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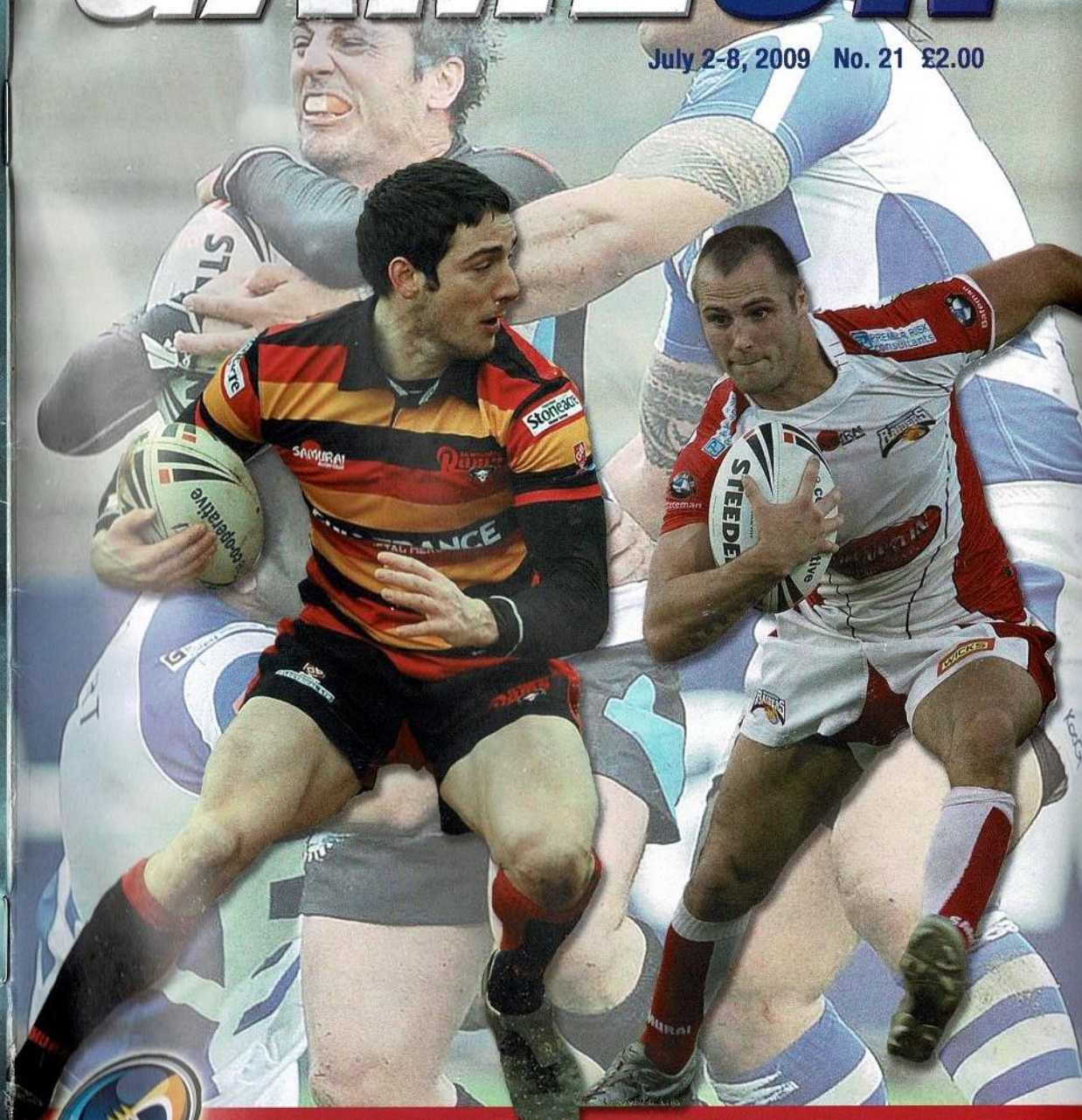
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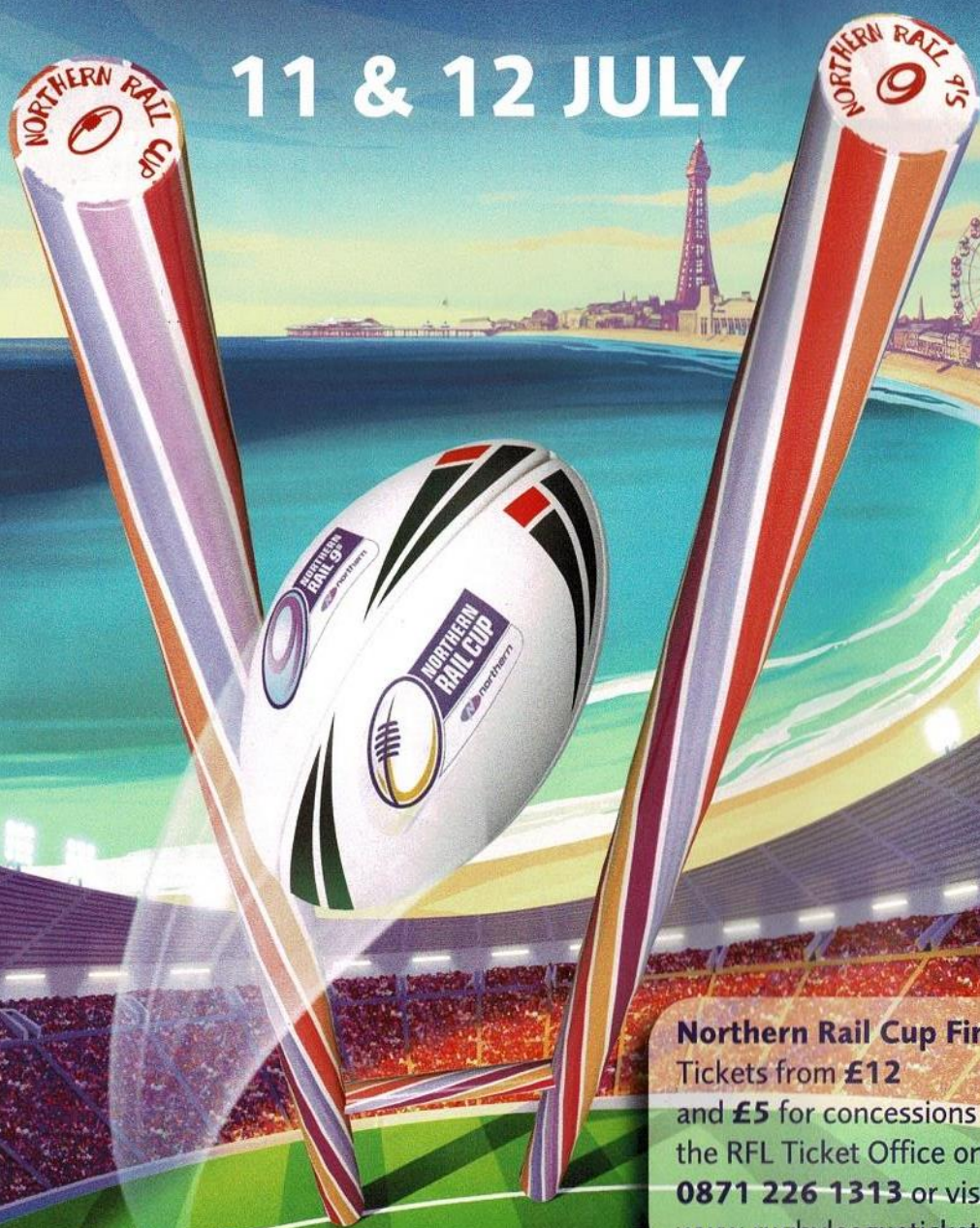


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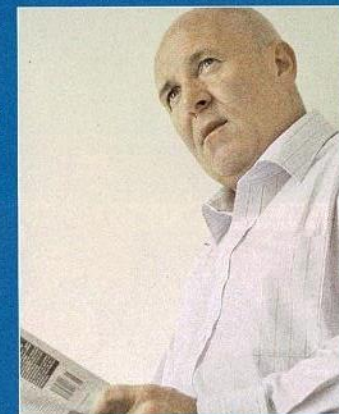
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# A real roller coaster ride!

**W**OW – what a season this is turning out to be. Not only have the newly promoted Barrow Raiders taken the Northern Rail Cup competition by the scruff of the neck and earned themselves a fabulous place at Blackpool, but now the other new boys in The co-operative Championship top flight, Gateshead Thunder, have set the league battle alight by toppling early runaway leaders Halifax.



But what a difference a week, and a result makes! From the highs of reaching the cup final, Barrow then get a thumping at Karl Harrison's resurgent Batley. What action!

The last two weeks have been a massive wake-up call for Matt Calland's men at The Shay. For the first two months of the campaign they looked virtually unbeatable and indeed twice took the spoils from Widnes Vikings – a club not without its troubles in the early stages.

And at a time when even the bookies were treating 'Fax like lepers, such was the apparent superiority of their domination, along came Paul Cullen's Vikings with a stunning semi-final win to earn a place at Blackpool. Even though no one at Halifax would have ever taken the result for granted, with a home 'semi' they could have been forgiven for not practising their 9-a-side skills.

And yet with just over a week to go, that's the bottom line – they will be lining up alongside the other Northern Rail 9s hopefuls in the Championships' first ever festival weekend. And while the second tier clubs and their fans might not find a building of the magnificence of Edinburgh Castle or Holyrood when they park their cars and coaches in Blackpool, they will have the Tower, miles of golden beaches and one of the biggest and best amusement parks in Europe as sideshows to The co-operative rugby league family's very own 'magic' weekend.

There is still a long way to go in the race to settle the play-off spots in both The co-operative Championship and Championship 1 competitions. Of the many and various 'truisms' that sporting clichés throw up, never has it been more clear that it isn't how you start a season, but how you finish it, that counts.

It's a fair bet that there are more than a few twists in the tail – and the tale – of the 2009 season before we count down to the Grand Final prize.

For now, let's come together to make 'Blackpool rock' next weekend in a real party atmosphere with every club in our competition able to play its own part. And let's just keep our fingers crossed that the summer weather plays its part too!

Danny Lockwood, Publisher

## RFL – official notes

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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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## *the world according to* **WILKO**

**In this instalment of 'The World According to Wilko' read about the Saints' top-flight action, Jon's BBC Radio Five Live commentary and this week's top Championship ties**

I'm lucky to be part of a great Saints side and we kept ourselves on track last weekend with a 30-0 win at home to Celtic Crusaders. It was a strong top-versus-bottom tie with the Crusaders really going for it, but we put up a good challenge and thankfully came out on top.

Lee Gilmour deserves a special mention too as he opened the game with his 50th try for Saints after a quick feed from Leon Pryce – well done mate!

The Rhinos are still hot on our heels too after their close encounter with Bradford. Bradford versus Leeds is always a tough encounter, being a local derby, and the match went right down to the wire.

Last Sunday I was on Radio Five Live to talk about the Warrington game and what a game! As a Hull lad I like to keep an eye on my home town, even if it was FC not KR.

Warrington were behind until a brilliant try from Chris Riley brought it back level just before half time. It was a good result for Warrington as it keeps them right in the hunt for a top-eight finish.

This week we head to Salford. They've had a tough season so far but as it's their first back in Super League it was perhaps to be expected, but they've had some good results this season and are a very dangerous team. It will be good to catch up with my mate Robbie Paul and former teammate Willie Talau and the Willows is always a tough place to play at with a passionate crowd.

I bet confidence is high at Widnes after they beat league leaders Halifax away from home two weeks ago in the Northern Rail Cup. They'll be eager to continue this and get a result this weekend against bottom side Doncaster. Although Doncaster have only got six points from 12 games this season I reckon Tony Miller will rally his lads for their trip to The Halton Stadium and play their part in the contest.

The other Northern Rail Cup final side, Barrow, take on Toulouse this Thursday after their surprise defeat to Batley last week. I think the lads at Barrow will want to build up momentum ahead of the Northern Rail Cup Final in Blackpool next week, so Toulouse will need to be on top form.

I think it illustrates how competitive the Co-operative Championship is this season as only six points separate the top seven sides. We want healthy competition in sport so this is great to see, and I'm sure the players and fans are enjoying it each week.

Good luck to all the sides playing this weekend, especially Saints!

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**Jon Wilkin is a co-operative  
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# All roads lead to Blackpool...



A towering match in prospect when Widnes and Barrow meet – and Blackpool is opening its arms to the RL family!

The RFL have confirmed a kick off time of 5:15pm for the Northern Rail Cup Final between Barrow Raiders and the Widnes Vikings next Sunday, July 12, at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool.

And it looks like being a massive sell-out, with just a few tickets left!

As of Tuesday this week Widnes were fully sold out, most of the clubs had sold their allocation and Barrow just had 90 left, with chairman Des Johnston saying they could have filled much bigger grounds than Blackpool! The RFL have held some tickets back for 9s fans wanting to go see the finalists in action.

Red Hall bosses have teamed up

with the Visit Blackpool tourist organisation to provide rugby league fans heading to the seaside resort for the Northern Rail Cup Final and 9s weekend with an array of amazing offers for leading tourist attractions in the town.

