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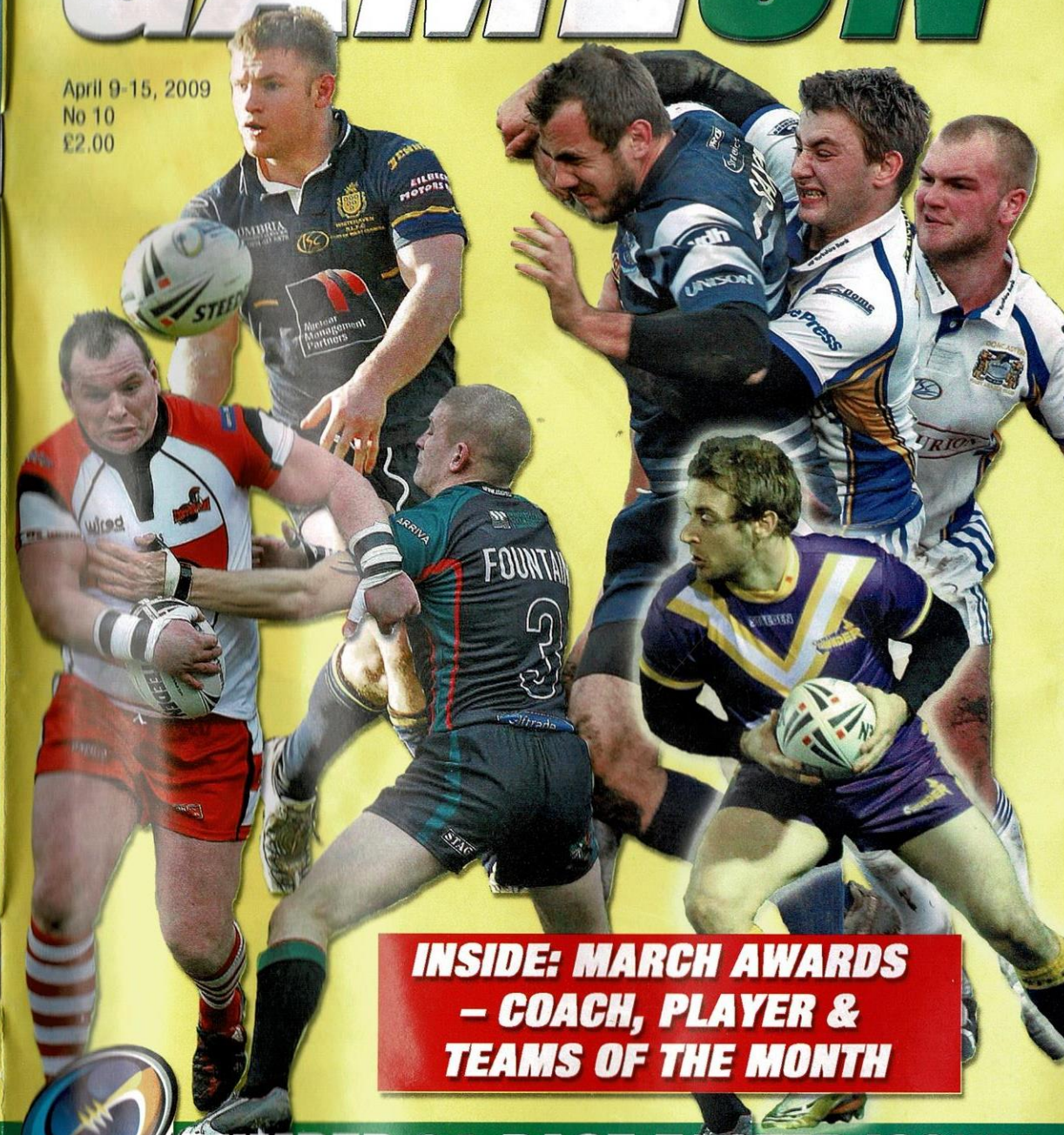
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# Harder and harder to earn a genuine payday

**O**VER the past year or so I am pretty sure you'll have heard that things are not going well with our economy.

In fact, you probably know someone who has been directly impacted by the credit crunch.

These are tough times and rugby league is not immune to the economic slowdown. Clubs at our level of the game in particular are fighting hard to attract sponsorship. My heart goes out to them.

On pages four and five we look at Doncaster, a club who have become synonymous with financial difficulties. For them it has been a long, hard battle to stay afloat but at last it seems there is something sustainable in the offing.

Good luck to them and I hope it works out. The club has struggled to attract the crowds it needs. It is not heart-and-soul rugby league territory so all those in South Yorkshire deserve credit for fighting the fight.

For semi-professional clubs buying the equivalent of a potentially life-changing lottery ticket comes in the form of the Challenge Cup.

Can you imagine the difference getting drawn at Leeds Rhinos in, say, round four would make to the Dons? All in all, pretty enormous.

But that potentially-lucrative stroke of good fortune has been dissipated by the decision to let season ticket holders at Super League clubs watch the Challenge Cup for free.

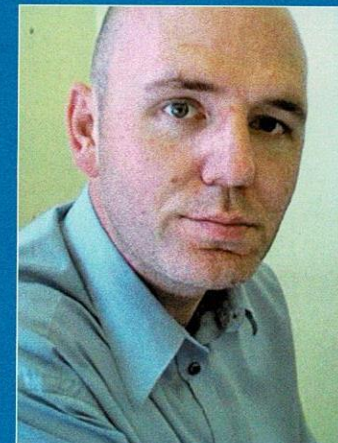
For the likes of Barrow, who had Wigan in round four, that move will have hardly affected the revenue they brought in for a full-house 6,275 gate. Because the Raiders have such a massive latent support base the overwhelming majority will have paid to see that match. There were 'only' 1,500 Wigan fans there and even if most of them were season ticket holders it still meant a massive payday for the Cumbrian club.

On the flipside of the coin are cash-strapped Hornets RL. Having scraped through round four with a six-point victory over Swinton they appear to have earned a financially-lucrative draw at in-form Super League side Huddersfield Giants.

The Giants are a club whose attendances have steadily risen, but this season their average gates have been boosted by a mega-cheap season ticket offer.

And how many 'floating' fans are going to be tempted down to the Galpharm when 'it is only' the Hornets?

I am sure it will be decent payday for the Rochdale club, but without that golden ticket factor the competition has lost that edge for the minnows.



**GAME ON EDITOR  
MARK FLANAGAN**

## RFL - official notes

### RESPECT

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family sport and, with this in mind, action will also be taken against spectators who use foul and abusive language.

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# Stability finally beckons



IT'S FAIR to say that Doncaster RLFC have seen more changes than most rugby league clubs in recent times.

The past 14 years have seen three name changes and no less than 10 coaching changes while the club has called four different venues home.

Their trademark colours were even switched from blue and gold to red, white and black for a brief spell during the 18 months Doncaster were known as the Lakers.

Yet that is just the start, for events off the field have been equally turbulent.

The club went into liquidation after their one and only season in the top flight in 1995, and John Wright had to stave off the threat of liquidation again in 2001 before succumbing in 2007.

Wright had overseen the club's move to the Lakeside Community Stadium (now the Keepmoat Stadium), while the team was making steady progress under the late St John Ellis, who was the English game's longest serving coach when he suddenly passed away on New Year's Eve 2005.

Doncaster-born businessmen Craig Harrison and Shane Miller struck a deal to

**After Doncaster's two main backers pulled out of the club it has been a perilous existence but nearly two years of uncertainty could be about to end after various bodies have come together to form an advisory board. GAME ON reports**

revive the club in 2007, and although the Dons were unable to avoid relegation that year, they pulled off a major coup by luring rugby league legend Ellery Hanley back into the game.

His appointment as coach helped inspire the Dons to an immediate return last season, beating Oldham in the Grand Final to seal promotion.

Harrison and Miller have both now left the club, though, and chief executive Dave Marshall and accounts director Karen Bailey have taken on the arduous task of trying to keep things ticking over.

"We went from a club that had two backers pumping six-figure sums in over 18 months to me and Karen, who haven't got any money to put in and are just try-

ing to keep the club going, which is what the fans have asked for," said Marshall.

"We've taken this on on behalf of the fans and the club just to keep rugby league going in Doncaster.

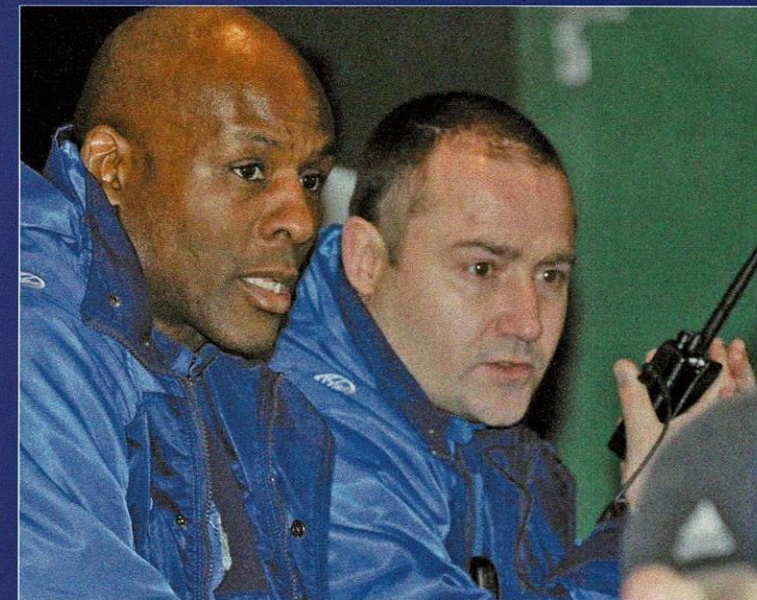
"There's no-one putting money in behind the scenes and anything we bring in is going straight back into the club.

"It's just a case of if fans want a club in Doncaster, this is what we're trying to provide at the moment."

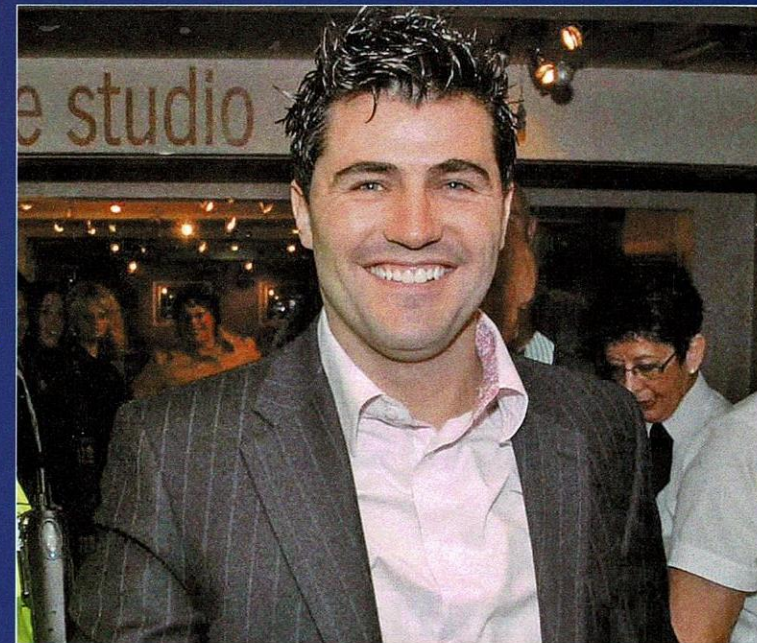
But that task was boosted at the end of last month by a consortium of local businesses forming an advisory board for the club.

UK Coal, Green Energy Solutions and Sewell Moorhouse have agreed to contribute an equal financial sum every sea-

The Keepmoat Stadium has been the scene of some comings and goings recently



Ellery Hanley and his coaching partner Tony Miller brought success to Doncaster and (below) former co-owner Shane Miller



son for the next three years, which could spark another rugby league revival in South Yorkshire as Doncaster have set their sights on a top-flight return in 2012.

The advisory board is helping put together Pro Doncaster 2012, a plan aimed at submitting a successful Super League application in 2011 for the 2012 season.

"The advisory board will try to generate income for the club and look at putting a three-year business plan in place," said Marshall.

"It's early stages so there's not much detail so far but we'll be trying to develop the business both on and off the field and it's a boost to help us stay solvent.

"In the current climate, the more support we can get, the better, so it will be massively important if we are to move this club forward positively."

In the meantime, head coach Tony Miller must soldier on with a depleted squad and he can only bring players in on match payments in his bid to maintain their Championship status.

"We lost three big players last year – Zeb Luisi, Corey Lawrie and Luke Gale –

and with the budget we have we've struggled to replace them," added Marshall.

"We think we've signed enough quality to be competitive but we've got quite a thin squad and had eight players out last week.

"When you've got no cash and you're trying to bring people in on next to nothing, it's always going to be tough when you get hit with eight injuries, and I don't think people appreciate how tough it is here now both on and off the field.

"But the target this season remains consolidation and staying in the Co-operative Championship."

**'The advisory board will try to generate income for the club and look at putting a three-year business plan in place'**

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In the latest update Paul reflects on the recent round of the Challenge Cup, the new format for the Co-operative Championships player of the month, the re-launch of Rochdale Hornets and his fellow Co-operative 'Good for Everyone' ambassador Jon Wilkin

It was great to see my old team mate John Duffy of Widnes winning The Co-operative player of the month for March.

He is a top bloke with plenty of heart and bottle and when I knew him, back in my Warrington days, he was an up and coming player.

He also played a lot with my brother Danny so following his start to the season he got my nomination for player of the month and I was glad to see he won.

It's great this year that the Co-operative has opened up the voting to include fans, it just means that everybody now has their say.

As I'm picking a player each month to be nominated as well I am going to have to keep a keen eye on the high quality matches in the Co-operative Championships.

We had a break actually last week from league as we enjoyed another thrilling round of Carnegie Challenge cup matches. It was great to see so many big match ups.

One of the results that really caught my eye was the match between Bradford and Catalan Dragons.

I really feel for Steve McNamara, as it really was a case of a game of two halves as the Bradford side that lead 20-0 at half time ended up getting soundly beaten thanks to a resurgent Dragons performance in the second half.

On to Championships teams, it was good to see Barrow really pushing Wigan all the way.

There were only 12 points in it at the end so it is great to see the smaller clubs really being up for it and taking on the engage Super League clubs.

Oldham is a club very close to my heart as well and it was great that they took the fight to FC Lezignan-Corbieres and came out worthy winners. It truly is a magical competition and it just proves that any result is possible in any game of any round.

I could not go without mentioning the match between my old club Saints and Leeds. I was delighted that Saints came out on top but I was even more delighted that Jon Wilkin, my other fellow Co-operative 'Good for Everyone' ambassador, managed to play in about eight different positions during the match. He really is a bit of a show-off! No seriously he played tremendously well and really seized the chance when Longy couldn't play because of a dead leg.

On a separate note, I am very glad that Rochdale, one of the original founding members of Rugby League in the UK, has been able to relaunch their club following administration earlier in the year.

It would be a shame if they went, and it's really good the club has been re-launched as a supporter's co-operative.

This enhances and adds value to the community aspect of the game and I am just so glad they have been able to stay afloat.

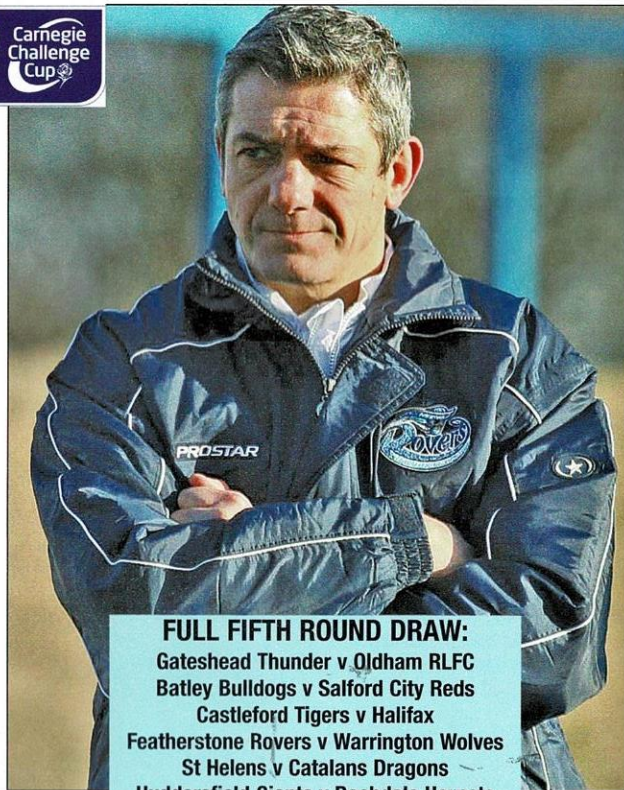
To register your vote for April's Co-operative Championship player of the month please email your entry to [playerofthemonth@generatesponsorship.com](mailto:playerofthemonth@generatesponsorship.com) - please include your name, contact details and favourite team.



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# Featherstone back among big boys



IT WILL be just like the good old days down at Post Office Road after Featherstone Rovers pulled star-studded Warrington out of the hat in Tuesday's fifth round Carnegie Challenge Cup draw.

Daryl Powell (pictured right) has big ambitions for the club and the tie will provide him with an excellent yardstick as to the strides Rovers are making.

Featherstone, three times winners of the events, have made a strong start to life in the Championship and the club will be hoping to pack The Chris Moyles Stadium for the tie against a side who have made a terrible start to their Super League campaign.

After losing their first five league games, Warrington appointed England coach Tony Smith as their new boss. He is assisted by the previous man in charge, Jimmy Loves.

Smith has helped turn things around and the Wolves have won their last two matches.

Batley also get to welcome Super League opposition with Salford the visitors to The Mount. The teams know each other well though having played each other home and away in National One last season.

Many of the top flight clubs will have been hoping to avoid the biggest banana skin – aka Halifax – but that honour has gone to Castleford although Terry Matterson's side have home advantage.

Cash-strapped Hornets will be hoping for a big crowd when they travel to the Galpharm to tackle in-form Huddersfield Giants while Sheffield Eagles have a similarly daunting prospect as they must go to Hull KR.

Meanwhile the Co-operative Championships are guaranteed a team in the quarter-finals after Gateshead Thunder were paired with Oldham.

**FULL FIFTH ROUND DRAW:**  
 Gateshead Thunder v Oldham RLFC  
 Batley Bulldogs v Salford City Reds  
 Castleford Tigers v Halifax  
 Featherstone Rovers v Warrington Wolves  
 St Helens v Catalans Dragons  
 Huddersfield Giants v Rochdale Hornets  
 Hull Kingston Rovers v Sheffield Eagles  
 Wakefield Trinity Wildcats v Wigan Warriors.

# Tickets go on sale for cup finale

**R**ugby League will rock Blackpool on July 11 and 12 with the seaside resort hosting the inaugural Northern Rail 9s tournament as well as the Northern Rail Cup Final.

And supporters can now purchase their tickets for the action packed weekend.

The Northern Rail 9s tournament will feature every domestic based Co-operative Championship and Co-operative Championship 1 club not involved in the Northern Rail Cup final and will be played over two days at Fylde RUFC before culminating at Bloomfield Road on the Sunday.

The first day of the competition will see all 18 clubs playing in group stages, with the top eight sides going forward to a straight knockout competition on the Sunday for the Northern Rail 9s trophy.

Meanwhile the 10 remaining sides will also compete on the Sunday in a competition to win the Northern Rail 9's plate.

The finals of both the Northern Rail 9's trophy and plate will be played as curtain raisers to the 13-a-side Northern Rail Cup Final at Blackpool's Bloomfield Road.

Phil Williams, RFL Marketing Manager said: "It's all gearing up to be a fantastic weekend.

The Northern Rail 9s is already proving popular and I would advise supporters to contact their local club as soon as possible for tickets as each club only has a limited number."

To help fans source accommodation in the town over the weekend of rugby, 'Visit Blackpool' have set up a website portal specifically for the Northern Rail Cup and Northern Rail 9s. This can be accessed via <https://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BCTRU> GBY2009

Meanwhile tickets for the Northern Rail Cup Final which takes place on July 12 at Bloomfield Road in Blackpool

are now available from £12 or £5 for concessions by calling the RFL Ticket Office on 0871 226 1313.

Fans can also go to [www.rugbyleaguetickets.co.uk](http://www.rugbyleaguetickets.co.uk)

Weekend tickets for the Northern Rail 9s event, which runs on July 11-12 at Fylde RUFC are only available from Co-operative Championship clubs and are priced at £9 for adults and £5 for concessions

Should supporters wish to upgrade to a Northern Rail Cup Final ticket prior to the event they should contact the RFL ticket office where there will be an additional £5 (Adults) and £2 (Concessions) charge.



**PRESENTATION TIME**, from left to right: Mayor of Toulouse, Carlos (Toulouse Chairman), a representative of the Rugby League in the Toulouse area and finally Chris Noble MBE (Director of Sheffield).

# Nothing Toulouse

SHEFFIELD Eagles director Chris Noble was full of praise for his hosts after his club were the first to visit Toulouse.

Chris and a bunch of hardy Eagles fans spent a long weekend in the south of France.

Chris said: "I would like to congratulate the RFL on the arrangements but all credit must go to Carlos Zalduendo, the Chairman of Toulouse Olympique, Cedric Garcia, the General Manager, and all the staff for the effort they put into the weekend that ensured it was an extremely memorable occasion."



Mick Cook, Mark Aston and Keith Thompson make themselves at home in the stadium

# Haven and Fax top polls

## Team of Month



HALIFAX and Whitehaven both have three players named in the official League Weekly co-operative Championship Team of the Month for March.

Fax, who beat Widnes Vikings 24-14 in the battle of the pre-season favourites at The Shay on March 19, have prop Said Tamghart, second row Dave Larder and centre Lee Patterson in the fictional 'Dream Team', which is selected by a panel of League Weekly reporters and co-operative Championship coaches.

For Whitehaven, try machine scrum half Gregg McNally is joined by loose forward Leroy Joe and prop Karl Edmondson, while promoted Barrow have hooker Andy Ellis and centre Liam Harrison in the side following their strong start to life in the higher division.

Co-operative Championship Player of the Month John Duffy is joined by his Widnes Vikings teammate Paddy Flynn on the wing while Batley, Gateshead and Leigh also have one player included in the team each.

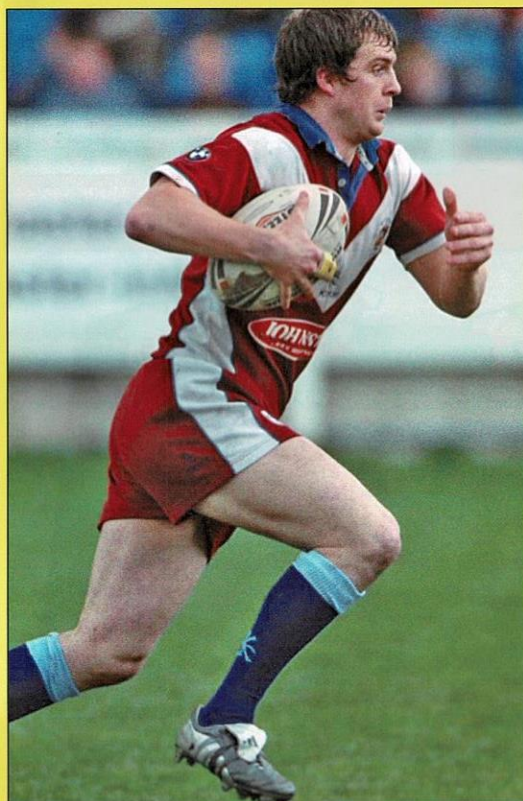
The winner of the Coach of the Month award was a shoot-out between unbeaten bosses – at the time – Matt Calland and Dewsbury's Warren Jowitt, the Rams chief getting the nod for a flawless Northern Rail Cup start and three straight wins in the league. In typical 'jinx' style Jowitt's boys then came unstuck in the Cup at Sheffield!

