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Chief Executive, Christopher Hamilton said, "This has been a particularly difficult time to ask for sponsorship, but we have once again received the support from old and new sponsors. We really do appreciate previous sponsors remaining with us and are obviously delighted to welcome new businesses who we hope will remain with us in the years to come. In this day and age to be able to boast 10 shirt and shorts sponsors is testament to the loyalty, generosity and commitment of businesses both local and national."

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THE music we play over the public address system today - and in all forthcoming matches this season - is presented courtesy of Speccavers Oldham, who have paid for a Performing Rights Society music licence so that we can keep you entertained before the game and at half time.

Nigel Williams, Rod Fulalove and Peter Holt, directors of Speccavers Oldham, have recently opened a new store in Roylton.

They have always seen eye-to-eye with the Roughyeds -- and their vision for the club is to see it climb up through rugby league's divisions and eventually to win a place in Super League.

"We are big rugby league fans," said Mr Williams, "and I think I can speak for most supporters when I say the atmosphere on match days without music would be awful."

"Rod and I go regularly to watch Roughyeds with our families and we are keen to see the club continuing to make steady progress on and off the field."

So bring it on... let the music play!

5 ALIVE

We would like to thank the following 5 Alive members for their continuing support.

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Five Alive members are reminded that the next four quarterly lunches will be held on the Fridays, May 1, July 24, October 16 and December 4. The May 1 lunch will be held at Marto's, Yorkshire Street and the club will be in touch with members beforehand to give out a reminder and check on numbers attending. To join Five Alive, please ring the Roughyeds office on 0161 628 3677.

OLDHAM fans can prepare for the five games to be played here at home run... with four of the next crucial, all-important month highlighted by:

"The visit of 2008 French champions FC Lezignan Corbieres to Boundary Park next Sunday, April 5 (2.00pm kick off) in the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

"The traditional Good Friday clash with our derby rivals Rochdale Hornets at Spotland on April 10 (3.00pm kick off).

"The head-to-head battle of joint Co-operative Championship One title favourites, Oldham and Dewsbury Rams, again here at Boundary Park on Sunday, April 19 (3.00pm kick off).

It all starts with today's visit of Workington Town, and Roughyeds will be anxious to return to winning ways after their 34-26 defeat at Keighley last Sunday - only their second loss in seven competitive games this season.

Once today's battle is over the Cumbrians will no doubt be happy to tell us all about Lezignan, who won 18-6 at Derwent Park in the last round.

Please note that the cup-tie against the French kicks off next Sunday an hour earlier than usual at 2.00pm to enable our opponents to have an extra hour in which to get back to Manchester Airport for continuing to make steady progress on and off the field."

This will be the new Oldham club's first-ever game against a French side and it goes without saying that we hope fans will get down here in numbers, possibly bringing a friend, to watch a cup-tie that

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JAMES COYLE'S two touchdowns at Keighley took him joint top with winger Andy Ballard in the club's 2009 try charts.

Both have five to their credit -- each with and Paul Reilly, who has recorded the side's only hat-trick so far this year with his three in a 32-14 win at Hunslet on March 1.

Top try-scoring forwards are back-row man Tommy Goulden and prop Wayne Kerr, each with three.

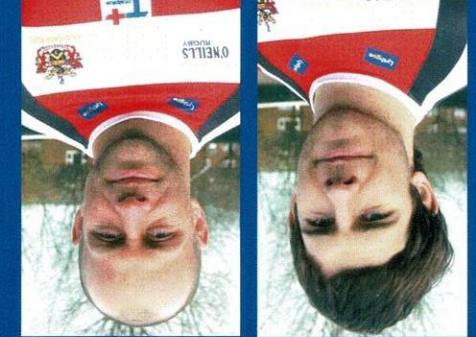
The list so far:

Ballard 5, J Coyle 5, Halliwell 4, Reilly 4, Goulden 3, Kerr 3, Onyango 3, T Coyle 2, Greenwood 2, I'Anson 2, O'Connor 2, Boult 1, Roberts 1, Roden 1, St Hilaire 1.

That totals 39 tries in seven competitive games, or an average of five and a half tries per game.

James Coyle, Andy Ballard spearhead try chase

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WHERE AND WHEN WE PLAY

Date	Res	Score	Opponents	Att
Fri, Feb 13	NRC	22-20	Widnes Vikings	2,783
Wed, Feb 18	NRC	7-0	Rochdale Hornets	1,028
Sun, Feb 22	NRC	1-17	Sheffield Eagles	1,173
Sun, Mar 1	NRC	32-14	Hunslet Hawks	582
Sun, Mar 8	CCC3	26-8	Sharston Rovers	800
Sun, Mar 15	CC1	36-18	Blackpool Panthers	880
Sun, Mar 22	CC1	26-34	Keighley Cougars	1,021
Sun, Mar 29	CC1		Workington Town	3,00pm
Sun, Apr 5	CC4		Lezignan	3,00pm
Fri, Apr 10	CC1		Rochdale Hornets	3,00pm
Sun, Apr 19	CC1		Dewsbury Rams	3,00pm
Sun, Apr 26	CC1		Swinton Lions	3,00pm
Mon, May 4	CC1		London Skolars	3,00pm
Sun, May 10	CC (5)		Carnegie CC	3,00pm
Sun, May 17	CC1		Hunslet Hawks	3,00pm
Sun, May 24	CC1		Swinton Lions	3,00pm
Sun, May 31	CC (Quarter-Final)		Carnegie CC	3,00pm
Sun, June 7	NRC		Featherstone Rovers	3,00pm
Sun, June 21	NRC (Semi-Final)		York City Knights	7:30pm
Thurs, June 25	CC1		York City Knights	3:00pm
Sun, July 5	CC1		Workington Town	3:00pm
Sun, July 12	NRC (Final)		Bloomfield Road	3:00pm
Sun, July 19	CC1		Keighley Cougars	3:00pm
Sun, July 26	CC1		Dewsbury Rams	3:00pm
Sun, Aug 2	CC1		Rochdale Hornets	3:00pm
Thurs, Aug 6	CC1		London Skolars	7:30pm
Sun, Aug 16	CC1		Blackpool Panthers	3:00pm
Sun, Aug 23	CC1		York City Knights	3:00pm
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GET BEHIND OUR BOYS IN THE BATTLE AT BATLEY FRONTIER

Oldham are hoping their trio of boxers in the battle of the Batley Frontier Club this coming Wednesday, April 1, (7.00pm) will have a good following of Roughyeds fans to urge them on. Chairman Bill 'the Mighty' Quinn, hooker Phil Joseph and centre Paul Reilly will put on the gloves in a glittering gala show to raise money for the Steve Prescott Foundation and the Rugby League Benevolent Fund.

Silver package tickets at £35, which includes admission and a chicken and chips supper, are on sale at the Roughyeds club in Lansdowne Road, Chadderton (tel: 0161 628 3677).

Oldham fans will be seated together so they can "raise the roof" when Bill, Phil and Paul enter the ring. Bill's clash with Garry Schofield will top the bill. It should be a terrific night that will raise money for worthy causes and also provide cracking entertainment.

In Bill's last fight he outpointed Kiwi tough guy Brad Hepi at Bolton in one of the shocks of the night, and it was that success which rocketed the Mighty Quinn to top billing among rugby league's charity boxers. Ring or call in at the club for tickets. But hurry, there are only three days to go!

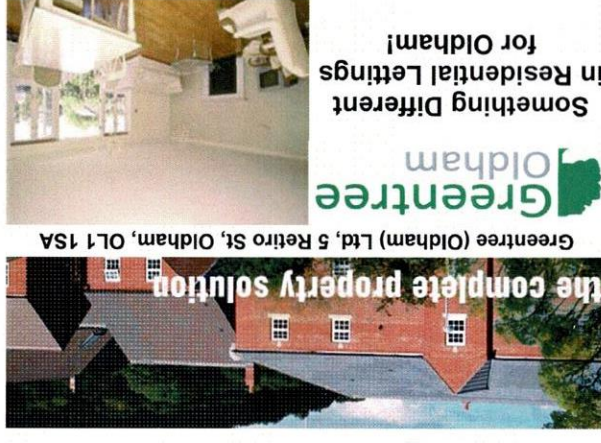
CHANGE TO PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT

OLDHAM'S luck in cup draws is holding up. After getting a Boundary Park clash with French club Lezignan in the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup on Sunday, April 5 (2.00pm kick off), Roughyeds were handed another home tie - against Featherstone Rovers - in the last eight of the Northern Rail Cup. The tie will pit Roughyeds against one of the Oldham borough's most celebrated rugby sons, Iestyn Harris, who has a player-coach role at Featherstone, working alongside head coach Daryl Powell.

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Welcome to Roughyed Stadium for our latest Co-operative Championship One fixture against Workington Town.

As ever today we will face a determined and sizeable group from Cumbria who will be keen to come away with the three points.

As usual we lost at Keighley in what is becoming an annual event and again gave ourselves too much to do before we started to claw our way back into the game. The players at our disposal this season are probably the most talented group we have had since the club was reformed in 1997 and we are all working hard to ensure that the talent that is there can show itself on the field every week - it just seems that the opposition hasn't read the script on some occasions!

We are now able to train on grass for every session and Tony Benson will confirm what a difference this will make, not only to the type of training we can do, but also to the quality of the work.

With the light nights now upon us we can work on things that we have so far been unable to and which, perhaps, have hindered us in game situations at times.

The first full round of fixtures last weekend certainly showed that the division will throw up some interesting results but we are here to concentrate on Oldham RLFC and what happens elsewhere is purely secondary. We must get back to winning ways today if we can against a team who will be only too ready to pounce should we not get to the level of performance required.

The Northern Rail Cup Quarter Final draw has seen us drawn at "home" against

Featherstone in what should be a mouth watering clash in early June. Our problem of course is that we will be unable to play it at Roughyed Stadium due to pitch work.

As usual all the staff at the club will switch effortlessly into contingency mode and organise the match at an alternative venue!

We do not know where this will be yet as we are still awaiting a decision from SKY as to which the will be the televised fixture but we will keep you informed as soon as we know.

The support at Keighley last week was again vocal and well appreciated by Tony and the players and we look forward to more of the same today.

The attendance at the opening fixture against Blackpool was disappointing to say the least after encouraging signs in the Northern Rail Group matches so we will be keeping an eye on the figure today. We feel that we provide good value for money in today's market (not every time we know) and if you can help us by encouraging friends and colleagues who don't normally come to give it a go you will be providing the club with a massive boost.

Enjoy the game and see you next week.

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Chief Executive

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competitive division and teams will be taking points off each other, but with only 18 games to be played there is no margin for error.

"We all know that, and we all know we have to get things right pretty quickly after recent performances, particularly those in the first half against Blackpool and again at Keighley last Sunday.

"I am not making excuses or even looking for reasons, but it is a fact that we have done most of our training so far on hard, all-weather pitches and this has severely restricted our preparation, particularly on contact stuff like tackling and floor work.

"We got a session on grass one night last week and that was great, but in the main we have been working out on hard surfaces and we have not been able to work on the things we needed to work on.

"It's like running on roads all the time. It isn't good on legs and backs and some of the lads have been affected more than others.

"If we can get more work on grass now the lighter nights are coming that will benefit us enormously and we should see a vast improvement.

"Obviously, we were all disappointed with the defeat at Keighley. With the wind and slope in our favour in the first half we hoped to put a few points on the board and then close the game down in the second half and put it to bed.

"Whether our try in the first couple of minutes caused a bit of complacency to creep in we will never know, but it shouldn't have done, particularly with Oldham having lost there on their two previous visits.

"It's never easy at Keighley. I've been there a few times with Halifax when we were expected to run up a big score and we either lost or just scraped home.

"On top of that, all teams in this division will be looking at us as the team to beat and raising their game accordingly. They are all going to be up for it.

"We are going to face a tough game every week. No team is going to roll over for us, as we have seen already.

"We need to start better and not wait until we are two or three tries down, as we did against Sheffield, Blackpool and Keighley.

"We had a great 20-minute spell against Sheffield when we got back at them, but we just left ourselves with too much to do.


"It was the same at Keighley. At 26-26 they were on their knees and we could sense it. They were gone, but once again we had left ourselves wide open and with too much to do once they started to get a bit of ball and field position in the late stages of the game.

"In a situation like that you need to be well on top of things and you need to be squeaky clean to make sure you don't give any penalties away."

John Armstrong, Clerk Of The Peace, Oldham and Lancashire rugby player, early pioneer of both Oldham Rugby Club and solicitors Armstrong, Whittaker and Ogden

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Greenwood reached his century (not out, of course) with 45 tries in two spells with hometown Halifax: 23 for London Broncos; three for Huddersfield; 25 for Leigh Centurions; two for England; and then his first two for Oldham.

In many ways he has a similar background to those of Marcus St Hilaire, Paul Reilly, Danny Halliwell and Paul Highton, highlighted by lots of experience in Super League.

He has worn the colours of Sheffield, Halifax, London Broncos and Huddersfield in the elite competition and he also had a season at Leigh, under Tony Benson, in 2006. Predominantly a winger, most of his career has been spent in his two spells with Halifax, but he was at Broncos in 2004 and part of 2005; Huddersfield for the remainder of 2005; and Leigh in 2006.

Then it was back to The Shay in 2007 and 2008 and on to Oldham, for whom he has signed a one-year contract, in 2009.

His 80 Super League outings included 40 with Halifax and 32 with Broncos and I can tell him that he scored on average a try every two games at the highest level of domestic rugby league in his country.

He has also been a prolific scorer beneath Super League level, scoring 24 tries in 28 outings for Leigh in 2006 and 23 in 29 games for Halifax in 2007.

His association with Sidal goes back to when he first played the game at the age of seven. He was there until he was 17 when the then coach of Sidal under-18s, Johnnie Lawless, took Lee and three of his team mates to Sheffield Eagles.

He made his Super League debut with the Eagles, but when they merged with Huddersfield he took the opportunity to return 'home' and signed for Halifax. He spent several seasons there before moving on to London from Super League in 2003.

He had a season and a half in the capital, but in 2005 he acted on a desire to return to the north -- Sarah was by this time having their first child -- and he transferred to Huddersfield, before moving on to Leigh, where he played for Tony Benson, the following year.

