Mick Fogerty
4 Casey Mayberry
5 Andy Smith
6 Martin Ainscough
7 -
8 David Best
9 Janan Billings
10 Paul Raftery
11 David Cunliffe
12 Ian Sinfield
13 Wayne Corcoran
14 Sam Butterworth
15 Martin McLoughlin
16 Mark Brocklehurst
17 Andy Isherwood
18 -
19 Craig Johnson
20 Liam Bretherton
21 Tommy Gallagher
22 Martin Gambles
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33 Dale Cunliffe

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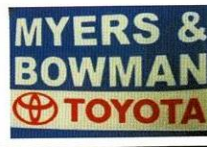
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Hartley Thomas Wright
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Victor Mills
The Loyalists

Ian Nield

COACH: DARREN SHAW

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LLWLW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-LLW
TRIES: Martin Ainscough 3, John
Walker 2, Chris Giles 2, Craig
Johnson 2, Casey Mayberry 2
GOALS: Chris Giles 6, Wayne
Corcoran 4. DGs:
MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough



CLUBCALL

Workington v Hornets RL

Hornets position illustrates perils of running a club

IT REALLY is a pleasure to welcome Hornets RLFC to Derwent Park.

At the time of writing, it seems they will be starting the season with a nine-point deduction but crucially, and I know I speak for everyone at Workington Town, we are delighted they have rallied to ensure the continued existence of this famous old club.

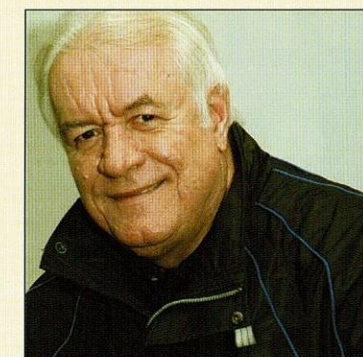
Make no mistake, maintaining a decent standard of professional rugby anywhere in this economic climate is a difficult task.

I'm sure the Hornets will be very keen to erode this deduction quickly so we can expect a highly-motivated team this afternoon.

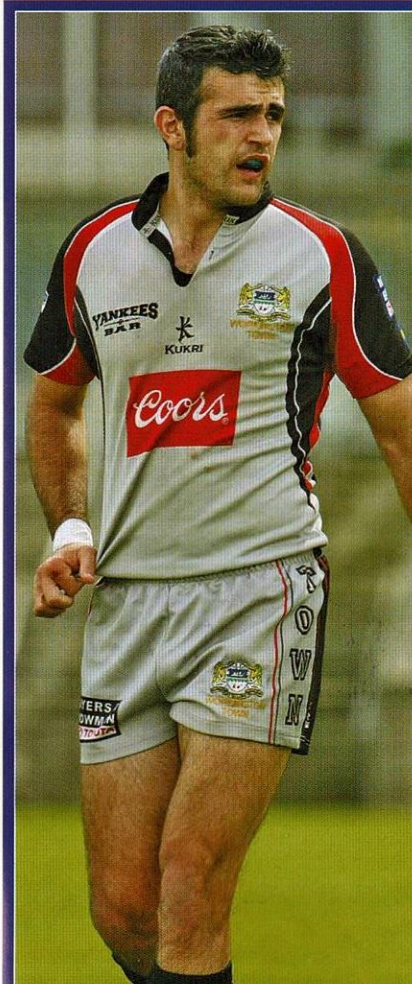
By Dave Bowden
Workington chairman

From our point of view we need to start the league campaign with a victory. This really is the start of the season in earnest and if we can further build on some of the positive rugby we have played so far this year and cut out errors we are capable of playing some great rugby, as we showed at Swinton last week.

Our injured players have targeted this game as a comeback game so let's hope we have some selection problems this week for all the right reasons. Enjoy the game.



Workington chairman Dave Bowden



The only major injury worry - Andrew Beattie

Better placed than this time last season

THE start of the Championship season has come around very quickly indeed.

To quote an old cliché we can concentrate all our efforts on the next 18 games as we push on to the business end of the season.

The first phase of the 2009 season has passed us by with mixed fortunes. Although results haven't gone our way, some of our performances have been encouraging with some individuals showing up and turning in great displays.