# Championship One team

1. Richie Hawkyard (Swinton);
2. Andy Ballard (Oldham);
3. Dave Hull (Swinton);
4. Ayden Faal (Hunslet);
5. Bryn Powell (Dewsbury);
6. Jon Presley (Keighley);
7. Thomas Coyle (Oldham);
8. Tommy Brindle (Workington);
9. Paul Hughes (York);
10. Bruce Johnson (Swinton);
11. Andy Bostock (Dewsbury);
12. Oliver Pursglove (Keighley);
13. Phil Joseph (Oldham).

# ACTIONREPLAY

## Agonisingly close for battling Barrow



Liam Finch was in brilliant form for Barrow against Wigan and (below) Keighley's hat-trick hero Lee Mapals



WIGAN went into the hat for the fifth round of the Challenge Cup but they were given one almighty scare by BARROW before a sell-out 6,275 crowd at a sun-baked Craven Park.

It took two tries in the final minutes to secure the 32-20 victory for the Super League side as Barrow pushed them all they way in a pulsating 80 minutes.

The Cumbrians sprung a surprise when announcing their team as chairman Des Johnson paraded new recruit Ned Catic to the crowd, and the former Castleford and Wakefield star took his place on the bench 24 hours after arriving in the country. Barrow were given a standing ovation as they left the field – not only by the home supporters, but also by the 1,500 travelling Wigan fans.

The game hung in the balance at 20-24 on the hour with Wigan hanging onto that four-point lead. The ground erupted as Barrow's centre Liam Harrison crashed over in the corner only for referee Jamie Leahy to rule that the pass from Finch was forward.

Barrow could have levelled at 24-24 and gone ahead if the conversion was successful. However, Wigan survived and it was they who were awarded a dubious try in the corner from Karl Pryce, who looked to have lost the ball in touching down.

Barrow stand off Liam Finch was awarded the Carnegie man of the match and was outstanding as he overshadowed Wigan's Sam Tomkins, who only came into the frame in the closing minutes when he weaved his way through for what was to be the match-winning try.

KEIGHLEY put up a very spirited fight against Castleford and, as quite often is the case, the scoreline was not a true reflection of game, the Tigers winning

64-20 at Cougar Park.

A flurry of penalties in the second half, plus the Cougars losing Danny Jones to the sin-bin, allowed the Tigers to rattle in the tries, including a hat-trick from man-of-the-match Rangji Chase.

It was not the only hat-trick of the game, the other coming from Keighley's Lee Mapals, who scored probably the try of the match on 79 minutes when he ran 90 metres to touch down.

Wakefield were far too strong, far too quick and far too skilful for LEIGH at Belle Vue as the hosts won 54-0.

The Centurions surprised the Wildcats in the opening minutes when centre Sam Reahy broke down the right channel but he didn't see support looming on his outside and the move broke down on 30-metre line.

And that was Leigh's best moment of the first half. Too many errors (and a couple of costly penalties) proved their downfall and with home half-back Danny Brough kicking out of hand superbly, Leigh spent most of the opening 40 minutes trapped inside their own 20.

Leigh trailed 26-0 going into the break but could not stem the flow in the second half.

Leigh Centurions coach Neil Kelly said: "It was significant that a significant number of Wakefield tries came after we'd defended for 10 tackles not just six because we'd given a penalty away on the third or fourth tackle.

"And that meant we'd another set to do near our own line after a good kicking game from Danny Brough. It's just an unstoppable tide when you do that to yourselves. The discipline was never going to be cured in one week, but it's got to be cured for next week."

As expected, Warrington progressed comfortably through to



PLEASE TELL ME I'VE SCORED!? Mark Roberts touches down for Halifax against Widnes at The Shay

the fifth round with a 56-10 success over a gallant YORK outfit at the Halliwell Jones stadium.

The Wolves never threatened to hit anything like top gear and the final scoreline had a somewhat flattering look as the home side scored four tries in the final 11 minutes following the dismissal of York prop Danny Ekis.

Ekis was shown his red card by referee James Child in the 63rd minute for a high challenge on Louis Anderson, who was also sin-binned after he reacted to the tackle with a flurry of punches which sparked a mini-fracas.

York director of football James Ratcliffe said: "I don't think the final scoreline does us justice because it was a valiant effort and after the sending off there were gaps galore and it was a matter of damage limitation for the final 15 minutes when we were down to 12 men."

The last time HALIFAX entertained WIDNES just a fortnight earlier, they provided a thrilling spectacle. And their Friday night encounter actually surpassed it as Halifax once again took the spoils, edging out their great rivals 20-16.

Matt Calland's Halifax had

trailed 8-6 at the interval and when the impressive Anthony Thackeray scored an early second half try for the Vikings it looked like Paul Cullen's side were destined to exact revenge.

However, thanks to another monumental defensive effort led by veteran Dave Larder, Bob Beswick and Paul Smith, Fax managed to thwart a strong Widnes outfit and clinch the game with unanswered tries from Shad Royston and Mark Roberts.

Lucas Onyango celebrated his return to the OLDHAM side after several weeks out with a hat trick of tries that included one from deep inside his own half as Oldham beat Lezignan 60-30.

Andy Ballard, on the other flank, chipped in with 10 goals and two tries to take his points tally in the last two games to 58 and had Oldham fans roaring whenever he turned the Lezignan defence inside-out, which was often.

Centre Marcus St Hilaire also got a brace as Oldham treated their fans to some fantastic football fare, created in the main by the Coyle brothers, James and Thomas.

GATESHEAD produced a solid display in the final 20 minutes of the first half to storm

into the last 16, scoring three unanswered tries which effectively left DONCASTER with far too much to do in the second period as they won 32-18.

Doncaster coach Tony Miller was very disappointed with his charges, saying: "We started well and we finished well, but it seems like deja vu again in the 20-60 minute period, for some reason we are not mentally switched-on."

"We are certainly switched on physically as we keep finishing games off strongly."

SHEFFIELD produced a great late show to end DEWSBURY'S seven-match winning run with a 28-18 victory. The Rams gave their all as they took an 18-8 lead but in the final 25 minutes the Eagles at last got meaningful possession and blasted back in style.

Sheffield coach Mark Aston felt his side had earned the win by solid hard work. He said: "You can put it down to perseverance. Credit to Dewsbury, they hadn't lost a game and you can see why. They were very dogged and kept going, with a good attitude, and they are a hard team to beat."

A late George Flanagan try sealed a dramatic 28-24 win for BATLEY in a glorious cup tie at the Mount against HUNSLET.

Neither coach could have envisaged what a nail-biter the game would be – it was a magnificent old-fashioned cup match with some iron-hard tackling and one glorious try from a man worth the money to see plus another eight tries for good measure.

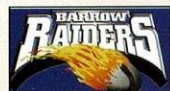
HORNETS RL came from nowhere to inflict a surprise, but deserved, 28-22 win against SWINTON, who are unbeaten in the league.

Similarly to last week's narrow win at home to Keighley, the Lions built up a decent lead before allowing their opponents back in the game, a tendency they will need to look to eradicate to obtain much success this season.

FEATHERSTONE overcame a spirited challenge from Cumbrian amateurs Wath Brow to reach the fifth round.

Wath Brow looked set for a drubbing when they were 50-0 down early in the second half but they emerged with great credit after staging a gutsy fightback.

Jon Steel, making his comeback after a foot injury, collected a hat-trick of tries and Andy Kain and Joe McLocklan each grabbed two touchdowns as Rovers bounced back from the heavy home defeat against Whitehaven to win 54-16.



# Barrow v Whitehaven



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| Shaun Anderson Osteopath   | 14  | Paul Noone          |
| Abbey House Hotel          | 15  | Chris Young         |
| Larry Hunt, Cross Keys     | 16  | Jamie Butler        |
| Coniston Holidays          | 17  | Scott Kaighan       |
| Jimmy Redfern Associates   | 18  | James Finch         |
| Kevin Hodgson              | 19  | Chris Larkin        |
| Paul Turner (NWEM)         | 20  | Nicky Beach         |
| Larry Hunt, Cross Keys     | 21  | Joe McKenna         |
| Optech Fibres              | 22  | Ned Catic           |
| BAE Global Combat Systems  | 23  | Waisale Suka        |
| SITA (UK) Ltd              | 24  | Alipate Tani        |
| E.P. Access                | 25  | Sevania Koro        |
| Jimmy Redfern Associates   | 27  | Darren Holt         |
| S & M Leisure (kit)        | 28  | Michael Darby       |
| Nigel and Alison Atkinson  | 32  | Ruairi McGoff       |
| Alastair McGregor          | 35  | Matt Storey         |

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLL  
 TRIES: James Nixon 7, Andrew Ellis 6, Liam Campbell 6, Liam Harrison 5, Liam Finch 5, Mike Backhouse 4.  
 GOALS: Paul Noone 37.  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finch

## WHITEHAVEN

| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. | No. | PLAYER              | SPONSOR                     |
|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |     | 1 Craig Benson      | LLWR                        |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |     | 2 Ade Adebisi       | Tim Knowles                 |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |     | 3 Rob Jackson       | Richard Woodhall            |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |     | 4 Derry Eilbeck     | Tuqiri-Kacey-Keelan         |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |     | 5 Craig Calvert     | Internet Support Group      |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |     | 6 Carl Rudd         | Alan Dixon                  |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |     | 7 Leroy Joe         | Internet Support Group      |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |     | 8 Marc Jackson      | Haven Joinery               |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |     | 9 Greame Mattinson  | L&G Taxis                   |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |     | 10 Karl Edmondson   | Barry Richardson            |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |     | 11 Howard Hill      | B&H Motors                  |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |     | 12 Spencer Miller   | Cameron Wood                |
|     | <b>Loose forward</b> |     |     | 13 Scot McAvoy      | Dick Raaz                   |
|     | <b>Interchange 1</b> |     |     | 14 Danny Barker     | GMB                         |
|     | <b>2</b>             |     |     | 15 Ryan McDonald    | Internet Support Group      |
|     | <b>3</b>             |     |     | 16 Andy Gorski      | Whitehaven RL Support Group |
|     | <b>4</b>             |     |     | 17 John Walker      |                             |
|     |                      |     |     | 18 John Patrick     | Shakers                     |
|     |                      |     |     | 19 Kyle Amor        | Finnigans Chip Shop         |
|     |                      |     |     | 20 Marc Bainbridge  | Internet Support Group      |
|     |                      |     |     | 21 Taani Lavu Lavu  | Paul & Dianne Lace          |
|     |                      |     |     | 22 Matt Tunstall    | Seascale Pharmacy           |
|     |                      |     |     | 23 Marc Shackley    | Rob Collins                 |
|     |                      |     |     | 24 Greg McNally     | Clive Hornsby               |
|     |                      |     |     | 25 Jamie Theoharous | Whitehaven RL Support Group |

COACH: GED STOKES

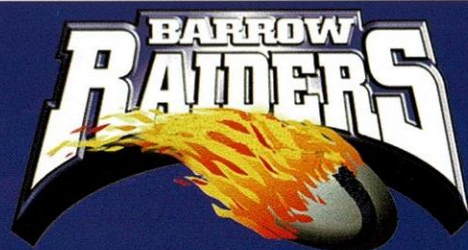
LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WL-LLLW  
 TRIES: Gregg McNally 14, Derry Eilbeck 4, Andy Gorski 4, Ade Adebisi 4, John Patrick 4.  
 GOALS: Gregg McNally 29, Carl Rudd 6, Marc Jackson 5. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Gregg McNally

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks  
 Touch: C Waywell, I Curzon  
 Fourth official: S Johnson

### BENNETT'S BET

"Raiders to spring an upset in Cumbrian derby - Barrow by 2"



## CLUBCALL

## Barrow v Whitehaven

# Visitors are finding our pack a tough prospect

Today it is back to the bread and butter of the Co-Operative Championship following a tremendous day against Wigan in the Carnegie Challenge Cup last week.

The team put in a great display against the Cherry and Whites. The town, players and I were euphoric after competing so well against a Super League team in front of a full house but now we must put that behind us and concentrate on the contests that await us over Easter.

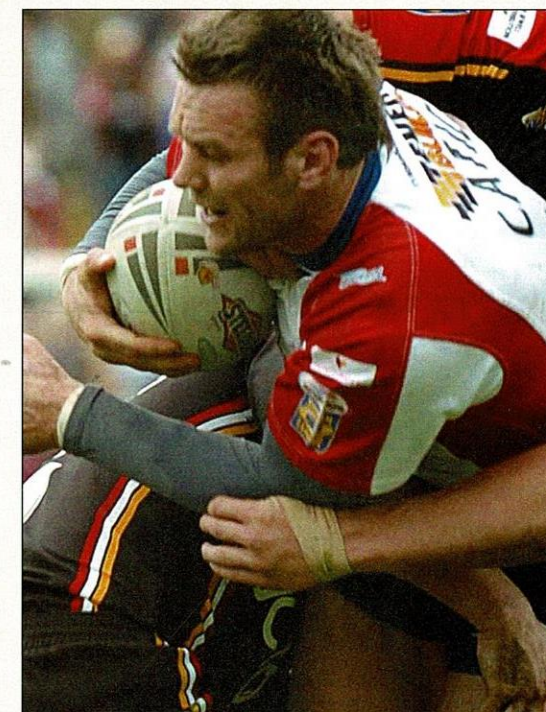
Whitehaven are sitting at the top of the table at present and will be looking to continue with their winning ways at Craven Park. In young Gregg McNally they have a player who is the talk of the Championship.

As always Haven will be strong up front and will be all out to dominate around the ruck. Here at Craven Park the Halifax, Widnes and Wigan forwards have all found it a struggle to get any change out

of our pack. Behind them we have had Liam Campbell and Liam Finch starting to show what they are capable of and they will need to continue to do so with Darren Holt, Scott Kaighan and others breathing down their necks for places.

The arrival of Ned Catic was not announced until the day of the Wigan match. He hadn't been in the country long and we did not want to put any pressure on him to turn out in the Cup.

We wanted to know that he was recovered from his flight and fit to play before it was announced. I am sure that he will have been impressed by the reaction of the fans when he was introduced to them. With Andrew Bracek about to come back into contention for a place and Lee Dutton starting training following his injury I should have the luxury of being able to rotate some of the forwards in future games.



Coach Dave Clark

Ex-Wildcats star Ned Catic ... kept under wraps

## What a fantastic day last Sunday was...

By Vice-chairman  
**DAVID SEAR**

The gates for the all ticket Wigan game last week were opened at 1.15pm. At 1pm I was stood at the top of the stand in brilliant sunshine and could see a long queue of supporters, 10 deep, waiting at the turnstiles.

Approaching the ground from the other direction was a sea of red and white as the Wigan supporters made their way towards the stadium.

We were looking forward to a great day and were not let down by the weather, the supporters or the quality of the rugby league served up for our entertainment.

Some will moan about decisions that went against the team but I would much rather concentrate on the positives.

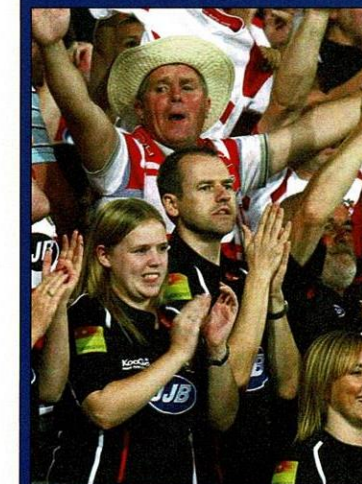
The team put in a superb performance

in front of a full house with some strong defence and attractive, flowing rugby.

Hopefully a large number of those who were tempted into the ground, simply because Wigan were here, will have looked at what Dave Clark's charges have to offer and have been sufficiently impressed to want to come along today. The rugby the team is playing deserves big crowds.

The Cherry and White fans seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves 'roughing it' at Craven Park and were a credit to the game of rugby league. For them to be chanting 'Barrow, Barrow' and applauding our team off the field indicates what an effort our guys had put in.

Today we welcome table topping Whitehaven in the opening contest for the title of best team in Cumbria. It should be yet another great Championship match following the titanic tussle against Halifax.



Wigan fans - a credit to the game



# Gateshead v Featherstone



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 6pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

## GATESHEAD THUNDER

## FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| SPONSOR                            | No. PLAYER           |
|                                    | 1 Ben McAlpine       |
| Accent Magazine & North East Times | 2 Danny Wilson       |
| Lady Cross Quarries                | 3 Kevin Neighbour    |
|                                    | 4 Dylan Nash         |
| The Wheatsheaf Pub                 | 5 Stewart Sanderson  |
| James & Matthew Wells              | 6 Neil Thorman       |
|                                    | 7 Luke Branighan     |
|                                    | 8 Jason Payne        |
| Brack Office Solutions             | 9 Andrew Henderson   |
| Rob & Jackie Gardner               | 10 Tabua Cakacaka    |
|                                    | 11 -                 |
| PCL Travel                         | 12 Michael Knowles   |
|                                    | 13 -                 |
|                                    | 14 Ryan Clarke       |
|                                    | 15 Matt Barron       |
| The Schooner Inn                   | 16 Puna Rasaubale    |
|                                    | 17 Chris Parker      |
|                                    | 18 Robin Peers       |
|                                    | 19 -                 |
|                                    | 20 Dave Vernon       |
| O'Brien Sandwiches, Team Valley    | 21 Ryan McBride      |
|                                    | 22 Jamie Russo       |
|                                    | 23 Jonny Scott       |
|                                    | 24 -                 |
|                                    | 25 -                 |
|                                    | 26 Crawford Matthews |
| Dean Taxis 0191 444 4 444          | 27 Scott Woods       |
|                                    | 28 Mark Dack         |
| CLA Risk Solutions                 | 29 Rhys Clarke       |
|                                    | 30 Stephen Welton    |

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLDW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WW-WWWL  
 TRIES: Stewart Sanderson 10, Dylan Nash 7, Joe Arundel 4, Kevin Neighbour 4, Luke Branighan 4, Andrew Henderson 4.  
 GOALS: Michael Knowles 21. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Kevin Neighbour

| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
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|     | <b>3</b>             |     |
|     | <b>4</b>             |     |

### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer  
 Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace  
 Fourth Official: A Kirkbride

### BENNETT'S BET

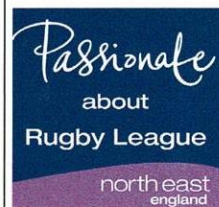
"Thunder look ready to climb the table - Thunder by 6"

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| No. PLAYER          | SPONSOR                             |
| 1 Tom Saxton        | Peter Smith Motorcycles             |
| 2 Waine Price       | Bev Coleman                         |
| 3 Ian Hardman       | Patrick & Gemma McNeil              |
| 4 Andy Kirk         | The Buccaneers Club                 |
| 5 Jon Steele        | Mark Hutchinson                     |
| 6 Iestyn Harris     | Maureen Tennant-King & Emily Harris |
| 7 Andy Kain         | Shindigz                            |
| 8 Tony Tonks        | Terry King                          |
| 9 Jack Lee          | Charlie Robinson/Lynne Whitehouse   |
| 10 Stuart Dickens   | Vic & Sue Johnson                   |
| 11 Matt Dale        | Doug & Barbara Wilford              |
| 12 Jamie Field      | Blue Lagoon Bar                     |
| 13 Richard Blakeway | Susan Parker                        |
| 14 Tommy Haughey    | Blue Lagoon Bar                     |
| 15 James Houston    | Study Rovers                        |
| 16 Joe McLocklan    | Gary Crompton                       |
| 17 Joe Hirst        | Howard Lawton                       |
| 18 Tim Spears       | John Lycett                         |
| 19 Sean Hesketh     | Peter Smith Motorcycles             |
| 20 Stuart Kain      | Rovers Scholarship                  |
| 21 Steve Dooler     | Hollie Bennett                      |
| 22 Matt Handforth   | Charlie Watson                      |
| 23 Gareth Swift     | James Evans                         |
| 24 John Fallon      | Capro Contracts                     |
| 25 Scott Wilson     | Chelsey, Charlie & Megan Large      |
| MASCOT Bluebeard    | Lorne Mosley                        |

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-WWW  
 TRIES: Andy Kain 9, Waine Price 5, Tommy Haughey 5, Ian Hardman 4 Sam Smeaton 4, Jon Steel 5.  
 GOALS: Stuart Dickens 22, Iestyn Harris 15. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Andy Kain

### Getting behind Gateshead...



## CLUBCALL

## Gateshead v Featherstone

# Historic day with season back on track

Gateshead Thunder's season is back on track after opening league defeats to two of the top three teams - away at Whitehaven and home to Barrow.

We then played in front of the TV cameras away at Batley and I'm sure all of the viewers would have been gripped by a 20-20 draw; draws being so rare in rugby league we had to revisit our draw bonus policy!

Then last weekend we went to the fantastic Keepmoat Stadium and secured a vital Challenge Cup 4th round victory against Doncaster, running in 18-32 victors in the end. That victory was historic as it marked the first time in Thunder's

**ROD FINDLAY**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

history that the club has reached the Challenge Cup 5th round.

We're not yet quite dreaming of Wembley, but it's good to make the last 16 in a competition that is still one of the jewels in the UK sporting calendar.

It was also good to see so many locally trained players playing for the club, with two of the under 18 squad playing and doing themselves proud.

And the Thunder fans were fantastic

being the loudest in the stadium and singing throughout the match. I'm sure there would have been some hoarse throats on Monday morning!

Easter is a busy time with a home match against Featherstone on Good Friday and then a TV game at home on Thursday 16 April.

Thunder can thank the fixture calendar programme that we don't also have a tie on Easter Monday. These bye rounds can be a good thing!

So, to the tie against Featherstone. We would like to welcome their Directors, players, coaches and fans to the Thunderdome.

Let's hope for a great game.

# Consistency is the key to further success

Firstly, I'd like to welcome Daryl Powell and all the players, officials and fans of Featherstone Rovers. Both teams had a successful Challenge Cup weekend last week and both clubs are coming into the game on a positive performance so it promises to be a great game.

Last weekend's game away at Doncaster showed that we are taking a step in the right direction, and that the hard work that everyone has put in over the past weeks to progress both individually and as a group as improved our performances.

However, as the saying goes: "One swallow doesn't make a summer..." and we have taken the good performance as just that - a good performance.

The key to success this season is continuity and playing well week in week out. We have definitely started doing that after the Batley and Doncaster games.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the players and staff at Thunder for their positive reaction over the last few weeks.

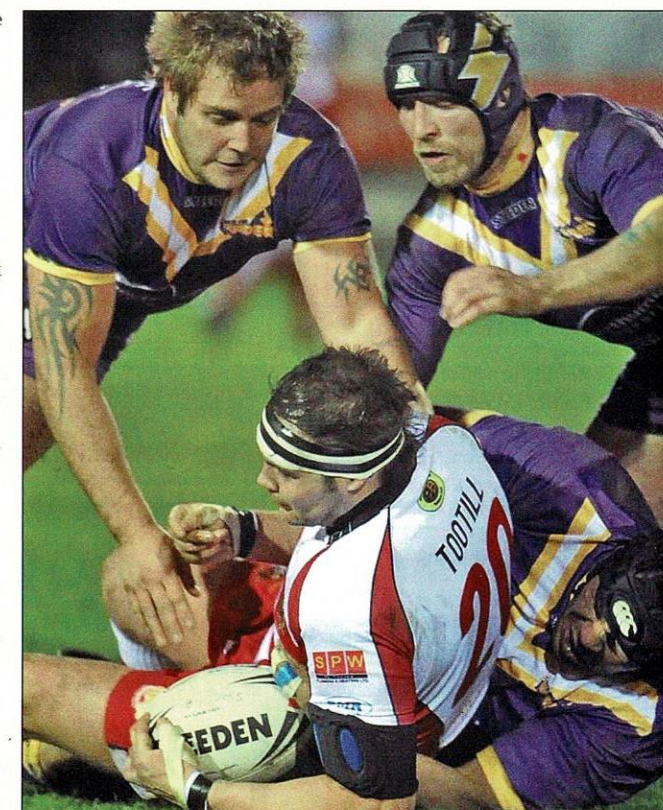
After our defeat at home to Barrow, there were a few home truths that needed to be said and we also took a bit of criticism which, to be fair, was due.