Now, he is determined, as are the rest of the Roughyeds players and coaching staff, to do his utmost to ensure that Oldham win promotion this time, ideally by finishing top and going up automatically as champions.

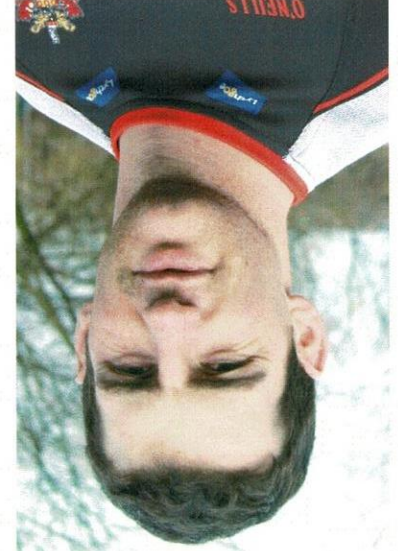
Neither coach nor players need to be told that improvement is called for after the first two Co-operative Championship One performances against Blackpool Panthers and Keighley Cougars.

Said Lee: "We need to make improvements pretty quickly. We've already lost one, at Keighley, and if we intend to finish top we probably can't afford to lose more than two, or three at the absolute most, all season.

"Dewsbury look strong and I can't see them losing many. We want to avoid the play-offs if we can. We wouldn't be frightened of the play-offs, but after what the club went through when losing Grand Finals in 2007 and 2008 we would much prefer to go up as champions.

"That will mean us winning nearly every game from now to to the end of the league season. It's early days yet and it remains to be seen how things will work out. It is a tough, tough job."

PLAYER PROFILE
NO 5 LEE GREENWOOD



A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS - AS PLAYER, COACH AND ORGANISER

HARDLY a day in the year goes by without Lee Greenwood being actively involved with the sport he loves - rugby league.

From August to late April he is head coach of Halifax-based National Conference League premier division club Sidal.

From November, when pre-season training starts, through winter, spring

and summer to late September or even into October he is playing Co-operative Championship One rugby with Oldham.

By the time that finishes, in early autumn, he is back at Sidal -- and just for good measure his other year-round job with Calderdale College in Halifax involves work in sport and recreation which includes... yes, you've guessed it, rugby league.

Aged 28, Halifax born and bred, and proud of it, Lee is indeed rugby league's man for all seasons.

And he never tires of it. When his playing days are over he hopes to go into coaching at professional level, and he sees his job at Sidal, which he used to share with Luke Robinson but which he now does solo, as a useful stepping stone to bigger things.

For now, he has quite enough on his plate, thank-you. As well as coping with all this part-time rugby league at two levels and a full-time job, he is married to Sarah and they have two children --- three-year-old Bailey and little Gracie, who is just seven months.

Whenever Sidal play, as they did at Saddleworth last Wednesday night in the quarter-final of the National Cup, Lee has to remove his player's cap and put on that of head coach. And as well as training with Roughyeds three times a week and then playing on Sundays, he has a similar commitment to his amateur club.

No time then for things like keeping records of his own scoring achievements. His second-half brace of tries in the recent game against Blackpool Panthers took him past the notable career milestone of 100 touchdowns, but Lee wasn't aware of how close he was to his ton.

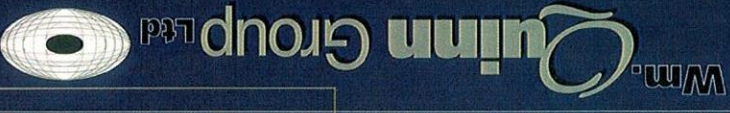





"I didn't have a clue how many tries I had got until it was mentioned to me a couple of weeks earlier," he said.

"It's always nice to hit these milestones, but I suppose 100 tries for a winger doesn't seem that many. It would be interesting to know my tries per game ratio because the way my career has worked out I have probably played no more than the equivalent of four or five seasons even though I started young and now I'm 28."

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SPINDLES MEET- THE-FANS DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Roughyeds players and coaching staff signed hundreds of poster-size 2009 team pictures during their two-hour meet-the-fans promotion in Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre on the Saturday before the Carnegie Challenge Cup win against Charlton Rovers

Shoppers, casual passers-by and keen fans, including lots of children in Roughyeds' replica jerseys, met and mingled with the players, who were based on the upper mall near Peacock's from 11am to 1pm - a Saturday peak period in Spindles. "The visit went down a treat," said Spindles manager Mike Flanagan, who has developed a keen interest in the Roughyeds since Spindles Town Square



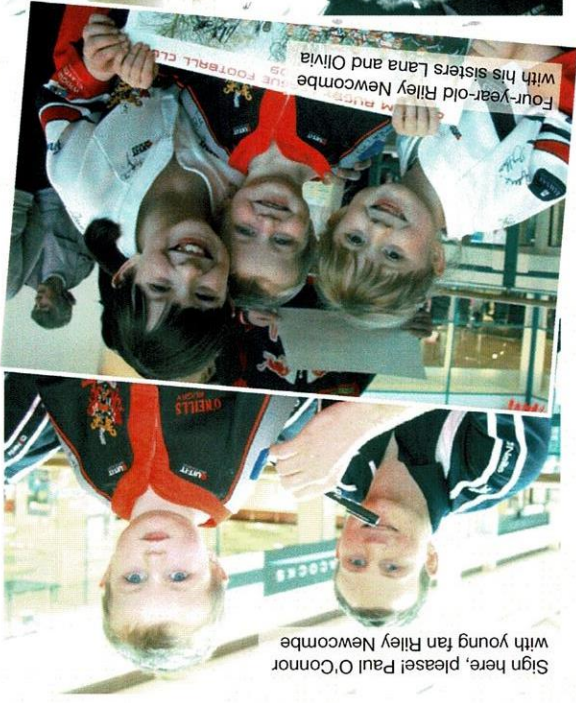
Shopping began a sponsorship partnership with the club more than two years ago. He added: "This was the squad's third visit and it has gone down bigger and better each year. "The players were kept busy signing autographs for the full two hours, and that's some care about the community we demonstrate publicly that we do is important that we "We are a big organisation, but it's important to us, and our sponsorship of Oldham Rugby League Club, which is also community based, is a key part of our involvement." Roughyeds also enjoyed their visit. "Fantastic" was the word used by coach Tony Benson to describe the

"The atmosphere was brilliant and it was evident that some

people who would not normally be in Spindles at that time were there specifically because of the Roughyeds visit.



Sign here, please! Paul O'Connor with young fan Riley Newcombe

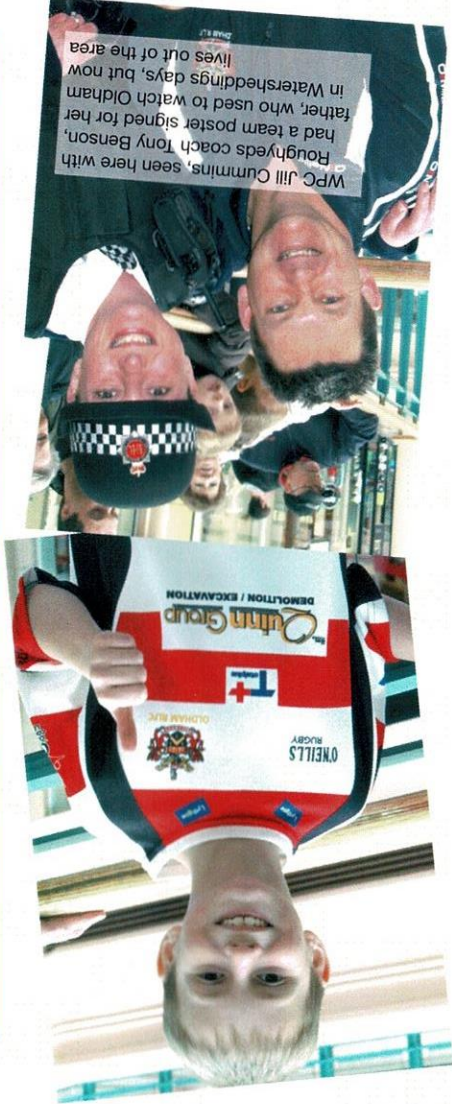


Four-year-old Riley Newcombe with his sisters Lana and Olivia



Ben Jones, aged eight, meets Tony Benson.

atmosphere; the welcome by Mike Flanagan and his staff; and the players' interaction with fans and shoppers alike. It was new coach Tony's first Spindles visit with his squad and he was both surprised and delighted at the interest shown by the public. "The club's partnership with Spindles is working very well," he added, "and it was a real pleasure for the boys and the coaching staff to be there and to meet the supporters in their shopping environment. "It was very encouraging to be kept so busy by people wanting us to sign autographs and posters and people wanting to chat to us about rugby and about how the team was going so far. "It was particularly pleasing to see so many young children there, many of them of an age when they are just starting to play the game."



WPC Jill Cummins, seen here with Roughyeds coach Tony Benson, had a team poster signed for her father, who used to watch Oldham in Watersheddings days, but now lives out of the area

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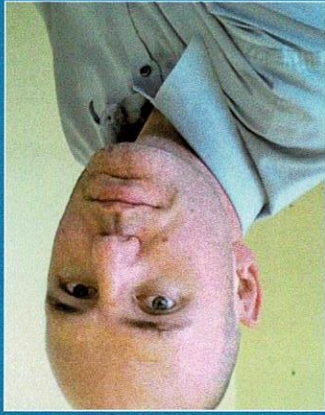


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McNally's efforts are fantastic for the sport



On pages four and five of this edition we spotlight the blossoming career of Whitehaven scrum-half Gregg McNally. The 18-year-old A-level student is on loan to his home-town club having been handed back for a year by Huddersfield Giants. My how Haven coach Ged Stokes must be thankful for that.

McNally, a scrum-half, has made a spectacular start to the season, culminating in a 32-point haul during Whitehaven's thrashing of Featherstone on Sunday. He has claimed 13 tries in seven games, boy's own stuff if ever there was.

That's particularly so in a sport like rugby league, where the physicality aspect of the game is enormous. As such following such a young talent as he bursts onto the scene is exhilarating. Technically Gregg broke into the mainstream consciousness with a televised hat-trick against Salford last season, but having showed he is no flash in the pan there is real sense that the lad is a genuine talent.

Rugby league has had some brilliant teenagers with the likes of Shaun Edwards, Andy Farrell, Paul Newlove and Gary Connolly having made it early and sustained it into their 30s.

In a sport so physically demanding burnout and serious injury is a huge issue. Let's hope he and the other teenagers in our game become true greats. The sport needs the McNallys of this world to thrill us and let's hope it is just the sign of things to come. We need more young guns forcing their way through rather than good but limited overseas players blocking their path.

It is great for the game too because such an arrival causes real excitement and inspires those young players who are 13, 14, 15 and 16 and have promise of their own. They can see someone who is not that much older making waves. But it is of course with a massive degree of poignancy that I mention young players in the week we remember Leon Walker.

Losing someone while playing sport is so shocking and Leon was doing something he loved. It was his life. These things are simply not meant to happen. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends and to everyone at Wakefield Trinity Wildcats, a club which has suffered so much over the last 12 months. But we all know the people of the rugby league world will do their bit and support Leon's family as best they can. We can all be sure of that.

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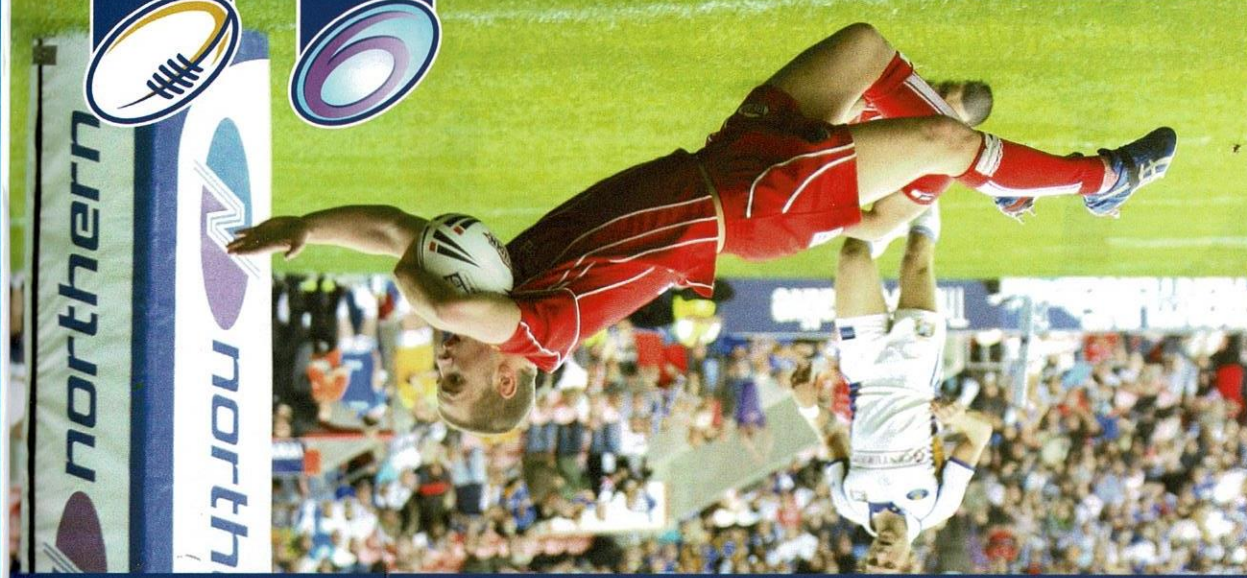
How Barrow has rediscovered its rugby league buzz



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TO SCORE seven tries in two games is less than 20 first-grade games under his belt to do it makes it all the more remarkable. In fact, Whitehaven scrum-half Gregg McNally has scored 13 tries in seven appearances so far this season, racking up 96 points in the process.

That includes a record-equaling 32-point haul in last week's incredible 52-26 win at Featherstone, thrusting the youngster back into the spotlight.

McNally burst onto the scene in last season's televised game against championship favourites Salford, although he was on the local rugby league radar from as young as six.