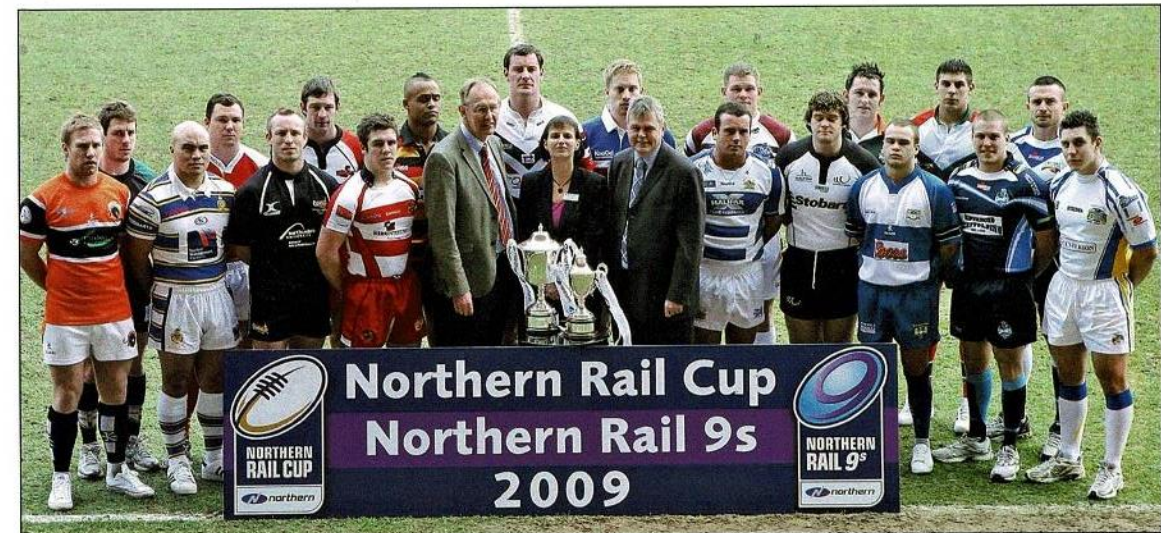
Supporters can download the vouchers for attractions including Blackpool Pleasure Beach, the Sealife Centre and Blackpool Zoo as well as deals for a number of bars and restaurants in the town by visiting [www.visitblackpool.com/rugby](http://www.visitblackpool.com/rugby)

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 which can be accessed via [www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BCTRUGBY2009](http://www.conferencebookings.co.uk/delegate/BCTRUGBY2009)

The Northern Rail Cup Final will be televised live on Sky Sports.

Meanwhile weekend tickets for the Northern Rail 9s event which runs on 11 and 12 July 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 on 0871 226 1313 with an additional £5 (Adults) and £2 (Concessions) charge.



## Many started the journey – and everyone will finish it, too!

<b>GROUP A</b> Swinton Lions Hornets RL Blackpool Panthers Dewsbury Rams	<b>GROUP B</b> Batley Bulldogs Keighley Cougars Hunslet Hawks Doncaster	<b>GROUP C</b> London Skolars Leigh Centurions Gateshead Thunder York City Knights	<b>GROUP D</b> Whitehaven Workington Town Featherstone Rovers	<b>GROUP E</b> Oldham Sheffield Eagles Halifax RLFC
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THE draw for the inaugural Northern Rail Nines competition has been made. All English Championship sides – with the exception of the two Northern Rail Cup finalists Barrow and Widnes – were entered into the draw, which was made on BBC Radio Manchester's Rugby League Extra Show. The 18 teams were drawn into five groups – three consisting of four teams and two groups of three teams.

Championship leaders Halifax, still smarting from their semi final defeat to Widnes, are in Pool E along with Oldham and Sheffield Eagles. Elsewhere, Cumbrian rivals Whitehaven and Workington have been drawn in the same group – Pool D – along with Featherstone Rovers.

Pool A will see a local derby clash with Swinton Lions and Hornets RL in the same group.

The tournament – brand new for 2009 – will be played at Fylde

RUFC, the home of Blackpool Panthers, on the weekend of July 11 and 12.

Each side plays three games in the group stages on day one.

The teams in the four team groups will play round robin, while the teams in the three-team groups will get their three games by playing the teams in the other three-team group.

The top two sides from each four-team group will progress to Sunday's Northern Rail Nines Trophy competition whilst the bottom two will enter the Plate competition. For the sides in the three-team groups, just the top side will be qualifying for the Trophy competition with the remaining teams contesting the Plate.

The competitions then takes a knock-out format with all games up to the final being played at the Panthers' home. The finals of both will be played as curtain raisers to the Northern Rail Cup Final.



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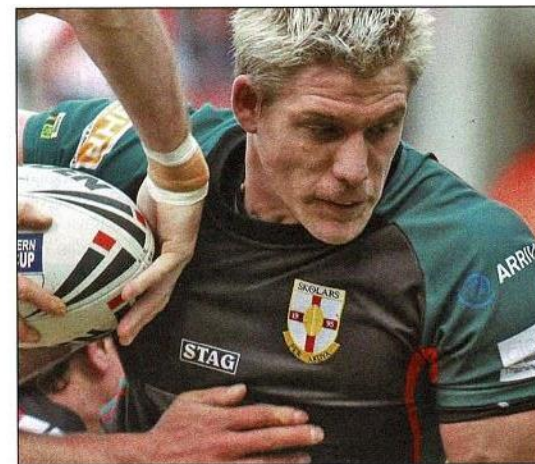
# Lighting up again

London Skolars will host Keighley Cougars on the eve of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final (Friday August 28) in a repeat of last year's successful Friday Night Lights fixture which attracted a sell-out attendance of 1,427.

Skolars have extended the capacity of their ground to 2,000 and are going all out for another sell-out as they hope to attract a club record crowd for a second consecutive year and avenge the narrow 14-18 loss they suffered at the hands of the Cougars in 2008.

Skolars chairman Hector McNeil said: "Friday Night Lights continues to go from strength to strength and with the invention of the Skolars staff they're coming up with some really fun and exciting initiatives for the event itself.

"We're confident it'll be another sell out and are looking forward to opening up both sides of our ground for the first time."



Also included in the day's entertainment will be a steel band and BBQ, Skolars girls, fan games and competitions, the always popular real ale festival as well as the finals of the Skolars 'Urban Rugby' programme - Estate of Origin!

Urban Rugby is in its seventh season and runs

through the summer. It is a variation on 13-a-side but can be played anywhere on any surface from grass to basketball courts. It has been a tremendous tool both in getting rugby league out into the more deprived areas of North London but also as a recruitment tool to the Skolars junior ranks.

# Halifax tie up stars long-term

HALIFAX have announced new contracts for four more first team regulars in the past week. Hooker Mark Gleeson, utility star Bob Beswick, goal kicking winger Lee Paterson and back rower Mark Roberts have all followed coach Matt Calland and pivots Sean Penkywicz and Ben Black in pledging their futures.

WIDNES have extended the loan deals for Warrington duo Kevin Penny and Steve Pickersgill. Since their arrival at the Stobart Stadium, the duo have impressed Vikings

coach Paul Cullen – their former boss. The pair will now remain at the Championship club for the rest of the season, although they can be recalled by the Super League outfit "at any time".

GATESHEAD say they've got a great relationship going with Super League club Castleford Tigers after taking yet another player on loan. Forward Anthony England has moved to the North East for a month, joining Tigers teammates Jamie Cording and Nathan Massey at the Thunderdome. Earlier

in the season, Gateshead had taken Joe Arundel and Jonny Walker on loan too. "Gateshead Thunder are very grateful to Castleford Tigers for the loan of another player," said chief executive Rod Findlay.

LEIGH have been boosted by an investment from five local businessmen ahead of naming Ian Millward as new coach. The ambitious Championship outfit have their sights set on a place in Super League in 2012. And they have now been boosted by the formation of a new group –

the Leigh Corporate Club – which they hope will attract much-needed capital over the next few years.

FEATHERSTONE fear key forward Jamie Field could miss the rest of the season. The former Super League star has been out of action since dislocating his shoulder in the Northern Rail Cup quarter final win over Oldham. And whilst Rovers initially hoped Field would be back in action within a month, there are growing concerns that he could be out for the remainder of the campaign.

## LOOK WHO'S BACK...

Former Wigan and St Helens coach Ian Millward is to return to England next season after agreeing a three-year contract with Leigh Centurions.

Millward, 48, who enjoyed a successful stint at Leigh in 1999, is to quit his role as assistant coach with Canberra Raiders to succeed Paul Rowley at the Sports Village in 2010.

"Ian took Leigh from a lowly-placed club to the top four before being released to take over at St Helens in the 2000 season," said chairman Arthur Thomas.

"He created history at Saints, winning two premierships, two Challenge Cups and a World Club Challenge in a six-year term.

"I would like to thank Paul Rowley for his services during the interim period and he will continue at the club as a coach working alongside Ian."

Millward said: "Leigh gave me a start back in 1999 and I will endeavour to repay the club and its supporters with success in the coming seasons.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Leigh and in Super League and the other reason behind my decision was to be closer to my three children, who still live in England and to allow my wife Marion to live closer to her parents.

"I am also appreciative of Canberra Raiders' decision to release me from my current contract at the end of the 2009 season to allow me to take up the Leigh appointment."



BASIL ... back for 2nd spell



# Barrow v Toulouse



Thursday July 7th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. CRAVEN PARK

## BARROW RAIDERS

## TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE

SPONSOR	No.	PLAYER
Advance Roofing Supplies	1	Gary Broadbent
Johnston Recruitment	2	Mike Backhouse
	3	-
Premium Solutions	4	Liam Harrison
Furness Heating Components	5	James Nixon
Jimmy Redfern Associates	6	Liam Finch
The Infield Hotel	7	Liam Campbell
Saunders Transport	8	Brett McDermott
The Marine Travel Company	9	Andrew Ellis
Mike Sear	10	Lee Dutton
Estuary Electrical	11	Andrew Brocklehurst
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R.F. Miller Accountants	13	Andrew Bracek
Shaun Anderson Osteopath	14	Paul Noone
Abbey House Hotel	15	Chris Young
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Coniston Holidays	17	Scott Kaighan
Jimmy Redfern Associates	18	James Finch
Kevin Hodgson	19	Chris Larkin
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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

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	<b>Right Wing</b>	
	<b>Right Centre</b>	
	<b>Left Centre</b>	
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	<b>Scrum half</b>	
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	<b>Hooker</b>	
	<b>Prop</b>	
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	<b>Loose forward</b>	
	<b>Interchange 1</b>	
	<b>2</b>	
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SCORERS	
	<b>Tries</b>
	<b>Conv</b>
	<b>Pens</b>
	<b>DGs</b>

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Rory Bromley	SN Diffusion
2	Sebastien Payan	Dynadoc
3	Sebastien Planas	Ermes Prestations
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	Transports Sarrazain
15	Jerome Gout	Renault Etats-Unis
16	Olivier Pramit	Citroën Etats-Unis
17	Yohan Barthau	Océanis
18	Adrien Viala	Siemex
19	Nicolas Delgal	Inovans
20	Sylvain Houles	Airbus Cimpa
21	Bruno Ormeno	Leroy Merlin
22	Nicolas Faure	IFB
23	Cedric Gay	Force Distribution
24	Jean-Christophe Borlin	La Mutuelle du rempart
		IPS Publicité
		La Dépêche du Midi
25	Teli Pelo	
	Clement Bienes	

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

COACH: DAVE CLARK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWW  
 TRIES: James Nixon 17, Andrew Ellis 14, Liam Finch 7, Liam Campbell 7, Liam Harrison 7, Chris Larkin 6, Ned Catic 6. GOALS: Paul Noone 41, Darren Holt 37. DGs: Darren Holt 2.  
 MAN TO WATCH: Zeb Luisi

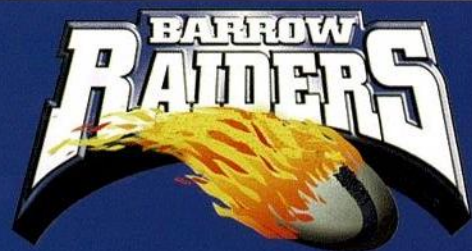
**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: G Hewer  
 Touch: S Barrie, P Wharton  
 Video referee: TBC going to press

**BENNETT'S BET**

"Raiders to avenge defeat across the Channel - Barrow by 8"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWL  
 TRIES: Rory Bromley 9, Damian Couturier 7, Constant Villegas 6, Nathan Wynn 4, Sebastien Planas 4. GOALS: Nathan Wynn 58, Couturier 3. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Damian Couturier



## CLUBCALL

## Barrow v Toulouse

# A warm welcome - but not too warm...!

B onsoir et bienvenue au stade de Mark Coward au Craven Park chacun - mais particulièrement nos visiteurs de Toulouse.

The trip to France earlier in the season was highly enjoyable, apart from the result.

I just hope the team and officials from Toulouse Olympique travel back over the Channel with similar sentiments!

The team really need to win this game and to get back into playing the way we all know they are capable of in preparation for the final of the Northern Rail Cup.

That would give the club a tick in the box in one of the categories for the next round of Super League franchise applications and is one of the few that does not require loads of cash throwing at it. (Note from Chairman - have you ever looked at the wages bill?)