Sometimes this can shape your immediate future for the good or bad, and the players have really grabbed the bull by the horns and shown a desire to prove themselves and the team as a group of winners.

Like I have said, the key now is to continue our good form, keep up the high standards and look to raise our benchmark each week.

See you at the game and Happy Easter!!

**Chris Hood**  
**Head Coach**



Action from the thrilling televised draw at Batley





# Halifax v Batley



Thursday April 9th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. THE SHAY STADIUM

## HALIFAX RLFC

## BATLEY BULLDOGS

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| SPONSOR                     | No. PLAYER             |
|                             | 1 Miles Greenwood      |
|                             | 2 Lee Paterson         |
| Vision Express Halifax Ltd  | 3 Jon Goddard          |
| Chadwick Lawrence           | 4 Shad Royston         |
| Chadwick Lawrence           | 5 James Haley          |
|                             | 6 Dwayne Barker        |
| Roger & Sue Harvey          | 7 Ben Black            |
|                             | 8 Matt James           |
| Riley & Co Accountants      | 9 Sean Penkywicz       |
| Matthew Walker              | 10 Dana Wilson         |
| Windsor Yarns               | 11 Dave Larder         |
|                             | 12 Paul Smith          |
| Complete Building Materials | 13 Bob Beswick         |
|                             | 14 Mark Gleeson        |
|                             | 15 Mark Roberts        |
| Complete Building Materials | 16 Said Tamghart       |
|                             | 17 Frank Watene        |
|                             | 18 Andy Bowman         |
|                             | 19 Mick Govin          |
| Chadwick Lawrence           | 20 Graham Charlesworth |
|                             | 21 Neil Cherryholme    |
|                             | 22 David Wrench        |
| Howard Posner               | 23 Rob Worrincy        |
|                             | 24 Gareth Moore        |

| No.                  | TODAY'S TEAM | No. |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Full back</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  |              |     |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   |              |     |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Stand off</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>Hooker</b>        |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
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| <b>3</b>             |              |     |
| <b>4</b>             |              |     |

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

### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

COACH: MATT CALLAND

COACH: GARY THORNTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW  
 LAST SIX HOME: L-WWWW  
 TRIES: Said Tamghart 6,  
 Sean Penkywicz 6, Miles Greenwood  
 6, Ben Black 6.  
 GOALS: Mick Govin 20, Ben Black 12,  
 James Haley 10. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Sean Penkywicz

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Child  
 Touch: M Craven, P Ward  
 Fourth official: L Todd

### BENNETT'S BET

"Fax to prove too strong for unpredictable  
 Bulldogs - Halifax by 16"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWDW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WL-LLWW  
 TRIES: George Flanagan 7, Jermaine  
 McGilvary 5, Darryl Cardiss 4,  
 Jon Simpson 4, Chris Buttery 3, Ian  
 Preece 3.  
 GOALS: George Flanagan 22. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jon Simpson

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## CLUBCALL

## Halifax RLFC v Batley Bulldogs

# Defence stepped up and support was fantastic

Good evening everyone. I'd like to start by welcoming the players and staff of Batley Bulldogs to The Shay for tonight's Co-operative Championship game.

I am sure they will be coming here tonight determined to put in a strong performance.

They have had some good results already this season, winning at Leigh for one, and they will be looking for another against us.

For our part, myself and the players are looking forward to getting back to the bread and butter of the league after last week's Challenge Cup win over Widnes.

As I write, we still do not know who our fifth round opponents will be. But I am sure that whoever we draw, we will be competitive, especially at The Shay.

As I said in the Press, the thing that pleased me most against Widnes was our defence.

After being below-par in that area at Barrow a week earlier, we really stepped it up again and ultimately that was what

won us the game.

After a difficult build up, with a few players ruled out before the game and Said Tamghart pulling out during the warm up, that was a very good sign for us.

The other thing that was memorable about the game was the atmosphere inside the ground, which was probably the best it's been since myself and Martin Hall came to the club in 2006.

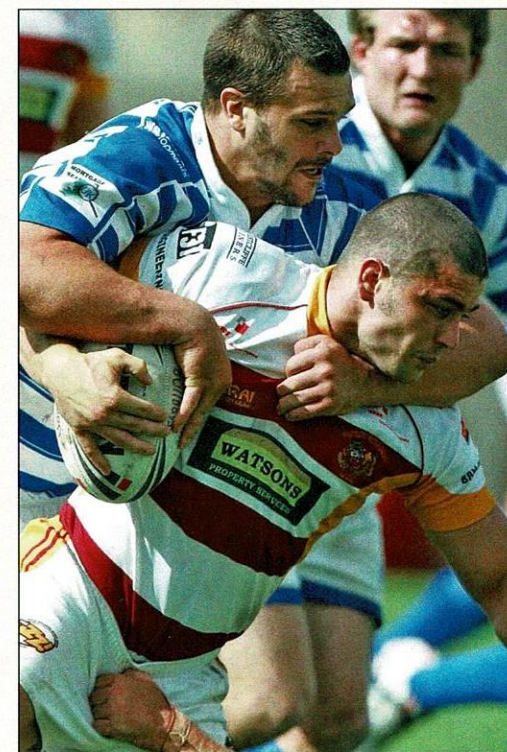
I spoke in the build up to the match about the role you, the supporters, have to play in making The Shay a real fortress this season.

Everyone responded brilliantly, with another 3,000-plus crowd and the kind of noise levels that really lift the players.

We all appreciate it and hopefully it is a real sign that what we are doing here is starting to capture the imagination of the people of Halifax.

Enjoy the game,

**Matt Calland**  
 Head coach



'Old boy' Mark Barlow will be trying to cause an upset

## No rest for the 'wicked' in this sport!

Welcome to Easter! There is certainly no rest for the Co-operative Championship rugby league player. Most were involved in Carnegie Challenge Cup action last weekend, and now they have a 'double header' weekend.

At Halifax, with the agreement of Widnes Vikings and Batley Bulldogs, we have done our best to even out the matches by arranging the cup-tie for Friday, and this match for Thursday to maximize recovery time.

Needless to say at the back of our minds is the challenge of Easter Monday in Whitehaven.

After the excitement of two classics against Widnes, with 3,000-plus fans giving a boost to the atmosphere (and much needed revenue) at The Shay, this match will give us an indication of the level of support for the club after a great start to

Halifax chairman

**MICHAEL STEELE**



the season.

Both Halifax and Batley are looking forward to the 5th round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup after desperately close 4th round wins.

But the Co-operative Championship is our bread and butter, and the Cup must wait until May.

Batley always represent a strong chal-

lenge, and they have spoilt our Easter holiday by winning at The Shay before, so Matt Calland and the team will not be taking them lightly.

Batley's squad list includes, by my reckoning, no less than 6 former Fax players in Ben Feehan, Dale Cardoza, Mark Barlow, Byron Smith, Jon Simpson and Darryl Cardiss who will be particularly anxious to do well tonight.

We welcome them, and all the supporters, staff and board of the Batley Club.

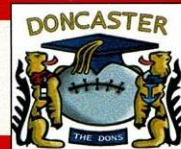
There are two more home league matches in April, against Doncaster on Sunday 19th and Gateshead on Sunday 26th.

We look forward to your support as the Championship takes shape. With it, the target of silverware in 2009 could be within our grasp!

Enjoy the game.



# Eagles v Dons



Thursday April 9th, 2009. Kick off 6pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM

## SHEFFIELD EAGLES

## DONCASTER RLFC

| SPONSOR                             | No. | PLAYER            |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| AMCO                                | 1   | Jonny Woodcock    |
| Tolent                              | 2   | Bolu Fagborun     |
| OSI                                 | 3   | Menzie Yere       |
| Jim Hawksworth, Suzanne Atkin       | 4   | Mike Roby         |
| Anne Collins                        | 5   | Ashley Thackeray  |
| Pennine Business Forms              | 6   | Brendon Lindsay   |
| Sheaf Telecom                       | 7   | Gavin Brown       |
| Hanlon & Wright                     | 8   | Jack Howieson     |
| Bamsley Industrial Training College | 9   | Grant Edwards     |
| Jayne Whaling                       | 10  | Mitchell Stringer |
| Jack Smith                          | 11  | Alex Szostak      |
| Hanlon & Wright                     | 12  | Ged Corcoran      |
| Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain         | 13  | Dane McDonald     |
| G4S Events                          | 14  | Andrew Boothroyd  |
| Redbrook Business Coaching          | 15  | Sam Barlow        |
| Albion Detection Systems Ltd        | 16  | Trevor Exton      |
| Buckingham Insurance                | 17  | Tom Buckenham     |
| Zeenat Restaurant                   | 18  | Saqib Murtza      |
| OSI                                 | 19  | Kyle Wood         |
| Walkabout Sheffield                 | 20  | Matty Brooks      |
| AMCO                                | 21  | Aaron Groom       |
| Village Shop, Oughtibridge          | 22  | Ryan Hepworth     |
| HAS Consultants Ltd                 | 23  | Tangi Ropati      |
| Jack & Laura London                 | 24  | Matthew Whitaker  |
| Corus Infrastructure Services       | 25  | James Morrow      |
| Hancock & Todd                      | 26  | Nick Turnbull     |
| Modis                               | 27  | Tommy Trayler     |
| Richard & Andrea Brook              | 28  | Damian Gibson     |
| Jill Swire                          | 34  | Eddie Battye      |
| Mr & Mrs Lee                        | 35  | Dan Hawksworth    |

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: W-WLWLW  
 TRIES: Jonny Woodcock 5, Tangi Ropati 3, Matty Brooks 3, Damian Gibson 3, Brendon Lindsay 3.  
 GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 28  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Wood

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### SCORERS

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| No. | PLAYER          | SPONSOR                    |
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| 2   | Dean Colton     | Green Energy Solutions     |
| 3   | Andreas Bauer   | Geffery Broadhead          |
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| 5   | Wayne Reittie   | DISC (Dons Supporters)     |
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| 12  | Craig Lawton    | Everlast Waterproofing     |
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| 14  | Scott Jones     | Martins Famous Fish Market |
| 15  | Mark Castle     |                            |
| 16  | Nathan Freer    |                            |
| 17  | Ross Divorly    | DISC Dons Supporters       |
| 18  | Craig Holt      | RTN Motor Spares           |
| 19  | Ryan Steen      |                            |
| 20  | Michael Coady   | Jill Scarrow               |
| 21  | Garry Ellery    |                            |
| 22  | Andy Speake     |                            |
| 23  | Scott Smith     | Sue Walford                |
| 24  | Jake Bassinder  |                            |
| 25  | Kevin Eadie     |                            |
| 26  | Gareth Carey    |                            |
| 27  | Albert Rounding |                            |
| 28  | Jamie Bovill    |                            |
| 29  | Matthew Corbett |                            |
| 30  | Luke May        |                            |

COACH: TONY MILLER

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LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LW-WWWL  
 TRIES: Michael Coady 4, Craig Cook 4  
 GOALS: Kyle Briggs 12, Andy Speake 7  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: B Thaler  
 Touch: C Sharrad, M Wilson  
 Fourth Official: R Hicks

### BENNETT'S BET

"Eagles to soar in South Yorkshire face-off - Sheffield by 18"

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## CLUBCALL

## Sheffield v Doncaster

# All bets off when it's 'derby day'

THERE'S something special about a 'derby' game. Like the Cup it doesn't matter how either team is playing, these are one-offs.

Last week in the Carnegie Challenge Cup it was a place in the fifth round at stake. Tonight it's local bragging rights. This is the South Yorkshire derby and passions are going to be high and Doncaster have come determined to beat us.

We made it into the next round of the Challenge Cup but we still have to improve - and make sure that we get the result tonight. That would be a good way to start the Easter weekend and set us up well for a tough game on Monday at my old mate Daryl Powell's new club Featherstone Rovers.

But before the Easter eggs arrive we've got to crack Doncaster.

Like Dewsbury, Doncaster will come to Don Valley with a point or two to prove. They won promotion last season but then had a few testing times. Tony Miller has taken over from Ellery Hanley as coach and has had to re-build his squad in quick time.

Because it's a derby there are always players who have been with both clubs and that adds a little extra 'interest' at times, as some people might say!

Looking back at the Dewsbury game I know we left it late to take control but it was always going to be a tough 80-minute arm wrestle.

I was concerned by the way we started the game. Some of the quality of work we delivered wasn't good enough - from passing to decision making.

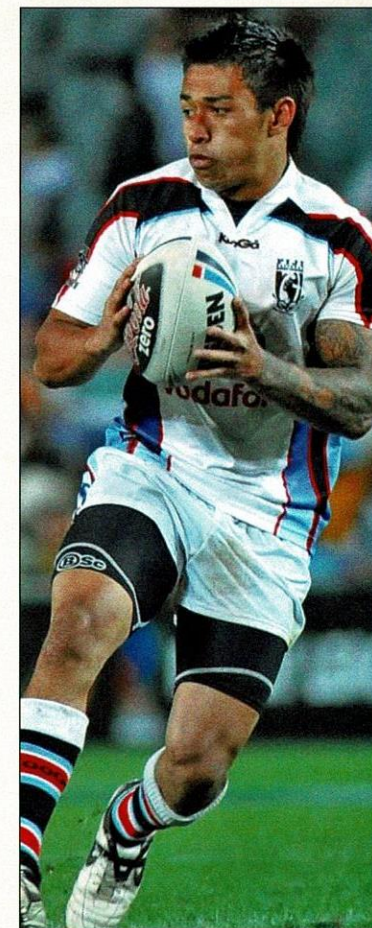
At half-time I asked the lads to put the 80 minutes into the second half because in the first 40 minutes we hadn't done the things we should have done. It was a double over Dewsbury with the reserves winning 44-30.

One thing is certain no side wins 'easy' at Don Valley. We can defend. I know Dewsbury scored 18 points against us but there were only two tries in that-18.

We didn't have a lot of possession and kept them to two tries which shows our attitude was pretty good.

Tonight if all has gone well in training we should have Aaron Groom making his Eagles debut. The lad was taken ill soon after he arrived from Australia last week and we decided not to risk him against Dewsbury. Have a happy Easter and I hope we get the weekend off to a great start with a win over Doncaster.

Mark Aston



Aaron Groom - on debut tonight

# Anniversary event not to miss

One of the main sources of income for Sheffield Eagles is and always has been our events calendar.

As we should be aware, probably the biggest event this year is our 25th Anniversary.

To commemorate this we have arranged an Evening at Baldwin's Omega, Sheffield on Thursday 14th May 2009. This promises to be one of the most memorable evenings, with many past players, supporters and sponsors in attendance.

Amongst the guests will be the club's founder Gary Hetherington. If you are a past player/ sponsor or know of any we have lost contact

**SIMON PROCTOR**  
 General Manager

with, please contact Betty Lago at the club or email [simon.proctor@sheffieldeagles.com](mailto:simon.proctor@sheffieldeagles.com).

Tickets for this event are available from Sheffield Eagles and are priced at £35.00 each.

Other events arranged include three Golf Days; the first of which is on Monday 27th April at Tankersley Park Golf Club. The other Golf Days are at Abbeydale Golf Club on Monday 6th July and Bondhay Golf Club on Monday 14th September.

Our next Luncheon Event

is on Friday 26th June at Baldwin's Omega and features Aaron James, a talented mimic and comedian who I have been informed will make a great impression!

Billy Bean, comedian, will be at our Christmas luncheon.

We had a successful evening in February, when we had 400 guests attending an Evening with Ricky Hatton.

Due to the success of this evening we have booked Sir Henry Cooper, which will be held in February 2010.

On a separate note it is nice to see Jean-Marc Garcia back at the club this evening, he has brought his under 16 side from France to play in a pre-match game against

Hillsborough Hawks u16s.

Congratulation to Hillsborough Hawks U17s who won 48-6 in the West Riding Youth Challenge Cup against Clayton.

This side includes quite a few players who also play for the Sheffield Eagles Academy side.

Being presented at half-time of today's game will be the U12s, U13s, U14s & U15s Service Area Squads from South Yorkshire.

Please show your support, as many of these lads are scholarship players for both Sheffield Eagles and Doncaster.

The Service area games start on 9th May 2009.

Enjoy the game!



# Widnes v Leigh



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. STOBART STADIUM HALTON

## WIDNES VIKINGS

## LEIGH CENTURIONS

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| Kath Filkin                    | 5 Danny Mills       |
| VIQI                           | 6 Anthony Thackeray |
| VIQI                           | 7 James Webster     |
| Museum Visitors                | 8 Iain Morrison     |
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| Widnes World                   | 10 Jim Gannon       |
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| James Owen                     | 14 John Duffy       |
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| SDP Landscapes                 | 27 Brett Robinson   |

**COACH: PAUL CULLEN**

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**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLL**

**LAST SIX HOME: WW-LWWW**

**TRIES: Paddy Flynn 8, Jim Gannon 5, Mark Smith 5, Loz Wildbore 4.**

**GOALS: Scott Yates 24, Tim Hartley 14, Gavin Dodd 8.**

**DGs: -**

**MAN TO WATCH: Loz Wildbore**

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**SCORERS**

**TRIES**

**Conv**

**Pens**

**DGs**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: R Laughton  
Touch: P Meadows, L Todd  
Fourth Official: D Butler

**BENNETT'S BET**

"Vikings to edge physical battle of the old foes  
- Widnes by 8"

**No. PLAYER**

|                    |
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| 1 Stuart Donlan    |
| 2 Dave Alstead     |
| 3 Steve Maden      |
| 4 Tony Stewart     |
| 5 Nick Stanton     |
| 6 -                |
| 7 Ian Watson       |
| 8 Andy Hobson      |
| 9 Dave McConnell   |
| 10 Mike Morrison   |
| 11 Dave Armitstead |
| 12 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 Hatton     |
| 25 Adam Thomas     |

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

**COACH: NEIL KELLY**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL**

**LAST SIX AWAY: LW-LWWL**

**TRIES: Jamie Durbin 6, Stuart Donlan 5, Martyn Ridyard 4, Steve Maden 4, Sam Reay 4, Ian Watson 4. GOALS: Ian Mort 32, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Durbin**

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## CLUBCALL

## Widnes v Leigh

# Squad will be tested as Easter pressure comes on

Today's game against Leigh gives us the ideal opportunity to get back into action following last week's bitterly disappointing defeat at Halifax in the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

It was a game that, on reflection, we should have won. We certainly had enough possession and position but failed to turn this into points.

We were just one play away from winning the game and taking our place in the fifth round.

Despite the defeat it was encouraging, once again, to see the effort and commitment of the players.

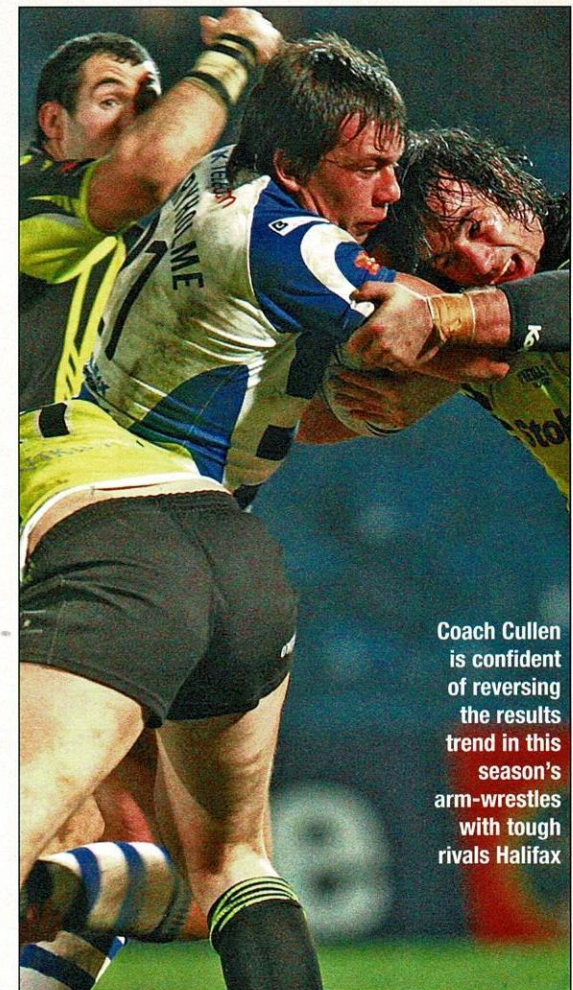
We stood up well to the Halifax pack and put into practice some of the lessons we learnt from our first encounter. It appears that over recent times Halifax has just had the edge on ourselves but by the end of the season I expect this situation to be reversed.

A tough game against Leigh is just what we need to get over that disappointment and I'm sure today our players will be looking to get back to winning ways.

Games between the two sides have always been keenly contested and this afternoon should be no different.

I'm expecting a tough game and with three games in ten days we'll need to look to utilise our squad.

With that in mind I'm looking forward to the curtain raiser



Coach Cullen is confident of reversing the results trend in this season's arm-wrestles with tough rivals Halifax

between the two sides as it will give me the opportunity to see some of our players in match action having only witnessed them in training so far.

With the hectic schedule we face this game will give them the chance to push for places at Doncaster on Monday and home to Batley next Friday.

**Paul Cullen**

## Cup distractions aside, points are the prize

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Leigh Centurions for this Easter derby encounter.

Both teams suffered early exits from the Carnegie Challenge Cup last weekend and I'm sure both will be looking to get back to winning ways this afternoon.

Our game at Halifax was certainly an exciting affair and one which we could, and perhaps should, have won.

I thought the players worked very hard and with a bit of luck or the 50/50

**Alex Bonney**  
Chief Executive Officer

call we would have been in Tuesday's draw.

Leigh's game at Wakefield appeared to be pretty one sided but as Neil Kelly acknowledged before the game the Challenge Cup is not the priority of Championship clubs.

We're about to start an important

week with nine Championship points at stake and I hope that by nine o'clock next Friday evening we have collected all nine and have maintained our place near the top of the league.

It must be remembered that the league isn't won in April or May but in October and I'm sure that Paul Cullen and his coaching team will have the side finely tuned by the time the Grand Final comes round, with obviously a good spell in June and July to lift the Northern Rail Cup at Blackpool.



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# Blackpool v Swinton



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. FYLDE RUFC

## BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

## SWINTON LIONS

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### No. PLAYER

1 Johnny Leather  
2 Damien Munroe  
3 Tom Woodcock  
4 Mark McCully  
5 Chris Mугan  
6 Simon Svabic  
7 Chris Forster  
8 Peter Fairhurst  
9 John Clough  
10 John Hill  
11 Paul Alcock  
12 Kris Ratcliffe  
13 Rob Draper

### Paul Wilson

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15 Mel Alker  
16 Ian Hodson  
17 David Llewellyn  
18 John Boland  
19 Liam McGovern  
20 Tom Wild  
21 Andy Marsh  
22 Keiron Tucker  
23 Daryll Kaye  
24 Chris Campbell  
25 Wes Lawton  
26 Craig Tunstead

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX HOME: DLL-WLW

TRIES: Mark McCully 5, Johnny Leather 5, Dean Hatton 3, Gareth Langley 3, David Llewellyn 3, Dean Hatton 3.