Darren King is a player well known to Town fans but not particularly well known to the coach! He has played three games now and showed incredible toughness as well as high standards and thoroughly deserves his starting spot.

Craig Hodgson is another player who deserves a pat on the back. In the games he has played he has shown an ability to be able to break the defensive line, something we were lacking

earlier in the NRC group games.

I believe we are in a lot healthier state than this time last year. Only Andrew Beattie is sidelined with injury and we expect him to return in three weeks or so.

Given we have 25 players to choose from and competition in each position I expect to see all players bursting with energy and enthusiasm to make sure they get picked again next week.

Today's opponents Hornets have had a torrid off season. Their problems are well documented but how often do you see a little adversity make people stronger. Just look at Rotherham United and Bournemouth in football league Division Two.

Believe me they are a good team and I expect it won't take long for them to wipe the minus nine points deficit - not starting today though!

Enjoy the game

Dave Rotheram, coach

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JON PRESLEY KEIGHLEY COUGARS Squad Number: 6

BACKGROUND

NAME: Jonathan David Presley

AGE: : 24 (08/07/1984)

POSITION: Stand-off

HEIGHT: 5'8". WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs.

MARITAL STATUS: Single

BORN: Pontefract

AMATEUR CLUB: Castleford Panthers.

SIGNED PRO: 2000 (Featherstone)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Featherstone, Sheffield Eagles

FAVOURITES

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A KID: Featherstone.

SOCCER TEAM: Leeds United.

OTHER SPORT: Golf, boxing – I went to the Khan-Barrera fight last weekend.

HOBBIES: I like to play golf, although I don't have much more spare time because I'm in the first year of a social work degree at Bradford College and have a part-time job as a support worker at a local homeless hostel.

FOOD: Chinese.

DRINK: Fosters.

HOLIDAY: Miami.

MUSIC: Alternative, things like Green Day.

FILM: Million Dollar Baby (pictured).

TV: Only Fools and Horses.

SUPERSTITIONS: I tend not to start getting changed until half-an-hour before kick-off, I'm probably the last to get started.

CAREER

BEST TEAMMATE: Nathan Graham at Featherstone.

BEST OPPONENT: Tommy Martyn when he was at Leigh.

BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD: Johnathan Thurston.

BEST COACH I'VE PLAYED FOR: Barry Eaton.

COACH I'D LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Wayne Bennett (pictured).

MY STRENGTHS: Speed and footwork.

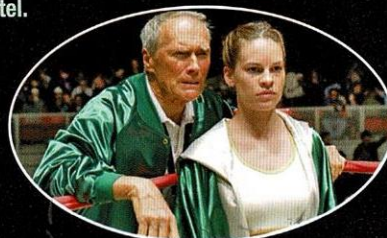
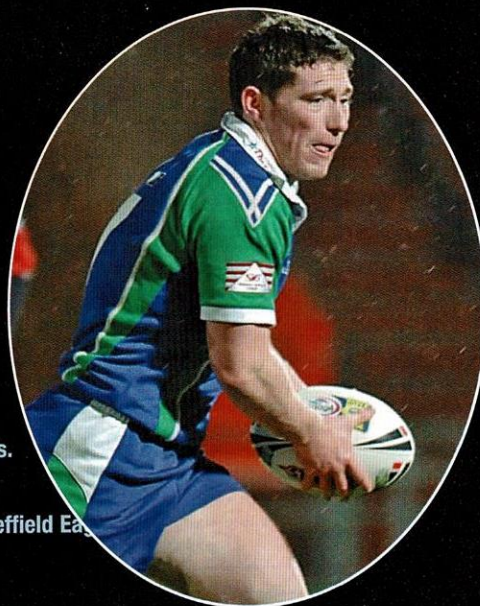
MY WEAKNESSES: I'm not very loud. I could be a bit more vocal!

HIGHLIGHT: Making the play-offs with Keighley last year. We'd been written off and everyone expected us to finish second bottom but we managed to finish joint fourth and reach round two of the play-offs.

LOWLIGHT: Missing out on the Grand Final with Sheffield in 2006. I played all year but missed two games at the back end and wasn't picked for the play-offs.

ULTIMATE WISH: To play in the NRL, if ability wasn't an issue that is!