John Cox is BBC Radio Cumbria's rugby league correspondent, covering all Haven's games home and away for almost 20 years, and has known Gregg since he was playing U-10s as he was also a primary school head teacher.

"At that age they totally dominate the game and he used to run riot," he said. "He went to Kells Infant School then to Monkway Juniors. Kells is a stronghold of amateur rugby league, and he played for

the Kells club from six before being picked up by Whitehaven's Scholarship scheme at 13.

"Then along came the game against Salford, which is now famous locally. We had all sorts of injuries, the coach's hand was forced and he had to play Gregg and young hooker Chris Smith, who came along the same pathway.

"Whitehaven won 26-22, Gregg got a hat-trick and one of them was a sensational length-of-the-field try.

"From then on, the phone didn't stop ringing, and there were a lot of Super League clubs interested."

Another hat-trick against Halifax in the play-offs made it eight tries from nine games for McNally last season and he was courted by Leeds and Hull KR, whose coach Justin Morgan met McNally and his family before Huddersfield secured his services on a three-year deal in November. McNally was loaned back to Haven, allowing him to finish his A Levels at school, and he's popular at school, they look up to him and he's a role model, both academically and sporting-wise," said Cox.

"He's a special talent in rugby terms but he's also a modest lad. I interviewed him live after the Featherstone game and he was the star of the show but the first thing he said was 'there were 16 other lads out there and if they don't win the ball up the front, I can't do anything.'

"That's typical of him and he's not putting it on. He even came to me before the game and said 'if I happen to kick a goal today can you dedicate it to my grandad because he's ill'.

"In the end I took the micky because he goes and scores four tries and 32 points, so I said 'that's a bit over the top, isn't it?'"

"He's got a set of hands you can't teach anybody - he was born with those," Cox added. "He doesn't drop the ball, he passes absolutely beautifully and he can kick as well."

"What he needs now is a bit of meat on him but he's only just turned 18 so he's plenty of time to put that on."

While McNally may be a natural, Kells helped hone his skills and have produced many Haven players over the years.

"I watched him coming through the age groups and you could see he was a good player," said head coach Peter Smith. "He was always out practising and



Whitehaven's great start to the league campaign has been inspired by a schoolboy scrum-half who has been simply dazzling. GAME ON reports

Gregg McNally touches down four tries against Featherstone

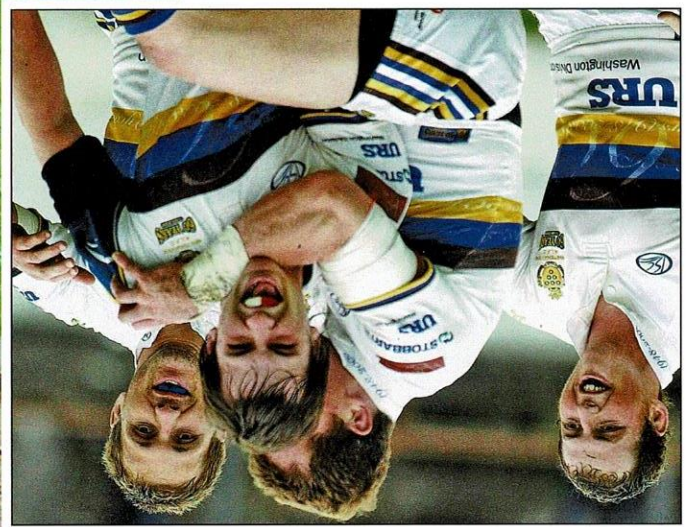
everyone up at Kells knew he'd be a good kid. He has a great attitude, doesn't go out weeks ago as the youngster scored 24 points in Haven's 42-16 win.

"He gets himself on the end of the forwards, like a quality half-back does," he said. "He supports and pesters around, and gets his just rewards for it.

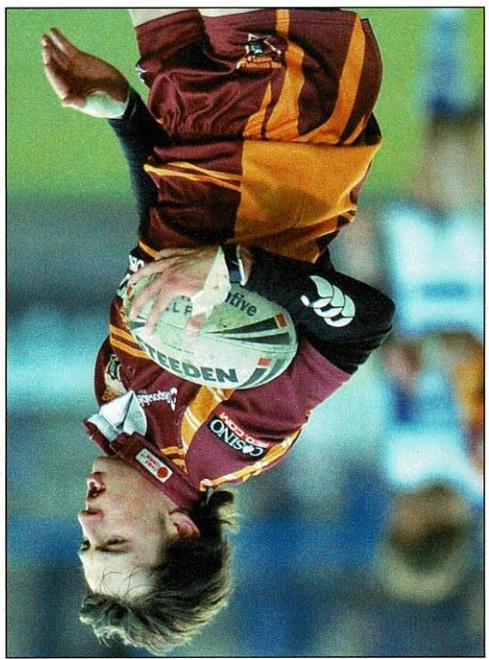
"Many teams will try to get their big men at him but he's a rugged little character who can take that stuff on the chin. "He's perhaps a bit naive in defence and you could say he pushes a little high in defence but maybe that's to compensate for his lack of size at the minute, and his one negative is far out-weighted by his positives."

The quest for Co-operative Championship coaches is now to find a way to stop McNally, something Gateshead boss Chris Hood was unable to do two

PLENTY TO CELEBRATE: Gregg McNally celebrates scoring during an amazing start to his career. He has scored 21 tries in 16 starts for Whitehaven



GIANT IN WAITING: Gregg McNally playing for Huddersfield against Halifax in a pre-season game



He's got a set of hands you can't teach anybody - he was born with those. He doesn't drop the ball, he passes absolutely beautifully and he can kick as well!

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the world according to SCULLY

In his latest update Paul talks about what has been a tragic week for rugby league



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EVERYBODY connected to rugby league will be feeling a sense of disbelief after the tragic news that Leon Walker of Wakefield Trinity Wildcats died in a match at Celtic Crusaders last Sunday.

He was only 21 and had a superb future ahead of him, not only in rugby league, but also in life. I'd like to send out my personal condolences to his family and friends at this difficult time.

I was in total shock at the news on Sunday and it's taken everyone by surprise that such a terrible thing would happen in a rugby league match.

For such a tough sport this is such a rare occurrence, which will affect everyone in the sport.

Rugby league is, I believe, the toughest sport in the world and the standards on the pitch now are so high.

When you see players performing as they do week in week out, it's unthinkable that something like this would happen.

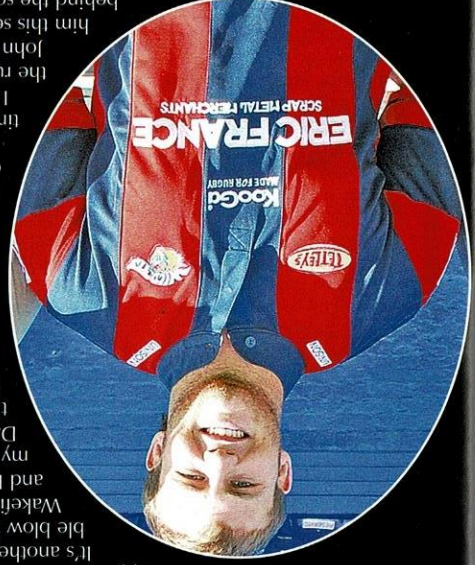
It's another terrible blow for the Wakefield club, and I know from my brother Danny that they've been hit hard from recent events at the club.

To lose two legends in Don Fox and David Topliss, and the shock of Adam Watene, followed now by Leon is a great deal to take for one club. It puts everything into perspective for everyone and we have to do all we can to recover from the terrible news.

St Helens visit Wakefield on Friday which will be a very emotional occasion and one that will be played out in tribute to Leon. I'm sure that the game-wide minute's silence this weekend will be observed, as always, in tremendous fashion by all in the sport, and it's a chance for everyone to pay their respects.

What is so great about the sport I have played for most of my life is that at times like this we all pull together and support each other. I believe rugby league stands up in unfortunate circumstances like this, and the rugby league family is very close.

John Kear is a terrific guy and the way he has handled the situations thrown at him this season has been exemplary, and I'm sure with the assistance of everyone else behind the scenes at Wakefield and the RFL, full support will be provided for everyone affected.



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Why it pays to cover the tie

After a weekend of shocks in the Championship compiler MIKE OXLEY looks for a couple of sure things



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We are already two games into the league season and a number of punters will be licking their wounds after some horrendous hard luck stories on their punting.

When we price up a rugby league match, the main two markets are 80 minutes betting and the handicap betting.

We will look at last weekend's game between Toulouse and Sheffield in the south of France to show you how we price the game up.

The 80-minute prices for this fixture were Toulouse 13/8, Sheffield 4/9 and the draw 20/1.

As the Eagles were favourites that translates into the following handicap prices: Toulouse (with a six-point start) 10/11, Sheffield (-6) 10/11 and the tie 16/1.

The handicap means if you had backed the Eagles you need them to win by more than six points. As the final score was an 18-12 victory for Sheffield the tie was the winner and 99 times out of 100 if that happens the bookies clean up.

This was just one of the games that punters will have probably lost their money on the handicap.

The shrewd punter, when he places a bet on the handicap, also places a bet on the tie to cover his initial stake, just in case, like the Toulouse game, there is a last minute try and the tie hits. For future bets on the handicap it is worth bearing in mind



The bookies were spot on with their odds for Toulouse v Sheffield

placing a small bet on the tie so the hard luck story does not happen to you.

After the couple of shocks last week in which Whitehaven thrashed Featherstone at The Chris Moyles stadium and Batley came away from Leigh with two points we are going to try and pick out a couple of teams that have consistently been putting in good performances and winning over the last six weeks.

The first one I am going for is Dewsbury away to Hornets RL. The Rams under Warren Jowitt are going from strength to strength this year, and are worthy favourites for the Championship One crown.

The Hornets, on the other hand, have had a nightmare behind the scenes as well as on the pitch. Their only win this season was a lucky 28-26 victory of Blackpool where, by all accounts, they were outplayed in the second half.

I can see Dewsbury amassing more than 50 points in this game and if any bookie offers Dewsbury conceding 20 points or less on this game I would lump on.

My next game is the acid test for a Barrow team who have bought well pre-season and have played very well in the Northern Rail Cup competition.

They are playing the favourites for the Championship in Halifax and although Matt Calland's men have already beaten them at home in the cup competition this year (40-10), I believe a couple of factors will play in Barrow's favour this time around. Barrow are a ten points better team at home and are a match for anyone on their day at Craven Park. Fax are the walking wounded after a hard 80-minute battle against league rivals Widnes last week, in which I thought that they were lucky to come out the victors in the end.

I make the handicap for this game around +8 to Barrow, but I have a feeling that the bookmakers will look at the 40-10 result and award Barrow around 12 to 14 points start, which I would snap up. So happy punting and remember to play the tie on the handicap just to get your stake back!

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30 Stephen Welton

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2 Ben Feehan
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6 Mark Barrow
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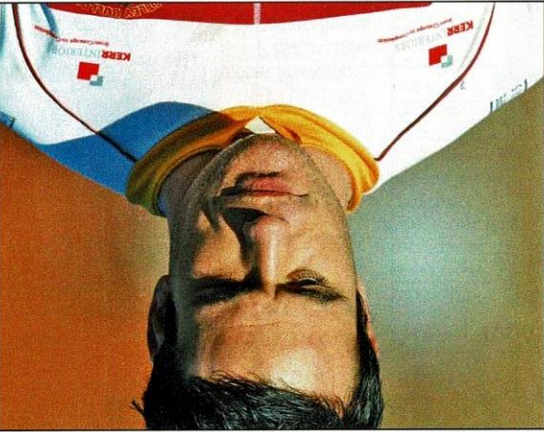
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My big guns were firing

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of all clubs, so again a big thank you. Talking of sponsors today we have Peter Collinson bringing down a contingent from Marske to see the game with our North East rivals, so let's hope they enjoy the game. Also Vinny Kerr, who missed the Fav game, will be here as our main sponsor with a group of friends through Kerr Interiors. A massive well-come to him, his family and friends as our main sponsor and also he and his family are good company to be with. Finally it is a big occasion tonight when, among the bouts, is Ash Lindsay v Darren Robinson - a mouth-watering contest. Tickets are £35 each and are selling well. We have sold our allocation in that defensive errors crept in and our confidence seemed to drop once Leigh scored. But the difference being that we did stick at it until the final whistle and got the result. I just hope it gives the players' confidence a boost and we start are not going to plan.

Monday morning mood was so much better
By Kevin Nicholas
Batley chairman

We need to win most home games any-way, but in the league it is vital we get make at work and at the club.
Contrast that with a defeat and Monday is a write off and so that is the difference week ahead and what progress we can feeling, as you look forward to the going into work on a Monday morning after we have won is a good week ahead and what progress we can make at work and at the club.
It was great to see we had support at Leigh, to witness our victory and it was much appreciated by the players and everybody at the club. We know we are still not playing for the full match how we would want to, but certainly our first half performance both in attack and defence was as good as it gets.
The second half followed, to some extent, a similar pattern to recent games, in that defensive errors crept in and our confidence seemed to drop once Leigh scored. But the difference being that we did stick at it until the final whistle and got the result. I just hope it gives the players' confidence a boost and we start are not going to plan.

For the next three weeks the pressure to perform is now on. We have home games against Gateshead, Hunslet and Toulouse, which are vital to our season.

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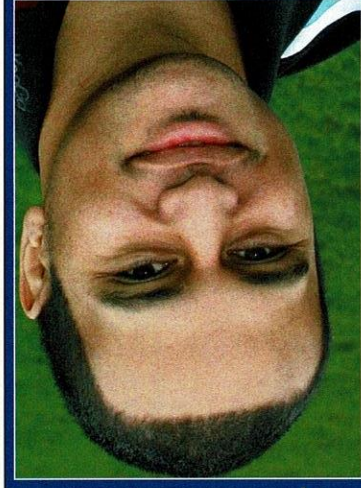
rugby league and their families.