GOALS: Johnny Leather 12. DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Mark McCully

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### SCORERS

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### MATCH OFFICIALS

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

### BENNETT'S BET

"Holroyd class to prove difference for Lions  
- Swinton by 2"

### 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 McLurg  
17 Tommy Grundy  
18 Gareth Hayes  
19 Neil Rigby  
20 Adam Bibey  
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

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COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LL-LLW

TRIES: Dave Hull 9, Marty Moana 3,  
Dave Newton 3, Tommy Grundy 3,  
Carl Sneyd 3

GOALS: Carl Sneyd 30

DGs: Craig Ashall

MAN TO WATCH: Carl Sneyd

## CLUBCALL

## Blackpool v Swinton

### An active Easter

Blackpool Panthers have linked up with the NHS to get kids active in sport over the Easter holidays.

Children aged 5-16 years old from the Blackpool area have been invited to swap an Easter egg for a rugby league

session before this Good Friday's game against Swinton Lions.

The club also have kids from the Rugby Day Camp at the game today. The children had a fun-packed day and

really enjoyed themselves. The Panthers would like to say thanks to the main sponsors of the camp, Subway and Steeden. Look out for the next Panthers Camp in the summer.

# Lions' old heads will make it tough

GOOD afternoon everyone and especially Swinton supporters, players, directors and head coach Paul Kidd.

Like every coach in this division, Paul has brought in some new players to strengthen his squad.

The experience of Graham Holroyd, Paul Southern and Mike Wainwright (to name but a few) will be invaluable to Swinton and what targets they achieve in the coming season.

Like Swinton, we have also brought in a lot of experience in Simon Svabic, Ian Hodson and Mark McCulley, who have been outstanding in every game for us so far this season and have all previously played for clubs in higher divisions.

With that comes added pressure because of the expectations of everyone involved with their respective clubs. I am sure that, like ourselves, Paul will have set his targets high to at least make the play-offs come the end of the season.

Here at Blackpool, we were all very disappointed not to come away from York with three points. Too many players underperformed on the

day and, if we are serious about making the play-offs, then we cannot have too many days like that.

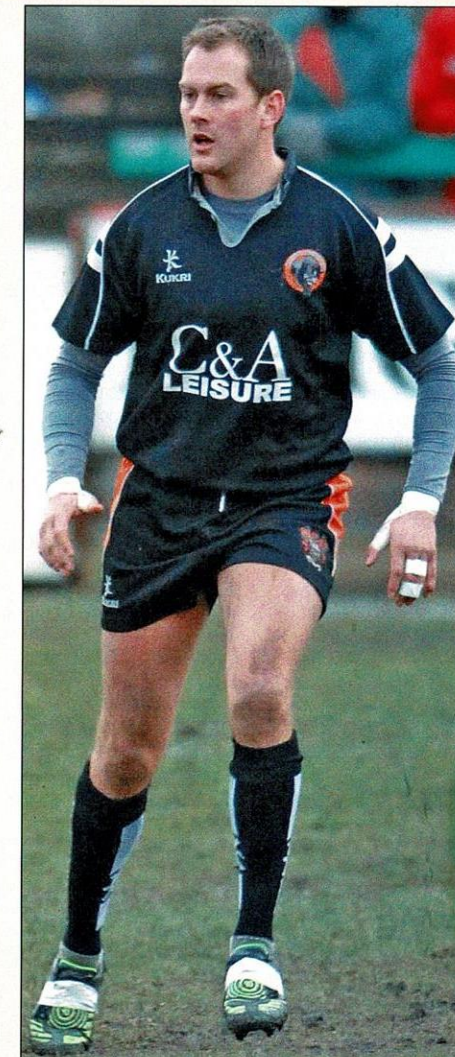
On the player front, we don't have any injury problems. Other coaches would be happy with that but it can also have downsides. One of them is that we don't have a reserve team in order to let players who haven't been selected for the first team get some game time which, understandably, frustrates the players and also myself.

That is the reason Liam McGovern went to Rochdale on loan just so he could play some rugby. It is testing for all the players but we must stick together, work harder and be patient.

Going back to today's game, it is important we get back to winning ways. That being easier said than done as Swinton have a 100 per cent win record in the league so far, so they will be confident.

Finally, a big thank you for your continued support. It is much appreciated. Enjoy the game.

**Martin Crompton**  
Head Coach



Simon Svabic, a wise old head

## Look out for new kit - it's a classic!

A big welcome to the Swinton Lions' club officials, players and supporters for our second home league game of the season.

As everyone knows, we lost at York in yet another game that should have produced a victory. Today's match holds special memories for Keith Ashcroft, one of our directors, as he was a former

Swinton player and assistant coach.

We travel to London on Easter Monday and in order to have the best preparation possible, the team will have an overnight stay on Sunday and have agreed to make a most welcome contribution to the cost ... a marvellous gesture!

Finally, our new kit is being worn for

the first time today and is similar to the original Blackpool Borough strip of 1954.

Replicas are now available on match days or can be ordered from the club shop on 01253 738971.

Good luck to everyone today.

**John Chadwick, Chairman**

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# Rams v Skolars



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 3.30pm. TETLEY'S STADIUM

## DEWSBURY RAMS

## LONDON SKOLARS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| SPONSOR                  | No. PLAYER             |
| Herbal Life              | 1 Tom Colleran         |
|                          | 2 Morgan Starkey       |
| John Sawyer              | 3 Lee Lingard          |
| Joe G Fitness            | 4 Craig Bower          |
|                          | 5 Andrew Tillotson     |
| Sue Walford              | 6 Ryan Smith           |
| Elsie Fryer              | 7 Gareth Greenwood     |
| Ken & Elizabeth Crabtree | 8 Jimmy Elston         |
| Rams Study Centre        | 9 Mike Emmett          |
| The Three Gs             | 10 Luke Haigh          |
| Subway                   | 11 Adam Robinson       |
| The Three Gs             | 12 Taron Wildey        |
| Mount Tabor Church       | 13 Pat Walker          |
|                          | 14 Ian Tonks           |
|                          | 15 Bryn Powell         |
| Peggy & Sam Hill         | 16 Austin Buchanan     |
| The Buzz Room            | 17 Alex Bretherton     |
| Steve Johnson            | 18 Chris Spurr         |
| The West Riding          | 19 Liam Finn           |
| John Calvert             | 20 Rob Spicer          |
| Jack Addy/Pat Heywood    | 21 Andy Bostock        |
| The Grayson Family       | 22 Kane Epati          |
| Vivien Calvert           | 23 Keegan Hirst        |
| Peter Brooke/David Kirby | 24 Simon Cook          |
| Rams Cheerleaders        | 25 Gary North          |
|                          | 26 Jake Wilson         |
|                          | 27 Chris Grice         |
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| Eric France Scrap Metal  | 35 Adam Hayes          |
| Elaine & Peter Holyoake  |                        |

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WL-WWWW  
 TRIES: Kane Epati 7, Alex Bretherton 4, Liam Finn 4, Lee Lingard 3, Andy Bostock 3.  
 GOALS: Pat Walker 47  
 DGs: Liam Finn  
 MAN TO WATCH: Bryn Powell

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### SCORERS

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| No. PLAYER             | SPONSOR                    |
| 1 Frank Reid           | Lanes Coaches              |
| 2 Corey Simms          |                            |
| 3 Olly Fountain        |                            |
| 4 Oliver Bloom         | Alan Greenwood             |
| 5 Austen Aggrey        |                            |
| 6 Jermaine Coleman     | No.1 City Road Bar & Grill |
| 7 Paul Thorman         |                            |
| 8 Dave Ellison         |                            |
| 9 Gareth Honor         |                            |
| 10 Glenn Osborn        |                            |
| 11 Matt Thomas         |                            |
| 12 Dene Miller         |                            |
| 13 Jaymes Chapman      | Craig Ackroyd              |
| 14 Graeme Spencer      | OnePersonalTraining        |
| 15 Bobby Wallis        |                            |
| 16 Tony Williams       |                            |
| 17 Chad Isles          |                            |
| 18 Orriesso Agbareh    |                            |
| 19 Leigh Nissen        |                            |
| 20 Paul Hyder          |                            |
| 21 Ben Joyce           |                            |
| 22 Danny Burke         |                            |
| 23 Andre Vine          | The Gladys Aylward School  |
| 24 Smokie Junor        |                            |
| 25 Jaroslaw Obuchowski | OnePersonalTraining        |
| 26 Olu Iwenofu         |                            |
| Keir Bell              |                            |
| Bernard Rule           |                            |
| Jy-Mel Coleman         |                            |

Assistant Coach: Kevin Reith Sportstraders

COACH: CALLUM IRVING

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLL-LLL  
 TRIES: Austen Aggrey 3, Olu Iwenofu 3.  
 GOALS: Paul Thorman 8  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul Thorman

### MATCH OFFICIALS

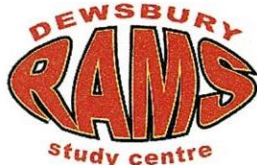
Referee: D Merrick  
 Touch: C Dean, S Williams  
 Fourth Official: J Asquith

### BENNETT'S BET

"Skolars facing a real hiding on the road - Dewsbury by 58"

# ERIC FRANCE

## SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS



## CLUBCALL

## Dewsbury v Skolars

# Positives despite our first defeat



Taron Wildey, his defensive expertise should be available

GOOD afternoon and welcome to the Tetley's Stadium for what promises to be a tough challenge for ourselves as we see this as a big game going into the Oldham game.

It is very important for us today to put a few of our grey areas right and that is our aim today. The game against Sheffield last week was very disappointing for you the spectators and the players and even more so for me as a coach.

As you will all agree it was a very, very good performance from the players but unfortunately we were on the wrong end of the result. Bryn Powell yet again was in outstanding form along with Keegan Hirst and Adam Robinson, who consistently took the team forward in both attack and defence.

Adam Hayes also had a solid performance and kept probing the defensive line. The most pleasing thing about Friday night's game is that the players never gave up and continued playing for the full 80 which is a big positive because that will pay us dividends during the season.

Hopefully Taron Wildey might be back on duty today as he has been suffering with a hamstring injury. His tenacity in defence was missed on Friday and his inclusion gives us many more options. The rest of the squad is all fit and available for selection which gives me more headaches which can only be good for the team.

The reserves season got underway last week and unfortunately they lost to Sheffield in their opening match but there were many positives to come out of the game especially in the opening quarter with Martin Woodhead showing what he has got to offer and Josh Tonks showing his attacking prowess with good

vision. Also Chris Green picked up from where he left off against York with his no-nonsense style of running that takes the team forward. These three players are pushing all the way for that first team spot, no more so than Jake Wilson who also had a big performance which has seen him being included in the squad for this week.

London are an ever-improving team this year and are to be commended on their efforts to promote English rugby league and rely on local talent rather than going overseas. This has got to be good for the game.

Those teams who stock up on overseas players ought to follow in their footsteps. I am a big believer that this is the way forward.

I know it is good for overseas players to be in the game but for us to go forward as a nation we must focus on local talent, especially in key positions.

Meanwhile I'd just like to wish Billy Jowitt and Janet Blakeley a happy birthday as they both grew a year older this week.

Hope you enjoy the game, see you after in the bar.

**Warren Jowitt, Head Coach**

# Hope the town gets that Friday feeling

**T**his afternoon's game is, as far as the Rams are concerned, somewhat unique in that we're actually playing a game on a Good Friday afternoon.

I've been asking around and no-one at the club can remember when we last played on a Good Friday afternoon.

Traditionally people in this area outside the banking sector used to work on the Friday and had the Monday and Tuesday holiday but times have changed and it will be interesting to see how many spectators we get for today's game.

It is an important game for us following last Friday's cup defeat at Sheffield Eagles.

That was always going to be a difficult game for us but I was pleased with the spirit we showed and in Bryn Powell's try we had the try of the season.

## Mark Sawyer, chairman

Many supporters will be disappointed that this is our only game over the Easter period but the logistics of playing Oldham at Boundary Park on Monday evening were just too great and I think it made sense for us both to agree to delay the game until next Sunday when neither of us have a fixture.

We are also still in discussion at the time of writing with Barrow regarding the kick off time/day for our Northern Rail Cup game and as soon as we have details they will be posted on the club web site and in the local press.

Our stadium branding is now complete and I don't think anyone can be in any doubt that this season's main sponsor is Eric France Scrap Metal Merchants.

The South Stand looks completely different with the branding, it has been a major coup for the club to have secured such a prestigious sponsorship deal.

Overall our level of sponsorship has dropped significantly following the recession and we are particularly grateful both to Eric France and those companies and individuals that have given us their support for 2009.

It is important we continue to generate revenue off the field and our Project Fund Team have organised a Night of Swing for next Saturday at 7.30pm.

Whatever your music tastes it would be great if you could support the event.

The team has done a fantastic job so far in providing finance for facilities such as the gym and CV room and as chairman I am extremely grateful for their support.



# Hornets v Oldham



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

## HORNETS RUGBY LEAGUE

## OLDHAM RLFC

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### No. PLAYER

1 Chris Giles  
2 John Gillam  
3 Mick Fogerty  
4 Casey Mayberry  
5 Andy Smith  
6 Martin Ainscough  
7 -  
8 David Best  
9 Janan Billings  
10 Paul Raftery  
11 David Cunliffe  
12 Ian Sinfield  
13 Wayne Corcoran  
14 Sam Butterworth  
15 Martin McLoughlin  
16 Mark Brocklehurst  
17 Andy Isherwood  
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COACH: DARREN SHAW

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW  
LAST SIX HOME: WWL-LWL  
TRIES: Martin Ainscough 4, John Gillam 3, Chris Giles 3, Ian Sinfield 3, Mick Fogerty 3. GOALS: Chris Giles 7, Wayne Corcoran 4.  
DGs: McGovern  
MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

Today's match sponsor is:  
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| No.                  | TODAY'S TEAM | No. |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Full back</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  |              |     |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   |              |     |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Stand off</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>Hooker</b>        |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>Loose forward</b> |              |     |
| <b>Interchange 1</b> |              |     |
| <b>2</b>             |              |     |
| <b>3</b>             |              |     |
| <b>4</b>             |              |     |

### SCORERS

Tries  
Conv  
Pens  
DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS  
Referee: M Kidd  
Touch: M Beadle, A Sweet  
Fourth Official: G Evans

**BENNETT'S BET**  
"Roughyeds just to edge in-form Hornets - Oldham by 2"

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### No. PLAYER

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

Goalkeeper:

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW  
LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-WWL  
TRIES: Andy Ballard 10, James Coyle 6, Thomas Coyle 6, Lucas Onyango 6, Paul Reilly 4, Danny Halliwell 4, Marcus St Hilaire 4.  
GOALS: Andy Ballard 44. DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Thomas Coyle

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## CLUBCALL

## Hornets RL v Oldham

# We made it through but lacked intensity

LAST Friday night's Carnegie Challenge Cup win at Swinton Lions was a great achievement for everyone involved.

Throughout the game we were a little bit hit and miss, we did some good stuff and there were some good individual things, but I felt we let ourselves down a little bit compared to the previous week against Dewsbury Rams.

There wasn't as much intensity and we got away from what we wanted to achieve a bit at times - we should have been a little more direct.

But having said all that it was good to come from behind and hold on to win the game, especially after what happened the week before against Dewsbury.

It's a good thing just to show that we can win a close game like that though the lack of composure that we show in attack is still something we need to work on.

We're still pushing the extra pass unnecessarily at times but once that sinks in I think we're going to be a good team.

The win should give us a bit of confidence and what we're

looking to do against Oldham today now is record back-to-back wins.

We've got a very tough campaign over Easter with York City Knights coming up on Easter Monday, but there's no better way to start than a big derby game against Oldham.

We were beaten quite heavily by them at Boundary Park in the Northern Rail Cup but I think both teams have moved on a lot since then.

I went to watch them play Lezignan on Sunday and they played a lot of great open rugby and scored 60 points off the back of that.

They were missing a few players as well which shows what a big squad and what depth they've got there.

But I think we've moved on a little bit too over the last few weeks, and I'm expecting a lot closer scoreline than the previous clash.

We'll check on a couple of injuries before the game - Wayne Corcoran has a sore wrist and Janan Billings with a hamstring problem - but apart from that we should be okay.

**Darren Shaw, coach**



Janan Billings - hamstring injury, but Hornets hope to celebrate

## Great to see return of familiar supporters

Good afternoon everyone. Welcome to today's game against our nearest and longest standing rivals, Oldham Roughyeds.

Easter games between the two clubs go back as far as the history of 'rugby' in our respective towns and we anticipate another cracking local derby today.

Also, by today, both clubs will have learned their Challenge Cup fate, with Hornets progressing via a tough encounter with Swinton, while Oldham saw off the 'Sangliers' (Wild Boars) of Lezignan.

Indeed, one of the pleasing aspects of our win at Swinton was the great Hornets following, who made plenty of noise and really got behind the lads.

**Jim Stringer, Rochdale Hornets RL Society trustee**

Good to see a few old faces coming back too, especially with such a tense win to savour.

Another way in which all Hornets fans can get behind the club is to join the new GoldLine/LifeLine lottery.

There are two ways to play and more great cash prizes for Hornets fans to win than ever before.

The new GoldLine lottery costs just £1 per week to play and there's £500 to be won every day - plus a £50 consolation prize!

Alternatively you could join our new LifeLine lottery for £2 per week, which

offers you the chance to win £2000 per week - plus ten other consolation prizes of £50.00.

With 70p in every pound coming back to your club, the new lottery will be a vital source of income for Hornets. If we could recruit 3,000 members paying, on average, £2 a week that would give us £300,000 revenue a year, of which Hornets would receive around £200,000 - which would secure the future of our club.

To find out more, pick up an application form from the club office or give us a call during the week on 01706 648004.

As they say - every little helps: and, in this case, it could help a lot!

Enjoy the game.



# Keighley v York



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. COUGAR PARK

## KEIGHLEY COUGARS

## YORK CITY KNIGHTS

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| No.           | PLAYER                |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1             | George Raynor         |
| 2             | Sam Gardner           |
| 3             | Dan Potter            |
| 4             | Oliver Pursglove      |
| 5             | Gavin Duffy           |
| 6             | Jon Presley           |
| 7             | Danny Jones           |
| 8             | Andy Shickell         |
| 9             | James Feather         |
| 10            | Simon Bissell         |
| 11            | Will Cartledge        |
| 12            | Neil Lowe             |
| 13            | Carl Hughes           |
| 14            | Jermaine Wray         |
| 15            | Craig Brown           |
| 16            | Brendon Rawlins       |
| 17            | Scott Law             |
| 18            | Greg Nicholson        |
| 19            | Craig Fawcett         |
| 20            | Daley Williams        |
| 21            | Ryan Smith            |
| 22            | Lee Mapals            |
| 23            | James Hutchinson      |
| 24            | Luke Sutcliffe        |
| 25            | Wayne Sutcliffe       |
| Non-numbered: |                       |
|               | Dan Belcher,          |
|               | James Haythornthwaite |
|               | Tim Bibby,            |
|               | Tom Hall              |
|               | Ben Saga              |
|               | Jack Copperwaite      |
|               | Karl Gunney           |

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### COACH: BARRY EATON

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LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLL

LAST SIX HOME: W-WWWL

TRIES: Jon Presley 13, Lee Mapals 5

Gavin Duffy 3, six other players on two tries each.

GOALS: Danny Jones 28

DGs: Danny Jones

MAN TO WATCH: Lee Mapals

| No.                  | TODAY'S TEAM | No. |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Full back</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  |              |     |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   |              |     |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Stand off</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>Hooker</b>        |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>Loose forward</b> |              |     |
| <b>Interchange 1</b> |              |     |
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| <b>3</b>             |              |     |
| <b>4</b>             |              |     |

### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

### No. PLAYER

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Danny Ratcliffe |
| 2  | Steve Lewis     |
| 3  | John Oakes      |
| 4  | Dave Clayton    |
| 5  | Johnny Waldron  |
| 6  | Adam Mitchell   |
| 7  | Paul March      |
| 8  | Danny Ekis      |
| 9  | Paul Hughes     |
| 10 | Adam Sullivan   |
| 11 | Rob Kelly       |
| 12 | Tom Haberecht   |
| 13 | Richard Knight  |
| 14 | Tom Hodgson     |
| 15 | Chris Clough    |
| 16 | Jordan Ross     |
| 17 | Scott Woodcock  |
| 18 | Steve Grundy    |
| 19 | Kris Peacock    |
| 20 | Adam Jones      |
| 21 | Dave March      |
| 22 | Tom Stancliffe  |
| 23 | Adam Endersby   |
| 25 | Garry Green     |
| 26 | Luke Watling    |
| 27 | Danny Grimshaw  |
| 28 | Mike Mitchell   |
| 29 | Mark Applegarth |
| 30 | Carl Barrow     |
| 34 | Wayne McHugh    |

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### COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: LL-WLL

TRIES: John Oakes 7, Tom Haberecht

5, Danny Ratcliffe 5, Paul Hughes 5

GOALS: Adam Mitchell 16,

Richard Knight 11

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Richard Knight

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Thomason

Touch: T Mahar, M Mannfield

Fourth Official: C Hancock

### BENNETT'S BET

"Cougars are a handful on home turf

- Keighley by 4"

## CLUBCALL

## Keighley v York

# Not sure backing up is right for our leagues



Welcome to York officials, players and fans for tonight's Good Friday league game.

It is going to be a very tough, long weekend for all teams featuring today and again on Monday and, as I said in last week's notes, it is very strange that we play these two games then have a weekend off.

I am not sure whether our crowd or other club's attendance will be any better because of fixtures tonight or Monday which as far as I can

see is the only reason why we still play on Good Friday and again on Bank holiday Monday.

Surely we should start putting the players first as the game is getting tougher and faster every year.

Also let's not forget just about all players at this level have to work full time as well as training and playing for their clubs, so it is putting much more of a strain on their bodies than Super League players, who are full time and

can get the best possible rehabilitation in between matches.

I for one would welcome a review of these fixtures at our level in the future but for the moment we must get on with it and we will be as prepared mentally and physically as we can be for the two games ahead.

York will provide us with a really tough game as they are among the favourites and have some quality players in their squad so we will have to be at our best to match them

today. Last Sunday was a great occasion for the club and I thought we gave a very good account of ourselves, although the scoreline went away from us rapidly in the second half.

We put up a great fight in the first 40 minutes and then finished the game really positively so there was lots of good to take from the game.

We have hopefully learnt a few things about ourselves and the way the best go about their game also.

**Barry Eaton, coach**

## Sponsors supporting our junior game

HELEN CARTER, General manager

Good afternoon and welcome to Cougar Park for today's match in the Co-operative Championship One against York City Knights.

I would like to welcome York's directors, players and fans to the game today and I hope you enjoy your evening with us.

Today's game is sponsored by High Technology Lighting and Keighley Albion Juniors.

High Technology are sponsoring the game to show support for junior rugby league in Keighley and to celebrate the fact we have Keighley Cougar Cubs U-9s playing Keighley Albion U-9s and

Keighley Albion U-8s playing Kings Cross U-8s in a curtain raiser for you today.

Last week saw us hosting the Castleford Tigers in the fourth round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup and it was a fantastic day of rugby league.

Unfortunately the scoreboard didn't reflect how well the boys played but I think both teams played some fantastic rugby and it was a great day for all.

I would also like to thank the Castleford fans for coming over in such great numbers and being fantastic supporters and even cheering and clapping when our guys scored a try and I wish



Freddie the Cougar and his Tigers counterpart JT get ready to arm-wrestle for the Cougar Park crowd

them well for the rest of the cup campaign.

Unfortunately we are out of the Carnegie Challenge Cup now but we can focus on the league and hopefully take from last week into today's game.