AFTER FINISHED PLAYING: I'd like to do something with my degree and stay involved with rugby league, so maybe work in youth development and combine that with social work.



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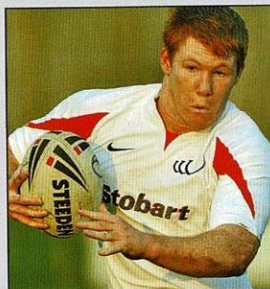
AROUND THE CLUBS

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS WEEK'S HOME CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP ONE CLUBS?

HALIFAX – Which current Super League team did Fax win in the last Challenge Cup final before the second World War in 1939?

TOULOUSE – Which club recently knocked the Frenchmen out of the Carnegie Challenge Cup?

FEATHERSTONE – Rovers threequarter Ian Hardman (pictured) came through the academy of which engage Super League club?



GATESHEAD – Who coached Thunder during their one and only Super League season in 1999?

LEIGH – By what nickname was the Centurions' former ground, Hilton Park, known until 2008?

BLACKPOOL – Coach Martin Crompton is a former RL international with which of the Home Nations?

DEWSBURY – By what name was the Rams' old stadium, in which they last played in 1991, known?

KEIGHLEY – What is the name of the Cougars' club mascot?

LONDON – In which London borough is the Skolars' home ground, the New River Stadium?

WORKINGTON – At which Super League club was coach Dave Rotherham briefly in caretaker charge in 2005?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR RL? HERE ARE SEVEN TOUGHIES TO TEST ALL RUGBY LEAGUE FANS

Which team have Harlequins played in the first two Magic Weekends to date?

Whom did Wigan beat at Wembley to win the 1990 Challenge Cup final?

From which club did Celtic Crusaders sign Peter Lupton?

Which player did Bradford sacrifice in part exchange to sign David Solomona from Wakefield Wildcats?

With which two other Super League clubs has St Helens boss Mick Potter coached?

Hull KR star Clint Newton (pictured) played for which two NRL clubs in 2007 before signing for the Robins?



Which team did Hull FC beat at Doncaster's Keepmoat Stadium to reach Wembley in 2008?

ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the following phrases to make the names of three co-operative Championship or Championship

One coaches

PULL A UNCLE

GILD A MUSSEL

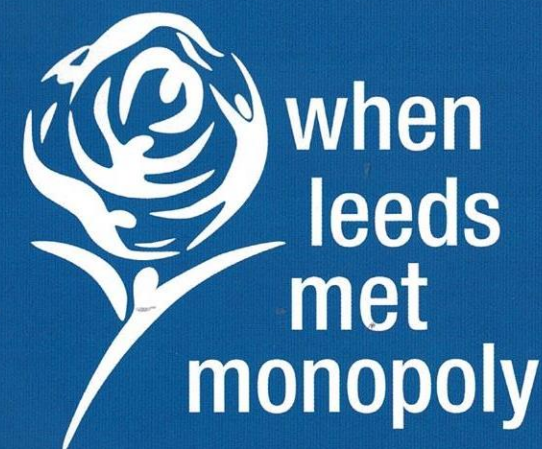
WE PLY DOLLAR

ANSWERS:
CHAMPIONSHIP CLUBS: 1. Salford, 2. Sheffield Eagles, 3. St Helens, 4. Shaun McCaig, 5. The Coliseum, 6. Ireland, 7. Crown Flatt, 8. Freddie Cougar, 9. Harrogate, 10. St Helens.
ANAGRAMS: 1. Paul Cullen, 2. Gilles Dumas, 3. Daryl Powell, 4. Brett Ferres, 5. Bradford Bulls and Catalans Dragons, 6. Newcastle Knights and Melbourne Storm, 7. Hull FC.