Rugby league gods are smiling down on us

Vice-chairman Dave Sear

THE gods of rugby league have been kind to Barrow four places in order to go into the hat for the knock out stage. There has to be a plum tie at home against Wigan in the Carnegie Challenge Cup is the hope of most clubs outside of Super League. The town, which was already enjoying an increase in interest in the Raiders, is now positively awash with anticipation of the Cherry and Whites' visit. It is not just that we will get a good pay day via the gates and the bars but the arrangements for the visit in the Northern Rail we have a home tie against Dewsbury. It has been subject of comment that we finished fourth in the league stage and yet get a home draw. They are the rules of the competition and, although we may have felt aggrieved had we been top, the aim was to finish in one of the top four places in one of the top two positions.

This week we take on Halifax and are hoping for a vast improvement on our display at The Shay in the Northern Rail. The fans can look forward to the cup tie, the board can be busy making arrangements for the visit of Wigan but the focus of the coaching staff and players must be on the job in hand which is to take the points from one of the pre-season favourites. It is this game and not the glamour tie which will shape our season.



By coach DAVID CLARK

We moved on since the Rail Cup defeat

The defeat at Halifax in the Northern Rail Cup was a wake up call for both the team and myself. It was probably a little too early in the season to come up against one of the fancied Championship teams. We were unable to match them in pace of thought or deed on that occasion. Now with a couple of games under our belt Halifax should find us to be a much more competitive outfit. The match at home to Widnes to decide who went through to the knock-out stages showed what we are capable of. We must maintain the standards we exhibited in that game if we are to be a force in the Championship. Although the result at Gateshead last week was fairly conclusive there were several areas of the game in which our performance could have been a lot better.

It is my job to address those problems in training this week to make sure we do not make the same mistakes against Halifax. We are not only new to the Championship and having to adapt to the pace of the game but are still very much a new team which is trying to gel as a unit. Our latest arrival is Zeb Luisi who arrived from New Zealand on Monday and who will be in contention for a place against Halifax. He is an exciting prospect and I am sure will prove a crowd pleaser. He not only provides me with further options in the back line but puts pressure on others to perform as they try to secure a place in the squad.



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"Tough trip for the title favourites - Halifax by 4"

BENNETT'S BET

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3	Jon Goddard	3	Conv
4	Shad Royston	2	Tries
5	James Haley	2	
6	Dwayne Barker	1	
7	Ben Black		
8	Matt James		
9	Sean Penkwyicz		
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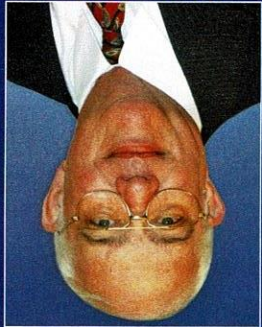
The arrival of Wigan and their fans is eagerly anticipated

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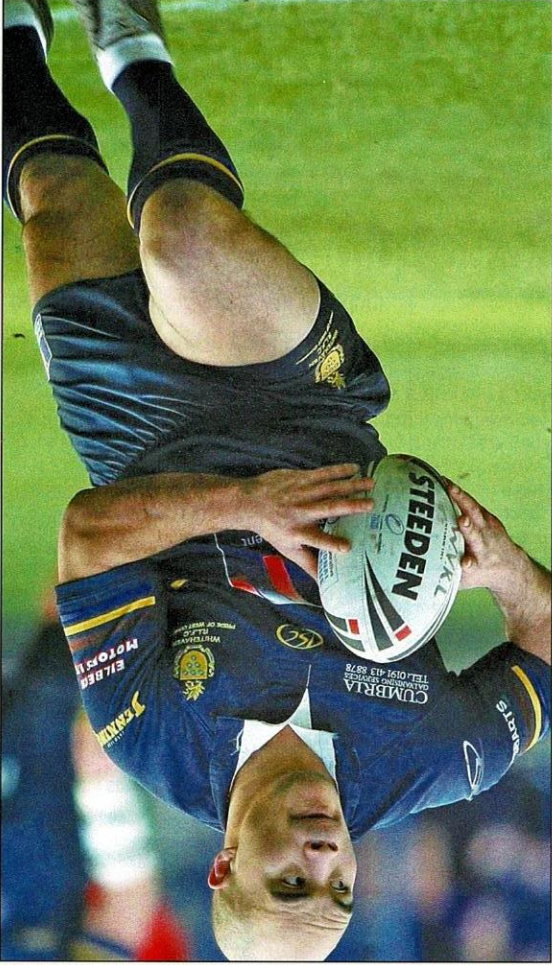
International aspect excites

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Richard Raaz
Chairman

Welcome to Whitehaven's Recreation ground. Today's match against Toulouse highlights the international aspects of our league. We embrace this growing aspect of our sport and are very pleased that the Match Sponsors for tonight's event are both international corporations operating here in west Cumbria. Nuclear Management



Ged Stokes, coach

Leroy Joe was outstanding on and off the pitch against Featherstone went down narrowly at home against Sheffield last weekend. People must realise that they will have brought in players from all over France and probably Australia as well. It will take time for them to gel, though even against Widnes, I thought there were signs of it. Enjoy the game.

We utilised pace instead of power

WE go in to tonight's game against Toulouse following our win at Featherstone last week.

I was quite confident, going into the clash with Rovers, that we could ask the question after the way we had prepared for the game and trained on the previous Friday night. To win 52-26 was very satisfying. We showed a different side to the way Whitehaven can play. It's something we have been looking at for some time, as we have our big lads to come back in following injury. But we have the option, which is fascinating in a lot of ways. We had a very young side out, fit and fast, with pace the key to it.

There were still parts of our game I wasn't satisfied with. We led 32-0 mid-way through the first half and sometimes when you do that the next set of defence is really important. For a period late in the half, we lost control of the ruck and Featherstone scored 16 points. We spoke about it at half-time and in the second half regained control of the ruck, which made all the difference. Our kicking game was very, very good, from both dummy half and via Carl Rudd. The ball did what it was supposed to do on firm ground and we got a good roll on. We had a lot of players missing and they must now be worried about their spots!

It proved a nightmare trying to run the bench, to sort out how we would make our changes. Chris Smith came on and caused a lot of trouble around the ruck and made good yards. And the leadership from Leroy Joe was outstanding. He played a captain's knock in the changing room as well as on the pitch. We now face Toulouse for what will be our first Championship game against a French side. They lost heavily in their opening game at Widnes (70-0) and



Whitehaven v Toulouse

Saturday March 28th, 2009. Kick off 6pm. RECREATION GROUND

WHITEHAVEN

NO. PLAYER

1 Craig Benson

2 Ade Adebisi

3 Rob Jackson

4 Derry Ellbeck

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 McAvooy

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

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Barry Richardson

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Dick Raaz

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Internet Support Group

Whitehaven RL Support Group

Shakers

Finnigans Chip Shop

Internet Support Group

Paul & Diane Lace

Seascale Pharmacy

Rob Collins

Clive Hornsby

Whitehaven RL

Support Group

NO. PLAYER

1 Roy Bromley

2 Sebastien Payan

3 Sebastien Planas

4 Damien Couturier

5 Joris Canton

6 Constant Villageas

7 Nathan Wynm

8 Brendan Worth

9 Martin Mitchell

10 Matthieu Griff

11 Timothy Wynm

12 Mathieu Almarcha

13 Eric Anselme

14 Antoni Mara

15 Jerome Gout

16 Olivier Framil

18 Adrien Vala

20 Sylvain Houles

21 Bruno Ormeno

22 Nicolas Faure

Tell Pelo

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Renault Etats-Unis

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France Boissons

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TODAY'S TEAM

Full back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Scrum half

Prop

Hooker

Prop

2nd row

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange 1

DGs

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Couturier

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Mark Smith is dragged to ground as Widnes pile on the pressure at Halifax

Players responded well

THIS evening's visit of Sheffield Eagles marks my first game in charge at the Stobart Stadium Halifax and it is one not to be faulted but we let our backs down when it came to turning possession and position into points.

All too often our last tackle plays were too easily read by our Halifax and they dealt with our Championship game and I was pleased with the players' attitude and commitment in that game where they carried out John Stankevich's instructions to be 'ruthless' to the let-downs to the line we cracked on a couple of occasions and that is something we need to improve on, not only tonight but for the rest of the season, if we want to be challenging for the silverware on offer.

However, I was impressed by the players' response at half-time when we turned round trailing 16-4 and even saying that, if we play to our potential it is a game we should win and a good performance will put us in good heart for Friday's trip to the Shay and the Carnegie Challenge cup tie with Halifax.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Cullen, coach

So far we have been pleased with the response of fans to the six o'clock kick offs and it's interesting to note that as we get underway here tonight Whitehaven will be kicking off against Toulouse the game at Craven Park between Barrow Olympique XIII and thirty minutes later and Halifax gets underway. Hopefully we'll be able to supply you with score updates throughout the evening.

Finally, it would be a remiss of me not to pass on the thoughts and best wishes to the family of Leon Walker who died last Sunday whilst playing for Wakefield Trinity Wildcats' reserve side.

Everybody connected with Widnes Vikings sends their condolences at this sad time.

Alex Bonney Chief Executive Officer

Good evening and welcome to the Stobart Stadium Halifax for this Co-operative Championship fixture against Sheffield Eagles.

Last week's game against Halifax was disappointing in that we had enough possession to cause the home side problems but didn't make the most of it but please away with a bonus point. Next Friday's rematch in the Carnegie Challenge Cup should be an exciting encounter.

The results at the weekend, which included home defeats for Featherstone and Leigh, showed how competitive the Co-operative Championship is going to be and with Whitehaven and Barrow riding high at the top of the table it is a boost to the club.

The debate about Saturday night fixtures was an interesting one when the fixtures were announced back in December.

With just under 2,000 in attendance the crowd was second only to our game at the Shay and coming on the back of their 70-point defeat at the Stobart Stadium Halifax this was an admirable turn out.

The first Championship team to visit Toulouse and came away with the three points on offer thanks to a late Ashley Thackeray try.

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Widnes v Sheffield



Saturday March 28th, 2009. Kick off 6pm. STOBART STADIUM HALTON

WIDNES VIKINGS

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

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TODAY'S TEAM

No. PLAYER	Position	No. PLAYER	Position
1 Jonny Woodcock	Full back	1 Loz Wildbore	Prop
2 Dean Gaskell	Right Wing	2 Robert Johnson	Hooker
3 Richard Varulius	Right Wing	3 Garry Edwards	Prop
4 Toa Kōhe Love	Right Centre	4 Mike Robby	Scrum half
5 Danny Mills	Left Centre	5 Ashley Thackeray	Stand off
6 Anthony Thackeray	Left Wing	6 Brendan Lindsay	Left Wing
7 James Webster	Prop	7 Gavin Brown	Prop
8 Iain Morrison	Hooker	8 Jack Howieson	Hooker
9 Mark Smith	Prop	9 Grant Edwards	Prop
10 Jim Gannon	Scrum half	10 Mitchell Stringer	Scrum half
11 Lee Doran	Stand off	11 Alex Szostak	Stand off
12 Richard Fletcher	Left Wing	12 Garry Edwards	Left Wing
13 Lee Paterson	Right Centre	13 Dane McDonald	Right Centre
14 John Duffy	Right Wing	14 Andrew Boothroyd	Right Wing
15 Tim Hartley	Left Centre	15 Garry Edwards	Left Centre
16 Gavin Dodd	Right Wing	16 Trevor Exton	Right Wing
17 Ben Kavanagh	Left Centre	17 Tom Buckenham	Left Centre
18 Matt Strong	Right Wing	18 Saeqib Murtza	Right Wing
19 Michael Ostick	Left Centre	19 Kyle Wood	Left Centre
20 Sam Thompson	Right Wing	20 Matty Brooks	Right Wing
21 Scott Yates	Left Centre	21 Aaron Groom	Left Centre
22 Paddy Flynn	Right Wing	22 Ryan Hepworth	Right Wing
23 Shane Grady	Left Centre	23 Tangi Ropati	Left Centre
24 Josh Simm	Right Wing	24 Matthew Whitaker	Right Wing
25 Anthony Mulhally	Left Centre	25 James Morrow	Left Centre
26 Steve Barnister	Right Wing	26 Nick Turnbull	Right Wing
27 Brett Robinson	Left Centre	27 Tommy Taylor	Left Centre
		28 Damian Gibson	Left Centre
		31 Sam Barlow	Left Centre
		34 Eddie Batye	Left Centre
		35 Dan Hawksworth	Left Centre

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WW-LWWW
 TRIES: Paddy Flynn 6, Jim Gannon 4, Loz Wildbore 4,
 GOALS: Scott Yates 24,
 Tim Hartley 14,
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: James Webster

SCORERS

Tries	Conv	Pens	DGS
4	2	3	4

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J.Chillid
 Touch: P.Ward, B.Robinson
 Fourth Official: M.Mannifield

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLL-LWW
 TRIES: Maty Brooks 3, Jonny Woodcock 3, Damian Gibson 3
 GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 26
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Ashley Thackeray

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Dean Cotton is back in training after injury

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 We're not
 far from full
 strength

Tony Miller
 Dons' Head Coach

FIRSTLY I would like to welcome Leigh and all their supporters to the Keepmoat. Also all the ladies that are starting to come together even though there has been a lot of jostling about in the team with injuries and new players.

Our discipline cost us valuable field position last week and who knows whether the result may have been different if we'd had 13 men for the second half of the match.

But we can take positives out of our attack with good set up creating opportunities for us and our defence being very co-ordinated even though there were a lot of new combinations. We also welcome Kyle Michael Haley's groin has fully repaired and we hope to have him back for this match as well as key Eddie. Even though we went down against Barrow it showed me the boys had a lot of character. Our determination onfield was great and I think we are really with him back.