I must also thank JT who took part in The Freddie Challenge at half-time in an arm-wrestle contest and I am pleased to say that Freddie thrashed him 3-0, so at least we came away with a win at some point in the day but thanks to the Castleford mascot JT for being such a great sport for us.

At the last game we were joined by Councillor Amjad Zaman, Keighley Town mayor and Councillor John Phillips, who presented us with a cheque for £12,000.

This is to fund an apprentice community development officer for the next three years and we are delighted that Keighley Town Council are supporting us with this.



Keighley mayor Amjad Zaman and fellow councillor John Phillips present us with a cheque for £12,000. The money will be used in youth development projects





# Workington v Hunslet



Friday April 10th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

## WORKINGTON TOWN

- No. PLAYER
- 1 Jay Duffy
- 2 Neil Frazer
- 3 Andrew Beattie
- 4 Jason Mossop
- 5 Jamie Marshall
- 6 Carl Forber
- 7 Steve Roper
- 8 Ryan Benjafield
- 9 Jack Pedley
- 10 Dean Burgess
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- 21 Mark Routledge
- 22 Patrick Coupar
- 23 Martyn Wilson
- 24 Jarrad Stack
- 25 Harry Kaufman

| POSITION SPONSOR              | No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
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### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LWL-LLLW  
 TRIES: Thomas Brindle 3, Stephen Dawes 3, Mark Hobson 2, Andrew Beattie 2, Jarrad Stack 2. GOALS: Carl Forber 12. DGs: Steve Roper  
 MAN TO WATCH: Stephen Dawes

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P Brooke  
 Touch: R Jones, J Page  
 Fourth Official: S Kilpatrick

### BENNETT'S BET

"Hawks are showing promising signs under Hallas - Hunslet by 4"

## HUNSLET HAWKS

- No. PLAYER
- 1 Nathan Larvin
- 2 Scott Childs
- 3 Tom Sheldrake
- 4 Michael Brown
- 5 John Richardson
- 6 Darren Robinson
- 7 Stuart Young
- 8 Joe Helme
- 9 Richard Chapman
- 10 Ben Lawton
- 11 Joe Howey
- 12 Jason Hart
- 13 Mark McKinley
- 14 Chris Redfearn
- 15 Andy Robinson
- 16 Mark Moxon
- 17 Steve Brook
- 18 Ayden Faal
- 19 Ben Walkin
- 20 Antony Thewliss
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COACH: GRAEME HALLAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: L-LLWL  
 TRIES: Ayden Faal 5, Tony Williams 3, Steve Brook 3, Scott Watson 3, Darren Robinson 3.  
 GOALS: Darren Robinson 11.  
 DGs: Richard Chapman  
 MAN TO WATCH: Darren Robinson

## CLUBCALL

## Workington v Hunslet

### Early results have shown it is so competitive

THE Co-operative Championship season has already thrown up some interesting results and I know will live up to my early season prediction that any team is capable of achieving a result in a tightly contested league.

Today is no exception as we face a Hunslet side full of confidence after an impressive win against London and a strong performance in last weekend's Challenge Cup at Batley.

We had a difficult away game against an

### By Dave Bowden Workington chairman

impressive Oldham side last time out but I know that if we play to our capabilities we can make Derwent Park a very difficult place for any team. I'm sure our players will wish to emphasise that point today.

A special mention regarding the next inductees into the Hall of Fame, following on from James Pickering's magnifi-

cent evening. It will be a joint affair with Harry Archer and Sol Roper on June 19.

This is also set to be a wonderful night because as individuals, and as a combination, they were arguably the best half back pairing the club has ever had.

If you are not a member of the Vice Presidents club you can apply for a ticket by ringing the club. Let's ensure we give both these great players the acclaim they so richly deserve.

# Lessons were harsh at Oldham

**W**e have had a few mixed emotions in the opening weeks of the Championship season.

We opened up well with a home win against a very competitive Hornets team and were then brought down to earth by an impressive Oldham side.

I was really pleased with the way in which we won the game against Rochdale. I reviewed the game and thought that at last we have learned how to win a tight game.

We defended well and ground the opposition down with good completion.

Steven Roper was a great influence on the team that day, sealing the win with a calmly-struck drop goal.

We travelled to Oldham with great optimism. Indeed we were having the better of things in the opening exchanges and were good for our 8-6 lead. Then disaster struck - we conceded a penalty and in the 10 minutes of madness that ensued we found ourselves 24-8 down.

From this we failed to recover and Oldham ran away

with the game. We learned a very harsh lesson that day as coaches and players.

While not trying to make excuses, we are not at that level yet. We have a lot of potential which will develop into winning performances as the season progresses. A win today will give a better look to our league position.

We welcome Hunslet Hawks to Derwent Park today. We will want to avenge the defeat they inflicted here last season. They have certainly recruited well in the off season with their PNG internationals. We will have to be at our best today.

Last week our conditioner Matthew Johnson put our players through a series of strength tests in the gymnasium. Neil Frazer, Martyn Wilson, Paddy Coupar and Tommy Brindle excelled at the weight lifting exercises while some of the lighter players - Darren King, Carl Forber, Jamie Marshall and Steven Roper - put in exceptional performances on chin ups and dips.

The ability to test players' fitness is a good tool to pro-



Conditioner Matthew Johnson has been assessing the squad

vide feedback to the squad and it also provides a good indicator for the coaches so we can amend our programmes accordingly.

Next weekend we are taking the players on a 'Boot Camp' at Catterick Garrison as guests of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

The club has developed strong links with the regiment over recent years.

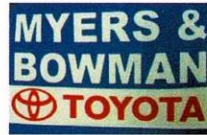
The aim of the camp is two fold; for us to train in a military environment to develop a strong work ethic and team cohesion and for the batallion team to train along-

side our players to help them improve their rugby league skills. Activities will include Physical Training (PT) with their PTIs, assault course, gun run, stretcher carry and some rugby league.

I know that taking us out of our natural habitat we will see a few characters revealed over the weekend. I'll report in next time of how things went.

Enjoy your Easter weekend.

**DAVE ROTHERAM,  
HEAD COACH**







# Batley v Toulouse



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

## BATLEY BULLDOGS

## TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE

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

### COACH: GARY THORNTON

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**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWDW**  
**LAST SIX HOME: L-LWLDW**  
**TRIES: George Flanagan 7, Jermaine McGilvary 5, Darryl Cardiss 4, Jon Simpson 4, Chris Buttery 3, Ian Preece 3.**  
**GOALS: George Flanagan 22. DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Jermaine McGilvary**

| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>Loose-forward</b> |     |
|     | <b>Interchange 1</b> |     |
|     | <b>2</b>             |     |
|     | <b>3</b>             |     |
|     | <b>4</b>             |     |

### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks  
 Touch: P Meadows, S Daniel  
 Fourth official: S Williams

### BENNETT'S BET

"Bulldogs to narrowly deny French their first win - Batley by 6"

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| No. PLAYER          | SPONSOR                       |
| 1 Rory Bromley      | SN Diffusion                  |
| 2 Sebastien Payan   | Dynadoc                       |
| 3 Sebastien Planas  |                               |
| 4 Damien Couturier  | Demathieu et Bard             |
| 5 Joris Canton      | France Boissons               |
| 6 Constant Villegas | Prosegur                      |
| 7 Nathan Wynn       | Copy Sud                      |
| 8 Brendan Worth     | Immodulair                    |
| 9 Martin Mitchell   | Gentlemen du Déménagement     |
| 10 Mathieu Griffi   | Groupe Cailleau               |
| 11 Timothy Wynn     | Groupe Carrère                |
| 12 Mathieu Almarcha | SNC Latitudes - Golf de Seilh |
| 13 Eric Anselme     | Aux Docks du bureau           |
| 14 Antoni Maria     | Renault Etats-Unis            |
| 15 Jerome Gout      | Citroën Etats-Unis            |
| 16 Olivier Pramil   | Océanis                       |
| 18 Adrien Viala     | Siemex                        |
| 20 Sylvain Houles   | Airbus Cimpa                  |
| 21 Bruno Ormeno     | Leroy Merlin                  |
| 22 Nicolas Faure    | IFB                           |
| Teli Pelo           | IPS Publicité                 |

### COACH: GILLES DUMAS

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLL**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: LL**  
**TRIES: Bruno Ormeno, Constant Villegas, Nathan Wynn, Rory Bromley, Sebastien Payan.**  
**GOALS: N Wynn 9**  
**DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Nathan Wynn**



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## CLUBCALL

## Batley v Toulouse

### A statistics update on our season so far

THE latest stats position for Season 2009 are as follows:

**Goal Kicking** - the leading goal kicker is George Flanagan who has landed 22 successful goals from 29 attempts which equates to a 76% success rate. Mark Barlow has landed 4 from 11 (36%). Paul Mennell has landed 3 from 6 (50%)

**The overall goal kicking success rate is 29 from 46 attempts which equates to a 63% success rate.**

**Try Scoring** - The leading try scorer is George Flanagan with 7 followed by Jermaine McGilvary with 5.

**Points scoring** - Leading the way is George Flanagan with 72 points, which equates to an average total of 8 points per game.

By Kevin Nicholas  
Chairman

**Consecutive appearances** - Ian Preece has appeared in 38 consecutive Batley matches. Luke Stencheon is in second place on 33.

**Consecutive games scored in** - Jermaine McGilvary has currently scored in 4 consecutive games.

**Penalty Count** - Stands at 91 penalties awarded and 83 conceded so far.

**TRIES SCORED** - 42  
**GOALS SCORED** - 29  
**POINTS SCORED** - 226

**TRIES CONCEDED** - 46  
**GOALS CONCEDED** - 41  
**POINTS CONCEDED** - 266  
**ATTENDANCES** - Home attendances total 3,731 from four home games for an average of 933.

**Home league attendances** total 2,410 from three league games for an average of 803.

**Coaching Record** - Gary Thornton and Joe Berry formed their coaching partnership on 12.2.2006 and from 92 games currently have recorded 37 wins, 2 draws and 52 defeats for a 41% success rate.

**Season 2009** - Nine games have seen four wins, one draw and four defeats for a 50% success rate.

Details correct as at 6.4.2009.

## History in the making as Toulouse come to the Mount

Today marks a historic day for the club. Although we have played a couple of French teams in the past in the Challenge Cup, this is the first time we have played French opposition in the league.

They have had a tough baptism into our competition, but I'm sure they will improve and do well as the season goes by.

They started a little later than every one else in the Championship due to their omission from the NRC, but with a full time squad the longer they are together the better they will become.

We don't know a lot about their players - they have some very good Australians and the best of the young local French talent - and we must ensure we are on our game today, to get the points we need to climb up the league.

So we welcome the play-

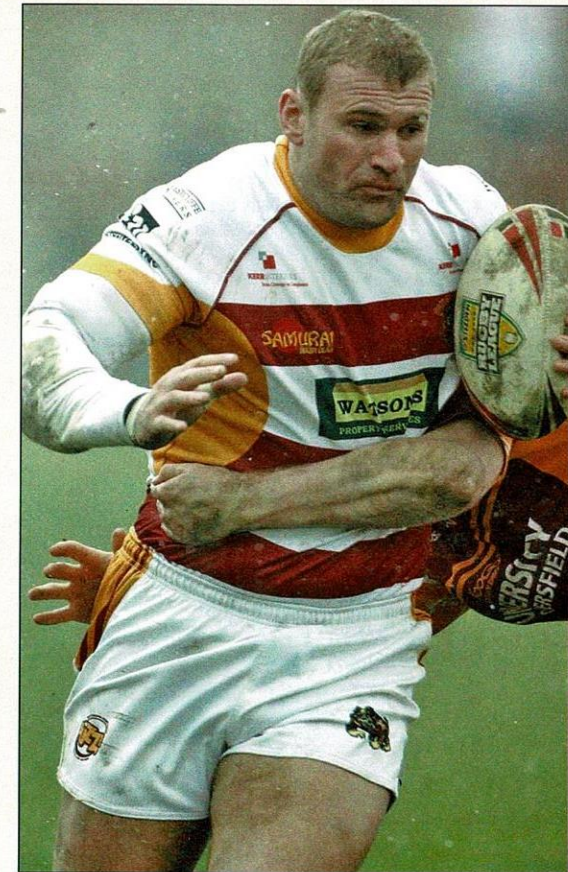
ers, coaches, officials and supporters of Toulouse Olympique to Mount Pleasant for today's game.

As I write this piece we are going into a very tough period of the season, with three games in eight days, so the resilience and the depth of the squad will be severely tested.

Halifax, Toulouse and Widnes will be really tough going and we have to get as many points as we can out of these games to ensure we don't lose touch with the top six.

Yet again injuries have bitten hard with Kev Crouthers and Mark Toohey likely to miss the Halifax game after picking up knocks last week-end against Hunslet, but hopefully they will be fit for today's game.

Our last home outing against Hunslet was yet again a mixed bag of fortunes for us.



Kevin Crouthers ... hopefully back for today

We started slowly, but recovered well enough to go on and win the game - admittedly not convincingly, but an ugly win is far better than playing well and losing.

And we did get in the hat for the next round, so we live

to fight another day. Thanks to all you loyal supporters for getting behind us - please keep supporting us.

Gary Thornton



# Dons v Widnes



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 8pm. KEEPMOAT STADIUM

## DONCASTER

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| SPONSOR                    | No. PLAYER         |
|                            | 1 -                |
| Green Energy Solutions     | 2 Dean Colton      |
| Geffery Broadhead          | 3 Andreas Bauer    |
| Pipers Car Sales           | 4 Shaun Leaf       |
| DISC (Dons Supporters)     | 5 Wayne Reittie    |
| Active Workwear            | 6 Kyle Briggs      |
| Needhams Bikes             | 7 Paul Handforth   |
| APS Toolhire               | 8 Michael Haley    |
| Praetorian Elite Ltd       | 9 Craig Cook       |
| Jane Speakman              | 10 Alex Benson     |
| Everlast Waterproofing     | 11 Peter Green     |
| Everlast Waterproofing     | 12 Craig Lawton    |
| Andy Booker                | 13 Josh Weeden     |
| Martins Famous Fish Market | 14 Scott Jones     |
|                            | 15 Mark Castle     |
|                            | 16 Nathan Freer    |
|                            | 17 Ross Divorty    |
| DISC (Dons Supporters)     | 18 Craig Holt      |
| RTN Motor Spares           | 19 Ryan Steen      |
|                            | 20 Michael Coady   |
| Jill Scarrow               | 21 Garry Ellery    |
|                            | 22 Andy Speake     |
|                            | 23 Scott Smith     |
| Sue Walford                | 24 Jake Bassinder  |
|                            | 25 Kevin Eadie     |
|                            | 26 Gareth Carey    |
|                            | 27 Albert Rounding |
|                            | 28 Jamie Bovill    |
|                            | 29 Matthew Carbutt |
|                            | 30 Luke May        |

**COACH: TONY MILLER**

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**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLL**  
**LAST SIX HOME: W-LWWL**  
**TRIES: Michael Coady 4, Craig Cook 4**  
**GOALS: Kyle Briggs 12, Andy Speake 7**  
**DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook**

## WIDNES VIKINGS

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| No. PLAYER          | SPONSOR                        |
| 1 Loz Wildbore      | John Mather & his many sons!   |
| 2 Dean Gaskell      | Barbara Spence                 |
| 3 Richard Varkulis  | Widnes Supporters Club         |
| 4 Toa Kohe Love     | Widnes Supporters Club         |
| 5 Danny Mills       | Kath Filkin                    |
| 6 Anthony Thackeray | VIQI                           |
| 7 James Webster     | VIQI                           |
| 8 Iain Morrison     | Museum Visitors                |
| 9 Mark Smith        | R J Lewis                      |
| 10 Jim Gannon       | Widnes World                   |
| 11 Lee Doran        | Swavesey Newsagents, Cambridge |
| 12 Richard Fletcher | Widnes Supporters Club         |
| 13 Lee Paterson     | Robert Johnson                 |
| 14 John Duffy       | James Owen                     |
| 15 Tim Hartley      | Marcus Booth                   |
| 16 Gavin Dodd       | The Dennett Family             |
| 17 Ben Kavanagh     | Ann & Andy Lee 2.5.09          |
| 18 Matt Strong      | Fraser Family                  |
| 19 Michael Ostick   | Halton Borough Council         |
| 20 Sam Thompson     | Leam Fox                       |
| 21 Scott Yates      | SDP Landscapes                 |
| 22 Paddy Flynn      | Reg & Lesley Warner            |
| 23 Shane Grady      | West Bank Bears ARLFC          |
| 24 Josh Simm        | Riverside College Sports Dept. |
| 25 Anthony Mullally | Mullally's Barbers             |
| 26 Steve Bannister  | North West Contracts           |
| 27 Brett Robinson   | SDP Landscapes                 |

**COACH: PAUL CULLEN**

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| <b>SCORERS</b> |
| Tries          |
| Conv           |
| Pens           |
| DGs            |

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: M Thomason  
 Touch: S Moss, C Dean  
 Fourth Official: J Seymour

**BENNETT'S BET**  
 "Vikings should have too much class for Dons - Widnes by 12"

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWL**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: WL-WLLL**  
**TRIES: Paddy Flynn 8, Jim Gannon 5, Mark Smith 5, Loz Wildbore 4.**  
**GOALS: Scott Yates 24, Tim Hartley 14, Gavin Dodd 8.**  
**DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Loz Wildbore**

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## CLUBCALL

## Doncaster v Widnes

# Without your help there is no club

Welcome everyone to the Keepmoat Stadium for our match against the Vikings. To all the supporters from Widnes I wish you safe travels.

At the start of the season we were all under the impression this season was going to be an uphill task and the last few weeks have shown that.

We are all disappointed to have gone out of the Challenge Cup last week after looking forward to a potential Super League tie in the next round.

As we all know it would have been a great financial boost for the club as well

### CEO David Marshall

as a great day out at the rugby for both sets of fans.

What we do need is the continued support from the Dons fans. Without your support there is no Dons and your continued backing is what keeps us going.

We're confident that we can get this season going and push on up the table.

We've been extremely unlucky with injuries, with eight of our first team players out. So considering this and our play-

er constraints our results have been comforting, not trying to mask over anything.

This Easter weekend highlights the need for a strong squad with some teams playing 240 minutes of rugby within a span of 7-8 days.

We have a great game against Sheffield in our South Yorkshire derby and today's opposition Widnes will provide one of the toughest challenges so far.

Hopefully our lads can put in some good performances and come away with the right results.

# Should be a big crowd to welcome the Vikings

HELLO everyone and welcome to today's game.

As this was written in advance before the week-end we have two very tough battles ahead of us. The Easter period proves to be a real test for all teams and we are coming up against two good sides in Widnes and Sheffield.

Our South Yorkshire derby at Sheffield promises to be a real tough battle, with the added incentive of it being on Sky.

The players on both sides will want to give a good account of themselves as they should week in week out. It has been a few years since Doncaster have beaten the Eagles so I'm sure the boys will be really up for the game.

As for Widnes they have shown just how much full time training can pay off for a team as they currently sit second in the table.

They are a quality outfit

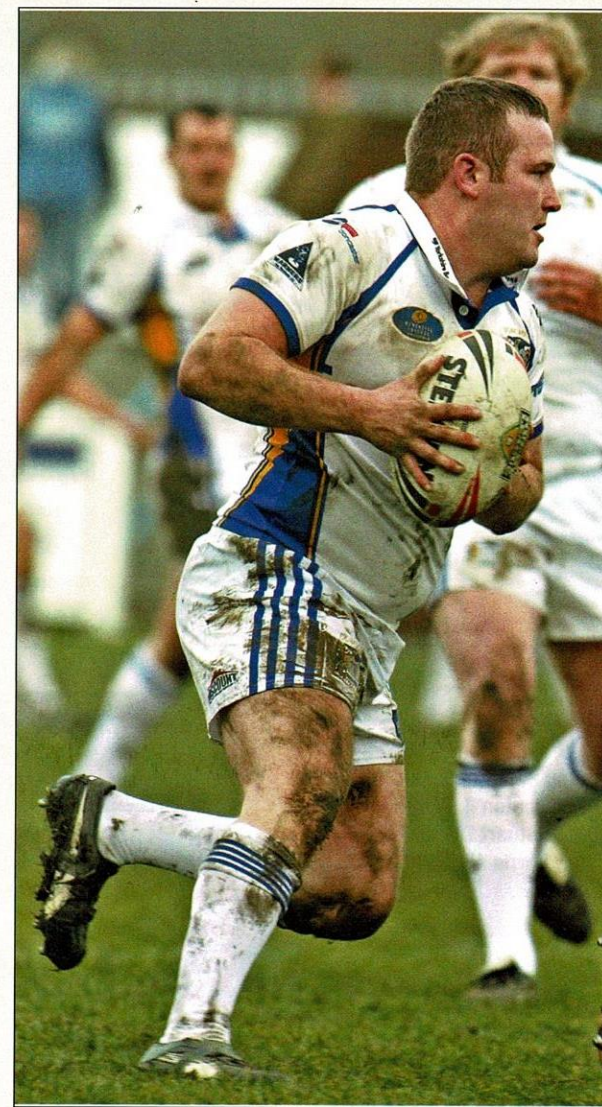
with good players all over the park. It gives us a good chance to gain some support from the Doncaster Rovers who play in the game before us on the double header Monday. So to all Rovers supporters here - I hope you enjoy the match.

Our form so far has been erratic, with us playing well during certain periods of the game and switching off others.

I think we have proved that our fitness levels are good as we have finished the last three fixtures the strongest. But we must compete for the full 80 minutes to win. As a squad we must cut out individual errors and improve our completion rate. Once we start to do this we will prove a threat to any side.

Enjoy the weekend and happy Easter.