The club, and in particular our groundkeeper Dick, got a bit of a back-handed compli-



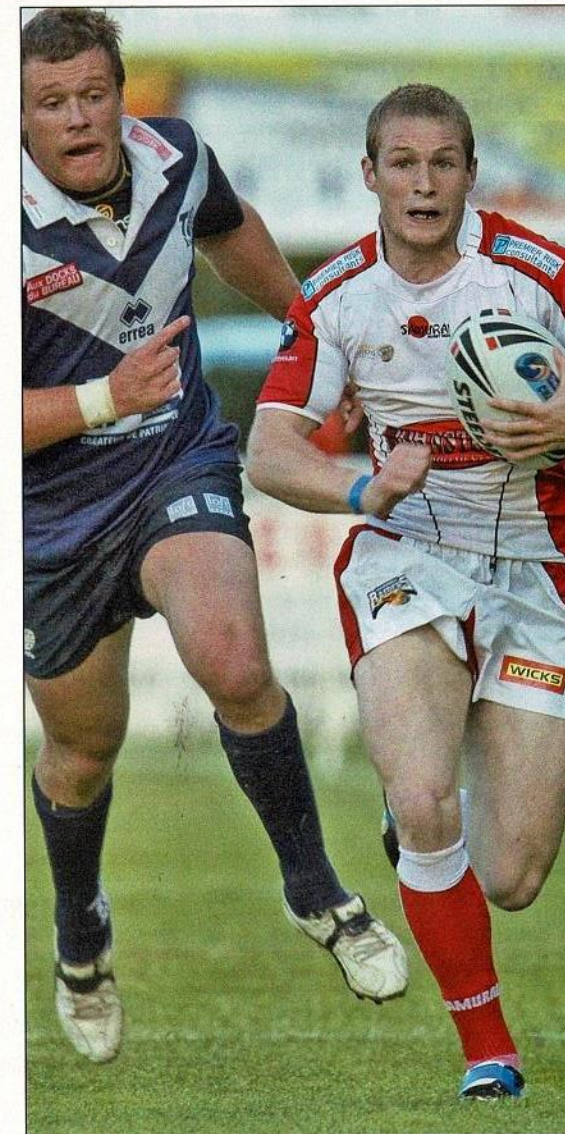
ment during the Sky commentary of the Northern Rail semi-final game when favourable remarks were made as to the condition of the pitch and the work of the groundsman.

This was followed up by the commentator saying "but that's his job anyway."

Well to put the record straight it isn't his job - it's his hobby, because most people regard jobs as paid employment and Dick does it for now.

He, like the people who sweep the terraces or run the refreshment outlets, does it without any reward other than the occasional word of thanks to help the club along. Enjoy the game.

David Sear, vice chairman



Toulouse beat Barrow 22-14 in the south of France in mid-May

## A different attitude from our last meeting

H opefully Toulouse will be facing a very different Barrow team to the one they encountered out in France.

The personnel will be largely the same but our attitude and performance should be completely different as we look to avenge our defeat over there.

A significant number of Raiders supporters made the trip to France and were let down by a team that just did not perform on the day.

Having the full day to relax and take in the sights and local brews may have been a good way for the travelling fans

**COACH DAVE CLARK**

to build up to the match, but for the players I feel that hanging about all day probably took the edge off our preparation.

This evening we can make amends, although the weather forecast is for temperatures more akin to the south of France.

We were not at our best on Sunday against a resurgent Batley team. In the process a couple of players picked up

injuries which, depending on how they respond to treatment during the week, will leave the squad stretched thinner than I would like.

The chairman is well aware of the fact that we need to strengthen the squad and is constantly trying to bring players into the club.

That is no excuse for performances which are not acceptable as the small squad we have still contains the firepower and ability to deliver the goods.

We need to get back to our best and where better to start than at home in front of the Sky cameras.



# Fev v Gateshead



Sunday July 5th, 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 & Emily Harris	6 Iestyn Harris
Shindigz	7 Andy Kain
Terry King	8 Tony Tonks
Charlie Robinson & Lynne Whitehouse	9 Jack Lee
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
	26 Sam Smeaton
	27 Ian Bell
	28 Kyle Briggs
	Ross Divorty
Lorne Mosley	MASCOT Bluebeard

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW

LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW

TRIES: Andy Kain 15, Jon Steel 12, Tommy Haughey 12, Tommy Saxton 8, Ian Hardman 8.

GOALS: Stuart Dickens 58, Iestyn Harris 19, Joe McLocklan 9. DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ian Hardman

## GATESHEAD THUNDER

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### SCORERS

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

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL

LAST SIX AWAY: LDWLLW

TRIES: Stewart Sanderson 16, Luke Branighan 14, Dylan Nash 12, Ben McAlpine 10.

GOALS: Michael Knowles 61

DGs: Neil Thorman, Rhys Clarke

MAN TO WATCH: Luke Branighan

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughton

Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace

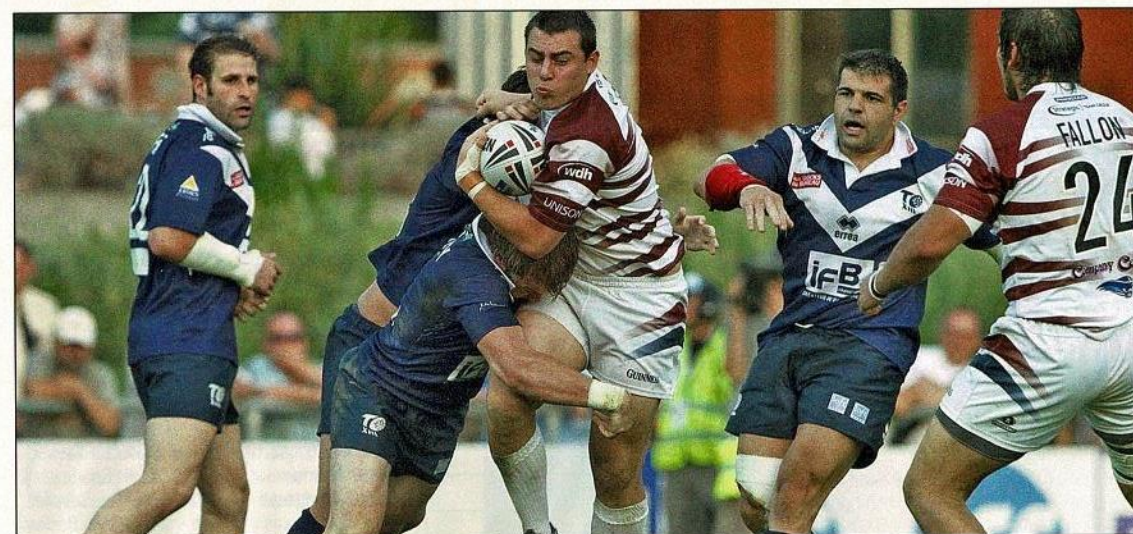
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### BENNETT'S BET

"Rovers to sneak battle of in-form sides - Featherstone by 8"

## CLUBCALL

## Featherstone v Gateshead



# Last word from me ... and a big thank to all

As ever, we give a massive welcome to Gateshead Thunder who last week toppled the Championship leaders Halifax.

I congratulate them on the massive strides they have made so far this year and wish Thunder all the very best in continuing to establish and develop their northerly rugby league mission.

In very much the same spirit, Rovers had a great win away from home in the Co-operative Championship's French outpost in Toulouse last weekend.

The euphoria was marred by an attack on one of the Rovers' Associate Directors Ian Large. Ian was admitted to hospital - we wish him a speedy recovery and a safe trip back home.

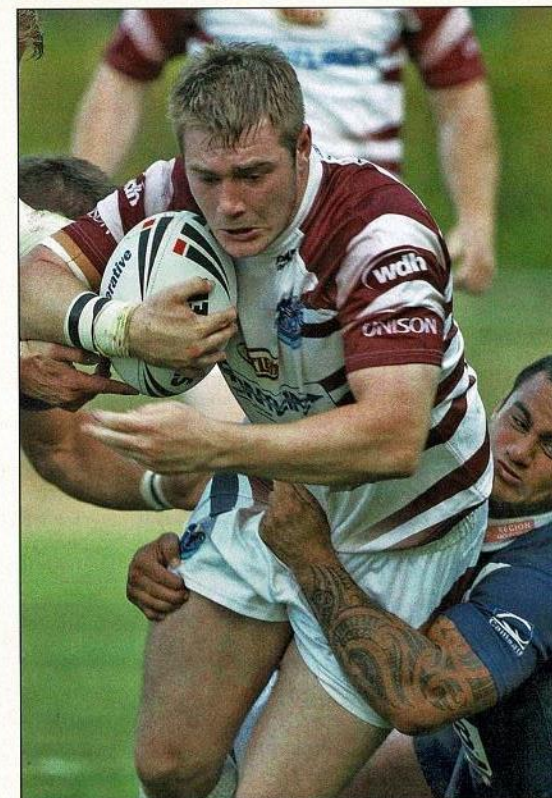
As most of you are probably aware, I am stepping down from Club Directorship and this is my last set of notes.

May I take this opportunity to thank the legions of volunteers (including all the Directors who are unpaid) who devote much of their time to this club.

A big thank you too, to all the staff (both on and off the field) who have also helped the club to become more professional in its' many and varied activities.

I would also like to acknowledge the Rugby Football League, as they have also helped massively in this respect.

I am delighted that since I joined the Board, soon after the club came out of administration, it has grown and many



ACTION from Rovers' fantastic win in Toulouse last week which reinforced the club's top four credentials

things are now done in a very professional manner.

The journey has been full of triumphs and disasters but it wouldn't be rugby league if it were not like this.

My major disappointment was when promotion and relegation was scrapped from

Super League.

Sport is about winning and losing and to be denied annual access to the top flight is to me fundamentally wrong.

**Steve Evans,**  
Chairman

Strategic | TEAM GROUP

Company Coaches

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# Halifax v Leigh



Friday July 3rd, 2009. Kick off 8pm. THE SHAY STADIUM

## HALIFAX RLFC

## LEIGH CENTURIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Halifax Independent Supporters Trust	1 Miles Greenwood
Laura Fairbank	2 Lee Patterson
Duncan Mitchell	3 Jon Goddard
Chadwick Lawrence	4 Shad Royston
Chadwick Lawrence	5 James Haley
Neil Lomas	6 Dwayne Barker
Roger & Sue Harvey	7 Ben Black
Megaman Energy Saving Lamps	8 Matt James
Riley & Co Accountants	9 Sean Penkywicz
Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)	10 Dana Wilson
Windsor Yarns	11 Dave Larder
Halifax Past Players Association	12 Paul Smith
Complete Building Materials	13 Bob Beswick
David/Terry Kendall	14 Mark Gleeson
Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd	15 Mark Roberts
Sue Illingworth	16 Said Tamghart
Complete Building Materials	17 Frank Watene
Calderdale Service Area	18 Andy Bowman
Chadwick Lawrence	19 Mick Govin
	20 -
AA Moving Solutions,	21 Neil Cherryholme
A Mogford	
Peter & Gillian Clayton	22 David Wrench
Elizabeth Posner	23 Rob Worrincy
Calderdale Service Area	25 Anthony Bowman

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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### SCORERS

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Pens

DGs

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Stuart Donlan	LISA
2 Dave Alstead	Professor & Mrs Dale
3 Steve Maden	Warburtons
4 Tony Stewart	Super-Leigh Lottery
5 Nick Stanton	Hattons Solicitors
6 -	
7 Ian Watson	C&S Tyres
8 Andy Hobson	David Lloyd, Bolton
9 Dave McConnell	Dr Doublet-Stewart
10 Mike Morrison	O'Neils Sportswear
11 Dave Armitstead	Ask Platt Office Supplies
12 James Taylor	Brick Design
13 Aaron Smith	David Lloyd, Bolton
14 Ian Mort	Professor & Mrs Dale
15 Adam Higson	LISA
16 Chris Hill	Civil Solutions Ltd
17 Lee Marsh	Warburtons
18 Sam Reay	David Lloyd, Bolton
19 Adam Rudd	David Lloyd, Bolton
20 John Cookson	Padken Steel Erectors
21 -	
22 Jamie Smith	
23 Martyn Ridyard	JR's Taxis
24 Dean Hatton	
25 Adam Thomas	
26 Jamie Durbin	Ask Platt Office Supplies
27 Anthony Pourke	
28 Danny Meekin	
29 Lee Wingfield	Hamilton Fabrication

Not allocated a squad number: Andy Ainscough, Danny Jackson, Danny Meekin, James Richies, Macgraff Leulalai, Ryan Powell

COACH: PAUL ROWLEY

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWLL  
LAST SIX HOME: WWWWL  
TRIES: Shad Royston 18, Ben Black 16, Miles Greenwood 15, Sean Penkywicz 13, Said Tamghart 10, Rob Worrincy 10. GOALS: Paterson 73, Govin 24, Black 12. DGs: -  
MAN TO WATCH: Sean Penkywicz

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy  
Touch: R Everitt, A Sweet  
Fourth official: S Williams

### BENNETT'S BET

"Centurions should expect Fax backlash - Halifax by 20"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLLL  
LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLLL  
TRIES: Jamie Durbin 11, Stuart Donlan 9, Ian Mort 9, Steve Maden 6, Martyn Ridyard 5, Sam Reay 5, Ian Watson 5  
GOALS: Ian Mort 53, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard, Jamie Smith  
MAN TO WATCH: Steve Maden

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## CLUBCALL

## Halifax RLFC v Leigh

# Leigh will be looking for revenge for cup-tie

Good evening everyone. I'd like to start by welcoming the players, coaches and officials from Leigh to The Shay for tonight's Championship game.