Shaun Leaf and Dean Cotton are back into training now and don't look to be too far off. Michael Coady is still recovering from laryngitis. Danny Jackson, Danny Meekin, James Riches, Lee Marsh, Macgraff Lewal, Ryan Powell, Trailists: Brett Longstaffe, Jamie Durbin, Lee Wingfield



Doncaster v Leigh

Sunday March 29th, 2009, Kick off 3pm, KEEPMOAT STADIUM



DONCASTER

SPONSOR No. PLAYER

1 -

2 Dean Cotton

3 Andreas Bauer

4 Shaun Leaf

5 Wayne Fettle

6 Kyle Briggs

7 Paul Handforth

8 Michael Haley

9 Craig Cook

10 Alex Benson

11 Peter Green

12 Craig Lawton

13 Josh Weeden

14 Scott Jones

15 Mark Castle

16 Nathan Freer

17 Ross Dvorly

18 Craig Holt

19 Ryan Steen

20 Michael Coady

21 Garry Eleri

22 Andy Speake

23 Scott Smith

24 Jake Bassinder

25 Kevin Eadie

26 Lee Farnell

27 Albert Rounding

28 Jamie Bovill

30 Luke May

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 RTN Motor Spares
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 Sue Waitford

COACH: TONY MILLER
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SPONSOR 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

2nd row

Loose forward

Interchange 1

2

3

4

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

LEIGH CENTURIONS

No. PLAYER

1 Stuart Donlan

2 Dave Aislead

3 Steve Maden

4 Tony Stewart

5 Nick Stanton

6 Ian Watson

8 Andy Hobson

9 Dave McConnell

10 Mike Morrison

11 Dave Armitstead

13 James Taylor

13 Aaron Smith

14 Ian Mort

15 Adam Higson

16 Chris Hill

17 -

18 Sam Reay

19 Adam Rudd

20 John Cookson

21 Dale Cunniffe

22 Jamie Smith

23 Martyn Ridyard

24 Dean Hutton

25 Adam Thomas

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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WW-LWW
 TRIES: Michael Coady 4
 GOALS: Kyle Briggs 8, Andy Speake 7
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Michael Cody

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: R.Laughton
 Touch: A.Sweet, C.Nelson
 Fourth Official: C.Dean
BENNETT'S BET
 Centurions to get back on track on their travels - Leigh by 10"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-LWW
 TRIES: Jamie Durbin 6, Stuart Donlan 5, Martyn Ridyard 4, Steve Maden 4, Sam Reay 4, Ian Watson 4
 GOALS: Ian Mort 28, Martyn Ridyard 10, Dgs: Martyn Ridyard
 MAN TO WATCH: Martyn Ridyard

Progress is being made off the field

David Marshall, Dons CEO

scenes have no place in this sport and we are working alongside all the relevant bodies to ensure they're not seen again. Next weekend's Challenge Cup game against Gateshead is a massive fixture for the club and potentially could set up a lucrative Super League side. Behind the scenes the club is progressing with the group of investors and planning major announcements shortly which will help further stabilise and move the club forward through these difficult economic times.

I think the Northern Rail Cup competition was productive for the club and has given us confidence going into the league. The club's new players have settled in well and I think Tony Miller is owed a big thanks by the club and its fans for assembling such quality under the financial constraints. I speak on behalf of the whole club when I say how disappointed we are at the crowd violence at the Challenge Cup game against Queens AFLFC. Those

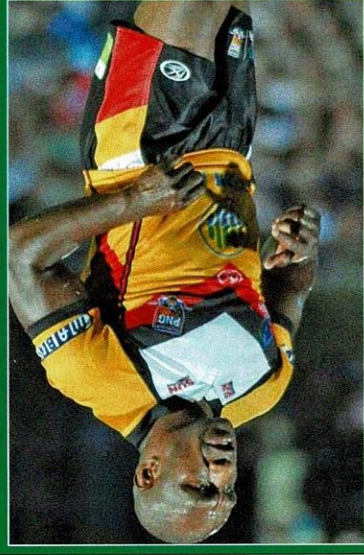
with the involved groups earlier but due to the current climate this has proved difficult. However I am pleased to say we are close to completing deals with several investors who will work with the club over the next three years. This Thursday the supporters group are hosting a question and answer session with club officials and players at the Conservative Club in Doncaster, 8pm start. It would be great to see a good turnout and explain how we are progressing. Finally congratulations to Kyle Briggs and his partner on the birth of their new baby boy, and we look forward to his first visit to the Keepmoat Stadium.

We didn't get any luck against Panthers

SUNDAY'S opening league encounter at Blackpool produced a disappointing result. Having appeared more threatening on the possession we had. While completion rates were poor our situation wasn't helped by some strange refereeing decisions. It was clear half way through the second half that every 50/50 call was going Blackpool's way. Despite being starved of the ball our defence remained strong and there were some good individual performances. The PNG boys looked to have settled and Charlie Wabo had his best game yet, playing at loose forward. Despite the defeat it is hoped that today's fixture against London Skolars gives us the opportunity to get back on the horse straight away. Last year saw the Skolars doing the double over Hunslet, playing some magnificent rugby when beating us by 50 points at South Leeds Stadium. Such a scoreline looks hardly likely this season. The Skolars have not started well

and the Hawks look to end a poor run of league defeats. It is hoped the fixture provides an opportunity for open rugby with plenty of tries to enjoy. Commercially the club will entertain more than 70 guests in the corporate entertainment lounge. It is hoped we can build upon guests' experience of a good day out at the South Leeds Stadium. Meanwhile the Community Programme continues to advance and the Hawks Learning Centre expect to boost today's crowd by a couple of hundred. These new initiatives are very much the future of the club and we are hoping to build on them. Finally our thoughts go to Leon Walker's family at this difficult time. The Hunslet club tried to sign him in the close season and we will share with the rugby league family a minute's silence before today's game.

Charlotte Ball General manager

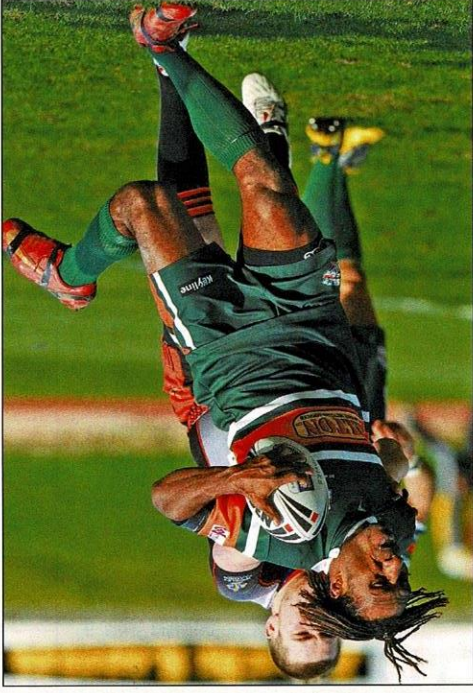


Stanley Gene, a great mentor

For GB star is looking after the PNG trio

Niko Slain, Michael Mark and Charlie Wabo, our three Papua New Guinea internationals are beginning to settle in to life at the South Leeds Stadium. They are staying with ex-GB and Leeds star David Ward at his Dakwell Hotel in Bristol. Acclimatising to the varying English weather has been their major task since arriving in early February in blizzard conditions. They have been on several sightseeing trips including a visit to the old Middleton Railway museum in Hunslet, trekking in the Dales at Malham, and a visit to the Rugby League museum at the George Hotel in Huddersfield. On the field they are all visibly growing

in confidence with every game they play and they have already become firm favourites with the Hunslet Hawks faithful band of supporters. All three have praised the role played by "mentor" Stanley Gene in bringing them to this country, and the way he continues to advise and watch over them on an almost daily basis. They are still experiencing minor problems on occasions with the language barrier, but they are mixing well with their teammates and look to be heading for a successful first season in the UK. All three have already made their intentions clear in wanting to succeed on the field and hopefully build a new life in this country if possible.



Charlie Wabo is starting to show his class



Hunslet v Skolars

Sunday March 29, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

Match-day sponsor : Skelton Skips Match-ball sponsor : South Leeds Et Hunslet Cars



LONDON SKOLARS

NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM NO.	NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM NO.
1 Frank Reid	Full back	1 Nathan Larvin	Full back
2 Corey Simms	Right Wing	2 Scott Childs	Right Wing
3 Oily Fountain	Right Centre	3 Tom Sheldrake	Right Centre
4 Oliver Bloom	Left Centre	4 Michael Brown	Left Centre
5 Austen Aggrey	Left Wing	5 John Richardson	Left Wing
6 Jermaine Coleman	Stand off	6 Darren Robinson	Stand off
7 Paul Thorman	Scrum half	7 Stuart Young	Scrum half
8 Dave Ellison	Hooker	8 Joe Helme	Hooker
9 Gareth Honor	Prop	9 Richard Chapman	Prop
10 Glenn Osborn	Prop	10 Ben Lawton	Prop
11 Matt Thomas	2nd row	11 Joe Howey	2nd row
12 Dene Miller	2nd row	12 Jason Hart	2nd row
13 Jaymes Chapman	2nd row	13 Mark McKinley	2nd row
14 Graeme Spencer	2nd row	14 Chris Redteam	2nd row
15 Bobby Wallis	2nd row	15 Andy Robinson	2nd row
16 Tony Williams	2nd row	16 Mark Moxon	2nd row
17 Chad Isles	2nd row	17 Steve Brook	2nd row
18 Ormesso Agbarah	2nd row	18 Ayden Faal	2nd row
19 Leigh Nissen	2nd row	19 Ben Walkin	2nd row
20 Paul Hyder	2nd row	20 Antony Thewliss	2nd row
21 Ben Joyce	2nd row	21 Dan Cook	2nd row
22 Danny Burke	2nd row	22 Scott Watson	2nd row
23 Andre Vine	2nd row	23 Jonny Wainhouse	2nd row
24 Smoke Junor	2nd row	24 Charlie Wabo	2nd row
25 Jaroslaw Douchowski	2nd row	25 Michael Mark	2nd row
26 Olu Iwenofu	2nd row	26 Nico Slain	2nd row
27 Keir Bell	2nd row	27 Gareth Firm	2nd row

Assistant Coach: Kevin Heith Sportsstraders

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COACH: CALLUM IRVING

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLL
LAST SIX AWAY: WLL-LL
TRIES: Austen Aggrey 3, Olu Iwenofu 3.

GOALS: Paul Thorman 8
Dgs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Paul Thorman

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SCORERS
4
3
2
Interchange 1
Loose forward
2nd row
Prop
Hooker
Prop
Scrum half
Stand off
Left Wing
Left Centre
Right Centre
Right Wing
Full back

MATCH OFFICIALS
Referee: G.Dolan
Touch: M.Beadle, D.Butler
Fourth Official: J.Downham

BENNETT'S BET
"Skolars show few signs of improvement - Hunslet by 16"

MAN TO WATCH: Richard Chapman



HUNSLET HAWKS

NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM NO.	NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM NO.
1 Nathan Larvin	Full back	1 Nathan Larvin	Full back
2 Scott Childs	Right Wing	2 Scott Childs	Right Wing
3 Tom Sheldrake	Right Centre	3 Tom Sheldrake	Right Centre
4 Michael Brown	Left Centre	4 Michael Brown	Left Centre
5 John Richardson	Left Wing	5 John Richardson	Left Wing
6 Darren Robinson	Stand off	6 Darren Robinson	Stand off
7 Stuart Young	Scrum half	7 Stuart Young	Scrum half
8 Joe Helme	Hooker	8 Joe Helme	Hooker
9 Richard Chapman	Prop	9 Richard Chapman	Prop
10 Ben Lawton	Prop	10 Ben Lawton	Prop
11 Joe Howey	2nd row	11 Joe Howey	2nd row
12 Jason Hart	2nd row	12 Jason Hart	2nd row
13 Mark McKinley	2nd row	13 Mark McKinley	2nd row
14 Chris Redteam	2nd row	14 Chris Redteam	2nd row
15 Andy Robinson	2nd row	15 Andy Robinson	2nd row
16 Mark Moxon	2nd row	16 Mark Moxon	2nd row
17 Steve Brook	2nd row	17 Steve Brook	2nd row
18 Ayden Faal	2nd row	18 Ayden Faal	2nd row
19 Ben Walkin	2nd row	19 Ben Walkin	2nd row
20 Antony Thewliss	2nd row	20 Antony Thewliss	2nd row
21 Dan Cook	2nd row	21 Dan Cook	2nd row
22 Scott Watson	2nd row	22 Scott Watson	2nd row
23 Jonny Wainhouse	2nd row	23 Jonny Wainhouse	2nd row
24 Charlie Wabo	2nd row	24 Charlie Wabo	2nd row
25 Michael Mark	2nd row	25 Michael Mark	2nd row
26 Nico Slain	2nd row	26 Nico Slain	2nd row
27 Gareth Firm	2nd row	27 Gareth Firm	2nd row

Assistant Coach: Kevin Heith Sportsstraders

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Lanes Coaches Alan Greenwood

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COACH: GRAEME HALLAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLL
LAST SIX HOME: WLL-LL
TRIES: Steve Brook 3, John Richardson 2.