**Tony Miller**  
Head Coach



Craig Cook - the Dons dangerman was a try scorer in the Cup last week and will be important over Easter



# Featherstone v Sheffield



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. THE CHRIS MOYLES STADIUM

## FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| SPONSOR                        | No. PLAYER          |
| Peter Smith Motorcycles        | 1 Tom Saxton        |
| Bev Coleman                    | 2 Waine Price       |
| Patrick & Gemma McNeil         | 3 Ian Hardman       |
| The Buccaneers Club            | 4 Andy Kirk         |
| Mark Hutchinson                | 5 Jon Steel         |
| Maureen Tennant-King           | 6 Iestyn Harris     |
| & Emily Harris                 |                     |
| Shindigz                       | 7 Andy Kain         |
| Terry King                     | 8 Tony Tonks        |
| Charlie Robinson &             | 9 Jack Lee          |
| Lynne Whitehouse               |                     |
| Vic & Sue Johnson              | 10 Stuart Dickens   |
| Doug & Barbara Wilford         | 11 Matt Dale        |
| Blue Lagoon Bar                | 12 Jamie Field      |
| Susan Parker                   | 13 Richard Blakeway |
| Blue Lagoon Bar                | 14 Tommy Haughey    |
| Study Rovers                   | 15 James Houston    |
| Gary Crompton                  | 16 Joe McLocklan    |
| Howard Lawton                  | 17 Joe Hirst        |
| John Lycett                    | 18 Tim Spears       |
| Peter Smith Motorcycles        | 19 Sean Hesketh     |
| Rovers Scholarship             | 20 Stuart Kain      |
| Hollie Bennett                 | 21 Steve Dooler     |
| Charlie Watson                 | 22 Matt Handforth   |
|                                | 23 Gareth Swift     |
| Capro Contracts                | 24 John Fallon      |
| Chelsey, Charlie & Megan Large | 25 Scott Wilson     |
| Lorne Mosley                   | MASCOT Bluebeard    |

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: L-WLWLW  
 TRIES: Andy Kain 9, Waine Price 5,  
 Tommy Haughey 5, Ian Hardman 4  
 Sam Smeaton 4, Jon Steel 5.  
 GOALS: Stuart Dickens 22,  
 Iestyn Harris 15. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Andy Kain

## SHEFFIELD EAGLES

| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>Loose forward</b> |     |
|     | <b>Interchange 1</b> |     |
|     | <b>2</b>             |     |
|     | <b>3</b>             |     |
|     | <b>4</b>             |     |

### SCORERS

Tries  
 Conv  
 Pens  
 DGs

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| No. Player           | Sponsor                              |
| 1 Jonny Woodcock     | AMCO                                 |
| 2 Bolu Fagborun      | Tolent                               |
| 3 Menzie Yere        | OSI                                  |
| 4 Mike Roby          | Jim Hawksworth, Suzanne Atkin        |
| 5 Ashley Thackeray   | Anne Collins                         |
| 6 Brendan Lindsay    | Pennine Business Forms               |
| 7 Gavin Brown        | Sheaf Telecom                        |
| 8 Jack Howieson      | Hanlon & Wright                      |
| 9 Grant Edwards      | Barnsley Industrial Training College |
| 10 Mitchell Stringer | Jayne Whaling                        |
| 11 Alex Szostak      | Jack Smith                           |
| 12 Ged Corcoran      | Hanlon & Wright                      |
| 13 Dane McDonald     | Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain          |
| 14 Andrew Boothroyd  | G4S Events                           |
| 15 Sam Barlow        | Redbrook Business Coaching           |
| 16 Trevor Exton      | Albion Detection Systems Ltd         |
| 17 Tom Buckenham     | Buckingham Insurance                 |
| 18 Saqib Murtza      | Zeenat Restaurant                    |
| 19 Kyle Wood         | OSI                                  |
| 20 Matty Brooks      | Walkabout Sheffield                  |
| 21 Aaron Groom       | AMCO                                 |
| 22 Ryan Hepworth     | Village Shop, Oughtibridge           |
| 23 Tangi Ropati      | HAS Consultants Ltd                  |
| 24 Matthew Whitaker  | Jack & Laura London                  |
| 25 James Morrow      | Corus Infrastructure Services        |
| 26 Nick Turnbull     | Hancock & Todd                       |
| 27 Tommy Trayler     | Modis                                |
| 28 Damian Gibson     | Richard & Andrea Brook               |
| 34 Eddie Batty       | Jill Swire                           |
| 35 Dan Hawksworth    | Mr & Mrs Lee                         |

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LL-LWWL  
 TRIES: Jonny Woodcock 5, Tangi  
 Ropati 3, Matty Brooks 3, Damian  
 Gibson 3, Brendon Lindsay 3.  
 GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 28  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Wood

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy  
 Touch: C Hancock, T Crashley  
 Fourth Official: A Sweet

### BENNETT'S BET

"Rovers to re-discover their home  
 league form - Featherstone by 6"

## CLUBCALL

## Featherstone v Sheffield

# Recent memories of classic encounter

As ever we give a massive welcome to Sheffield Eagles, one of the consistent performers in the Cooperative Championship in recent years, both persistent and competitive under the guidance of the head coach, and former Eagles and Rovers player, Mark Aston.

The games between the Rovers and the Eagles have become keenly contested to say the least and anyone who attended the league game at Don Valley last season (or saw it live on Sky TV) when Sheffield dropped a goal to win with the last kick of the game (from what seemed a million miles away!) will have been really entertained.

**STEVE EVANS**  
Chairman

I myself was gutted.

This year both teams are putting together some decent runs of form, with both clubs getting through to the next round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup and both drawing Super League teams - Sheffield at Hull Kingston Rovers and ourselves at home to Warrington Wolves.

The games to be played over the May 9/10 weekend which will mean our return Co-operative Championship fixture, due in Sheffield and scheduled for Friday May 8, looks like having to be re-

arranged.

For me, our match with Warrington will spark many memories, especially of the Wembley Final in 1974.

Perhaps it might be possible to get the two competing Wembley teams down to watch the 2009 Cup game? Let's work on that.

But back to today, let us hope that the match is played in great spirit and one that will leave great impressions on all fans for all the right reasons.

Remember that we operate a strict policy on verbal abuse and stupid actions off the field cannot and will not be condoned, less so tolerated.

Enjoy the match.

# We are well placed to deal with busy weekend

THIS is a big game for us at home today against a team that have stabilised in the Championship and have showed how to recruit players from the amateur and student game and turn them into professional players.

Two of my old team-mates coach the Eagles, Mark Aston used to play at Featherstone and Sheffield was my first pro club so this game means a fair bit to the coaches of both teams today.

The players of both sides are facing up to the second of the games over Easter which tests their mental strength and physical durability as well as the depth of squads depending on injury situations.

We are reasonably healthy so far with some bumps and bruises from last week and we are able to select from strength which is always a positive sign and one which gives coaches sleepless nights.

We are looking to kick on from a start to the season which has seen us progress in all the competitions to date, this though is the most important competition and we must start to develop consistency in our performances to challenge the big guns in this division.

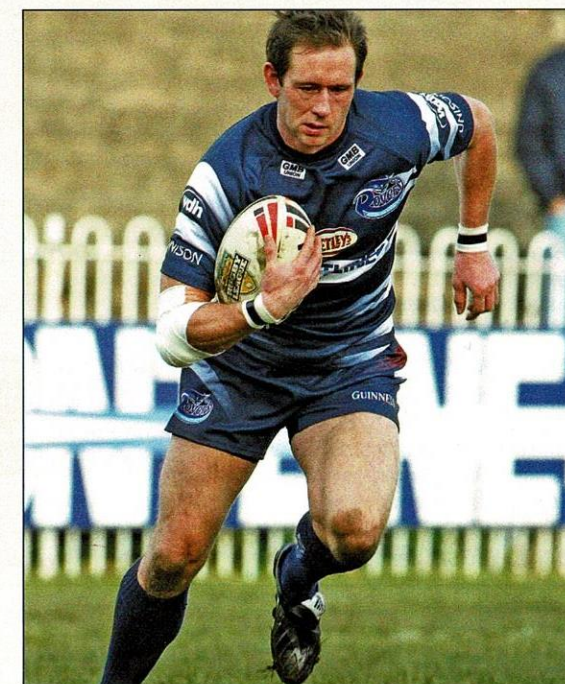
The Championship to date has shown how strong it is and Batley's defeat of Leigh the other week has proved any game is open, alongside this Barrow's performance at home to Wigan in the cup enhances the reputation of our league and the athletes performing in it.

Sheffield will be a stern test today, I watched them play Dewsbury last week and was impressed with their durability to come back and wear their opponents down late in the game.

They have quality across the field and Fiji international Aaron Groom will give them some real class when he is available.

Jon Steel and Andy Kirk came back from injury last week to strengthen our backline and both looked as if they hadn't been away, looking sharp. Both of them got over the tryline and looking strong defensively.

We need to be at our best today and I am confident we will start to develop the consistency of performance that all clubs are



Jon Steel made a great return from injury

searching for on a week-to-week basis.

The players are working exceptionally hard and in my experience this usually gets you what you want in whatever you do.

Coach Daryl Powell



# Leigh v Barrow



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 1pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

## LEIGH CENTURIONS

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| SPONSOR                   | No. PLAYER         |
| LISA Professor & Mrs Dale | 1 Stuart Donlan    |
|                           | 2 Dave Alstead     |
|                           | 3 Steve Maden      |
| Hattons Solicitors        | 4 Tony Stewart     |
|                           | 5 Nick Stanton     |
|                           | 6 -                |
| CS Tyres                  | 7 Ian Watson       |
|                           | 8 Andy Hobson      |
|                           | 9 Dave McConnell   |
| O'Neils                   | 10 Mike Morrison   |
| Ask Platt                 | 11 Dave Armitstead |
| Brick Design              | 12 James Taylor    |
|                           | 13 Aaron Smith     |
| Professor & Mrs Dale      | 14 Ian Mort        |
| Leythers Messageboard     | 15 Adam Higson     |
| Civil Solution            | 16 Chris Hill      |
|                           | 17 -               |
|                           | 18 Sam Reay        |
|                           | 19 Adam Rudd       |
|                           | 20 John Cookson    |
|                           | 21 Dale Cunniffe   |
|                           | 22 Jamie Smith     |
| JR Taxis                  | 23 Martyn Ridyard  |
|                           | 24 Dean Hatton     |
|                           | 25 Adam Thomas     |

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

COACH: NEIL KELLY

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WL-WWWL  
 TRIES: Jamie Durbin 6, Stuart Donlan 5, Martyn Ridyard 4, Steve Maden 4, Sam Reay 4, Ian Watson 4. GOALS: Ian Mort 32, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Durbin

## BARROW RAIDERS

|                      |                        |                            |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| No. TODAY'S TEAM No. | No. PLAYER             | SPONSOR                    |
| <b>Full back</b>     | 1 Gary Broadbent       | Advance Roofing Supplies   |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    | 2 Mike Backhouse       | Johnston Recruitment       |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  | 3 Ian Bell             | BAE Global Combat Systems  |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   | 4 Liam Harrison        | Premier Solutions          |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     | 5 James Nixon          | Furness Heating Components |
| <b>Stand off</b>     | 6 Liam Finch           | Jimmy Redfern Associates   |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    | 7 Liam Campbell        | The Infield Hotel          |
| <b>Prop</b>          | 8 Brett McDermott      | Saunders Transport         |
| <b>Hooker</b>        | 9 Andrew Ellis         | The Marine Travel Company  |
| <b>Prop</b>          | 10 Lee Dutton          | Mike Sear                  |
| <b>2nd row</b>       | 11 Andrew Brocklehurst | Estuary Electrical         |
| <b>2nd row</b>       | 12 Martin Ostler       | E.P. Access                |
| <b>Loose forward</b> | 13 Andrew Bracek       | R.F. Miller Accountants    |
| <b>Interchange 1</b> | 14 Paul Noone          | Shaun Anderson Osteopath   |
| <b>2</b>             | 15 Chris Young         | Abbey House Hotel          |
| <b>3</b>             | 16 Jamie Butler        | Larry Hunt, Cross Keys     |
| <b>4</b>             | 17 Scott Kaighan       | Coniston Holidays          |
|                      | 18 James Finch         | Jimmy Redfern Associates   |
|                      | 19 Chris Larkin        | Kevin Hodgson              |
|                      | 20 Nicky Beach         | Paul Turner (NWEM)         |
|                      | 21 Joe McKenna         | Larry Hunt, Cross Keys     |
|                      | 22 Ned Catic           | Optec Fibres               |
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|                      | 24 Alipate Tani        | SITA (UK) Ltd              |
|                      | 25 Sevania Koro        | E.P. Access                |
|                      | 27 Darren Holt         | Jimmy Redfern Associates   |
|                      | 28 Michael Darby       | S & M Leisure (Kit)        |
|                      | 32 Ruairi McGoff       | Nigel and Alison Atkinson  |
|                      | 35 Matt Storey         | Alastair McGregor          |

### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWL-WLW  
 TRIES: James Nixon 7, Andrew Ellis 6, Liam Campbell 6, Liam Harrison 5, Liam Finch 5, Mike Backhouse 4. GOALS: Paul Noone 37. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finch

### MATCH OFFICIALS

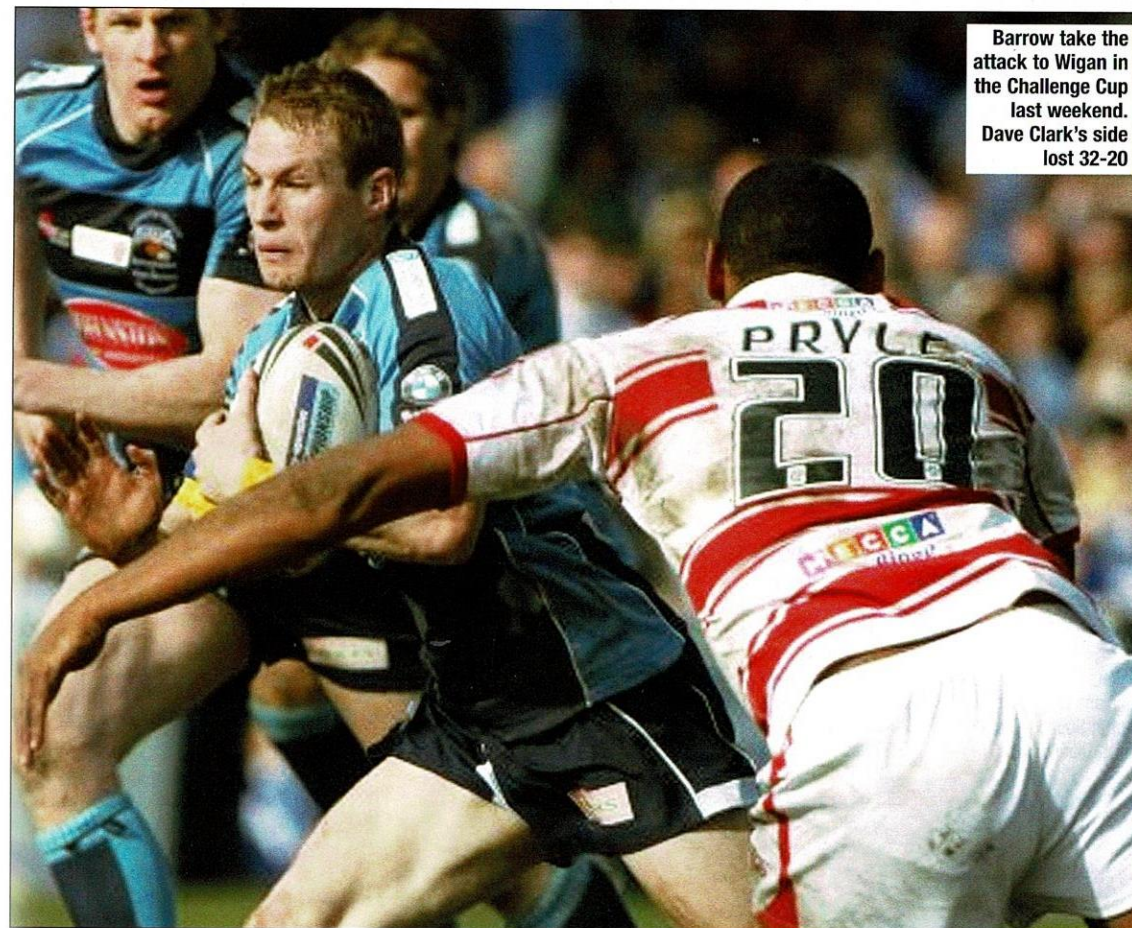
Referee: G Hewer  
 Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace  
 Fourth Official: D Sharpe

### BENNETT'S BET

"Centurions to claim points on home turf - Leigh by 4"

## CLUBCALL

## Leigh v Barrow



Barrow take the attack to Wigan in the Challenge Cup last weekend. Dave Clark's side lost 32-20

# Enjoy the match and Legends

monitor this to see if this could be an option for the rest of the season. The reason we cannot open it to the general public is because of the current licensing laws which dictate it has to be a members bar.

We are striving desperately to try and organise something in the way of a public bar and are looking at the possibilities of a marquee on-site to create a carnival atmosphere for our fans but more importantly as a post-game venue for the players, staff and spectators to mix like they used to in the good old days.

I have received a couple of letters this week from fans who are struggling to get to the stadium, mainly because they live outside the Leigh area and don't drive, so although they can get to Leigh Bus station they cannot get any nearer by public transport and have walking difficulties.

I am attending a travel plan meeting this week with all the partners from the Sports Village and Wigan MBC so hopefully we can make the stadium accessible to all.

Our next game is in France against Toulouse Olympique. Cedric Garcia e-mailed me this week to inform me the venue had been switched to Stade Ernest Angeles (in Biagnac) because the facilities are better for a live TV game. This stadium is 10 minutes away and they are putting on transport for our spectators from the Minimes Stadium.

Incidentally anyone who is not going to France can watch the game live on on/livelinevradio.orange-sports-france.

Enjoy the game.

Allan Rowley, chief executive

GOOD afternoon and welcome to our Easter Monday Co-operative Championship fixture against Barrow.

I am writing these notes before the Good Friday fixture at Widnes and hopefully we will have come away from there with the spoils.

Barrow gave a fantastic display against Wigan in the Carnegie Challenge Cup and if that is any indication of the job in hand today then we will have to be on the ball.

We have opened the Legends bar today for our season ticket holders and LISA members and the Sports Village will

**We're supporting Leigh!**

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# Whitehaven v Halifax



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. RECREATION GROUND

## WHITEHAVEN

## HALIFAX RLFC

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| No. | PLAYER           |
|-----|------------------|
| 1   | Craig Benson     |
| 2   | Ade Adebisi      |
| 3   | Rob Jackson      |
| 4   | Derry Eilbeck    |
| 5   | Craig Calvert    |
| 6   | Carl Rudd        |
| 7   | Leroy Joe        |
| 8   | Marc Jackson     |
| 9   | Greame Mattinson |
| 10  | Karl Edmondson   |
| 11  | Howard Hill      |
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| 13  | Scot McAvoy      |
| 14  | Danny Barker     |
| 15  | Ryan McDonald    |
| 16  | Andy Gorski      |
| 17  | John Walker      |
| 18  | John Patrick     |
| 19  | Kyle Amor        |
| 20  | Marc Bainbridge  |
| 21  | Taani Lavu Lavu  |
| 22  | Matt Tunstall    |
| 23  | Marc Shackley    |
| 24  | Greg McNally     |
| 25  | Jamie Theoharus  |

| No.                  | TODAY'S TEAM | No. |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Full back</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  |              |     |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   |              |     |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Stand off</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>Hooker</b>        |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>Loose forward</b> |              |     |
| <b>Interchange 1</b> |              |     |
| <b>2</b>             |              |     |
| <b>3</b>             |              |     |
| <b>4</b>             |              |     |

### SCORERS

Tries  
Conv  
Pens  
DGs

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWW  
LAST SIX HOME: WW-WWWW  
TRIES: Gregg McNally 14, Derry Eilbeck 4, Andy Gorski 4, Ade Adebisi 4, John Patrick 4.  
GOALS: Gregg McNally 29, Carl Rudd 6, Marc Jackson 5. DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Gregg McNally

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughton  
Touch: L Todd, J Asquith  
Fourth Official: M Mannifield

### BENNETT'S BET

"Haven to prove potential title credentials - Whitehaven by 2"

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWWW  
LAST SIX AWAY: LWW-WWWW  
TRIES: Said Tamghart 6, Sean Penkywicz 6, Miles Greenwood 6, Ben Black 6.  
GOALS: Mick Govin 20, Ben Black 12, James Haley 10. DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Sean Penkywicz

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## CLUBCALL

## Whitehaven v Halifax



Dick Raaz  
Chairman

### Invigorating time of the year

Spring and the Easter holidays are a time of renewal and invigoration.

This is certainly the case here at Whitehaven as the team coalesce into a seasoned unit. I hope that you and your family find today's match to be the perfect ending to a wonderful holiday weekend.

The team and the staff have dedicated themselves to providing the best sporting experience they can deliver. We ask you to enjoy the spirit of the competition and respect the

family-friendly atmosphere we are all striving to recapture.

Barrow and Halifax will, no doubt, inspire fiercely fought games - we enter the weekend top of the league but are under no illusions about the strengths of our opposition.

However we have every intention of maintaining our number one position and I look forward to two exciting and hard matches.

Please enjoy the day and support your team - they deserve it!

Lastly, I want to thank you for spending your Bank Holiday with us and hope to see you on many more weekends throughout the remainder of the season.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our match sponsors for the Halifax game - Tony Ansell and Thompson Solicitors and thank them for their continued support of the club. We really hope that everyone enjoys our Easter Monday Family Day.

# Big guns are lining up but we are ready for them

TODAY we host Halifax, a team we know well from last season.

Our supporters will remember that we knocked them out of the play-off series and we know they will come with a grudge, still smarting from that end-of-season defeat at the Shay.

We had a lot to play for going into that game. We had a lot of injuries but we're probably at our best when people are looking for a reason for us not to play well.

This is Halifax's third game in 10 days and we are catching them at the right time.

Our focus last week was on Barrow, ahead of the Good Friday game against the Raiders at Craven Park.

To some extent, we know what we'll get from Halifax.

They haven't changed an awful lot in the way they play from last year. Graham Holroyd has left the club, of course, and he was a big influence on them.

But they still have very good players in key positions.

To some extent, we might catch them off guard, but we know they'll be up for this match, as will we.

We went in to the Easter programme leading the Co-operative Championship table, with three wins from three games, but our feet remain firmly on the ground.

We know we still have the big teams to play, but we are striking them at the right time.

Enjoy the match.

**Ged Stokes, head coach**



Rob Jackson on the charge in last season's play-off semi which Haven won. Halifax will be looking for revenge today.

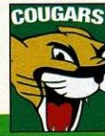


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# Hunslet v Keighley



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

## HUNSLET HAWKS

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**No. PLAYER**  
1 Nathan Larvin  
2 Scott Childs  
3 Tom Sheldrake  
4 Michael Brown  
5 John Richardson  
6 Darren Robinson  
7 Stuart Young  
8 Joe Helme  
9 Richard Chapman  
10 Ben Lawton  
11 Joe Howey  
12 Jason Hart  
13 Mark McKinley  
14 Chris Redfeare  
15 Andy Robinson  
16 Mark Moxon  
17 Steve Brook  
18 Ayden Faal  
19 Ben Walkin  
20 Antony Thewliss  
21 Dan Cook  
22 Scott Watson  
23 Jonny Wainhouse  
24 Charlie Wabo  
25 Michael Mark  
26 Nico Slain  
27 Gareth Firm

| No.                  | TODAY'S TEAM | No. |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|
| <b>Full back</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Right Wing</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Right Centre</b>  |              |     |
| <b>Left Centre</b>   |              |     |
| <b>Left Wing</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Stand off</b>     |              |     |
| <b>Scrum half</b>    |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>Hooker</b>        |              |     |
| <b>Prop</b>          |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>2nd row</b>       |              |     |
| <b>Loose forward</b> |              |     |
| <b>Interchange 1</b> |              |     |
| <b>2</b>             |              |     |
| <b>3</b>             |              |     |
| <b>4</b>             |              |     |

### SCORERS

**Tries**

**Conv**

**Pens**

**DGs**

**No. PLAYER**  
1 George Raynor  
2 Sam Gardner  
3 Dan Potter  
4 Oliver Pursglove  
5 Gavin Duffy  
6 Jon Presley  
7 Danny Jones  
8 Andy Shickell  
9 James Feather  
10 Simon Bissell  
11 Will Cartledge  
12 Neil Lowe  
13 Carl Hughes  
14 Jermaine Wray  
15 Craig Brown  
16 Brendon Rawlins  
17 Scott Law  
18 Greg Nicholson  
19 Craig Fawcett  
20 Daley Williams  
21 Ryan Smith  
22 Lee Mapals  
23 James Hutchinson  
24 Luke Sutcliffe  
25 Wayne Sutcliffe  
Non-numbered:  
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**COACH: GRAEME HALLAS**

**COACH: BARRY EATON**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLWL**  
**LAST SIX HOME: LLL-LLW**  
**TRIES: Ayden Faal 5, Tony Williams 3, Steve Brook 3, Scott Watson 3, Darren Robinson 3.**  
**GOALS: Darren Robinson 11.**  
**DGs: Richard Chapman**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Darren Robinson**

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley  
Touch: S Kilpatrick, S Johnson  
Fourth Official: J Downham

### BENNETT'S BET

"Cougars to grind it out at improving Hawks  
- Keighley by 2"

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWL**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: LLW-LLL**  
**TRIES: Jon Presley 13, Lee Mapals 5, Gavin Duffy 3, six other players on two tries each.**  
**GOALS: Danny Jones 28**  
**DGs: Danny Jones**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Lee Mapals**



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## CLUBCALL

## Hunslet v Keighley Cougars

# We just need a bit of luck for rest of season

TODAY'S game pitches several ex-teammates in to battle together as both sides seek to gain momentum at the beginning of the season.