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NORTHERN RAIL CUP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Keighley Cougars 40, Gateshead Thunder 20

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sheffield Eagles 38, Hunslet Hawks 16

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Widnes Vikings 20, Oldham 22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Doncaster RLFC 6, Featherstone Rovers 32

Gateshead Thunder 44, Sheffield Eagles 18

Leigh Centurions 74, London Skolars 6

Whitehaven 52, Batley Bulldogs 30

Blackpool Panthers 16, Keighley Cougars 14

Dewsbury Rams 50 Swinton Lions 0

Hunslet Hawks 10, Halifax RLFC 38

Hornets RL 12, Barrow Raiders 54

Workington Town 10 York City Knights 34

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Batley Bulldogs 18, Doncaster RLFC 22

Featherstone Rovers 10, Leigh Centurions 6

York City Knights 36, Whitehaven 6

Oldham 54, Hornets RL 4

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Widnes Vikings 40, Gateshead Thunder 18

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Batley Bulldogs 40, York City Knights 28

Featherstone Rovers 26, Dewsbury Rams 28

Halifax RLFC 40, Barrow Raiders 10

Whitehaven 26, Workington Town 12

Keighley Cougars 44, Hunslet Hawks 6

London Skolars 12, Doncaster RLFC 40

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 34

Hornets RL 28, Blackpool Panthers 26

Swinton Lions 26, Leigh Centurions 34

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Barrow Raiders 34, Keighley Cougars 7

Gateshead Thunder 46, Hornets RL 22

Leigh Centurions 24, Whitehaven 22

Sheffield Eagles 18, Halifax RLFC 50

Blackpool Panthers 16, Widnes Vikings 46

Dewsbury Rams 34, Batley Bulldogs 14

Workington Town 6, Featherstone Rovers 38

Doncaster RLFC 36, Swinton Lions 28

Hunslet Hawks 14, Oldham 32

York City Knights 58 London Skolars 12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Barrow Raiders 12, Widnes Vikings 4

Halifax RLFC 50, Blackpool Panthers 28

CHALLENGE CUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

THIRD ROUND

Keighley Cougars 30, Pia 24

Queens 12, Doncaster RL 16 - result stands.

Siddal 6, Swinton Lions 10

Widnes Vikings 88, Saddleworth Rangers 0

Workington 6, FC Lezignan-Corbieres 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

THIRD ROUND

Barrow Raiders 44, Blackpool Panthers 12

Dewsbury Rams 18, Carcassonne 6

Featherstone Rovers 94, British Army 2

Gateshead Thunder 42, Whitehaven 38

Halifax 80, Loughborough Univ 16

Leeds Met 24, Hornets RL 38

Leigh Centurions 82, Lokomotiv Moscow 6

Oldham Roughyeds 26, Charlton Rovers 8

Pilkingtons 24, Batley Bulldogs 34

Sheffield Eagles 22, Toulouse 6

Wath Brow Hornets 14, London Skolars 12

York City Knights 50, Wigan St Patricks 10

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

THIRD ROUND

Kells 12, Hunslet Hawks 22

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Swinton Lions 31, Workington Town 24

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

London Skolars 14, Dewsbury Rams 42

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings 70 Toulouse Olympique 0

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow Raiders 34, Doncaster RLFC 14

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CHAMPIONSHIP

Batley Bulldogs 8, Featherstone Rovers 34

Sheffield Eagles 22, Leigh Centurions 23

Whitehaven 42, Gateshead Thunder 18

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Oldham 36, Blackpool Panthers 18

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Halifax RLFC v Widnes Vikings 19:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique v Sheffield Eagles 19:00

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers v Whitehaven 15:00

Gateshead Thunder v Barrow Raiders 15:00

Leigh Centurions v Batley Bulldogs 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Workington Town v Hornets RL 15:00

Blackpool Panthers v Hunslet Hawks 15:00

Dewsbury Rams v York City Knights 15:00

Keighley Cougars v Oldham 15:00

London Skolars v Swinton Lions 15:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Batley Bulldogs v Gateshead Thunder 19:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitehaven v Toulouse Olympique 18:00

Barrow Raiders v Halifax RLFC 18:30

Widnes Vikings v Sheffield Eagles 18:00

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

CHAMPIONSHIP

Doncaster RLFC v Leigh Centurions 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL v Dewsbury Rams 15:00

Swinton Lions v Keighley Cougars 15:00

York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers 15:00

Hunslet Hawks v London Skolars 15:00

Oldham v Workington Town 15:00

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Halifax v Widnes Vikings 20:00

Sheffield Eagles v Dewsbury Rams 20:00

Swinton Lions v Rochdale Hornets 20:00

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Wakefield Trin Wildcats v Leigh Centurions 15:00