They may have finished on the wrong side of the scoreboard when they visited us last month in the Northern Rail Cup quarter finals, but they have some quality players in their ranks who will be looking to make amends this time round.

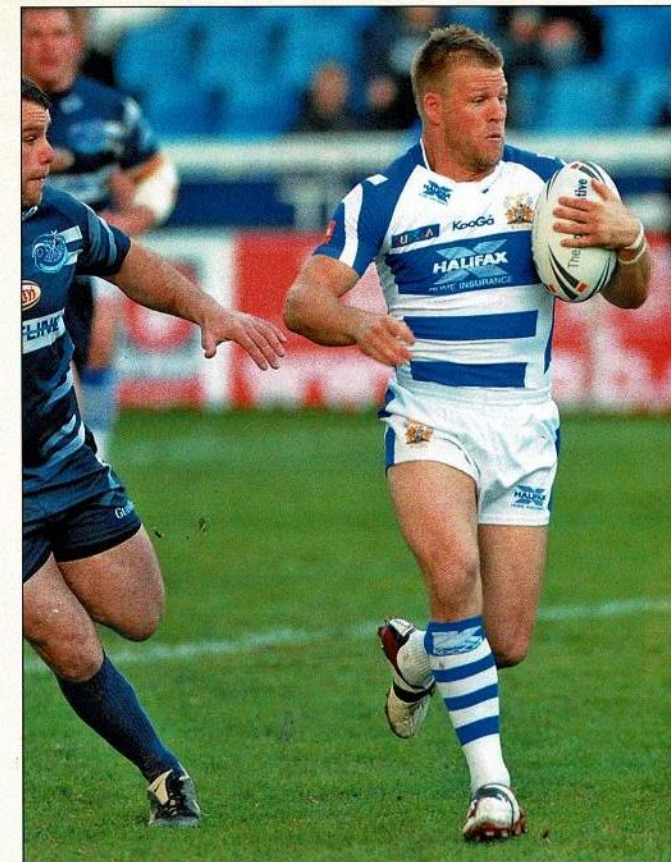
From our perspective, it's definitely been a mixed couple of weeks. Everyone at the club was very disappointed by the manner of our exit from the Northern Rail Cup against Widnes, especially as we felt we had done enough to win

the game. In the end, we weren't clinical enough and ended up paying the price for that.

There was a lot of talk about Ben Black's dropped ball after that game, but, as I said in the press, it's a team game and we win together and lose together. We all have to take responsibility for what happened.

Ben's been fantastic for us this year and I am sure he will continue to be fantastic for us over the next two seasons after he signed a contract until the end of 2011. More disappointing than the Widnes game in some ways was last week's defeat at Gateshead.

Our opening 40 was disgraceful and the players were told that at half time.



Ben Black - been in great form through season

We certainly improved after the interval and with a little more luck could have come away with the win, but in the end if you give yourself a 32-0 deficit to overcome, the odds are always against you.

The fact Barrow lost

at Batley limited the damage on the league ladder, but the way we played was certainly a concern.

The play offs are not that far away now and we need to start getting back to our best, starting tonight.

There has been a lot

of action behind the scenes in the past few weeks with Lucas Smith, Summer Penkywicz and Miley Roberts all being born - congratulations to you all.

Enjoy the game,  
**Matt Calland**  
Coach

# Great atmosphere, but bad for the ticker!

These are exciting times, but not good for the blood pressure.

The Northern Rail Cup defeat two weeks ago was a disappointment in its result, but as an advert for this sport was a winner.

The excitement levels were maintained from start to finish, and a crowd approaching 4,000 generated an atmosphere which confirmed that the completed Shay Stadium will be a great place to watch rugby league. The volume lev-

els reminded me of Thrum Hall! I'm no fan of grounds with running tracks between stand and pitch, but a much smaller crowd at Gateshead last week also generated atmosphere in the context of a classic game of two halves.

I confess to wishing I were somewhere, anywhere, else at 32-0 down at half time. In the event the bonus point, combined with a brilliant Batley performance, consolidated our place at the top of The co-operative Championship. All of

which demonstrates the quality of the competition and the entertainment on the field.

Today we welcome Leigh Centurions to the first Friday evening match at The Shay since Melbourne Storm.

The fixtures have not come out as we planned, but your board wanted to try a series of Friday games in the second half of the season to gauge supporters' liking for it.

Next season, we anticipate that it will be easier to sell corporate packages in the new

facilities on a Friday, but of course our regular supporters are the 'bread and butter' of the club, so tell us which day you prefer.

Finally, please remember the 'Respect' campaign. Increased gates have increased complaints to the club from very few to a number. Rugby league is a family game. Let's keep it that way.

Enjoy the game,

**Michael Steele**  
Chairman





# Eagles v Batley



Friday July 3rd, 2009. Kick off 8pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM

## SHEFFIELD EAGLES

## BATLEY BULLDOGS

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 Brendan 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
Corus Infrastructure Services	25 James Morrow
Hancock & Todd	26 Nick Turnbull
Modis	27 Tommy Trayler
Richard & Andrea Brook	28 Damlan Gibson
Vice Presidents	29 Peter Green
Edge Telecom	30 Michael Haley
Jack & Laura London	32 Danny Mills
Mr & Mrs Lee	34 Craig Cook
Jill Swire	35 Dan Hawksworth
Insign Signage	34 Eddie Batye
& Digital Imaging	37 Mark Renshaw-Smith

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLV  
LAST SIX HOME: LWLWLV  
TRIES: Tangi Ropati 10, Damian Gibson 9, Menzie Yere 9, Sam Barlow 8, Craig Cook 8, Jonny Woodcock 7, Brendan Lindsay 7.  
GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 75. DG:-  
MAN TO WATCH: Menzie Yere

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

COACH: KARL HARRISON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLV  
LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLV  
TRIES: Jermaine McGilvary 14, Ian Preece 7, Jon Simpson 6, Paul Mennell 6, Danny Maun 6.  
GOALS: Paul Mennell 38, Mark Barlow 9. DGs: Paul Handforth  
MAN TO WATCH: Ash Lindsay

**BENNETT'S BET**  
"Spirited Bulldogs to pick up another vital point - Sheffield by 2"

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## CLUBCALL

## Sheffield v Batley

# Pressure now is to keep on moving up

WE'VE made it into the top six - now we have to stay there. And I want to keep moving up - so tonight's game with Batley Bulldogs is going to be a real test.

I know we put 78 points on Doncaster but the weekend before Batley ran up 70 ... so don't start looking for form guides. It was a good performance by the team against Doncaster - taking into account the problems they have at the moment.

We were clinical - particularly in the second half. Before the game we talked about how the Dons were going to come out with commitment and a good attitude in the first 20 minutes and we needed to be disciplined.

We didn't play the smartest but we did the little things and it paid dividends at the end. It's a good feeling and it is in our hands now, we're in the top six and need to keep chipping away at the teams above and put the pressure on them. There were 14 tries in

the Doncaster win - that's good and the lads were in a great mood after the game. That's what I wanted but I didn't let them get carried away.

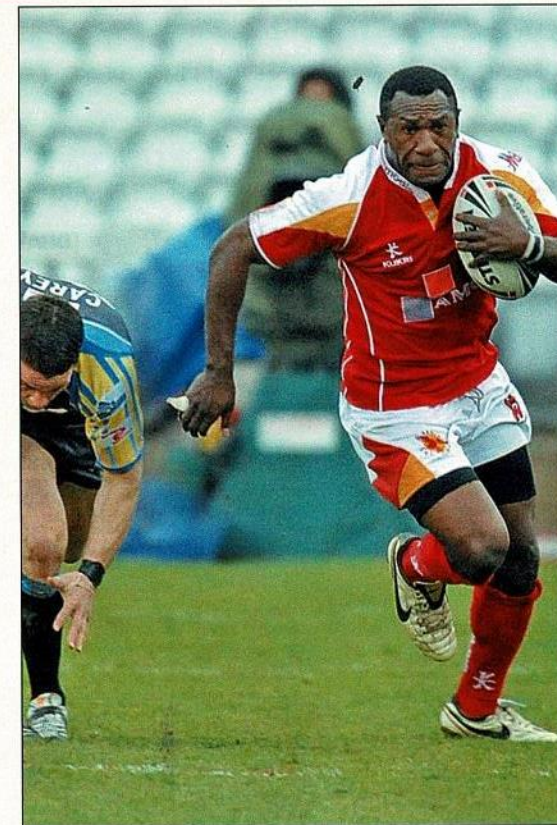
We have had a quick turn round with playing Batley tonight. We will be buzzing, Batley will be buzzing - they got a great result at the weekend, so all is set for a really cracking game tonight.

I watched Batley in their win over Doncaster and they were clinical in their approach. They do the simple things and do them well. Their coach Karl Harrison has done a good job in turning them round.

But tonight's game is about us. We have to look at how we do things and do some things better than we did against Doncaster.

I know we have had a bad run of injuries but we've been able to add some players - Peter Green, Mike Haley and Craig Cook.

There's competition for places. The lads know that if



Menzie Yere and the boys thrashed the Dons - but so did Batley

they're not hitting the levels they will be out of the team.

And we've got a good group of people who are all working for each other.

I've challenged the players who are not in the team to be strong enough to go up to their mates and say 'you've

had a good game but I'm having that shirt back off you'.

That's the competition that we want in the squad. Enjoy the game tonight.

**Mark Aston**  
Mark Aston was interviewed by Jim Collins and is sponsored by Nick Firth Tiles

## Ilkeston are travelling in right direction

Sheffield Eagles have confirmed Ilkeston Co-op Travel as their Official Travel Partner. Now fans and associates of Sheffield Eagles, who book with Ilkeston Co-op Travel, will be actively supporting the club too, because a percentage of the profit will go towards funding for the club. All fans have to do is visit the Ilkeston Co-op Travel team at Meadowhall Retail Park or call them on 01142 44422 and mention the Sheffield Eagles supporters deal. Further details are also available at [www.sheffieldeagles.com](http://www.sheffieldeagles.com).

Pictured receiving a signed Eagles shirt from Tangi Ropati and Brendon Lindsey is Louise Stock, manager of the Meadowhall shop.

The club is hoping to start a Sheffield Eagles Supporters Club and have arranged a meeting for Wednesday 8th July at Carbrook Hall, 537 Attercliffe Common, Sheffield, S9 starting at 7.30pm. Contact Ray Green on 0114 2610326 or email [ray.green@sheffieldeagles.com](mailto:ray.green@sheffieldeagles.com).



ON SALE - 25 Years of Sheffield Eagles, a publication celebrating the history of the club. On sale from the club shop - £2.50 each. ALSO JUST IN - hoodies, mugs, mouse mats, etc



# Widnes v Doncaster



Saturday July 4th 2009. Kick off 6pm. STOBART STADIUM HALTON

## WIDNES VIKINGS

## DONCASTER

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

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No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 -	
2 Dean Colton	Green Energy Solutions
3 -	
4 Shaun Leaf	Pipers Car Sales
5 -	
6 -	
7 -	
8 -	
9 Craig Cook	Praetorian Ltd
10 Alex Benson	Jane Speakman
11 -	
12 Craig Lawton	Everlast Waterproofing
13 Josh Weeden	Andy Booker
14 Scott Jones	Martins Famous Fish Market
15 -	
16 -	
17 -	
18 Craig Holt	RTN Motor Spares
19 Ryan Steen	
20 Michael Coady	Jill Scarrow
21 Garry Ellery	FGH Systems
22 Andy Speake	
23 Scott Smith	Sue Walford
24 Jake Bassinder	
25 -	
26 Gareth Carey	
27 Albert Rounding	
28 Jamie Bovill	
29 Matthew Carbutt	Luffe (The Great Dane)
30 Wayne Opie	

**COACH: TONY MILLER**  
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**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLLL**  
**TRIES: Craig Cook 7, Michael Coady 5, Ross Divorty 4, Gareth Carey 3, Ryan Steen 3.**  
**GOALS: Josh Weeden 11, Andy Speake 8. DGs:**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Craig Lawton**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: G Dolan  
 Touch: C Waywell, P Ward  
 Fourth official: P Meadows

**BENNETT'S BET**  
*"Disorganised Dons heading for disaster - Widnes by 72"*

**COACH: PAUL CULLEN**  
(sponsored by CMS Intelligent Banking)

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW**  
**LAST SIX HOME: LWLWWW**  
**TRIES: Paddy Flynn 10, Gavin Dodd 9, Anthony Thackeray 9, James Webster 7, Toa Kohe Love 7.**  
**GOALS: Scott Yates 33, Tim Hartley 24, Craig Hall 18. DGs: Craig Hall**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Anthony Thackeray**




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## CLUBCALL

## Widnes v Doncaster

# Respect is key

**Paul Cullen, Head Coach**

This evening's game against Doncaster is a very important fixture and one which we are focussing on intently. Whilst Doncaster may have struggled recently, following their well documented financial problems, we cannot afford to disrespect them going into the game as we have seen what happened when we didn't give the likes of Batley, Leigh and Whitehaven the respect they deserved earlier in the season.