In our last two games we comfortably beat London Skolars followed by a nail biter at Mount Pleasant against Batley Bulldogs, which we lost in the dying seconds.

We also conceded two tries in the final minute of the first half and even then managed to miss a try scoring opportunity due to a knock on with the try-line in sight just as the half-time hooter went.

All in all it was a very frustrating day for both the players and fans as we all thought we had done enough to warrant a place in the hat for the next round.

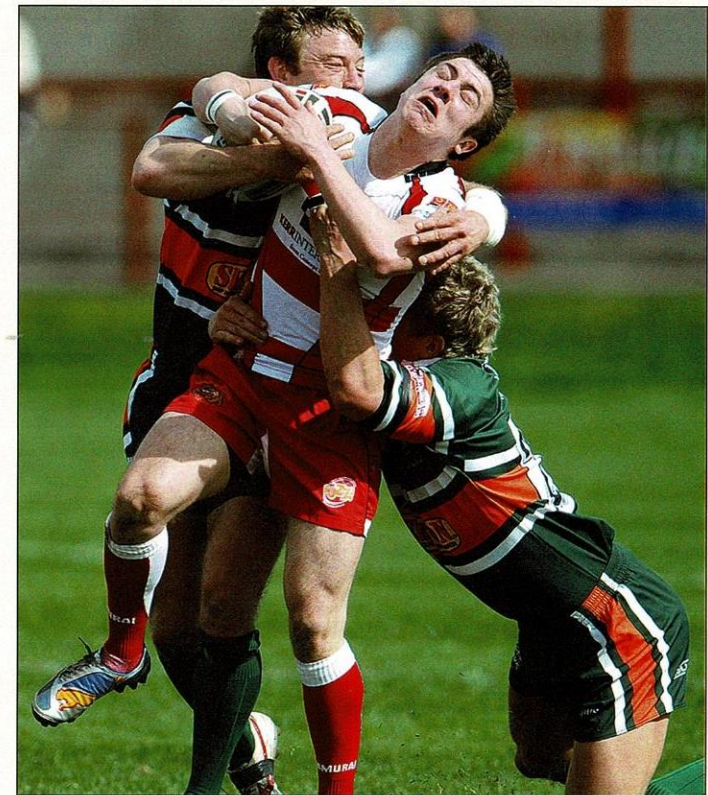
Due to the holiday period and 'Game On's tight schedules and deadlines, I am writing this prior to our trip to Cumbria to face Workington Town.

If we can produce the same level of commitment, and with a bit more help from 'Lady Luck' than of late, we should be brim full of confidence for today's game after a win under our belts.

Finally a big thank you to all our players and fans who supported the recent 'Boxing Night' at the Frontier Club - especially to Joe Howey, Darren Robinson and Scott Aitken who all pulled on the gloves for a real worthy cause.

Approximately £20,000 was raised from the event, a fantastic amount and a truly fabulous turnout from the Co-operative Championship Clubs.

**Alan Stephenson**  
**Chief Executive**



Getting to grips with Batley in last week's Challenge Cup nail-biter

# We are improving but need results

**T**he Challenge Cup often provides a stimulus for an improved performance in the league.

Last Sunday's match against Batley was a vast improvement on previous away displays and came on the back of a great team performance against London Skolars.

However we have now come to the time of the season when we have to look at results rather than performances.

The club has clear aspirations and in order to fulfil them, the club has to start winning.

The Easter games will give us a clear indication as to whether or not we are fulfilling our potential.

## Charlotte Ball

### Promotions Secretary

Today's opponents Keighley Cougars, provide us with a difficult task.

They beat us in the Northern Rail Cup 44-6 but the game was not as one-sided as the scoreline suggests.

Hunslet will have to be seen to be of a stronger substance than on our previous encounter. Our PNG players are fit and raring to go.

The better weather and playing surfaces will be to their advantage. It should be now that playing a consistent and

established side should bear fruits.

This is a make or break season for the Hawks.

Laden with historic debt, we have got to be professional, honest and hardworking. If we fail in our application, we fail in the ancestry of the club and all those that served it so well over generations.

In a critical analysis these Easter games will determine the season and a possible pathway for the future.

It is essential we look for victories rather than "we did ok".

There should be a Hunslet vein that runs through the club which becomes a pulse and a heartbeat enthused by honest endeavour and passion.

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# Skolars v Blackpool



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

## LONDON SKOLARS

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SPONSOR                    | No. PLAYER                   |
| Lanes Coaches              | 1 Frank Reid                 |
| Alan Greenwood             | 2 Corey Simms                |
| No.1 City Road Bar & Grill | 3 Olly Fountain              |
|                            | 4 Oliver Bloom               |
|                            | 5 Austen Aggrey              |
|                            | 6 Jermaine Coleman           |
|                            | 7 Paul Thorman               |
|                            | 8 Dave Ellison               |
|                            | 9 Gareth Honor               |
|                            | 10 Glenn Osborn              |
|                            | 11 Matt Thomas               |
|                            | 12 Dene Miller               |
| Craig Ackroyd              | 13 Jaymes Chapman            |
| OnePersonalTraining        | 14 Graeme Spencer            |
|                            | 15 Bobby Wallis              |
|                            | 16 Tony Williams             |
|                            | 17 Chad Isles                |
|                            | 18 Orriesso Agbareh          |
|                            | 19 Leigh Nissen              |
|                            | 20 Paul Hyder                |
|                            | 21 Ben Joyce                 |
|                            | 22 Danny Burke               |
| The Gladys Aylward School  | 23 Andre Vine                |
|                            | 24 Smokie Junor              |
| OnePersonalTraining        | 25 Jaroslaw Obuchowski       |
|                            | 26 Olu Iwenofu               |
|                            | Keir Bell                    |
|                            | Bernard Rule                 |
|                            | Jy-Mel Coleman               |
| Sportstraders              | Assistant Coach: Kevin Reith |

COACH: CALLUM IRVING

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LLL-LLL  
 TRIES: Austen Aggrey 3,  
 Olu Iwenofu 3.  
 GOALS: Paul Thorman 8  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul Thorman

## BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

|                      |                    |  |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| No. TODAY'S TEAM No. | No. PLAYER         | SPONSOR                                      |
| Full back            | 1 Johnny Leather   | Blackpool Supporters                         |
| Right Wing           | 2 Damien Munroe    | Derek Way Roofing                            |
| Right Centre         | 3 Tom Woodcock     | Clover Tech of Wigan                         |
| Left Centre          | 4 Mark McCully     | Chorley Supporters                           |
| Left Wing            | 5 Chris Muga       | Morris and Oxley                             |
| Stand off            | 6 Simon Svabic     | S. Beilby and Family                         |
| Scrum half           | 7 Chris Forster    | Blackpool Supporters                         |
| Prop                 | 8 Peter Fairhurst  | ACM Scaffolding Services                     |
| Hooker               | 9 John Clough      | Seabridge Freight Services                   |
| Prop                 | 10 John Hill       | Robert Yates Design                          |
| 2nd row              | 11 Paul Alcock     |  |
| 2nd row              | 12 Kris Ratcliffe  | Paul Wilson                                  |
| Loose forward        | 13 Rob Draper      | Clark Draper Family/<br>Sheperds Inn, Lowton |
| Interchange 1        |                    | G&M Building Contractors                     |
| 2                    | 14 Martin Keaveney |  |
| 3                    | 15 Mel Alker       | Rema Tip Top                                 |
| 4                    | 16 Ian Hodson      | Morris Bakers                                |
| SCORERS              | 17 David Llewellyn |  |
| Tries                | 18 John Boland     | S. Beilby and Family                         |
| Conv                 | 19 Liam McGovern   |  |
| Pens                 | 20 Tom Wild        | Morris and Oxley                             |
| DGs                  | 21 Andy Marsh      |  |
|                      | 22 Keiron Tucker   |  |
|                      | 23 Daryll Kaye     |  |
|                      | 24 Chris Campbell  | Meyer Group Ltd                              |
|                      | 25 Wes Lawton      | Morris and Oxley                             |
|                      | 26 Craig Tunstead  |  |
|                      | Dean Hatton        |  |
|                      | Gareth Langley     |  |

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: W-LLLLL  
 TRIES: Mark McCully 5, Johnny  
 Leather 5, Dean Hatton 3, Gareth  
 Langley 3, David Llewellyn 3, Dean  
 Hatton 3.  
 GOALS: Johnny Leather 12. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Mark McCully

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran  
 Touch: G Jones, J Greenwood  
 Fourth Official: S Matthews

### BENNETT'S BET

"Panthers should collect points against  
 struggling Skolars - Blackpool by 22"

## Our Community Sponsors



## CLUBCALL

## Skolars v Blackpool

### Teenagers force their way into the squad

THE club has made two signings in recent weeks.

Jy-Mel Coleman made his debut at stand-off against Hunslet Hawks two weeks ago. The younger brother of Jermaine Coleman, Jy-Mel has been part of the hugely-successful Leeds Met University side and was part of the England squad in the 2008 Student World Cup.

Unfortunately, it may be some time before the two brothers line up together as Jermaine is still recovering from an operation to repair damaged ligaments.

Another youngster joining the first team squad is Enfield's Andre Vine.

The 17-year-old has been starring for the North London Stags Under-18s in the Gillette National Youth League and has been a Skolars junior representative for the past four seasons.

Andre attends Gladys Aylward School in Enfield who have been fully supportive of his blossoming rugby league career and are the

### SKOLARS UPDATES

base for one of London rugby league's newest clubs, the Edmonton Tigers.

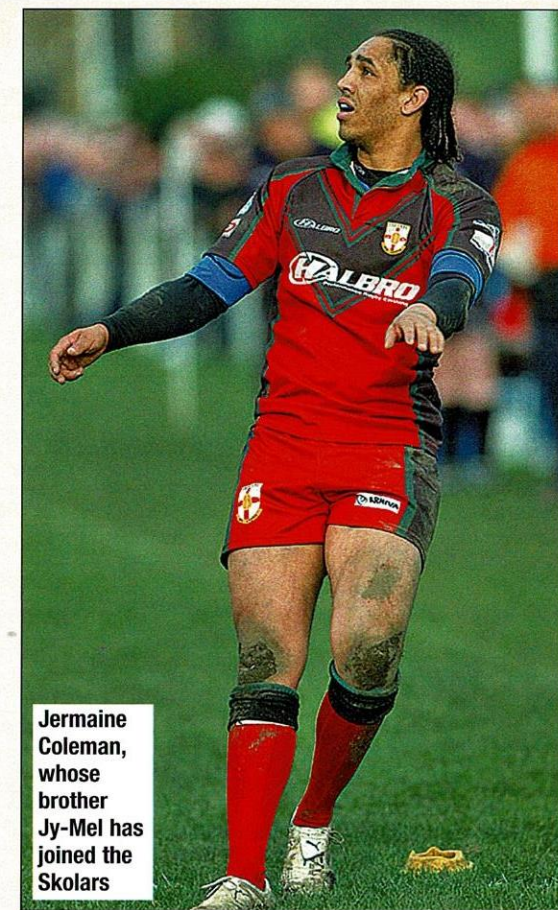
Gladys Aylward School has also come on board as Andre Vine's player sponsor throughout the 2009 season.

Commenting on Andre's signing, senior teacher Rob Collis said: "Andre is a fantastic role model in the school and we wish him the best of luck with his professional career. We hope he continues to provide inspiration for other pupils looking to achieve."

"The school is very keen to develop rugby league both within the curriculum and most importantly be the hub for the sport in Enfield for school and community use."

### Fixture change

THE home game against Oldham, originally scheduled for Monday May 4, has now been brought forward two days and will be played on Saturday May 2.



Jermaine Coleman, whose brother Jy-Mel has joined the Skolars

## Determined to turn corner



WELCOME to everybody for today's game.

Times have been tough for us over the past four weeks and we know that as a group we need to dramatically improve or face a long tough season. In saying that we are all confident that the ability is in us, we just need to work out how to use it on a match day.

The Hunslet game offered a time for reflection and looking through the video it was pretty easy for us to see what our problems were.

The wonderful thing about sport is that the chance to turn things around comes once every weekend so we will be looking to do that today.

However in a shortened season those chances will rapidly start running out so this Easter programme is massive for us in terms of starting our season.

Finally congratulations to the North London U-18s in their inaugural season in the Gillette National Youth League, not only just in completing their first season in what is a tough competition both in terms of standard and in travelling terms and commitment, but also with ending with a victory over Siddal.

Well done boys, we'll be seeing a lot more of you all as the seasons progress.

Coach Callum Irving (pictured)



# Swinton v Workington



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SEDGLEY PARK

## SWINTON LIONS

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SPONSOR                            | No. PLAYER         |
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| Lethbridge & Co                    | 15 Gary Hulse      |
| John Spellman                      | 16 Alex McLurg     |
| MS Lottery Services                | 17 Tommy Grundy    |
| Ray Bowdler                        | 18 Gareth Hayes    |
| Burrow & Humphries                 | 19 Neil Rigby      |
| PhysiO2                            | 20 Adam Bibey      |
| In memory of Graham Berry          | 21 Rob Line        |
| Moorside Autos                     | 22 Darren Bamford  |
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| Premier Building Ltd               | 24 Paul Crook      |
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| Phil, Ann & Josh Walker            | 26 Chris Frodsham  |
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| In memory of Frank Stanton         | 28 Dave Newton     |
| Redsentinel                        | 29 Carl Sneyd      |
| Northline Business Consultants     | 30 Andy Saywell    |

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LL-LWWW  
 TRIES: Dave Hull 9, Marty Moana 3,  
 Dave Newton 3, Tommy Grundy 3,  
 Carl Sneyd 3  
 GOALS: Carl Sneyd 30  
 DGs: Craig Ashall  
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Sneyd

## WORKINGTON TOWN

|     |                      |     |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. |
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |
|     | <b>Loose forward</b> |     |
|     | <b>Interchange 1</b> |     |
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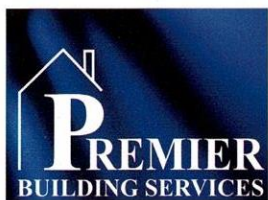
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 Pens  
 DGs

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: L-LLLL  
 TRIES: Thomas Brindle 3, Stephen  
 Dawes 3, Mark Hobson 2, Andrew  
 Beattie 2, Jarrad Stack 2.  
 GOALS: Carl Forber 12. DGs: Steve  
 Roper  
 MAN TO WATCH: Stephen Dawes

**BENNETT'S BET**  
*"Lions should have too much for Town at home  
 - Lions by 14"*

We're backing the Lions!



## CLUBCALL

## Swinton v Workington

# Both sides have little time for preparation

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Park Lane for this afternoon's Championship One match with Workington Town. I would like to extend a special welcome to Dave Rotheram for what is already his second visit of the season.

Today's game being the second in four days will no doubt be a big test for all teams in the competition, results possibly coming down to the team with the most strength in depth.

It is a massive task for all clubs' players at all levels of the game to back up like that, giving very little time for homework or preparation on the opposition.

Given the fact we played Workington only four weeks ago in the Northern Rail Cup that task will not be that difficult for myself or Dave Rotheram. No doubt that encounter is still fresh in both sides' minds.

Last week's game with the Hornets in the Carnegie Challenge

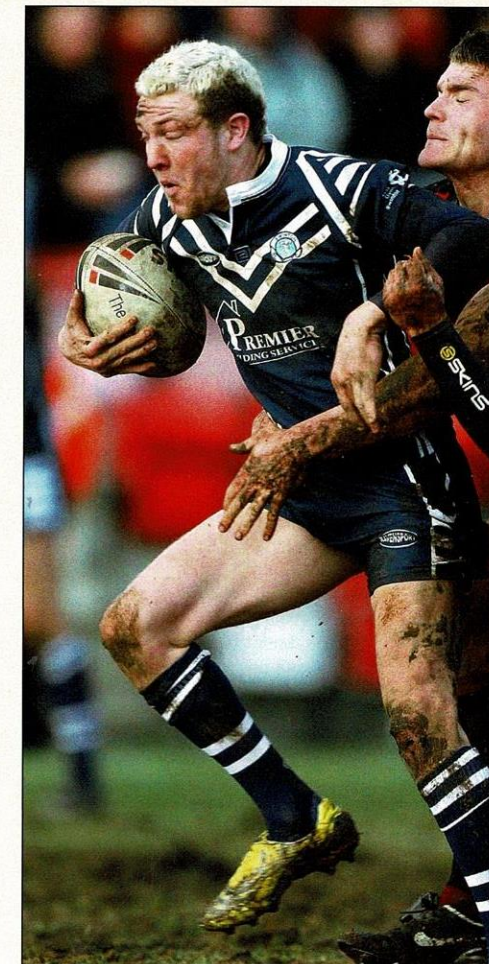
Cup was a bitter disappointment for us

Our performance was way below par with the result at the end going away from ourselves and local rivals Hornets deservedly going into the hat for the next round.

I hope we have improved on our performance from that game in what will again have been a tough league game away at Blackpool on Good Friday.

Finally on a very sad note - on behalf of all the players, staff and supporters I would like to send out condolences to Richie Hawkyard and his family. Only an hour before the game against Hornets he learned that his father had passed away. Such was his father's love of the game his wishes were for Richie to play on in the game.

**Paul Kidd,  
Head coach**



Richie Hawkyard - dad wanted him to play

# Need to generate feel-good factor

Good afternoon and welcome to this Easter Monday clash with Workington Town.

After the disappointment of being knocked out of the Challenge Cup by the Hornets last weekend, we must now turn all our energies towards the league campaign and hopefully we will have returned to winning ways against Blackpool on Good Friday.

Commercially it is far easier to attract sponsorship etc when a team is winning. There is always a feel-good factor when results are going your way.

As always we are grateful for our matchday sponsors support and in particular Premier Building Services, who are today's Champagne Moment sponsor.

Please note the following events and dates in your diaries:

• Sunday June 28, v Hunslet - Charity Day

## GENERAL MANAGER MARK SULLIVAN

- Sunday July 19, v Blackpool - Past Players Day
- Sunday Aug 2, v York - Ladies Day
- Sunday Aug 23, v London Skolars - Family Fun Day

Meanwhile we continue our Community Development Programme with Marty Moana and the community coaches within local schools and community groups.

More and more kids are having their horizons broadened and their skills developed in the art of rugby league.

Marty's work is part funded, among other things, through the Swinton Lions Goldline Lottery where for only £1 per week members have the chance to win £500 per day in the daily draw and up to

£5,000 in the weekly Rollover Draw.

If you would like to join and support our work, please contact us, details are listed towards the ends of this article.

Fundraising is an important part of any club's activities and the Lions are working closely alongside local sporting and community groups in order to raise much needed funds for their and our causes.

If there are any groups out there who need help in any way or would like to become involved with the Lions fundraising activities, please register your interest by emailing: [info@swintonlionsrlc.co.uk](mailto:info@swintonlionsrlc.co.uk) or by calling the office on 0871 231 2111.

On a sadder note, commiserations from everyone involved with the Lions go out to Richie Hawkyard and his family following the death of his father last week.





# York v Hornets



Monday April 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. HUNTINGTON STADIUM

## YORK CITY KNIGHTS

| SPONSOR                     | No. PLAYER         |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| The Raylor Centre           | 1 Danny Ratcliffe  |
| Jinnah Group                | 2 Steve Lewis      |
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|                             | 22 Tom Stancliffe  |
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| HC Engineering              | 26 Luke Watling    |
| Brian Watson                | 27 Danny Grimshaw  |
| Mrs Watson                  | 28 Mike Mitchell   |
| Laura Dixon                 | 29 Mark Applegarth |
|                             | 30 Carl Barrow     |
| Monk Bar Model Shop         | 34 Wayne McHugh    |

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WL-WWWW  
 TRIES: John Oakes 7, Tom Haberecht 5, Danny Ratcliffe 5, Paul Hughes 5  
 GOALS: Adam Mitchell 16, Richard Knight 11  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Richard Knight

## HORNETS RL

| No. | TODAY'S TEAM         | No. | No. | PLAYER               | SPONSOR                         |
|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|     | <b>Full back</b>     |     |     | 1 Chris Giles        | Aztek Safety                    |
|     | <b>Right Wing</b>    |     |     | 2 John Gillam        | John & Julie Clarke             |
|     | <b>Right Centre</b>  |     |     | 3 Mick Fogerty       | Ray Walton                      |
|     | <b>Left Centre</b>   |     |     | 4 Casey Mayberry     | Lion Springs                    |
|     | <b>Left Wing</b>     |     |     | 5 Andy Smith         | Peter Rush                      |
|     | <b>Stand off</b>     |     |     | 6 Martin Ainscough   | J Heaton & Son                  |
|     | <b>Scrum half</b>    |     |     | 7 -                  |                                 |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |     | 8 David Best         | Interbake Ltd                   |
|     | <b>Hooker</b>        |     |     | 9 Janan Billings     | Sue Dave Butterworth            |
|     | <b>Prop</b>          |     |     | 10 Paul Raftery      | Ian Coop                        |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |     | 11 David Cunliffe    | Ray & Maureen of Heywood Market |
|     | <b>2nd row</b>       |     |     | 12 Ian Sinfield      | Hartley Thomas Wright           |
|     | <b>Loose forward</b> |     |     | 13 Wayne Corcoran    | The Loyalists                   |
|     | <b>Interchange 1</b> |     |     | 14 Sam Butterworth   | Victor Mills                    |
|     | <b>2</b>             |     |     | 15 Martin McLoughlin | John Mac & Company              |
|     | <b>3</b>             |     |     | 16 Mark Brocklehurst | Claire Murgatroyd               |
|     | <b>4</b>             |     |     | 17 Andy Isherwood    | Grant & Dougie                  |
|     |                      |     |     | 18 John Walker       | The Loyalists                   |
|     |                      |     |     | 19 Craig Johnson     | Megan Tann                      |
|     |                      |     |     | 20 Liam Bretherton   | Tin2net Ltd                     |
|     |                      |     |     | 21 Tommy Gallagher   | Ian Nield                       |
|     |                      |     |     | 22 Martin Gambles    |                                 |
|     |                      |     |     | 23 Liam Grundy       |                                 |
|     |                      |     |     | 25 Dayne Donahue     |                                 |
|     |                      |     |     | 33 Dale Cunliffe     |                                 |
|     |                      |     |     | Liam McGovern        |                                 |

COACH: DARREN SHAW

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: D Merrick  
 Touch: D Butler, L Fellows  
 Fourth Official: M Beadle

**BENNETT'S BET**  
 "Knights to pick up a crucial three points - York by 10"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: W-LLWLW  
 TRIES: Martin Ainscough 4, John Gillam 3, Chris Giles 3, Ian Sinfield 3, Mick Fogerty 3. GOALS: Chris Giles 7, Wayne Corcoran 4.  
 DGs: McGovern  
 MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

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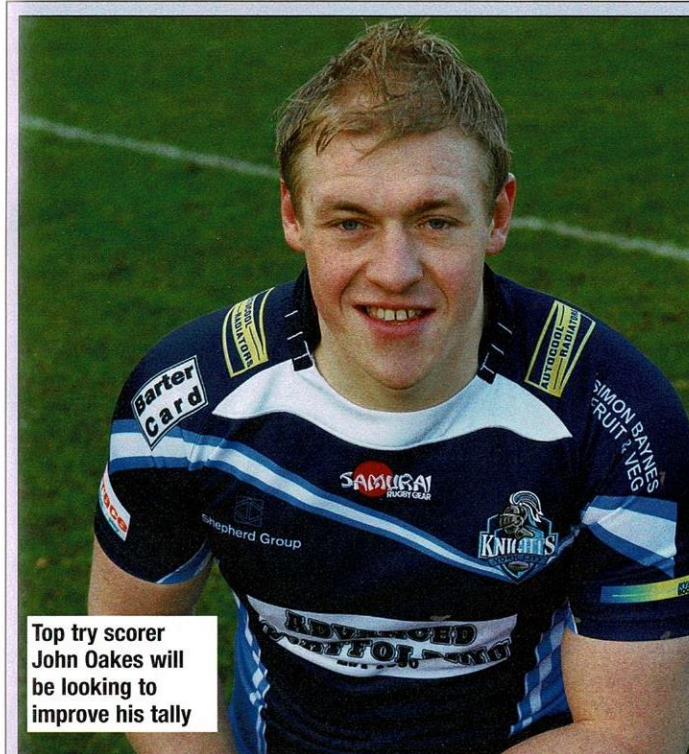
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## CLUBCALL

## York v Hornets RL



Top try scorer John Oakes will be looking to improve his tally

# The Hornets represent a huge obstacle

MAY I welcome everyone from over the Pennines for what should hopefully be a cracking fixture.