GOALS: Darren Robinson 5, Richard Chapman 2.
Dgs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Richard Chapman

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Oldham v Workington



Sunday March 29th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. BOUNDARY PARK

Team sponsor: Doughty's Gym

OLDHAM RLFC

WORKINGTON TOWN

TODAY'S TEAM

No.	PLAYER	No.	PLAYER
1	Paul O'Connor	1	Jay Duffy
3	Danny Halliwell	2	Neil Frazer
4	Paul Rellily	3	Andrew Beattie
5	Lee Greenwood	4	Jason Mossop
6	James Coyle	5	Jamie Marshall
7	Thomas Coyle	6	Carl Forber
8	Paul Highton	7	Steve Roper
9	Gary Sykes	8	Ryan Benfield
10	Jamie Hanson	9	Jack Pedley
11	Dave Allen	10	Dean Burgess
12	Tommy Goulden	11	Mike Whitehead
13	Rob Roberts	12	Craig Hodgson
14	Richard Merrill	13	Mark Hobson
15	Jason Bouits	14	Brett Smith
16	Wayne Kerr	15	James Robinson
17	Craig Robinson	16	Thomas Brindle
18	Neil Roden	17	Peter Dobson
19	Craig Littler	18	Kris Coward
20	Simeon Hoyle	19	Scott Burgess
21	Lucas Onyango	20	Stephen Dawes
22	Phil Joseph	21	Mark Routledge
23	Chris Baines	22	Patrick Coupar
24	Marcus St Hillare	23	Martyn Wilson
25	Luke Menzies	24	Jarrad Stack
26	Luke Sutton	25	Harry Kaufman

SCORERS

Tries	Conv	Pens	DGs
4	3	2	1

INTERCHANGE 1

1	2	3	4
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LOOSE FORWARD

1	2	3	4
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2ND ROW

1	2	3	4
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PROP

1	2	3	4
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HOOKER

1	2	3	4
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PROP

1	2	3	4
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SCRUM HALF

1	2	3	4
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STAND OFF

1	2	3	4
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LEFT WING

1	2	3	4
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LEFT CENTRE

1	2	3	4
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RIGHT CENTRE

1	2	3	4
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RIGHT WING

1	2	3	4
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FULL BACK

1	2	3	4
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SPONSOR

- 1 Paul O'Connor
- 3 Danny Halliwell
- 4 Paul Rellily
- 5 Lee Greenwood
- 6 James Coyle
- 7 Thomas Coyle
- 8 Paul Highton
- 9 Gary Sykes
- 10 Jamie Hanson
- 11 Dave Allen
- 12 Tommy Goulden
- 13 Rob Roberts
- 14 Richard Merrill
- 15 Jason Bouits
- 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 Hillare
- 25 Luke Menzies
- 26 Luke Sutton

COACH: TONY BENSON

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P. Brooke
 Touch: S. Johnson, R. Jones
 Fourth Official: T. Mahar

BENNETT'S BET

"Wounded Roughyeds to bounce back in style - Oldham by 18"

LAST SIX RESULTS: -LLLLLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLLL-LL
 TRIES: Thomas Brindle 3, Andrew Beattie 2, Jarrad Stack 2
 GOALS: Carl Forber 11
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Tommy Brindle

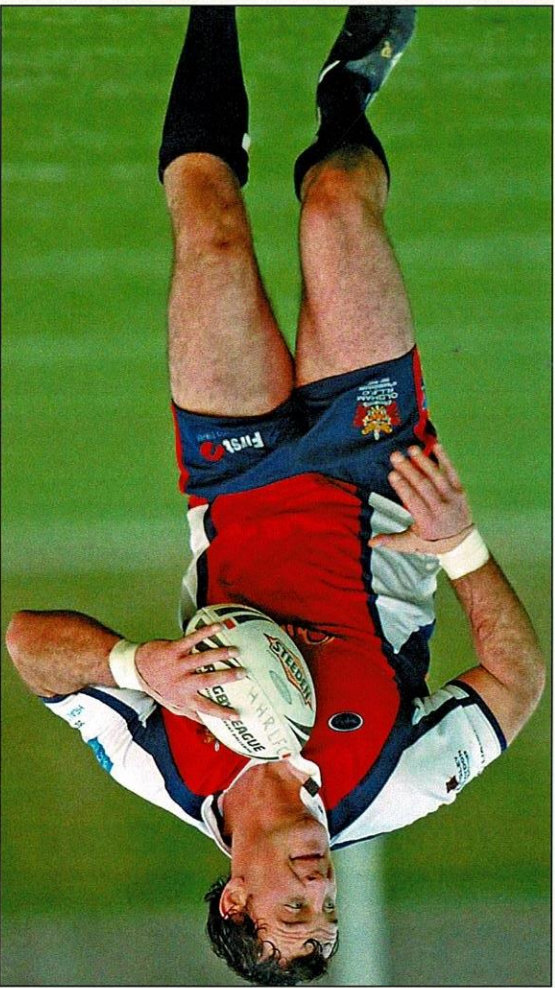
COACH: DAVE ROTHERHAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: -LLLLLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLLL-LL
 TRIES: Thomas Brindle 3, Andrew Beattie 2, Jarrad Stack 2
 GOALS: Carl Forber 11
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Tommy Brindle

SUPPORTING OLDHAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLW
 LAST SIX HOME: LL-WLWW
 TRIES: James Coyle 5, Andy Ballard 5, Paul Rellily 4, Danny Halliwell 4, Lucas Onyango 3, Tommy Goulden 3
 GOALS: Andy Ballard 25
 DGS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: James Coyle

CLUBCALL Oldham v Workington



It was hard to watch from sidelines

HELLO and welcome once again to Boundary Park where today we entertain our friends from Cumbria. While last week's game didn't give us the result or the performance we were hoping for the lads will be looking to put things right today.

On a personal front having to watch from the sidelines was very frustrating but hopefully by the time kick off comes around today I will once again be back on the pitch.

The team realise there are no easy games in this league and that any team can be beaten on the day.

If we are to reach our goal of winning the league it is important that we turn up to every game switched on and ready to play for the full 80 minutes.

Looking ahead to the Northern Rail Cup quarter final draw against Featherstone, we have a home tie to take advantage of and there are still quite a few of the lads who reckon we owe them a beating after the result went their way in the 2007 Grand Final.

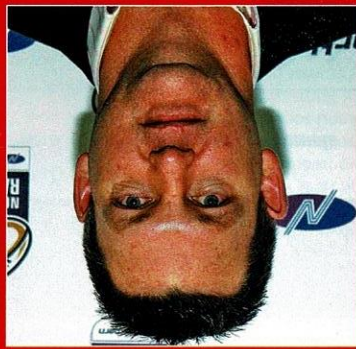
As the lighter nights come in it will be good to take the training sessions on to grass as the all weather surfaces seem to take their toll on some of the older guys.

Training has been going really well but we must take the same mentality onto the pitch with us on match day.

Enjoy the game.

Robert Roberts, captain (pictured)

We know we should have beaten Keighley



Coach Benson

First of all may I offer a warm Oldham welcome to the supporters, directors and team from Workington Town. Workington will bring us some stiff opposition today as they have been building over the recent weeks to a win against a very good Rochdale team last weekend.

We are reeling from our loss to Keighley last Sunday and are very keen to make amends today.

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CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Dewsbury

Welcome to our first home game of the Co-operative Championship Dewsbury Rams, who got their season underway last week with an impressive start, we mustn't lose sight of the fact that – for the first time in professional rugby league history – the future success of a club lies entirely in the supporters' hands.

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Whichever you choose, the first £1 of your membership covers the purchase of your share in the society, which gives you an equal share in the ownership of our club with other members.

Memberships are absolutely vital as they give us a guaranteed income stream – and if we could raise £10 per month (only £2.50 per week) from 200 members, that would raise a crucial £24,000 a year.

We'd like to think that everyone who has Hornets at heart will sign up – and maybe sign up a friend or two as well!

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Jim Stringer, Rochdale Hornets RL Society trustee

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We've not been smart with the ball

OUR defeat at Workington Town on Sunday was pretty disappointing for us. There are still areas of our performance that leave a lot to be desired and we need to improve in a few of them. We're just not consistent enough in our play at present, and we cause problems for ourselves when we've got the ball in hand.

There's plenty of time for us to improve and it's certainly not an effort issue – there is a lot of effort out on the field but it's just not being channelled in the right direction at the moment.

We need to be more disciplined in the areas of the field that we need to be in – we're not staying in the right areas and wearing teams out at the moment.

We're lacking a bit of composure and going away from a set of boys so we'll have to front up and be ready.

Because of that, at the moment we're desperately trying to bring in a new face or two, and are looking everywhere for that.

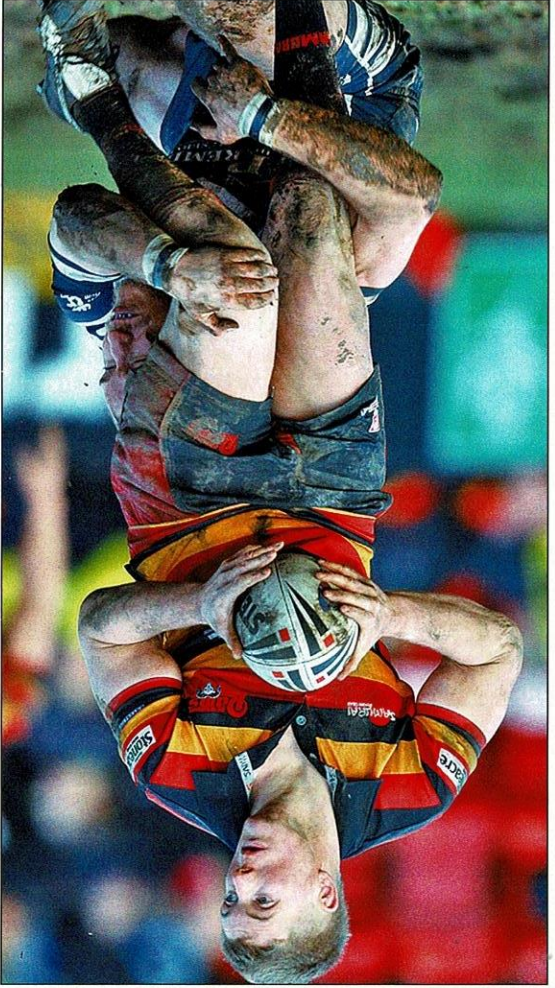
We want another halfback to work with the ones we've got here and hopefully should have some news soon.

Paul Rolis was a big loss to us when he left at the end of last season because his contribution on the field was enormous. But we need to be able to perform better without him. This weekend sees us take on Dewsbury Rams, whose form so far this year has been very good.

They shut out York from scoring any tries last week, which is a real big effort. They'll come to us full of confidence, and they're a big set of boys so we'll have to front up and be ready.

Darren Shaw, coach

Adam Hayes in action for Dewsbury, who have been brilliant this season



Hornets v Rams



Matchball Sponsor: The Church Inn, Willbotts Lane

Sunday March 29th, 2009. Kick off 3pm, SPOTLAND

HORNETS RUGBY LEAGUE

TODAY'S TEAM

No. 1	Chris Giles
No. 2	John Gilliam
No. 3	Mick Fogarty
No. 4	Cassey Bowery
No. 5	Andy Smith
No. 6	Martin Ainscough
No. 7	David Best
No. 8	Janan Billings
No. 9	Paul Raftery
No. 10	Paul Raftery
No. 11	David Cunliffe
No. 12	Ian Simfield
No. 13	Wayne Corcoran
No. 14	Sam Butterworth
No. 15	Mark Brockhurst
No. 16	Andy Isherwood
No. 17	John Walker
No. 18	Craig Johnson
No. 19	Craig Johnson
No. 20	Liam Bretherton
No. 21	Tommy Gallagher
No. 22	Martin Gambles
No. 23	Liam Grundy
No. 25	Dayne Donahue
No. 33	Dale Cunliffe

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MATCH OFFICIALS
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 Touch: AT, Smith, N.Hurley
 Fourth Official: M.Woodhead

BENNETT'S BET
 "Hard day at the office for the Hornets – Dewsbury by 22"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLL-WW
TRIES: Kane Epat 7,
 Lee Lingard 3, Liam Finn 3.
GOALS: Pat Walker 36
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Kane Epat

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HORNETS
RL -
WE'RE
BACK AND
BUZZIN'!



LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW
LAST SIX HOME: LWL-LW
TRIES: Martin Ainscough 3, John Walker 2, John Gilliam 3, Chris Giles 2, Craig Johnson 2, Casey Mayberry
GOALS: Chris Giles 7, Wayne Corcoran 4, Dgs:
MAN TO WATCH: John Gilliam

COACH: DARREN SHAW

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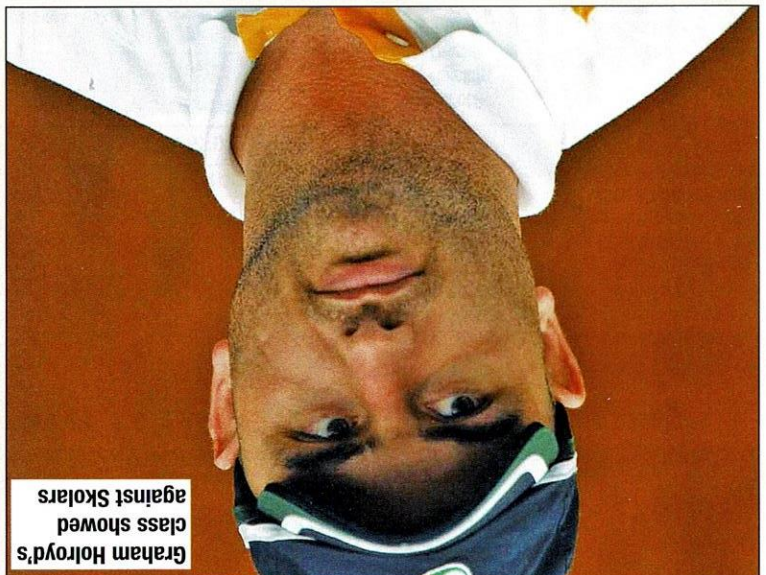
John Kidd, Chairman

Enjoy today's game.
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 the greatest sporting spectacle on this
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 As results hopefully continue to go
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 Graham Holroyd showed his class and
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 as the season unfolds.
 Doncaster.