Oldham v Lezignan 15:00

Keighley Cougars v Castleford Tigers 15:00

Featherstone v Wath Brow Hornets 15:00

Hull FC v Salford City Reds 15:00

Doncaster v Gateshead Thunder 15:00

Harlequins RL v Huddersfield 15:00

Barrow Raiders v Wigan 15:00

Warrington Wolves v York City Knights 14:00

Batley Bulldogs v Hunslet Hawks 15:00

Hull KR v Celtic Crusaders 15:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Leeds Rhinos v St Helens 14:30

Catalans Dragons v Bradford Bulls 16:30

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Sheffield Eagles v Doncaster RLFC TBC

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs 20:00

Gateshead Thunder v Featherstone Rovers 18:00

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven 15:00

Sheffield Eagles v Doncaster RLFC 15:00

Widnes Vikings v Leigh Centurions 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL v Oldham 15:00

Workington Town v Hunslet Hawks 15:00

Blackpool Panthers v Swinton Lions 15:00

Dewsbury Rams v London Skolars 15:30

Keighley Cougars v York City Knights 19:30

MONDAY, APRIL 13

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers v Sheffield Eagles 15:00

Leigh Centurions v Barrow Raiders 13:00

Batley Bulldogs v Toulouse Olympique 15:00

Doncaster RLFC v Widnes Vikings 15:00

Whitehaven v Halifax RLFC 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Swinton Lions v Workington Town 15:00

York City Knights v Rochdale Hornet 15:00

Hunslet Hawks v Keighley Cougars 15:00

London Skolars v Blackpool Panthers 15:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Gateshead Thunder v Sheffield Eagles 19:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings v Batley Bulldogs 19:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique v Leigh Centurions 19:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC v Doncaster RLFC 15:00

Whitehaven v Featherstone Rovers 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Oldham v Dewsbury Rams 15:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Leigh Centurions v Featherstone Rovers 19:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow Raiders v Batley Bulldogs 18:30

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

CHAMPIONSHIP

Halifax RLFC v Gateshead Thunder 15:00

Doncaster RLFC v Toulouse Olympique 14:00

Sheffield Eagles v Widnes Vikings 16:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Hornets RL v London Skolars 15:00

Workington Town v York City Knights 15:00

Dewsbury Rams v Hunslet Hawks 15:00

Keighley Cougars v Blackpool Panthers 15:00

Oldham v Swinton Lions 15:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Featherstone Rovers v Halifax RLFC 19:30

FRIDAY, MAY 1

CHAMPIONSHIP

Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders 20:00

Gateshead Thunder v Doncaster RLFC 19:30

SUNDAY, MAY 3

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven 19:00

MONDAY, MAY 4

CHAMPIONSHIP

Batley Bulldogs v Leigh Centurions 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Swinton Lions v Dewsbury Rams 15:00

York City Knights v Keighley Cougars 15:00

Blackpool Panthers v Hornets RL 15:00

Hunslet Hawks v Workington Town 15:00

London Skolars v Oldham 15:00

THURSDAY, MAY 7

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Whitehaven v Widnes Vikings 15:00

FRIDAY, MAY 8

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sheffield Eagles v Featherstone Rovers 20:00

SATURDAY, MAY 9

CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow Raiders v Gateshead Thunder 18:30

SUNDAY, MAY 10

CHAMPIONSHIP

Doncaster RLFC v Batley Bulldogs 15:00

Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC 15:00

THURSDAY, MAY 14

CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)

Leigh Centurions v Widnes Vikings 19:30

SATURDAY, MAY 16

CHAMPIONSHIP

Toulouse Olympique v Barrow Raiders 19:00

SUNDAY, MAY 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Featherstone Rovers v Doncaster RLFC 15:00

Gateshead Thunder v Whitehaven 15:00

Halifax RLFC v Sheffield Eagles 15:00

CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

WHAT A RESULT!



CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Batley Bulldogs 8
Tries: Feehan, McGillvary.
Featherstone Rovers 34
Tries: Hirst, Harris, Haughey 3, Hesketh.
Goals: Dickens 5.
Half-time: 8-14.
Attendance: 1,127.