The game will also give the opportunity for one or two of the squad to push their claims for a place in the Northern Rail Cup Final at Blackpool.

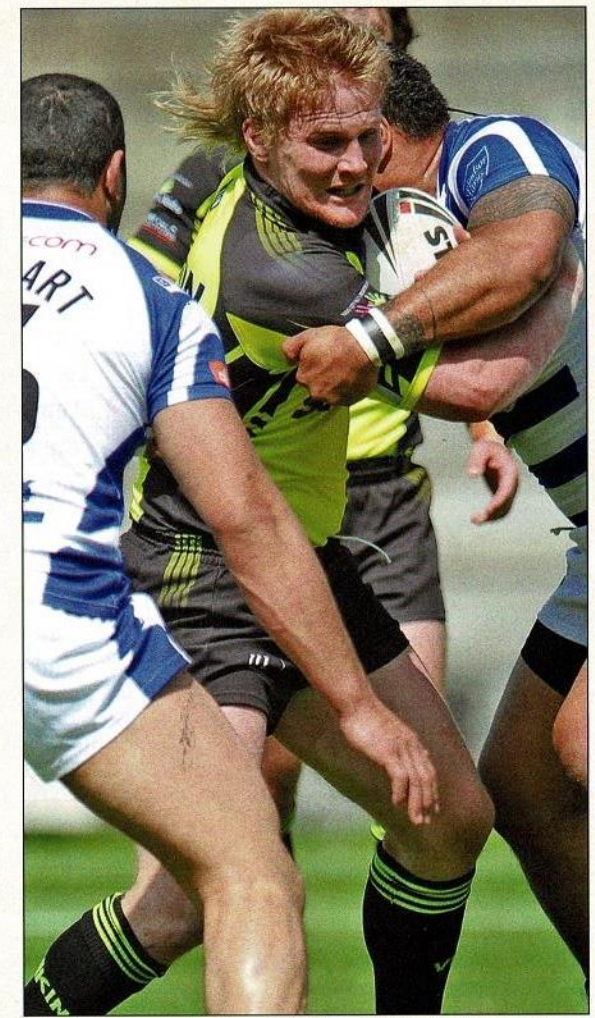
A number of our senior players have already cemented their places in the 17 following their performance at Halifax but, there is still an opportunity for players to impress.

Talking about Halifax, I thought the support we had there was amazing. The fans were certainly loud and proud throughout the game, especially for the period when we were trailing towards the end.

I'm sure that they sucked Craig Hall's drop goal over at the end!

The players had a week off following the victory, resuming training last Sunday, and it's fair to say the semi took a lot out of them.

With Halifax losing at Gateshead last Sunday, trailing 32 - 0 at one stage, it shows what a tough game our semi was and our week off came at a good time. But now we're back in full training and looking forward to the challenges that the rest of the season has in store.



Iain Morrison on the charge in the semi final win over 'Fax

## League before Cup for team

**Alex Bonney**  
Chief Executive Officer



**RETURN: Mark Smith** lifted the Northern Rail Cup with Widnes in 2007 and will be looking to do so again next weekend.

Good evening and welcome to the players, officials and fans from Doncaster for this co-operative Championship fixture.

All of the talk off the pitch has been of the Northern Rail Cup, both the semi final victory over Halifax and the forthcoming final against Barrow.

The support at The Shay was tremendous and the fact that we sold 250 DVDs of the game shows what a thriller it was.

Fans have been out in force since then with 3,800 tickets sold here at the Stadium in less than a week and we could have sold more.

Thanks must go to the administration staff, our scholarship students and volunteers who helped the sales of tickets go smoothly.

However, whilst Blackpool has been to the forefront of our minds, for the players and coaching staff it has been Doncaster which is top of their agenda and three points tonight will help increase the pressure on Barrow and Halifax at the top of the table.

It is also the 4th July and we have brought together some great entertainment including our Halton Schools Choir who will be blasting out some American classics from the likes of Hannah Montana, High School Musical and Camp Rock.

Unfortunately Mark Smith's pleas for American Pie went unheeded!



# Blackpool v York



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. FYLDE RUFC

## BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

## YORK CITY KNIGHTS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Blackpool Supporters	1 Johnny Leather
Derek Way Roofing	2 Damien Munroe
Clover Tech of Wigan	3 Tom Woodcock
Chorley Supporters	4 Mark McCully
Morris and Oxley	5 Chris Muggan
S. Beilby and Family	6 Simon Svabic
Blackpool Supporters	7 Chris Forster
ACM Scaffolding Services	8 Peter Fairhurst
Seabridge Freight Services	9 John Clough
Robert Yates Design	10 John Hill
Interbake Ltd	11 Paul Alcock
Paul Wilson	12 Kris Ratcliffe
Clark Draper Family/	13 Rob Draper
Sheperds Inn, Lowton	
G&M Building Contractors	14 Martin Keaveney
S. Beilby and Family	15 Mel Alker
Rema Tip Top	16 Ian Hodson
Morris Bakers	17 David Llewellyn
	18 John Boland
S. Beilby and Family	19 Liam McGovern
	20 Tom Wild
Morris and Oxley	21 Andy Marsh
	22 Keiron Tucker
Morris and Oxley	23 Daryll Kayed
John Chadwick Insurances	28 Gareth Langley
John Chadwick Insurances	29 Scott Winstanley
John Chadwick Insurances	30 Dean Hutton
	Nick Royle
	Carl Forber
	Simon Bissell (loan)
	Josh Simm (loan)
	Dean Thompson (loan)

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No. PLAYER	The Raylor Centre
1 Danny Ratcliffe	Jinnah Group
2 Steve Lewis	Rodney Gee
3 John Oakes	Team Electric Services
4 Dave Clayton	James Dixon
5 Johnny Waldron	Smith Wilson
6 Adam Mitchell	Delta Training & Consulting
7 Paul March	Millers Famous Fish & Chips
8 Danny Ekis	Stabler International
9 Paul Hughes	Ken Walker & Co Accounting
10 Adam Sullivan	Pam & Martin Calvert
11 Rob Kelly	Cue Ball Snooker Club
12 Tom Haberecht	Sheard Packaging
13 Richard Knight	Chris Hearld
14 Tom Hodgson	British Thornton
15 Chris Clough	ASL Specialist Garage Services
16 Jordan Ross	Evolution Tattoo Studio
17 Scott Woodcock	Yorkshire Building Society
18 Steve Grundy	Claire & Steve Harbron
19 Kris Peacock	D & M Building & Paving
20 Adam Jones	Julie's Bakery
21 Dave March	
22 Tom Stancliffe	Balfour Beatty
23 Adam Endersby	Acupuncture For Health
25 Garry Green	HC Engineering
26 Luke Watling	Brian Watson
27 Danny Grimshaw	Mrs Watson
28 Mike Mitchell	Laura Dixon
29 Mark Applegarth	
30 Carl Barrow	
34 Wayne McHugh	Monk Bar Model Shop

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

COACH: PAUL MARCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLLW  
 LAST SIX HOME: WLWLWW  
 TRIES: Johnny Leather 11, Mark McCully 6, Damien Munroe 6, David Llewellyn 5, Gareth Langley 5, Dean Hutton 5. GOALS: Johnny Leather 28, Carl Forber 25. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Dean Thompson

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow  
 Touch: G Jones, J Callaghan  
 Fourth Official: W Johnstone

### BENNETT'S BET

"In-form Knights to enjoy day by the seaside - York by 8"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWLW  
 TRIES: Paul Hughes 14, Danny Ratcliffe 11, Paul March 11, John Oakes 10, Tom Haberecht 10. GOALS: Adam Mitchell 47, Wayne McHugh 13, Richard Knight 11. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: John Oakes

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## CLUBCALL

## Blackpool v York

# Play-off aim is on course

After such a long lay-off without any competitive matches, I was a little concerned the boys would be a bit rusty last week.

But as we all saw, that was far from the case! We really came out of the blocks and never stopped working, giving us a very well deserved victory which could have been even bigger if it hadn't been for the driving rain during most of the match making handling more difficult.

I felt confident by half-time that we had the game sewn up and I just asked the lads to finish them off.

Apart from a couple of lapses of concentration in the second half, that is exactly what we did!

I was especially pleased with all the new lads who came in during the break, with Dean Thompson showing his class and Carl Forber doing some great work with his boot!

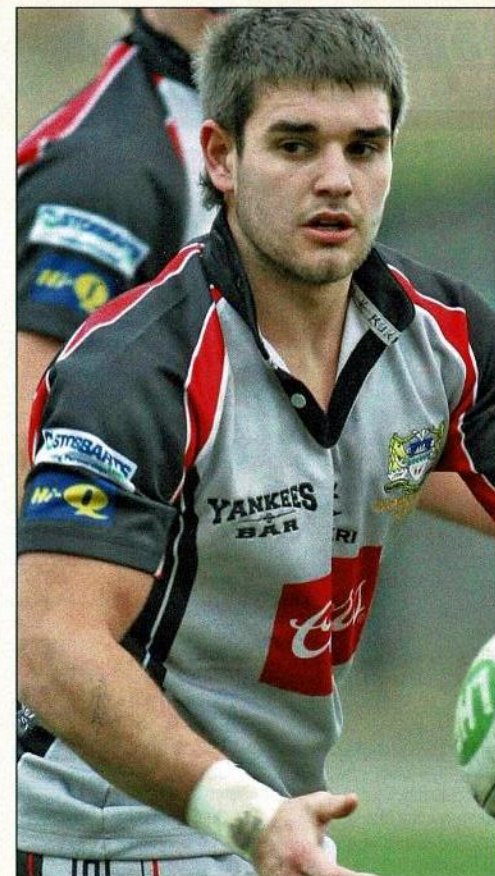
The quality of these new signings shows how committed we all are here at Blackpool, with our aim of consolidating a play-off place virtually there.

This week however will be a different ball game altogether.

York are really motoring at the moment and they are not in second place for nothing. They had a great win against Oldham on their home televised Sky game last Thursday and we are certainly going to be in for a very tough match. But if the team perform as they did last week, there is no reason why we can't come away with all the points.

Finally, I want to offer a warm welcome to all the players, staff and supporters who have made the long journey from York and hope you all enjoy the game.

**Martin Crompton**  
Coach



Recent arrival Carl Forber has impressed Crompton

## Good to be home again

IS this a record - two home games on the run?

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the officials, players and supporters of the York City Knights.

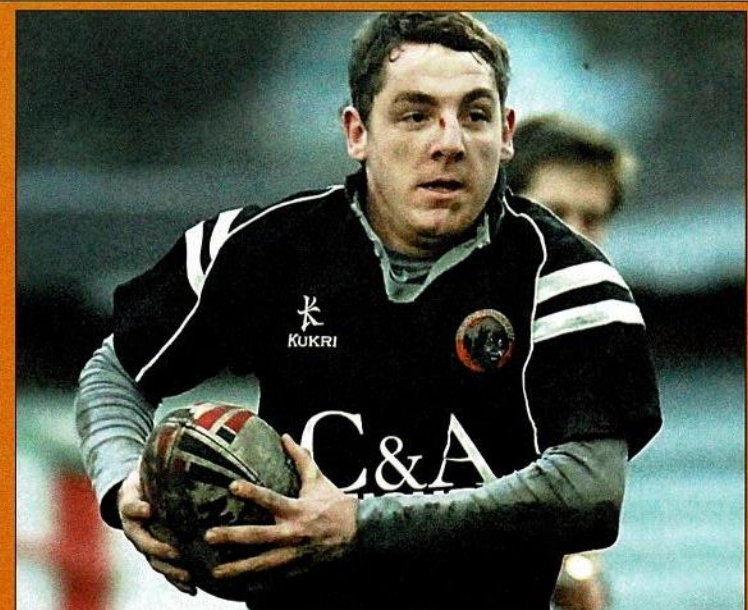
I'm sure most of us watched York beat Oldham on their last home game that was televised on Sky and we are certainly expecting a tough encounter today.

Last week saw us play some good football in the victory over Workington in atrocious conditions and let's hope we continue in that vein today.

We host the inaugural Northern Rail Cup 9's Competition over the weekend of 11th and 12th July and at the draw last Thursday live on GMR radio, we have been grouped with Swinton, Dewsbury and Rochdale.

Enjoy the game and hope to see you also next week at the 9s.

**Chairman John Chadwick**



Try machine Johnny Leather is likely to be in the Blackpool side that will have home advantage in next weekend's inaugural Northern Rail 9s.