GOOD afternoon and welcome to our
 first home Co-operative Championship
 place in the next round and the chance to
 compete Keighley Cougars outfit.
 We extend a warm welcome to Barry
 Eaton and his footballing department to
 Park Lane.
 Keighley had a very good win against
 Oldham last week and we will need to be
 at our very best to get a result against a
 team who appear to be hitting top form.
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Great to see tide turning

After all the ups and downs of the
 pre season friendlies, or lack of
 due to the weather, with results
 starting to go in our favour we are
 looking forward with excitement to the
 forthcoming season both on and off the
 field.
 For our first home league fixture we
 welcome our friends from across the
 Pennines - Keighley Cougars.
 The coaching staff continue to put
 the team through their paces and
 recent results show their hard work
 and guidance is paying dividends and
 hopefully this will be our best season
 for quite some time, with our ultimate
 goal being promotion.
 Off the field we are continuing to
 improve our service to the fans and
 move forward in areas such as a new
 website, new merchandise, hospitality
 and ticketing offers, lottery and our e-
 lottery syndicates, giving our support-
 ers more choice and value.
 In times as they are today with the
 word recession on just about every-
 body's lips, we thank those companies
 who still support us as match-day part-
 ners with their kind generosity.
 In particular we welcome Cheshire
 Foods and Premier Building Services as
 our sponsors today.
 Our Community Development work,
 carried out by Development Officer
 Marty Moana, has just culminated in a
 hugely successful Tag Rugby Festival
 held for primary schools in the
 Radcliffe area, kindly supported by
 Manchester Fort Shopping Centre.
 The eventual tournament winners
 were Gorsefield Primary school and we
 thank the headteachers, their staff and
 pupils for what was a thoroughly
 enjoyable afternoon.
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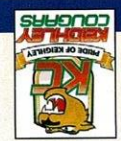
Graham Holroyd's class showed against Skolars

Player attitude has been superb

Coach, Paul Kidd

Friday April 3 (kick-off 7.30pm), for a
 place in the next round and the chance to
 play against a Super League side.
 The players' attitudes have been
 immense and as a group have really start-
 ed to gel.
 Everyone wants to play, which apart
 from the long term injuries is giving me a
 selection headache.
 Now that our involvement has finished
 with the NR Cup competition, all our
 energies are focussed on the league cam-
 paign and the push for promotion which
 all clubs strive to achieve.
 We had an awful start to our NR cup
 London last week, with a superb perform-
 run with a dismal display against
 Dewsbury, but since then our performanc-
 es have improved no end against opposi-
 tion from the league above resulting in
 very narrow defeats to Leigh and
 Doncaster.
 Subsequently these displays helped us
 to kick on with a win against Workington
 in one of the most exciting end-to-end
 games witnessed for a long time.
 Sandwiched in between this was a
 Carnegie Challenge Cup narrow victory
 against the Skolars, which was a
 result and the ruthless streak we have
 lacked in the past is now showing.
 We look to continue these recent per-
 formances both home and away and
 hopefully be in the mix for promotion at
 the end of the season.
 Enjoy the game and the season.

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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 Mapais
 23 James Hutchinson
 24 Luke Sutcliffe
 25 Wayne Sutcliffe
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Swinton v Keighley

Match sponsor: Cheshire Food Services Ltd

Sunday March 29th, 2009, Kick off 3pm, SEDGLEY PARK



SWINTON LIONS

KEIGHLEY COUGARS

TODAY'S TEAM

No. PLAYER	1 Wayne English
	2 Barry Hamilton
	3 Dave Hull
	4 Dean Gorton
	5 Marlon Billy
	6 Graham Holroyd
	7 Richard Hawkyard
	8 Paul Southern
	9 Phil Wood
	10 Bruce Johnson
	11 Mike Wainwright
	12 Danny Heaton
	13 Marty Moana
	14 Craig Ashall
	15 Gary Hulse
	16 Alex McClurg
	17 Tommy Grundy
	18 Gareth Hayes
	19 Neil Rigby
	20 Adam Bibbey
	21 Rob Line
	22 Darren Bamford
	23 Ben Williamson
	24 Paul Crook
	25 Matt Ashe
	26 Chris Frodsham
	27 Chris Tyrer
	28 Dave Newton
	29 Carl Sneyd
	30 Andy Saywell

SCORERS

4	24 Luke Sutcliffe
3	25 Wayne Sutcliffe
2	22 Lee Mapais
1	21 Ryan Smith
1	20 Daley Williams

Interchange 1

Loose forward	20 Adam Bibbey
2nd row	18 Gareth Hayes
2nd row	17 Tommy Grundy
Prop	16 Alex McClurg
Prop	15 Gary Hulse
Hooker	14 Craig Ashall
Scrum half	11 Will Cartledge
Stand off	9 James Feather
Left Wing	8 Andy Shickell
Left Centre	7 Danny Jones
Right Centre	5 Gavin Duffy
Right Wing	4 Oliver Pursglove
Full back	3 Dan Potter

COACH: BARRY EATON

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C.Leatherbarrow
 Touch: B.Armstrong, G.Wallace
 Fourth Official: J.Callaghan

BENNETT'S BET

"Cougars to edge battle of the big Cats"
 - Keighley by 4"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWW
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLLW-LL
TRIES: Jon Presley 11, Gavin Duffy 3,
 Lee Mapais 2, Oliver Pursglove 2,
 Will Cartledge 2, Simon Bissell 2
GOALS: Danny Jones 22
DGS: Danny Jones
MAN TO WATCH: Oliver Pursglove

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLL-LW
TRIES: Dave Hull 5, Marty Moana 3,
 Dave Newton 3
GOALS: Carl Sneyd 19
DGS: Craig Ashall
MAN TO WATCH: Graham Holroyd

Elizabeth Taylor (Grandma English) 1 Wayne English
 Daniel Croston
 Premier Building
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 7 Richard Hawkyard
 8 Paul Southern
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 We're backing the Lions!

CLUBCALL

A grand prize but be quick on draw

General Manager Ian Wilson

GOOD afternoon and welcome to the Huntington Stadium for this afternoon's Co-operative Championship One match against the Panthers. May I start by welcoming the Academy and raising money for the Academy and Scholarship Programme. If you are reading this before the game it is not too late for our junior supporters the knights will be running an Easter holiday camp at Heworth ARLC on the 14th, 15th and 16th of April.

The price is £12 per day or £30 for all three days and includes a junior season ticket if you attend all three days. For more information contact the knights office on 01904 758234.

How you can help academy supporters who are in good afternoon to all sponsors who are in attendance this afternoon.

Now we are into the season proper it is imperative that commercial activities and opportunities are really brought to the fore.

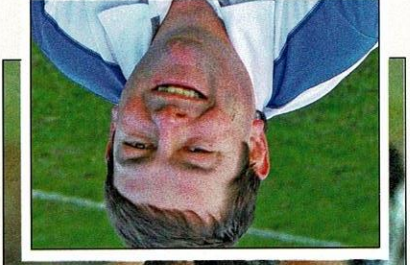
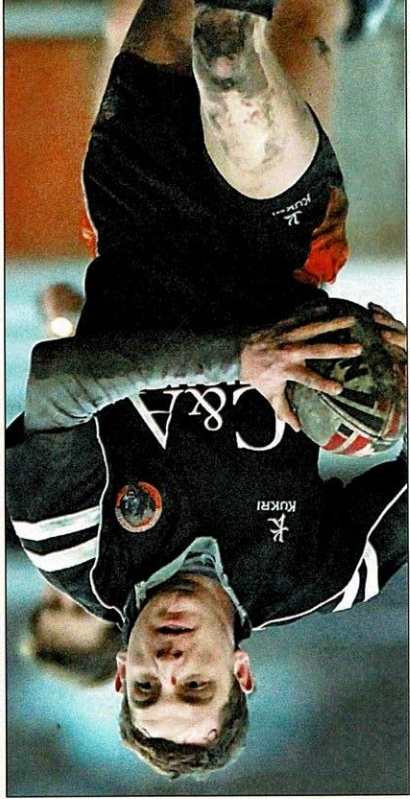
One opportunity that may be of interest to fans and businesses alike is the chance to sponsor an Academy player, individual player. They are available at £150 and for this Academy season tickets, your name on every knights official team sheet, tannoy acknowledgment, announcements.

A sponsorship of this nature not only gives a young player a 'shot in the arm' but also underpins the whole Academy programme.

To discuss sponsorship of any nature please contact Simon at the knights office - 01904 758234.

Simon Moat - Commercial Manager

All the best.



Johnny Leather (main picture) has been one of Blackpool's form men and (inset) James Ratcliffe

Discipline has to improve against Panthers

James Ratcliffe - Director of Rugby

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's home opener against the Blackpool Panthers.

I would like to start by welcoming Martin Crompton and his players and to congratulate them on their opening day win against Hunslet.

The Panthers have recruited well and have had some eye catching results so far this season.

And I'm certain today's game will be very tough. After last week's defeat at Dewsbury it is important we improve in many areas but most importantly our discipline.

We never gave ourselves the opportunity to win the game on Sunday as we spent much of the match defending, and in the windy conditions we struggled to get into good field position.

But that game has gone and we must look forward. We have an opportunity this afternoon to put things right and the players are focused on getting the three points. Enjoy the game.



York v Blackpool



Match Ball sponsor: Chris Heard

YORK CITY KNIGHTS

BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

Sunday March 29th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. HUNTINGTON STADIUM

NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM	NO.
1 Johnny Leather	Full back	1
2 Damien Munroe	Right Wing	2
3 Tom Woodcock	Right Wing	3
4 Mark McCully	Right Centre	4
5 Chris Muggan	Right Centre	5
6 Simon Svalic	Left Centre	6
7 Chris Foster	Left Centre	7
8 Peter Fairhurst	Left Wing	8
9 John Clough	Stand off	9
10 Adam Sullivan	Scrum half	10
11 Rob Kelly	Scrum half	11
12 Tom Haberecht	Prop	12
13 Richard Knight	Prop	13
14 Tom Hodgson	Hooker	14
15 Chris Clough	Hooker	15
16 Jordan Ross	Prop	16
17 Scott Woodcock	2nd row	17
18 Steve Grundy	2nd row	18
19 Kris Peacock	2nd row	19
20 Adam Jones	Loose forward	20
21 Dave March	Loose forward	21
22 Tom Stancliffe	Interchange 1	22
23 Adam Enderby	Interchange 1	23
25 Garry Green	Interchange 1	25
26 Luke Watling	Interchange 1	26
28 Danny Gmshaw	Interchange 1	28
28 Mike Mitchell	Interchange 1	28
29 Mark Aplegarth	Interchange 1	29
30 Carl Barrow	Interchange 1	30
34 Wayne McHugh	Interchange 1	34

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15 Chris Clough	Hooker	15
16 Jordan Ross	Prop	16
17 Scott Woodcock	2nd row	17
18 Steve Grundy	2nd row	18
19 Kris Peacock	2nd row	19
20 Adam Jones	Loose forward	20
21 Dave March	Loose forward	21
22 Tom Stancliffe	Interchange 1	22
23 Adam Enderby	Interchange 1	23
25 Garry Green	Interchange 1	25
26 Luke Watling	Interchange 1	26
28 Danny Gmshaw	Interchange 1	28
28 Mike Mitchell	Interchange 1	28
29 Mark Aplegarth	Interchange 1	29
30 Carl Barrow	Interchange 1	30
34 Wayne McHugh	Interchange 1	34

NO. PLAYER	TODAY'S TEAM	NO.
1 Johnny Leather	Full back	1
2 Damien Munroe	Right Wing	2
3 Tom Woodcock	Right Wing	3
4 Mark McCully	Right Centre	4
5 Chris Muggan	Right Centre	5
6 Simon Svalic	Left Centre	6
7 Chris Foster	Left Centre	7
8 Peter Fairhurst	Left Wing	8
9 John Clough	Stand off	9
10 Adam Sullivan	Scrum half	10
11 Rob Kelly	Scrum half	11
12 Tom Haberecht	Prop	12
13 Richard Knight	Prop	13
14 Tom Hodgson	Hooker	14
15 Chris Clough	Hooker	15
16 Jordan Ross	Prop	16
17 Scott Woodcock	2nd row	17
18 Steve Grundy	2nd row	18
19 Kris Peacock	2nd row	19
20 Adam Jones	Loose forward	20
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26 Luke Watling	Interchange 1	26
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29 Mark Aplegarth	Interchange 1	29
30 Carl Barrow	Interchange 1	30
34 Wayne McHugh	Interchange 1	34

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWL-WWW

TRIES: John Oakes 6, Tom Haberecht 4, Danny Ratcliffe 4, Paul Hughes 4

GOALS: Adam Mitchell 15, Richard Knight 10

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Tom Haberecht

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LW-LLL

TRIES: Mark McCully 4, Johnny Leather 4, Dean Hutton 3, Damian Munroe 2, Gareth Langley 2, Keiron Tucker 2, David Lewellyn 2

GOALS: Johnny Leather 12, Dgs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Dean Hutton

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Bringing education to life for hundreds

Batley Bulldogs have been a rugby pioneer when it comes to supplementing children's educational needs. They have inspired hundreds of pupils. GAME ON reports



A key aspect of Batley Bulldogs' work within the community is provided through its on-site education facility. Batley Bulldogs Study Centre is an out-of-school hours educational project funded through Playing for Success. Playing for Success (PFS) is a partnership between the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), Kirklees LA and Batley Bulldogs RLFC and combines the fields of education and sport to create an exciting learning environment. Batley's study centre is a vibrant and stimulating place for young people to learn. Students at the centre get up to speed in the key skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT – the foundation stones of their education. Hundreds of children have come out of the centre's doors with improved skills, motivation and self-esteem, giving them a real boost and, in many cases, a new start on which they can build back at school. A recent pupil said: "Coming to the Bulldogs has made me much more confident – I now think learning is fun." Batley's PFS Centre is located within the Challenge Family Stand at Mount Pleasant and was one of the first of its kind to be established in a rugby league club. Indeed it was the first non-Super League club to become a PFS centre. It opened in June 2001 in the club's board room and relocated in 2003 to the

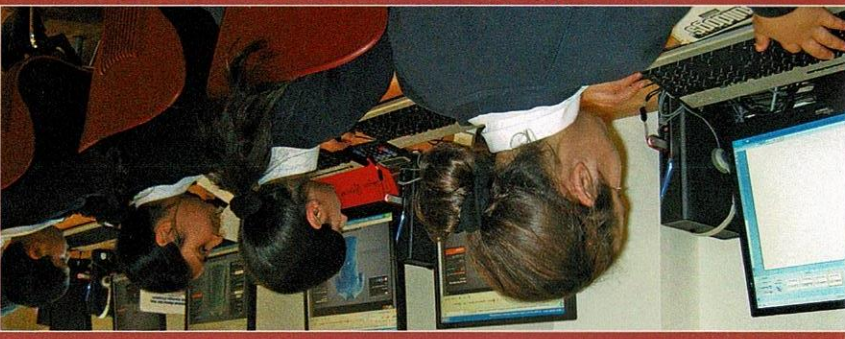
Pupils from Gomersal First School make notes during their tour of the ground

The study centre has continued to be at the forefront of development by being the first rugby club and first small club centres (out of 162 PFS centres) that can host training and development events. The programme is differentiated and stimulating. Varied CD ROMs and internet programmes promote literacy and worked computers linked to the internet, an interactive whiteboard and other cutting-edge technology. As a result the Bulldogs' study centre is one of only six in study support. The study centre has continued to be at the forefront of development by being the first rugby club and first small club centres (out of 162 PFS centres) that can host training and development events. The programme is differentiated and stimulating. Varied CD ROMs and internet programmes promote literacy and



Bulldogs player Ash Lindsay helps two pupils from Cawley Lane Primary School in Heckmondwike with their reading

In the last term alone, appearances by Danny Maun, Ash Lindsay and club captain and development officer Paul Mennell have been a real hit with the pupils. All pupils who attend the study centre are given a stadium tour by a player where they are treated to a unique behind-the-scenes experience where they can even try on their favourite player's shirt. Other ways players get involved are by giving: • Healthy living presentations • Co-ordinating rugby skills sessions on the pitch • Reading with pupils • Playing interviews and the classroom for a chat. The rugby theme is further developed by the invaluable support provided by Batley Bulldogs players and staff. The presence of players in the classroom provides pupils with a positive role model. In the last term alone, appearances by Danny Maun, Ash Lindsay and club captain and development officer Paul Mennell have been a real hit with the pupils. All pupils who attend the study centre are given a stadium tour by a player where they are treated to a unique behind-the-scenes experience where they can even try on their favourite player's shirt. Other ways players get involved are by giving: • Healthy living presentations • Co-ordinating rugby skills sessions on the pitch • Reading with pupils • Playing interviews and the classroom for a chat.