Sheffield Eagles 22
Tries: Gibson, Ropati 2, Stringer.
Goals: Woodcock 3.
Leigh Centurions 23
Tries: Higson 2, Donlan, Maden. DG: Ridyard.
Goals: Mort 3.
Half-time: 6-12.
Attendance: 1,220.

Whitehaven 42
Tries: Edmondson, McNally 3, Eilbeck, Amor, Adebisi.
Goals: McNally 7.
Gateshead Thunder 18
Tries: Thorman, McAlpine, Branighan.
Goals: Knowles 3.
Half-time: 16-6.
Attendance: 1,175.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
Barrow Raiders 34
Tries: Butler, Backhouse, McDermott, Nixon 2, Harrison, Campbell. Goals: Noone 3.
Doncaster RLFC 14
Tries: Bauer, Sam 2.
Goal: Jones.
Half-time: 16-4.
Attendance: 1,809.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
Widnes Vikings 70
Tries: Duffy, Flynn 3, Yates, Fletcher 2, Wildbore 2, Webster, Grady, Doran.
Goals: Yates 11.



James Webster makes a break. He scored one of the Vikings' 12 tries against Toulouse

Toulouse 0
Half-time: 40-0.
Attendance: 5,071.

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
Oldham 36
Tries: Goulden, Reilly, Greenwood 2, Kerr 2, Ballard. Goals: Ballard 4.
Blackpool Panthers 18
Tries: Hatton, Woodcock,

Langley 2. Goals: Langley.
Half-time: 4-18.
Attendance: 880.

NORTHERN RAIL CUP, POOL TWO

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
London Skolars 14
Tries: Iwenofu 3.
Goal: Thorman.
Dewsbury Rams 42
Tries: Crawley, North 2, Cook 2, Bostock, Walker.

Goals: Walker 7.
Half-time: 6-28.
Attendance: 314.

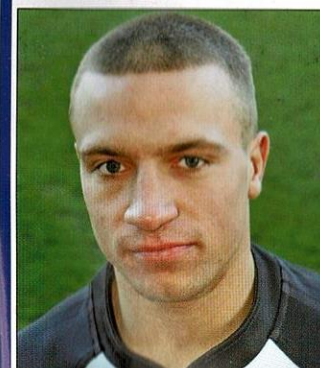
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
Swinton Lions 31
Tries: Moana, Saywell, Bamford, Hull 2, Ashall.
Goals: Crook 3/6. DG: Ashall.
Workington Town 24
Tries: Beattie, Hobson, Routledge, Brindle, Dawes.
Goals: Forber 2.
Half-time: 14-10.
Attendance: 242.

STATS SERVICE



Leading points scorers

PLAYER/CLUB	T	G	DG	T
Gregg McNally (White)	9	15	66	
Andy Ballard (Oldham)	5	22	64	
Ian Mort (Leigh)	3	24	60	
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	1	28	60	
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	3	22	56	
Scott Yates (Widnes)	2	24	56	
Paul Noone (Barrow)		24	48	
Johnny Leather (Black)	4	12	40	
George Flanagan (Batley)	3	14	40	
Martin Ridyard (Leigh)	4	10	37	
Jon Presley (Keighley)	9		36	
Ben Black (Halifax)	4	10	36	
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	2	14	36	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	18		36	
Danny Jones (Keighley)		17	35	
Iestyn Harris (Feath)	3	11	34	
Stuart Sanderson (G'head)	8		32	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	4	8	32	
James Haley (Halifax)	3	10	32	
Adam Mitchell (York)	1	14	32	
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)	7		28	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	3	8	28	
Michael Knowles (G'head)	14		28	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	13		26	
Andy Kain (Feath)	6	1	26	
Said Tamghart (Halifax)	6		24	
John Oakes (York)	6		24	
Mick Govin (Halifax)		11	22	
Waine Pryce (Feath)	5		20	
Miles Greenwood ((Halifax)	5		20	
Jamie Durbin (Leigh)	5		20	
Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)	5		20	
Andy Ellis (Barrow)	5		20	
Liam Harrison (Barrow)	5		20	
Paddy Flynn (Widnes)	5		20	
Richard Knight (York)		10	20	