# Rams v Swinton



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. THE TETLEY'S STADIUM

## DEWSBURY RAMS

## SWINTON LIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
John Sawyer	2 Morgan Starkey
Joe G Fitness	3 Lee Lingard
	4 Craig Bower
Sue Walford	5 Andrew Tillotson
	6 Ryan Smith
	8 Jimmy Elston
Rams Study Centre	9 Mike Emmett
Subway	11 Adam Robinson
The Three Gs	12 Taron Wildey
Mount Tabor Church	13 Pat Walker
Peggy & Sam Hill	15 Bryn Powell
The Buzz Room	16 Austin Buchanan
Steve Johnson	17 Alex Bretherton
The West Riding	18 Chris Spurr
John Calvert	19 Liam Finn
Jack Addy/Pat Heywood	20 Rob Spicer
The Grayson Family	21 Andy Bostock
Vivien Calvert	22 Kane Epati
Peter Brooke/David Kirby	23 Keegan Hirst
Rams Cheerleaders	24 Simon Cook
	25 Gary North
	26 Jake Wilson
	27 Chris Grice
J. Addy Talent Scout	28 Liam Crawley
Rams Travel Club	29 Allister McAllister
Rams Squadbuilder	30 Chris Hall
Lauren & Lucy Hall	31 Chris Green
Rams Squadbuilder	32 Martin Woodhead
KBSP Associates	33 James Walker
Ken & Pat Humphrey	34 Josh Tonks
Eric France Scrap Metal	35 Adam Hayes
Elaine & Peter Holyoake	36 James Lockwood
Key For Living	37 Sam Dolby
	38 Tom Wandless
	39 Billy Maxwell
	40 Loz Wildbore

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW

TRIES: Andy Bostock 17, Kane Epati

15, Bryn Powell 11, Austin Buchanan

11, Liam Finn 11, Alex Bretherton 9,

GOALS: Pat Walker 100, Liam Finn

15. DGs: Liam Finn 2.

MAN TO WATCH: Liam Finn

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>		
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<b>Loose forward</b>		
<b>Interchange 1</b>		
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<b>SCORERS</b>		
<b>TRIES</b>		
<b>Conv</b>		
<b>Pens</b>		
<b>DGs</b>		

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Wayne English	Elizabeth Taylor (Grandma English)
2 Barry Hamilton	Daniel Croston
3 Dave Hull	Premier Building Ltd
4 Dean Gorton	Dave Roberts
5 Marlon Billy	Mike & Kath Tyldesley
6 Graham Holroyd	Muscle & Fitness Gym
7 Richard Hawkyard	Junior Lions
8 Paul Southern	Heartland M27 - Rob Dunford
9 Phil Wood	Junior Lions
10 Bruce Johnson	Egan Contractors Ltd
11 Mike Wainwright	Bill Shepherd & Warren Mottram
	Chris & Viv Tyldesley
12 Danny Heaton	Geoff Hewitt USA
13 Marty Moana	In Memory of Peter Walker
14 Craig Ashall	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	Lethbridge & Co.
23 Ben Williamson	Premier Building Ltd
24 Paul Crook	Mike & Sarah Dagnan
25 Matt Ashe	Phil, Ann & Josh Walker
26 Chris Frodsham	Barbara & Emma Cathcart,
27 Chris Tyrer	Sue Buckley & Joyce Shannon
	In Memory of Frank Scanlon
28 Dave Newton	Redsentinal
29 Carl Sneyd	Northline Business Consultants
30 Andy Saywell	

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWWW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWLLW

TRIES: Dave Hull 12, Carl Sneyd 7,

Andy Saywell 5, Gary Hulse 5, Craig

Ashall 6, Neil Rigby 5. GOALS: Carl

Sneyd 58, Graham Holroyd 10. DGs:

Craig Ashall, Graham Holroyd

MAN TO WATCH: Richard Hawkyard

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W Turley

Touch: D Sharpe, D McNeice

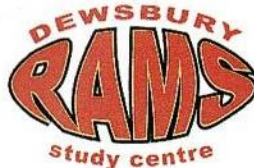
Fourth official: S Moss

### BENNETT'S BET

"Rams too hot for resurgent Lions to handle - Dewsbury by 12"

# ERIC FRANCE

SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS



## CLUBCALL

## Dewsbury v Swinton

# We're quietly getting on with the job in hand

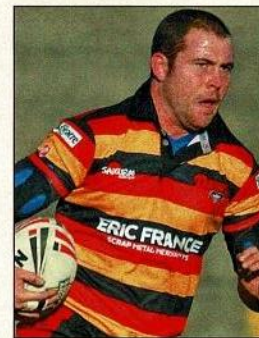
Hi, welcome to the Tetley's Stadium on what I hope will be a glorious summer's afternoon for what proves to be a very competitive encounter with the Swinton Lions.

Swinton had a good result last week by beating an in-form Hunslet which makes this game a very tough one, no doubt Swinton will be looking to be the first team to beat us and after the last time we played them they will have taken plenty of positives out of that game.

As a team it is very important that we keep our feet firmly on the ground, our heads down and quietly get on with the job in hand, which starts today.

It was a good all round hit out down at the Skolars, our ball control in the first quarter wasn't satisfactory and we will be looking to amend that this week.

I thought defensively the team had a massive game



Rob Spicer - a man in form

with solid work from Rob Spicer, Taron Wildey, Adam Robinson, Keegan Hirst as well as James Lockwood impressing on his second run out with the first team, which was very promising and shows that he has a big future at the club.

Loz Wildbore also had an impressive debut adding something to the team that we have been missing, I think he is a great signing for us and

the best is yet to come from him. He has a big character and he is great to have in the dressing room, which this team thrives on.

Bryn Powell was yet again in outstanding form proving to be too strong for the opposition and causing collateral damage to the opposition with his blockbusting runs.

Taz made his presence felt in attack, but more so in defence which made me think I'm glad I'm not taking the ball in at him or any of the other pack members!

It's great to see the travelling hardcore fans at the game. It means so much to me and the team and your great support is one of the reasons we are in the position we are. Long may it continue and bigger may it become!

James Walker is on the mend and it shouldn't be long before he's back on the field after his ongoing problems with his shoulder and a torn calf.

Simon Cook has had a recurrence of his groin injury, imagine if these two players were fully fit how strong the squad would be and how strong my selection headache would be, although I already have a headache at the moment with everybody vying for a place in the side.

I'd just like to congratulate Rob Spicer on winning our in-house player of the month.

Rob has proved to be a worthy signing and one of the main cogs in the engine room department of this team.

I'd like to thank Tony Healey for all the help he has given this season helping Shaun, our kitman, out. Blokes like Tony are hard to come by and it is very appreciated what Tony does for the team.

Enjoy the game, see you after in the bar (feel free to buy me a beer, don't be shy I am very approachable, thank you...)

Warren Jowitt, Coach

# We're living in daydream land!

At the start of the season back in February if anyone had said to me that by the beginning of July we would have lost just two games and both of those in knockout competitions then I'd have been asking them if they took to daydreaming.

However, here we are with just the two defeats at Sheffield and Barrow and a 100% Championship 1 record. But it's not how it looks now but how it is in eight games time.

We've a run of really tough games ahead of us starting with the visit of Swinton this afternoon. When we were at Sedgley Park earlier this season it was a close game for much of the 80 minutes and we only made sure of the points late in the game. Swinton have put some good results together recently and have emerged as genuine promotion contenders and they will pose a real threat.

### Mark Sawyer, chairman

Former Rams player Les Holliday is now back in a coaching capacity at the club and his vast experience is sure to rub off on the players. They are a club looking to go forward and negotiations are well under way to secure a return close to their roots.

In its time Station Road Swinton was a place of legends and for home fans with long memories a place where dreams of Wembley came unstuck two years in a row. Unfortunately the ground was unable to cope with the new legislation following the tragedies both at Hillsborough and Valley Parade and another fine old stadium was lost to the game.

Having been in a similar position and homeless not that long ago we know that nothing beats having a home of

your own with the valuable additional income opportunities that it can offer you being vital for the day to day running of the club.

Doncaster are of course tenants at the Keepmoat Stadium and they find themselves in administration once again.

Others such as Rochdale, Widnes and Swinton themselves have also suffered a similar problem and clubs without other income generation opportunities just can't survive on gate receipts alone.

Our own attendances continue to hold up well with over 1,700 another good attendance for the televised game against Keighley although this was well beaten by the 3,000+ at York for the visit of Oldham just over a week ago.

It would be a great achievement if we could finish the season with a four figure average attendance and hopefully this afternoon will keep us on track to do just that. Enjoy the game.



# Hornets v Hawks



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

## HORNETS RUGBY LEAGUE

## HUNSLET HAWKS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Aztek Safety	1 Chris Giles
John & Julie Clarke	2 John Gillam
Ray Walton	3 Mick Fogerty
Lion Springs	4 Casey Mayberry
	5 -
J Heaton & Son	6 Martin Ainscough
	7 -
Interbake Ltd	8 David Best
Sue & Dave Butterworth	9 Janan Billings
Ian Coop	10 Paul Rafferty
Ray & Maureen of Heywood Market	11 David Cunliffe
Hartley Thomas Wright	12 Ian Sinfield
The Loyalists	13 Wayne Corcoran
	14 Adam Thomas
John Mac & Company	15 Martin McLoughlin
Claire Murgatoryd	16 Mark Brocklehurst
Grant & Dougie	17 Andy Isherwood
	18 -
Megan Tann	19 Craig Johnson
Tin2net Ltd	20 Dail Cunliffe
Ian Nield	21 Tommy Gallagher
	22 Paul Anderson
	23 Liam Grundy
	24 Chris Hough
Shaw Mitchell & Co	25 Dayne Donaghue
Accountants	
	26 Leroy Rivett
	32 Liam McGovern
	33 Matt Strong
	34 Brett Robinson
	35 Dave Houghton

COACH: DARREN SHAW

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW  
 TRIES: Martin Ainscough 13, Mick Fogerty 6, Casey Mayberry 6, John Gillam 5.  
 GOALS: Chris Giles 20, Liam McGovern 17. DGs: McGovern  
 MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

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

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

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

COACH: GRAEME HALLAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLLW  
 TRIES: Ayden Faal 10, Michael Mark 7, Michael Brown 5, Darren Robinson 5  
 GOALS: Darren Robinson 31, Tom Sheldrake 11. DGs: Richard Chapman, Darren Robinson.  
 MAN TO WATCH: Michael Mark

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Drizza  
 Touch: K Povah, L Todd  
 Fourth Official: T Selby

### BENNETT'S BET

"Hornets to pick up rare win on home turf - Hornets by 6"



**HORNETS  
 RL -  
 WE'RE  
 BACK AND  
 BUZZIN'!**

## CLUBCALL

## Hornets RL v Hunslet

# Plenty going on behind the scenes, despite break

Hello and a warm welcome to Spotland Stadium, home of Hornets Rugby League Club, and an especially warm welcome today to the supporters, players and directors of the Hunslet Hawks.

It seems like a lifetime since we last played at home but that's not to say we haven't been busy behind the scenes.

The most obvious change since our last home fixture is that Jim is no longer chairman. The pressures of a demanding employer and moving house meant that Jim felt he couldn't devote the time he wanted to do the job properly and took the brave decision to step down. We all wish Jim the best for the future.

After Jim stood down I was approached by our president Paul Ormerod if I would be willing to take on the role and after speaking with Joe Pitts and getting the support from our commercial partners at Sponsorbank I allowed my name to go forward to the rest of the board and at the last board meeting I was elected chair.

The mid-season break has not meant there's been nothing going on at the club, quite the opposite. Hopefully you have seen the 'award-winning' Hornets float in the Milnrow and Norden carnivals where we received a fantastic reception, especially Hercules, and fingers crossed some of the people from the parades have come along to the game today.

Another superb success we have had was our sell-out 'Burning Love' curry night, which saw Raj's Restaurant on Edenfield Road full of Hornets fans enjoying a great night of entertainment thanks to top Elvis tribute artist Lewis Gates and our comedy/vocal compere Paul Chance.

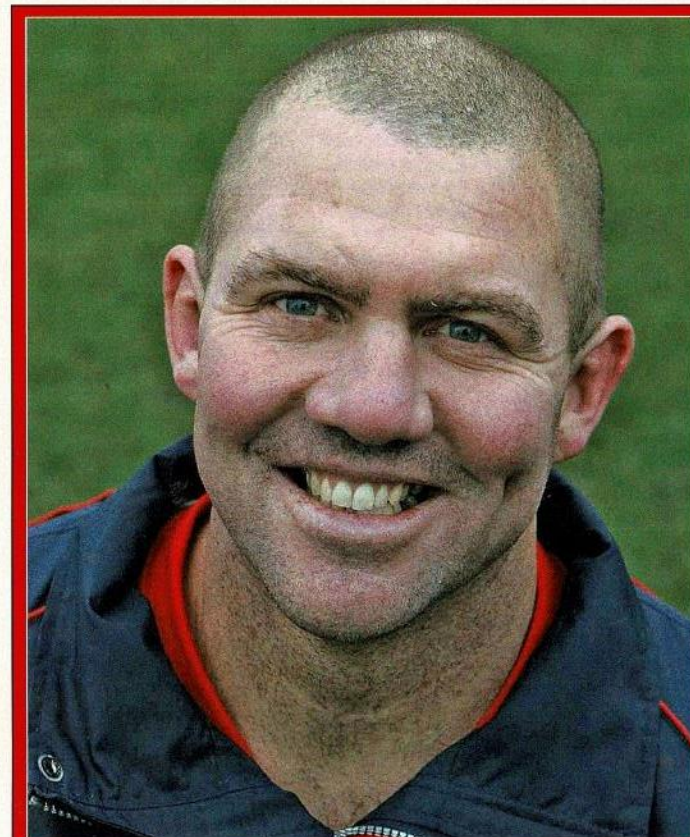
We have to thank both Lewis and Paul, who both refused a fee to help out their local club and host Raj Snr, who donated £100 to the cause. There has been so much good stuff going on at the club recently, such as the launch of the new Hornets U-17s team thanks to the efforts of the town's amateur clubs, which is a sure sign of the improved relations that have now been developed.