The study suite at Mount Pleasant gets well used when schools visit

KNOW YOUR STUFF?

AROUND THE CLUBS

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

1. **BATLEY** – Who holds the club record for most goals in a season, with 139 in 2003?

2. **BARROW** – New signing Zeb Lusi played for which rival Championship club in 2008?

3. **WHITEHAVEN** – Who is now the chairman of Whitehaven RLFC?

4. **WIDNES** – From which club did the Vikings sign prop forward Sam Thompson?

5. **DONCASTER** – Kyle Briggs was formerly on the books of which engage Super League club?

6. **HUNSFLET** – After which former Leeds United footballer is the Hawks' South Leeds Stadium now officially named?

7. **OLDHAM** – Which two Roughyeds players have recently been appointed as coaches of the Irish Student side?

8. **HORNETS** – Which economist and author was the driving force behind the recent takeover of the club?

9. **SWINTON** – With which rugby union club do the Lions share their home ground?

10. **YORK** – Which Super League side will the Knights face in the fourth round of this season's Carnegie Challenge Cup?

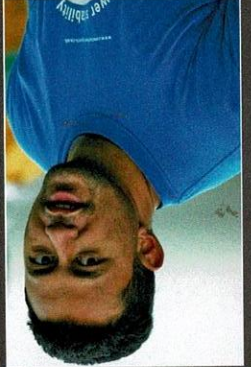
ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the following phrases to form the names of three Co-operative Championship or Championship One clubs.

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DASH BY NOON
FEAR NEW TANK

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: 1. Two, 2. Waste, 3. Tony Duggan, 4. 1889, 5. Cook Islands, 6. 1990, 7. Matt King.
ANAGRAMS: 1. Andy Shickell, 2. Andy Hobson, 3. Frank Watene.

ANSWERS:
AROUND THE CLUBS: 1. Barry Eaton, 2. Doncaster, 3. Dick Raaz, 4. St Helens, 5. Leeds Rhinos, 6. John Charles, 7. Stevie Gibbons and Wayne Kerr, 8. Paul Ormerod, 9. Sedgley Park RFC, 10. Warrington Wolves.



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How many times did St Helens win the BRC2 Floodlit Trophy?

In which area of Salford is the City Reds' stadium, The Willows?

Which Celtic Crusaders player won the 2007 NRL2 player of the year award after scoring 40 tries in the season?

In what year did Leeds RLFC move to Headingley – 1889, 1894 or 1899?

For which international side has Dewsbury's Kane Epat (PICTURED) played?

In what year was Castleford Tigers full back Richard Owen born?

Which Warrington Wolves star worked briefly as a bin man before taking up rugby league?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE



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WHAT A RESULT!



STATS SERVICE



Ian Watson goes over for one of his two tries against Batley

GO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
Featherstone Rovers 26
 Tries: Hardman 2, Fallon, Kain, Dale, Goals: Harris 3.

Whitehaven 52
 Tries: Joe, McNally 4, McAvoy, Smith, Jackson, Patrick. Goals: McNally 8.

Half-time: 16-32.
 Attendance: 1,555.

Gateshead Thunder 14
 Tries: McAlpine, Branigan, Sanderson. Goal: Knowles.

Barrow Raiders 38
 Tries: Ellis, Campbell, Bell, Nixon, Ostler, Noone 5.

McDermott. Goals: Noone 5.

Half-time: 10-18.
 Attendance: 502.

Leigh Centurions 28
 Tries: McConnell, Watson 2, Durbin, Donlan. Goals: Mort 4.

Batley Bulldogs 34
 Tries: Cardiss, McIlvarty 2, Mennell 2, Preece. Goals:

Mennell 2, Flanagan 3.

Half-time: 6-24.
 Attendance: 1,727.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
Toulouse Olympique 12
 Tries: Ormeno.

Goals: N Wynn 4.

Sheffield Eagles 18
 Tries: Thackeray, Stringer, Goals: Woodcock 4, Lindsay.

Half-time: 10-10.
 Attendance: 1,923.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
Hullfax 24
 Tries: Worrikey, Govin, Black, Cherryholme. Goals:

Govin 2, Black 2.

Widnes Vikings 14
 Tries: Flynn, Grady, Gaskell.

Goals: Dodd.
 Half-time: 16-4.
 Attendance: 3,274.

GO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
Blackpool Panthers 34
 Tries: Hatton 2, Clough, Lewelyn 2, Alker.

Goals: Langley 5.

Hunslet Hawks 26
 Tries: Brown 2, Richardson, Robinson, Slain.

Goals: Robinson 3.

Attendance: 265.

Dewsbury Rams 28
 Tries: Spicer, Finn, Lingard.

Goals: Walker 8.

York City Knights 2
 Goal: Mitchell.

Half-time: 4-2.
 Attendance: 1,216.

Keighley Cougars 34
 Tries: Presley 2, Bissell, Gardner, Williams, Hughes.

Goals: Jones 5.

Oldham 26
 Tries: Halliwell, T Coyle 2, J Coyle 2. Goals: Ballard 3.

Half-time: 14-8.
 Attendance: 1,021.

London Skolars 16
 Tries: Obuchowski, Reunoiu, Thorman. Goals: Thorman 2.

Goals: Walker 8.

Swinton Lions 66
 Tries: Wood, Wainwright, Hulise, Bamford, Hull 3, Newton, Holroyd, English, Grundy. Goals: Sneyd 11.

Attendance: 637.

Workington Town 21
 Tries: Brindle 2, Dawes, Goals: Forber 4.

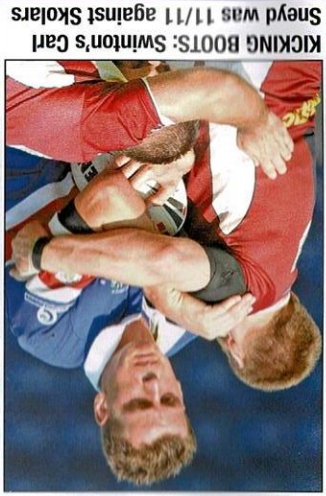
Drop Goal: Roper.

Hornets RL 14
 Tries: Gilliam 2, Giles. Goal: Giles.

Half-time: 14-4.
 Attendance: 693.

Leading points scorers

PLAYER/CLUB	T	DG	PS
Gregg McNally (White)	13	23	98
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	1	36	76
Andy Ballard (Oldham)	5	25	70
Ian Mort (Leigh)	3	28	70
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	3	26	64
Paul Noone (Barrow)	1	29	62
Scott Yates (Widnes)	2	24	56
George Flanagan (Batley)	3	17	46
Danny Jones (Keighley)	22	1	45
Jon Presley (Keighley)	11		44
Ben Black (Hallifax)	5	12	44
Carl Sneyd (Swinton)	1	19	42
Johnny Leather (Black)	4	12	40
Iestyn Harris (Feath)	3	14	40
Martin Ridyard (Leigh)	4	10	37
Stuart Sanderson (Ghead)	9	9	36
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	2	14	36
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	5	8	36
Luke Branigan (Ghead)	5	8	36
Adam Mitchell (York)	1	15	34
James Haley (Hallifax)	3	10	32
Andy Kain (Feath)	7	1	30
Michael Knowles (Ghead)	15	15	30
Mick Govin (Hallifax)	1	13	30
Kane Epatt (Dewsbury)	7		28
Chrs Giles (Hornets RL)	3	7	26
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	13		26
Said Tamghart (Hallifax)	6		24
John Oakes (York)	6		24
Andy Ellis (Barrow)	6		24
James Nixon (Barrow)	6		24
Paddy Flynn (Widnes)	6		24
Jamie Durbin (Leigh)	6		24



Sneyd was 11/11 against Skolars

GO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitehaven 48
 F A PD PS
 P W D L B
 2 2 0 0 0 0 92 44 48 6
Barrow Raiders 28
 F A PD PS
 2 2 0 0 0 0 72 28 44 6
Widnes Vikings 60
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 1 1 84 24 60 4
Sheffield Eagles 54
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 1 1 40 35 5 4
Leigh Centurions 54
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 1 1 51 56 -5 4
Hullfax 70
 F A PD PS
 1 1 0 0 0 24 14 10 3
Feaststone Rovers 60
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 1 0 60 60 0 3
Batley Bulldogs 76
 F A PD PS
 2 0 0 2 1 12 88 -76 1
Doncaster 20
 F A PD PS
 1 0 0 1 0 14 34 -20 0
Gateshead Thunder 78
 F A PD PS
 2 0 0 2 0 32 78 -46 0

GO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

Oldham 10
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 0 1 62 52 10 4
Swinton Lions 50
 F A PD PS
 1 1 0 0 0 28 2 26 3
Dewsbury 37
 F A PD PS
 1 1 0 0 0 34 26 8 3
Keighley 3
 F A PD PS
 1 1 0 0 0 0 34 26 8 3
Workington 3
 F A PD PS
 1 1 0 0 0 21 14 7 3
Blackpool 3
 F A PD PS
 2 1 0 1 0 52 62 -10 3
Hunslet 1
 F A PD PS
 1 0 0 1 1 26 34 -8 1
York 0
 F A PD PS
 1 0 0 1 0 2 28 -26 0
London Skolars 50
 F A PD PS
 1 0 0 1 0 16 66 -50 0
Hornets RL 7
 F A PD PS
 1 0 0 1 1 14 21 -7 -8

NORTHERN RAIL CUP 2009 TABLES

P O O L O N E
 P W D L B F A PD PS
Hunslet Hawks 40
 4 0 0 4 0 46 152-106 0
Hornets RL 41
 4 1 0 3 0 66 180-114 3
B'pool Panthers 41
 4 1 0 3 1 86 138-52 4
Sheffield Eagles 42
 4 2 0 2 0 108 132-24 6
Gateshead Thunder 42
 4 2 0 2 0 128 120 8 6
Keighley Cougars 42
 4 2 0 2 1 105 76 29 7
Widnes Vikings (Q) 42
 4 2 0 2 2 110 68 42 8
Barrow Raiders (Q) 43
 4 3 0 1 0 110 63 47 9
Oldham (Q) 43
 4 3 0 1 1 130 72 58 10
Hullfax (Q) 44
 4 4 0 0 0 178 66 112 12
Liam Campbell (Barrow)
 F A PD PS
 4 4 0 0 0 0 178 66 112 12

P O O L T W O

P W D L B F A PD PS
Dewsbury Rams (Q) 44
 4 4 0 0 0 156 52 104 12
York C Knights (Q) 44
 4 3 0 1 1 156 68 88 10
Leigh Cent'ns (Q) 44
 4 3 0 1 1 106 46 60 10
Doncaster 43
 4 3 0 1 0 104 90 14 9
Whitehaven 42
 4 2 0 2 1 106 102 4 7
Swinton Lions* 41
 4 1 0 3 2 85 144-59 5
Batley Bulldogs 41
 4 1 0 3 1 102 146-44 4
Workington* 40
 4 0 0 4 1 52 129-77 0
London Skolars 40
 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

13	Gregg McNally (Whitehaven)
11	Jon Presley (Keighley)
9	Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead)
7	Kane Epatt (Dewsbury)
6	Andy Kain (Featherstone)
6	Said Tamghart (Hallifax)
6	John Oakes (York)
6	Jamie Durbin (Leigh)
6	Andy Ellis (Barrow)
6	James Nixon (Barrow)
6	Paddy Flynn (Widnes)
5	Liam Harrison (Barrow)
5	Waine Pryce (Featherstone)
5	Luke Branigan (Gateshead)
5	Ben Black (Hallifax)
5	Miles Greenwood (Hallifax)
5	Sean Penkylwicz (Hallifax)
5	Stuart Donlan (Leigh)
5	Andy Ballard (Oldham)
5	Thomas Coyte (Oldham)
4	Dave Hull (Swinton)
4	Liam Finch (Barrow)
4	Liam Campbell (Barrow)
4	Mike Backhouse (Barrow)
4	Darryl Cardiss (Batley)
4	Mark McCully (Blackpool)
4	Johnny Leather (Blackpool)
4	Mike Coady (Doncaster)
4	Tommy Haughey (Feath'stone)
4	Sam Smeaton (Feath'stone)
4	Ian Hardman (Feath'stone)
4	Dylan Nash (Gateshead)
4	Joe Arundel (Gateshead)
4	Kevin Neighbour (Gateshead)
4	Dwayne Barker (Hallifax)
4	Martin Ridyard (Leigh)
4	Sam Reay (Leigh)
4	Steve Maden (Leigh)
4	Ian Watson (Leigh)
4	Paul Reilly (Oldham)
4	Danny Halliwell (Oldham)
4	Derry Ellbeck (Whitehaven)
4	Jim Gannon (Widnes)
4	Loz Wildbore (Widnes)
4	Tom Haberecht (York)
4	Danny Ratcliffe (York)
4	Paul Hughes (York)