Scott Yates scored 26 points for Widnes against Toulouse

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Widnes	1	1	0	0	0	70	0	70	3
Featherstone	1	1	0	0	0	42	18	24	3
Whitehaven	1	1	0	0	0	34	14	20	3
Barrow	1	1	0	0	0	23	22	1	3
Leigh	1	0	0	1	1	22	23	-1	1
Sheffield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halifax	1	0	0	1	0	14	34	-20	0
Doncaster	1	0	0	1	0	18	42	-24	0
Gateshead	1	0	0	1	0	8	34	-26	0
Batley	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	-70	0
Toulouse	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	-70	0

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Oldham	1	1	0	0	0	36	18	18	3
Dewsbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunslet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keighley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
London Skolars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackpool	1	0	0	1	0	18	36	-18	0
Hornets RL*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9

*Deducted minus nine for going into administration

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2009 TABLES

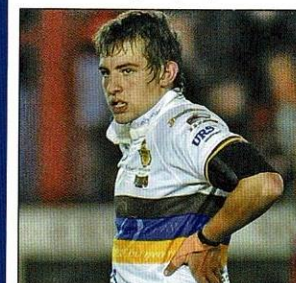
	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Halifax (Q)	4	4	0	0	0	178	66	112	12
Oldham (Q)	4	3	0	1	1	130	72	58	10
Barrow Raiders (Q)4	3	0	1	0	1	110	63	47	9
Widnes Vikings (Q)4	2	0	2	2	2	110	68	42	8
Keighley Cougars	4	2	0	2	1	105	76	29	7
Gateshead Thunder	4	2	0	2	0	128	120	8	6
Sheffield Eagles	4	2	0	2	0	108	132	-24	6
B'pool Panthers	4	1	0	3	1	86	138	-52	4
Hornets RL	4	1	0	3	0	66	180	-114	3
Hunslet Hawks	4	0	0	4	0	46	152	-106	0

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	Pts
Dewsbury Rams (Q)4	4	4	0	0	0	156	52	104	12
York C Knights (Q)4	3	0	1	1	1	156	68	88	10
Leigh Cent'ns (Q)4	3	0	1	1	1	138	64	74	10
Featherstone (Q)4	3	0	1	1	1	106	46	60	10
Doncaster	4	3	0	1	0	104	90	14	9
Whitehaven	4	2	0	2	1	106	102	4	7
Swinton Lions*	4	1	0	3	2	85	144	-59	5
Batley Bulldogs	4	1	0	3	1	102	146	-44	4
Workington*	4	0	0	4	1	52	129	-77	0
London Skolars	4	0	0	4	0	44	216	-172	0

*Across both the Northern Rail Cup and league campaign, teams will receive three points for a win, two for a draw and one bonus point for losing by 12 points or less

LEADING TRY SCORERS

9	Gregg McNally (Whitehaven)
8	Jon Presley (Keighley)
7	Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead)
6	Kane Epati (Dewsbury)
5	Said Tamghart (Halifax)
	Andy Kain (Featherstone)
	John Oakes (York)
	Waine Pryce (Featherstone)
	Miles Greenwood ((Halifax)
	Jamie Durbin (Leigh)
	Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)
	Andy Ellis (Barrow)
	Liam Harrison (Barrow)
	Andy Ballard (Oldham)
	Paddy Flynn (Widnes)
4	Liam Finch (Barrow)
	Mike Backhouse (Barrow)
	Mark McCully (Blackpool)
	Johnny Leather (Blackpool)
	Mike Coady (Doncaster)
	Tommy Haughey (Feath'stone)
	Sam Smeaton (Feath'stone)
	Dylan Nash (Gateshead)
	Joe Arundel (Gateshead)
	Kevin Neighbour (Gateshead)
	Luke Branighan (Gateshead)
	Ben Black (Halifax)
	Dwayne Barker (Halifax)
	Martin Ridyard (Leigh)
	Stuart Donlan (Leigh)
	Sam Reay (Leigh)
	Steve Maden (Leigh)
	Paul Reilly (Oldham)
	Derry Eilbeck (Whitehaven)
	Jim Gannon (Widnes)
	Loz Wildbore (Widnes)
	Tom Haberecht (York)
	Danny Ratcliffe (York)
	Paul Hughes (York)



Whitehaven's Gregg McNally