The new lottery goes from strength to strength, and of course we have the upcoming elections where any member can put their name forward to be elected and of course vote on the make-up of the board.

We'd like to thank today's match sponsors too, The Dawn Group.

Finally, please don't forget we have the Blackpool 9s coming up where we have a real chance of some silverware and tickets are available in the foyer and office at a bargain price, alongside the new 'Half Season' season ticket which comes with a string of benefits, so please help the club and dig deep!

Mark Wynn, Chairman



## We need to regain that spirit

Let's not mention our last performance against Keighley Cougars, the less said the better!

We now need to seriously kick on and learn from our mistakes.

We have got to find that spirit and professionalism that we took to the Challenge Cup game against Huddersfield Giants and channel it into every remaining game.

While we do have eight games left this season and it is still a mathematical possibility for us to reach the play-offs, it's increasingly looking less likely and we are now going to have to rely on other teams to lose whilst winning our remaining games.

Injuries have plagued us this sea-

son, as you all know, and what with our latest casualty Steve Roper breaking his ankle in what was practically his first match for us, this isn't looking to improve.

This isn't an excuse, we should still be performing as we know we can every minute of every game.

Having said this, we are hoping to lift a trophy at the upcoming Blackpool 9s competition next weekend, so we hope to see you all over there, giving us your much-needed and much-appreciated support as you always do.

Darren Shaw, coach



# Keighley v Skolars



Sunday July 5th 2009. Kick off 3pm. COUGAR PARK

## KEIGHLEY COUGARS

## LONDON SKOLARS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Cutting Jungle Hairdressers	1 George Raynor
Dolphin Stairlifts	2 Sam Gardner
The Clarksons	3 Dan Potter
Mr & Mrs Glover	4 Oliver Pursglove
J&M Fisher	5 Gavin Duffy
Joyce Barret Hairdressers	6 Jon Presley
Phoenix Trophies	7 Danny Jones
Mr & Mrs Philips	8 Andy Shickell
D & M Procter	9 James Feather
Swaggs Hair Studio	10 Simon Bissell
Mr & Mrs Rothera	11 Will Cartledge
	12 -
Mr & Mrs Rothera	13 Carl Hughes
Oddities Giftware	14 Jermaine Wray
Mr & Mrs Bardgett	15 Craig Brown
Cougar Pride Centre	16 Brendon Rawlins
J&M Fisher	17 Scott Law
M Croft & T Pycroft	18 Greg Nicholson
R Weir Property	19 Craig Fawcett
Maintenance	
Rex Procter & Partners	20 Daley Williams
Cutting Jungle Hairdressers	21 Ryan Smith
Emily & Flynn Walker	22 Lee Mapals
	23 James Hutchinson
	24 Luke Sutcliffe
	25 Wayne Sutcliffe
	Non-numbered:
	Ryan Benjafield
	Damien Reid
	Dan Belcher
	James Haythornthwaite
	Tim Bibby
	Tom Hall
	Ben Sagar
	Jack Copperwaite
	Karl Gunney

**COACH: BARRY EATON**  
(sponsored by the Cox family)

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWW**  
**LAST SIX HOME: WWLWWW**  
**TRIES: Jon Presley 19, Lee Mapals 11, Gavin Duffy 7, Carl Hughes 6, Dan Potter 5, George Raynor 5.**  
**GOALS: Danny Jones 68.**  
**DGs: Danny Jones, Jon Presley.**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Andy Shickell**

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>		
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<b>Conv</b>		
<b>Pens</b>		
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No. PLAYER	
1 Frank Reid	
2 Corey Simms	Lanes Coaches
3 Olly Fountain	Mum & Dad
4 Oliver Bloom	Gloucestershire Warriors
5 Austen Aggrey	Alan Greenwood
6 Jermaine Coleman	
7 Paul Thorman	No.1 City Road Bar & Grill
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	Vibe Teaching
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	
27 Keir Bell	
28 Bernard Rule	
29 Jy-Mel Coleman	
30 John Paxton	
Assistant coach: Kevin Reith	Sportstraders

**INTERIM HEAD COACH:**  
**JERMAINE COLEMAN**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLWLLL**  
**LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL**  
**TRIES: Matt Thomas 9, Austen Aggrey 3, Olu Iwenofu 3, John Paxton 3, Olly Fountain 3.**  
**GOALS: Paul Thorman 20. DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Jaroslaw Obuchowski**

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D Merrick  
Touch: S Daniel, D Butler  
Fourth Official: J Asquith

### BENNETT'S BET

"Cougars have firepower to blow struggling Skolars away - Keighley by 42"



## CLUBCALL

## Keighley v London Skolars

# An unknown quantity

Today we welcome the Skolars for our first meeting this season, with today's game at home and then we travel down to London for the last league game of the season on the eve of the Challenge Cup Final.

Last year we were the lucky ones who got the opportunity to play the Skolars then go to the final, and they requested that it was us who do the same this season.

We were only too happy to agree as we get the benefit of the final the next day and our supporters will I'm sure travel down

in their numbers to support us then take in the final as well so I would like to thank all at the Skolars for requesting the fixture again.

On to today's game though, and the Skolars are a bit of an unknown quantity, especially as they have just forged strong links with the Harlequins club where by they can take players on loan for a week at a time, which could potentially massively strengthen them.

Some teams have played the Skolars twice already before this link was granted by the RFL,

whereas we have not played them at all yet so we may well find ourselves up against a lot different personnel than other teams have already faced, depending on how many loanees they take from Harlequins.

This only re-confirms that we must take care of ourselves and what we are capable of doing week-in week-out and though we put a lot of things right last week there are still lots of areas where we need to improve as a group before we will be totally satisfied.

Today we may welcome back into the squad Brendon Rawlins

after his long and drawn-out visa application process.

After we got the nod for Brendon to carry on his career with the club we were not aware or prepared for the delays in obtaining the paperwork for his visa, but thankfully that has now been sorted and though his first appearance is long overdue this year we have all been massively boosted by his arrival and he will hopefully give us a big lift as we enter the final third of the season.

Enjoy the game.

**Coach, Barry Eaton**

# Returning their hospitality

Good afternoon and welcome to today's co-operative Championship One fixture against London Skolars.

Everybody from the Riverside Stadium is very welcome here at Cougar Park as we remember well the hospitality given to us when we went to London on the eve of last year's Carnegie Challenge Cup Final.

Incidentally we're scheduled to do the same thing again on Friday August 28 and if last year's visit to North London is any indication it looks being a wonderful evening's entertainment again, right through the game to sharing a drink with the Skolar fans.

Last Sunday we were honoured when Gerry Sutcliffe MP, the Minister for Sport, was the guest of honour at the official launching of the Cougar Pride 'Playing for Success' classroom here at Cougar Park.

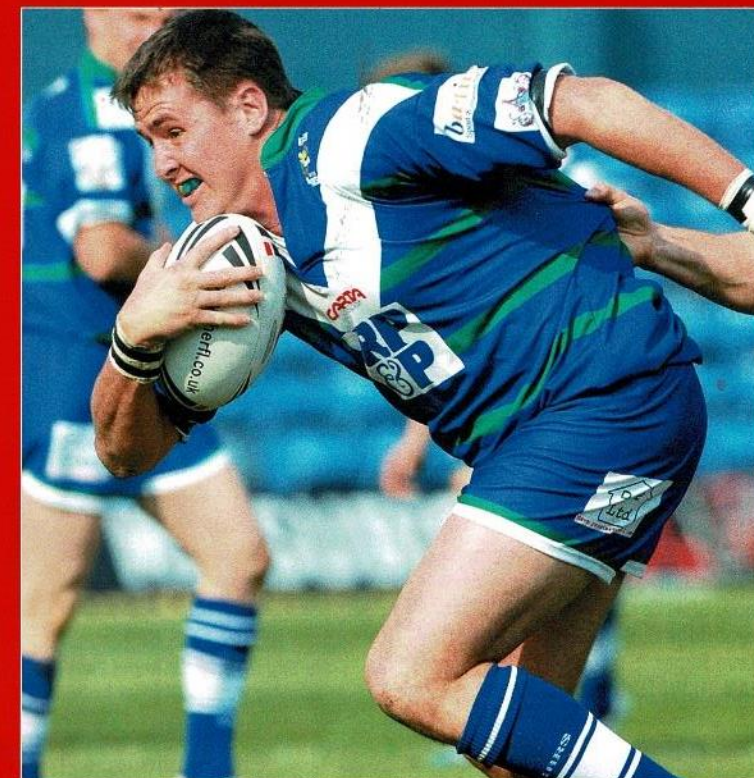
He was accompanied on his visit to the facility by Keighley MP Ann Cryer, who is also a trustee of the Cougar Community Foundation.

It was a wonderful day out for everybody concerned and set the blue seal on the work undertaken during the last two years by centre manager Liz Kidman and assistant Rachel Pressley.

The other big news of the week was our Australian prop Brendon Rawlins was given his work permit.

Brendon went home to Australia to complete what seemed to be formalities in February after winning an appeal against the RFL's decision but his application became lodged in the system, taking until last week to emerge.

The good thing is that he's back now and I've no doubt that the popular Australian who has found a special place in the affection of the Cougar public will be glad to be back in action as well as



Brendon Rawlins - the popular Aussie returns - finally!

back 'home'. Congratulations too to our Scholarship forward Wasim Sahim on his call up for the British Asian Rugby Association training squad in preparation for their game against the Great Britain Lions Under-18 team next month.

We're very proud of Wasim's achievement and he is a great credit to our club and his family.

**Helen Carter, General Manager**



# Workington v Oldham



Sunday July 5th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. DERWENT PARK

## WORKINGTON TOWN

## OLDHAM RLFC

No. PLAYER  
 1 -  
 2 Neil Frazer  
 3 Andrew Beattie  
 4 Jason Mossop  
 5 Jamie Marshall  
 6 -  
 7 Steve Roper  
 8 -  
 9 Jack Pedley  
 10 Dean Burgess  
 11 Mike Whitehead  
 12 Craig Hodgson  
 13 -  
 14 -  
 15 James Robinson  
 16 -  
 17 Peter Dobson  
 18 Kris Coward  
 19 Scott Burgess  
 20 Stephen Dawes  
 21 Mark Routledge  
 22 Patrick Coupar  
 23 Martyn Wilson  
 24 Jarrad Stack  
 25 Harry Kaufman  
 Chris Frodsham  
 Brett Carter (loan)  
 Marc Shackley (loan)  
 Marc Bainbridge (loan)  
 Joe McKenna (loan)  
 TRIALISTS:  
 Keith Campbell  
 Alex Daprille  
 Adam Ramsden

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### SCORERS

Tries  
 Conv  
 Pens  
 DGs

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WLLLLL  
 TRIES: Stephen Dawes 8, Tommy Brindle 3, five players on two tries each. GOALS: Carl Forber 22, Marc Bainbridge 5, Steve Roper 2. DGs: Steve Roper  
 MAN TO WATCH: Marc Bainbridge

### MATCH OFFICIALS

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COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: W-WWLWL  
 TRIES: Andy Ballard 17, James Coyle 9, Thomas Coyle 9, Marcus St Hilaire 8, Danny Halliwell 8.  
 GOALS: Andy Ballard 90, Danny Halliwell 3. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Andy Ballard



## CLUBCALL

## Workington v Oldham

# Your support is genuinely appreciated by us

Needless to say everyone was extremely disappointed by last week's performance.

It goes without saying that when we have disrupted the squad to the extent we have half-way through the season; we are very much on the back foot.

Nevertheless we can play much better than we did at Blackpool.

At the time of writing we

By Dave Bowden  
 Workington chairman

are still assessing loan players and there will be ins and outs I'm sure even this week as we build up to the Oldham game.

Of course the season has been something of a nightmare so far.

But the steps taken will ensure we can regroup and

put the club on a strong footing. Thanks to the fantastic support we had at Blackpool.

We have some great fans who understand exactly what we're having to do this year.

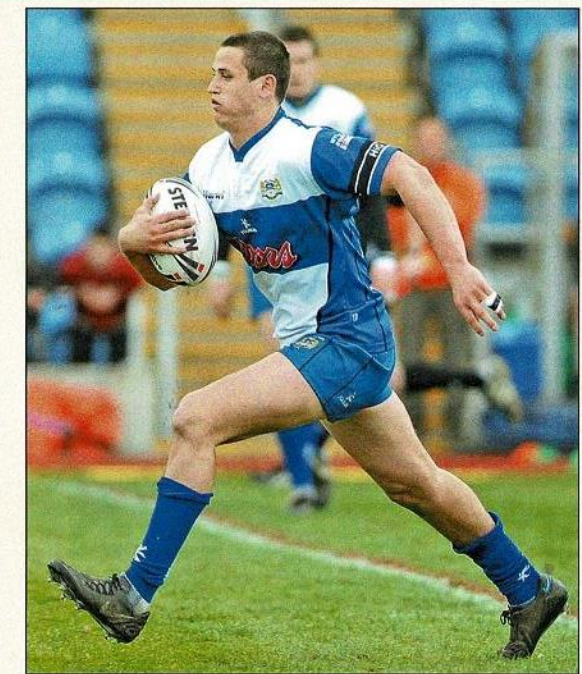
When we do emerge out of this difficult but necessary period, it will be worth it just for you alone.