Darren Shaw and his team have started the season well and credit must be given to the players for sticking with the club through its recent bad times.

All that is behind them now and once again they have assembled a handy squad this season.

By the time you are reading this I hope we will have gained another three points at Keighley on Good Friday and today will be another massive test in what is turning out to be a very competitive division this year.

Last week was a little disappointing in the sense that the scoreline looked

**James Ratcliffe**  
 Director of Rugby

a little lopsided. The team and I felt we were better than 56 points and following the game we all agreed that positives could be taken from the fixture.

We now have to replicate the passion and hard work we showed last week into the league programme and again show to everyone we want to be promotion candidates.

The Hornets I feel will also be up there even - with the nine points deduction - so we need to be at our best today.

## Many happy returns to Knights stalwart

IT IS with great pleasure that I am able to tell you about today's Man of the Match sponsor.

Mr David Harrison is a lifelong supporter of rugby league in the city, even missing the birth of his first son due to rugby league commitments - Wembley weekends only come round once a year after all. He missed the birth of his second son due to the fact he promised to take his first born to his first game of rugby at Clarence Street!

Mr Harrison was a stalwart at Clarence Street attending not only first team, but A team and Colts matches and his support for York has continued to this day.

He celebrated his 70th birthday last weekend and to mark the milestone Mr Harrison's family could not think of a better way than to mark the occasion than to watch the Knights in action from the surroundings of a hospitality box with a gathering of family and friends.

Should any of you Knights faithful wish to celebrate a special occasion, or just feel like pampering yourself at one of our home fixtures, just give me a call at the Knights office and I'll be happy to deal with your enquiries.

**Simon Moat, commercial manager**

## We don't have many 9s tickets

**G**ood afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Easter Monday clash against the Rochdale Hornets.

May I start by welcoming the players, coaching staff, directors and supporters from Rochdale.

Last season's fixtures against the Hornets were always full blooded affairs with Rochdale coming out on top when it mattered in the play-off series.

The team did the club proud at Warrington with a very spirited display and the scoreline at the end probably flattered the hosts a little.

Hopefully that display will give the team renewed confidence for the forthcoming games.

Meanwhile tickets are still available from the Knights office for the Northern Rail 9s competition in Blackpool on the weekend of the July 11-12.

At just £9 (for adults) and £5 concessions supporters can see two full days of rugby league involving every Championship and Championship One club. Clubs have only been allocated 150 tickets so availability is limited. Buying them also supports the club as the Knights keep 100% of the proceeds.

Have a great afternoon.

**Ian Wilson, General Manager**

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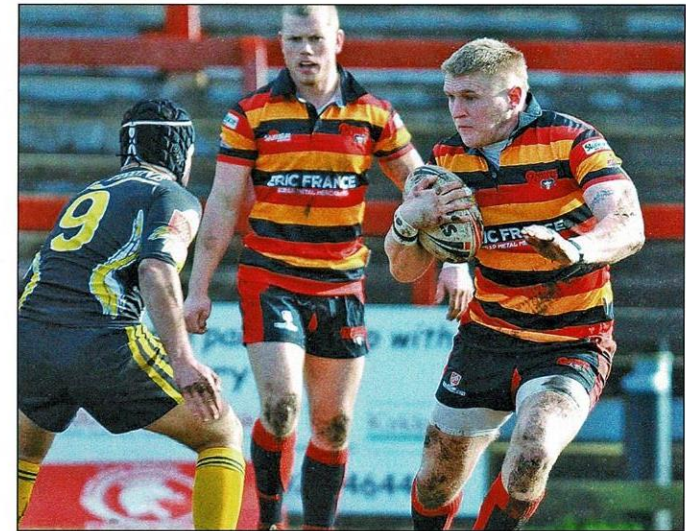
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# ON THE MONEY!

## Dewsbury will dish out harsh lesson



Mike expects Dewsbury's Andy Bostock and co to make hay when London Skolars visit the Tetley's Stadium

For most teams it is a case of two games in four days and as MIKE OXLEY of Totesport explains, that adds a new dimension to this weekend's fixtures



IN 2004 there was a scandal in the sport of rugby league involving Great Britain international players Sean Long and Martin Gleeson.

Both players were playing for St Helens at the time; the match in question was between Bradford and St Helens on Easter Monday, April 2004.

The game, which Bradford won 54-8, changed the rules and betting on rugby league for ever. In the inquiry that followed both Long and Gleeson were found guilty of breaching an RFL bylaw prohibiting players betting on matches in which their club was involved, regardless of whether or not they were involved in the game.

Thereafter the RFL implemented a 48-hour declaration rule so that teams had to announce a 19-man squad two days before the game. That was then reduced to a 17-man squad on the day.

The rule only applies to Super League fixtures and for me it is still hard to implement, especially for this weekend's games where nearly all the clubs have two games in four days.

Personally, as a bookmaker, I am not in favour of the rule as I think it is part of the game that we all have to play detectives and try and find out what team a club is putting out ahead of the game.

With the Championship clubs also having two fixtures over

the four-day Easter period, it will be the punters and supporters who are close to the clubs that will know where the value lies during the weekend.

The cynics among us will look at certain matches to see if a club will put their best team out or whether they will rest a few on the Friday knowing that they have a better chance of picking two points up at home on the Monday.

A team like London Skolars could be the perfect case of the above scenario. They play Dewsbury on the Friday, who in handicap terms will be conceding around 40+ points; whereas on the Monday London will be hosting Blackpool Panthers where they will have a better chance in a more competitive match.

So if you were Callum Irving (London Skolars coach) what would you do?

On to this weekend's games and I have already mentioned why I think Dewsbury will run in a cricket score against London - fuel is added to that fire because the Rams only have one game over the weekend. Oldham are the others to miss out.

Of the other clashes Matt Calland's Halifax look far too strong for a Batley outfit that have struggled in recent weeks against Gateshead and Hunslet respectively.

Halifax are going to be hard to beat at home this season and with Batley not known as the best of travellers a home win by at least 20 points must be punted.

In recent weeks I have talked about local derbies and throwing the form book out of the window.

This rule applies to the Widnes v Leigh game.

On current form Leigh would probably be given around a 10 start by the bookies.

But this match will be decided by the proverbial toss of a coin and in recent games the Centurions have had the upper hand.

I would take Neil Kelly's men to win the game as well as take any start offered by the bookie.

So good luck punting and remember look for angles to improve your value over the Easter Weekend.

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# IN P R O F I L E

## KEVIN NEIGHBOUR GATESHEAD THUNDER Squad Number: 3

### BACKGROUND

NAME: Kevin Neighbour.

AGE: 25 (10/07/1983).

POSITION: Centre/full-back.

HEIGHT: 5'11". WEIGHT: 13st 2lbs.

MARITAL STATUS: Single.

BORN: Wallsend.

AMATEUR CLUB: Newcastle Eagles.

SIGNED PRO: 2001.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: I spent 2007 with Shellharbour Marlins in Australia playing in the Jim Beam Cup.

### FAVOURITES

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A KID: Wigan.

SOCCER TEAM: Newcastle United.

OTHER SPORT: Surfing, rock-climbing.

HOBBIES: Eating out, going down the beach with friends.

FOOD: Steak.

DRINK: Ice-cold lemon squash.

HOLIDAY: Bali (pictured).

MUSIC: Easy-listening, stuff like Jack Johnson.

FILM: Man On Fire, starring Denzel Washington.

TV: Auf Wiedersehn Pet.

SUPERSTITIONS: I always eat the same things before a match - cereal, toasted sandwich and fruit.

### CAREER

BEST TEAMMATE: Mike Hobbs, an Aussie half-back who came over from Souths Logan Magpies and played for us in 2005.

BEST OPPONENT: Richard Agar when I'd just come through and he was at Rochdale - I don't think anyone tackled him the whole game!

BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD: Billy Slater.

BEST COACH I'VE PLAYED FOR: Dave Woods.

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

MY STRENGTHS: Experience.

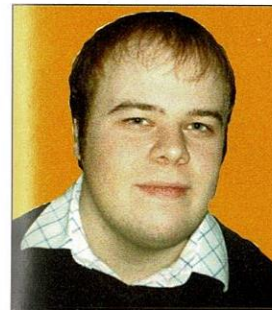
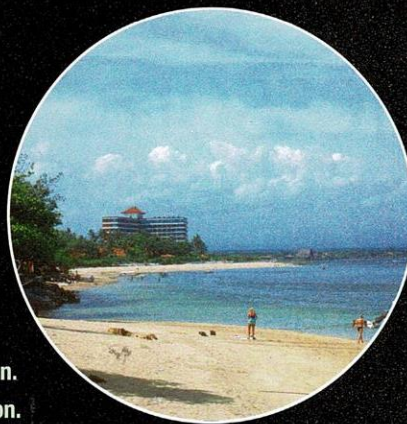
MY WEAKNESSES: At the moment, probably trying to find my feet again at full-back.

HIGHLIGHT: Winning National League Two last year. Not many people get to do that with their home-town club.

LOWLIGHT: I broke my neck when I was in the Academy, just before 17th birthday. I had to wear a neck brace for six months and didn't play for about a year.

ULTIMATE WISH: Just to get the best out of my ability and see how far it takes me.

AFTER FINISHED PLAYING: I'll probably go into teaching. I'm hoping to start a course this year when the season's finished.



## AHEAD OF THE GAME

PAUL BENNETT gives his slant on life in 'the greatest game'

# Mad March gives way to an anxious April

IT'S SOMETIMES satisfying to see people making rash calls and then falling flat on their face. One deliciously misguided post I read on a certain internet forum last week really gave me a chuckle, I can tell you.

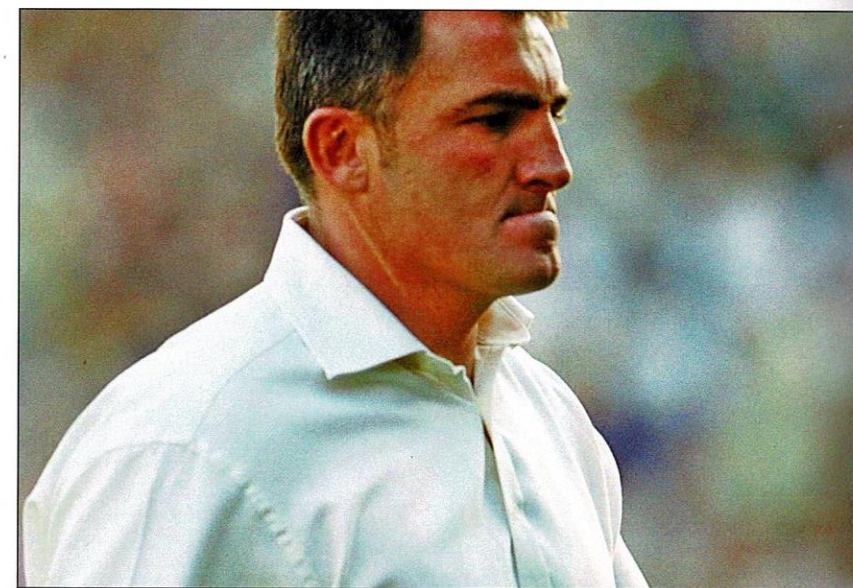
"How on earth can Kevin Walters be allowed to continue this farce?" someone asked, under the heading 'Sack Walters now!!!' Yes, you guessed it; this was at half time during Catalans' Challenge Cup fourth round clash with Bradford Bulls - when the Dragons were 20-0 down.

Boy, I'm guessing that poster had quite a red face come full time when the Dragons came roaring back to pinch an unlikely 40-38 win. Or maybe he was busy preparing another missive demanding Steve McNamara get the chop?

Why do we seem to have picked up this football-esque obsession with sacking coaches before giving them a real chance?

I can understand calls for coaches to go when they've been in the job for a few years and have shown absolutely no signs of improving the team, or else have maybe become a little stale - which I suppose is what happened to long-serving bosses Paul Cullen and Jon Sharp last year.

But suggesting a coach get the axe after seven or eight games? Come off it. Who are we - Newcastle United fans? It's just ridiculous.



Careful Mr Cullen... you have lost to Halifax now!

Widnes axing Steve McCormack after one game was bad enough (am I the only one who thinks that Paul Cullen had already been lined up for the job?) but the madness doesn't look like it's about to stop there.

Shaun McRae has been getting it in the neck more than most of late for Salford's dismal start to the season - but what did any Reds fan seriously expect? That they would walk into Super League and tear up the competition? Haven't they learned from the patience Castleford showed in Terry

Matterson last year - a decision that is now paying massive dividends for the Tigers.

And what of calls to sack McRae following the Reds' win at Hull FC in the Challenge Cup? Maybe it's Richard Agar that should get the boot? (Actually, I shouldn't say that - I actually HAVE seen fans calling for his head since their unbeaten start to the season came crashing down).

What next? Brian McClennan to go for losing to Saints in the Challenge Cup? After all, the Rhinos were expecting Wembley glory this

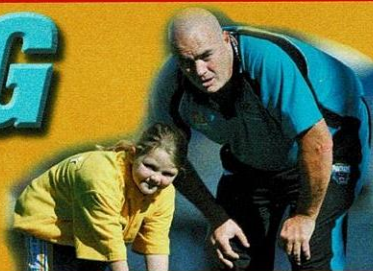
year, weren't they?

And what if Tony Smith can't get Warrington right in the play-off hunt within the next month or so? Bloody sack him, I say - and maybe bring in Alan Shearer to take over.

**Paul Bennett is  
deputy editor of  
League Weekly**

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# SPREADING THE WORD



## Centurions Aim Higher

Leigh have been at the forefront of helping raise educational standards with initiatives related to rugby league. GAME ON reports on how the Centurions have made a difference

LEIGH Centurions' community department have been working tirelessly over the last five years with the local schools of Leigh and most recently in Bolton, to deliver high quality, holistic, vibrant and innovative programmes that enhance the image of the sport and the lives of all the participants.

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It aims to work together with varying partners to set up a range of activities which will encourage more people to consider entering higher education and help them to succeed in gaining a place.

Aimhigher Greater Manchester is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE) and the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) as part of a national initiative to raise levels of participation in higher education.

Their task is to work together to encourage more people to apply to enter higher education and to help them succeed in gaining a place. It works to increase social inclusion by encouraging learners to take advantage of higher level education.

The concept of a local pro-



Aimhigher 2005 matchday face painting at Hilton Park

fessional rugby league club working with Aimhigher Greater Manchester was founded by Professor Barry Dale a university lecturer and keen Leigh fan.

Professor Dale recognised the potential in a programme linked to the club and after several initial programme writing sessions between business and leisure & tourism teachers from four local high schools and the clubs community department, the outline of the first programme was formed.

Four years on and the programme is still going strong

although changed a little from the first drafts and deliveries but more focused and innovative and with the added bonus of peer mentors from our past cohorts.

The main objectives of the Aimhigher with the Centurions' programme is to increase the participants knowledge of how Leigh Centurions works as an organisation, to raise the aspirations, motivation and self esteem of those who have traditionally not progressed to higher education and support them to aim higher, to raise levels of attainment at KS4 and

level three and enable progression to higher education and to widen knowledge of different career paths and further education and higher education options.

The programme this year aims to give local young adults (year 10 pupils) from St Mary's Catholic High, Bedford High and Westleigh High an insight into the workings of the professional Rugby League club and its product – a matchday.

Over the past cohorts students have put together matchday entertainment packages that have included



Staff and Aimhigher pupils in 2008 after a very windy and wet Aimhigher Matchday



Aimhigher 2007 students working on marketing initiatives for their matchday

Samba bands, local dancers, tribute acts, sweet and tombola stalls, face painting, kids areas and school sports day half time activities. As part of the initiative students also have to decide on their target

audience and then promote the game through special ticket initiatives, this ends up becoming a healthy competition between the schools and the crowds for the Aimhigher matchdays always increase!

Over the course of the eight weeks pupils will experience various different marketing activities that staff at the club would usually undertake for each matchday.

Such activities will include,

designing a matchday poster, designing a media package for the matchday and design and implementation all matchday entertainment – all within a budget. The organisation of a Leigh Centurions matchday is really what sets the programme out from all other Aimhigher projects.

The success of the programme over the last four years has been immense with around 60% of pupils going onto Further and/or Higher Education, and testament to this was the Community Department winning the Key Innovator award at the Aimhigher Awards last year.

The 2009 programme will start after the Easter Holidays at the clubs Playing for Success Leigh Learning Zone study Centre at the Leigh Sports Village stadium and will run for eight weeks for two hours on a Friday after school.

The Aimhigher matchday will take place on Sunday June 14 when Leigh Centurions take on Gateshead Thunder at the LSV.

# IN P R O F I L E

**BRYN POWELL**  
**DEWSBURY RAMS**  
Squad Number: 15

## BACKGROUND

NAME: Bryn Powell.

AGE: 29 (05/09/1979).

POSITION: Wing.

HEIGHT: 5'11". WEIGHT: 13st 7lbs.

MARITAL STATUS: Married with two children, Euan (3) and Lois (19 months).

BORN: Leeds.

AMATEUR CLUB: Hunslet Warriors.

SIGNED PRO: Hunslet Hawks.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Hunslet, Salford, Featherstone.

## FAVOURITES

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A KID: Hunslet.

SOCCER TEAM: Leeds.

OTHER SPORT: Golf.

HOBBIES: Spend a lot of time with the kids.

FOOD: Bacon sandwiches.

DRINK: Milk.

HOLIDAY: Egypt.

MUSIC: Heavy metal – Metallica (pictured).

FILM: The Champ, an old boxing film starring Jon Voight. It'll make you cry!

TV: Shameless.

SUPERSTITIONS: Apart from the same pre-match routine with what I wear then nothing really.

## CAREER

BEST TEAMMATE: Lee Briers with Wales when we got to the European Nations Cup final in 2005.

BEST OPPONENT: Lesley Vainikolo. Hunslet drew Bradford in the fifth round of the 2003 Challenge Cup and we switched it to Headingley. He was opposite me. I was about 12st and he was about 18st, so you do the math! He ruined me!

BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD: Matt Gidley impresses me every time I see him.

BEST COACH I'VE PLAYED FOR: Martin Hall, who coached that Wales team.

COACH I'D LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Brian McClennan.

MY STRENGTHS: Pace.

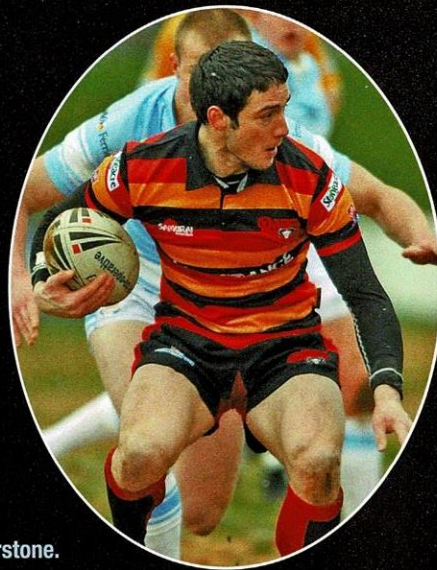
MY WEAKNESSES: Fitness probably, because I'm getting on a bit now.

HIGHLIGHT: Playing for Wales, but in particular reaching that European final in 2005.

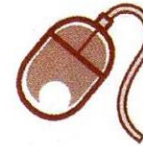
LOWLIGHT: Getting relegated last year with Dewsbury.

ULTIMATE WISH: To get promoted with Dewsbury and then get into the play-offs, because we went so close in 2007. I've only got a few years left so I can't be too ambitious!

AFTER FINISHED PLAYING: I'll spend more time with the family and probably carry on doing the job I do now, putting up suspended ceilings in schools and office blocks.



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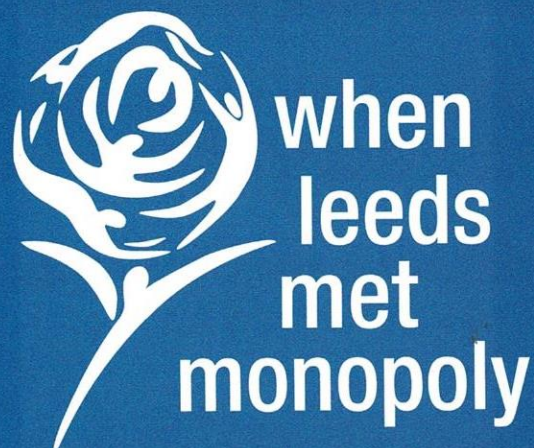
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# KNOW YOUR STUFF?

## AROUND THE CLUBS

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

1. HALIFAX – Which stand is currently undergoing a major transformation at The Shay?
2. SHEFFIELD – Eagles new boy Tangi Ropati plays for which international side?
3. BARROW – Which two Super League clubs has the Raiders' new signing Ned Catic played for?
4. WIDNES – From which club did the Vikings sign John Duffy?
5. GATESHEAD – Fijian prop Puna Rasaubale played for which Championship One club in 2008?
6. WORKINGTON – Hooker Jack Pedley was signed from which club ahead of the 2009 season?
7. BLACKPOOL – Who was coach of the Panthers when they moved to Blackpool in 2005, having previously competed as Chorley Lynx?
8. DEWSBURY – In which season did the Rams win the old Northern Ford Premiership Grand Final?
9. KEIGHLEY – For which club did Cougars coach Barry Eaton play Super League?
10. HORNETS RL – Whom did Darren Shaw succeed as coach at Spotland?

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

1. Which country did Halifax director of rugby Martin Hall represent in the 1995 Rugby League World Cup?
2. Who was named at hooker in Bradford Bulls' 'Team of the Century' in 2007?
3. Who beat Stuart Fielden in the Rumble By the Humber charity boxing bout in 2007?
4. Which two former players are tied with the most ever caps for Great Britain (46)?
5. Which Kiwi coached Wigan to Challenge Cup glory in 1995?
6. In which position did Rod Wishart represent Australia from 1991-1996?
7. Which former centre star holds the record for most points scored for Queensland's State of Origin side?



Martin Hall is the subject of Q1

## ANAGRAMS

REARRANGE THE FOLLOWING PHRASES TO FORM THE NAMES OF THREE CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP OR CHAMPIONSHIP ONE WINGERS.

1. SIX NEON JAM

2. WEE CYPRIAN

3. GREY USA AGENT

ANSWERS – AROUND THE CLUBS: 1. East Stand, 2. Samoa, 3. Castleford and Wakefield, 4. Whitehaven, 5. London Skolars, 6. Barrow, 7. Mark Lee, 8. 2000, 9. Widnes, 10. Bobbie Goulding.

ANAGRAMS: 1. James Nixon, 2. Wayne Ryan, 3. Austin Aggrey, Sullivan and Garry Schofield, 5. Graeme West, 6. Wing, 7. Hal Meninga.