And to our sponsors today, who have stuck with

us through the ups and downs also, a big thank you to you all. You really have made the difference in ensuring we are in a position to kick on.

Today we will have to show great character and resilience if we are to provide any competition against one of the strongest squads in the division, I expect all our players to do that today.

# Pats on the back for some of our top men



Jarrad Stack - one of Town's unsung heroes

The last home game against Swinton showed what this team is capable of. The commitment and enthusiasm right through the 80 minutes was there for all to see.

Although we lost the game you, the supporters, got behind the players when it mattered most. I know the boys felt the encouragement that was given throughout.

I'd like to mention players for their personal contributions who I feel deserve a pat on the back.

Jack Pedley divided his time between scrum half and hooker where he scored one try and created another with his speed and agility. Jack has settled into his role well and each week his perform-

ance improves.

Kris Coward has started the last two games and made a real impact. Kris is big, skillful and fast - all the attributes of a front rower. He has certainly learned how to play his role and he is another on an upward curve.

Jarrad Stack, Mike Whitehead and Paddy Coupar continue to put in big physical performances. These three play the game tough and get through a significant amount of work in both attack and defence.

We have recently signed Chris Frodsham from Swinton on a permanent basis. Chris is 21 years old and can play either stand-off or full-back.

He has been well schooled in his

career coming through the ranks at St Helens from scholarship to academy, representing both Lancashire and England at under 17s. He will make his debut this afternoon.

Today we welcome Oldham to Derwent Park. I know that Tony Benson will be looking to avenge last week's defeat at York.

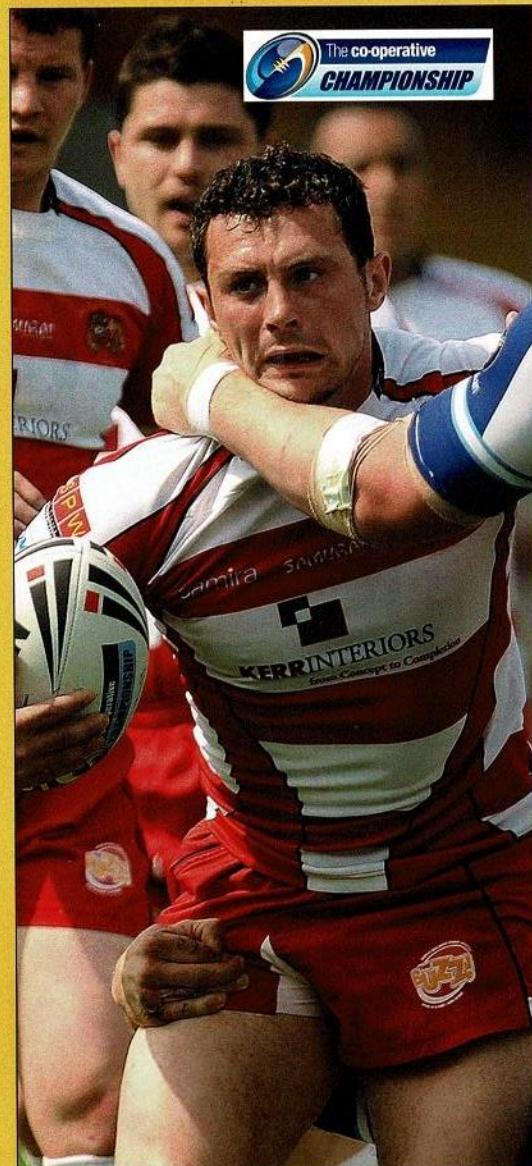
For those of you heading for Blackpool for the 9s and the final next week enjoy your festival of RL - hope to see you there at what should be an enjoyable weekend.

Enjoy today's game.

Dave Rotheram  
 Head Coach

# ACTIONREPLAY

## Upsets aplenty as underdogs bite back



Ash Lindsay bagged a brace for Batley as they brought Barrow crashing down to earth

IT WAS a toss-up who sprung the biggest surprise in the Championship last Sunday afternoon as the two front-runners both fell unexpectedly at the unlikeliest of hurdles.

It seems only a few weeks ago that both Gateshead and especially Batley were struggling to keep pace with the teams in the lower half of the table.

Indeed the only consolation for both Halifax and Barrow coaches Dave Clark and Matt Calland was that their closest contenders also lost.

Gateshead coach Steve McCormack punched the air with relief after his team ran up a 32-point first-half lead, then hung on for dear life as Matt Calland roused his men for a second half charge.

"We knew what Halifax's strengths were and they have three or four hookers in the side so are always quick from dummy half," said McCormack.

"We defended that well in the first half but then allowed them to score a few tries from around that area in the second which was disappointing.

"Every game is important to us now. It was good to get a win at home and to beat the top of the table side was a big turnaround for us after the heavy defeat at their place.

"Everyone is working together and it's shown in the last two weeks. We knew Halifax would come back but the desire and work ethic of the team shone through and we deserved to hold on."

Calland offered no excuses for his team's first-half effort, coming after a Northern Rail Cup semi-final defeat by Widnes.

"I would like to apologise to the Halifax fans for an abysmal first-half display," said Calland. "We were outfought and out

enthused by Gateshead.

"It wasn't good enough and the players were given a real dressing down at half-time.

"I was confident we could come back in the second half but we didn't take enough of our chances in the game and pulled up short."

Over at Mount Pleasant, high-flying Barrow were brought to earth with a massive bump as Karl Harrison's resurgent Bulldogs won their fourth game out of five – and in some style.

Batley had seven different try scorers contributing to a convincing 46-16 scoreline which left Barrow coach Dave Clark shaking his head and hoping for a return to form before Blackpool next week.

Doomed Doncaster, still trying to survive on a week to week basis, were put to the sword by Sheffield in front of a measly crowd of 275 at the Chris Moyles Stadium and are desperately in need of a guardian angel. The detail of former Doncaster mayor Martin Winter's rescue package continues to be awaited.

Whitehaven's two wing flyers were having fun in the sun at the Rec as Leigh contributed their part to a high-scoring bonanza.

Craig Calvert raced in for four tries and Ade Adebisi bagged two as Whitehaven ran away as 36-22 winners on a hot day in north-west Cumbria.

It wasn't the prettiest of games, but the result meant that Batley leap-frogged ambitious Leigh in the Championship table.

It was hot and steamy too in the south of France, but Toulouse's chances of beating Featherstone were fatally damaged when playmaker Nathan Wynn left the field early on with a shoulder injury, and Rovers ran out 32-16 winners.



James Coyle looks for support in a thriller at York before the Sky cameras

## Video isn't Child's play

VIDEO REFEREE James Child held the result of the Thursday night Sky button in his hands as the cameras turned up at York's Huntington Stadium for the visit of Oldham.

With the concept of 'benefit of the doubt' seemingly cast aside now, Mr Child ultimately gave Oldham's brave troops the thumbs down as he ruled that Tommy Goulden just – and it can only have been just – failed to touch the ball down before the desperate York defenders pushed him back over the line.

Thus was the Knights' 20-18 win preserved in what was another Thursday night classic for fans both at home and at the match.

The result took David March's men second in the table but there's still no catching Warren Jowitt's soaraway Rams. They plundered 64 unanswered points at the London Skolars with Bryn Powell netting a hat-trick.

Coach Jowitt said: "I am very satisfied with the win, but all wins are satisfactory. We were very professional and clinical



in possession.

"Defensively we were very good. London put us under a lot of pressure in the first 20 minutes, but we kept them out. Our fitness level is very good and that's what has made a big difference.

"James Lockwood has just joined us from amateur rugby league (Sharlston) and he has been a good find. It was only his second game for us, but he was very good."

For the Skolars, Jermaine Coleman was at the temporary helm after coach Callum Irving's resignation.

The result left Dewsbury nine points clear at the top of the table with just seven games left to play and seemingly unassailable in the quest for automatic promotion.

In the play-off race Swinton Lions produced their best performance of the campaign in beating Graeme Hallas's Hunslet Hawks 42-16. The win leapfrogged the Lions over

their rivals into 5th spot in the division.

It was all-around entertainment in sultry conditions from Swinton, who were celebrating the return of former GB loose-forward Les Holliday to assist Paul Kidd with the coaching duties.

Workington's 2009 woes continued down on the Fylde coast where Martin Crompton's Blackpool Panthers were 46-18 winners.

Town lined up against their recently departed star Carl Forber who landed three goals as the Panthers raced out to a winning lead with three tries in the first 13 minutes.

There was no way back from there for Workington who had talented young GB students centre James Mossop on debut after impressing in the Skanska Cup final in mid-week. Town coach Dave Rotheram groaned: "That was another harsh lesson for us.

We've just got to look after the ball better when we're in possession."

Keighley took third spot in the Championship 1 equal on points with York after a 44-18

defeat of Hornets RL.

Hornets coach Daren Shaw said: "We had to have a couple of positional changes and with 20 minutes to go we had used all our subs, but that's no excuse for some of the dumbness in defence at times. We came out the first half with an 80 percent completion rate and didn't do a great deal with it and in the second half we completed 49 per cent and we did not have much possession at all.

"Both Steven Roper and Mick Fogerty are going for X-rays because they heard their ankles crack in a tackle as they went down. Brett Robinson, who was playing nine, has to go for X-rays as well on his ribs and Adam Thomas had to have four stitches in his eye."

Cougars boss Barry Eaton was a hard man to please. "I am pleased with the result but I am not entirely satisfied with the performance," he said.

"I thought we were pretty scratchy at times and basic handling errors let us down far too often. I am happy with the result but there is lots to work on."



# KNOW YOUR STUFF?

## CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ

1 Which player equalled Greg Pearce's Dewsbury club record for goals in a game in 2007?

2 In what year did Featherstone win promotion back to the Championship (then NL1)?

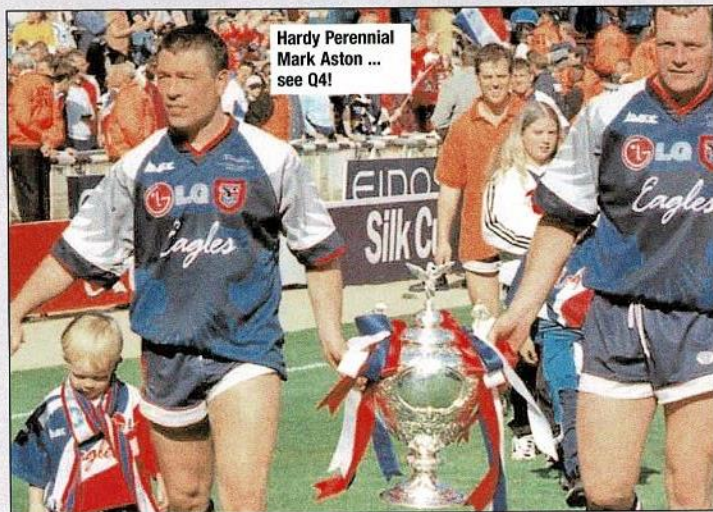
3 Who succeeded Steve Deakin as coach of Keighley Cougars in January 2002?

4 In what year were Sheffield Eagles formed?

5 Who became coach of Doncaster RLFC in 1999?

6 From which club did Swinton Lions sign prop Bruce Johnson?

7 Which Welsh international moved to the Barrow Raiders from Super League ahead of



the 2009 season?

8 Mark Applegarth signed for York City Knights from which Super League side?

9 Barry Eaton broke the world

record for consecutive successful goal kicks (38) in 2003 playing for which club?

10 Which two clubs did Frenchman Said Tamghart play for prior to Halifax?

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 How many games did Andrew Johns play for Warrington Wolves in 2005?

2 Ken Gee played for which club in the 1930s, 40s and 50s?

3 In what year did Great Britain last win an Ashes series?

4 Who won the Harry Sunderland Award for the 2008 Grand Final?

5 Who finished top of the table in Super League IX?

6 Which player did Huddersfield Giants sign from Brisbane Broncos in 2005?

7 In what year did Odsal host the Challenge Cup final between Halifax and Warrington that attracted 102,569 fans?

Answers at bottom of the page...

## ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the following phrases to form the names of three..... players

1: LEAN MEN PULL

2: CZAR DO A DEAL

3: A SLY DANISH

ANSWERS - CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ: 1. Francis Maloney, 2. 2007, 3. Gary Moody, 4. 1984, 5. St John Ellis, 6. Widnes Vikings, 7. Andy Bracek, 8. Wakefield Wildcats, 9. Batley Bulldogs, 10. UTC and Oldham, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: 1. Three, 2. Wigan, 3. 1970, 4. Lee Smith, 5. Leeds Rhinos, 6. Michael De Vere, 7. 1954, ANA-GRAMS: 1. Paul Mennell, 2. Dale Cardoza, 3. Ash Lindsay.

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# AHEAD OF THE GAME

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

## A career in Hock all for a stupid mistake

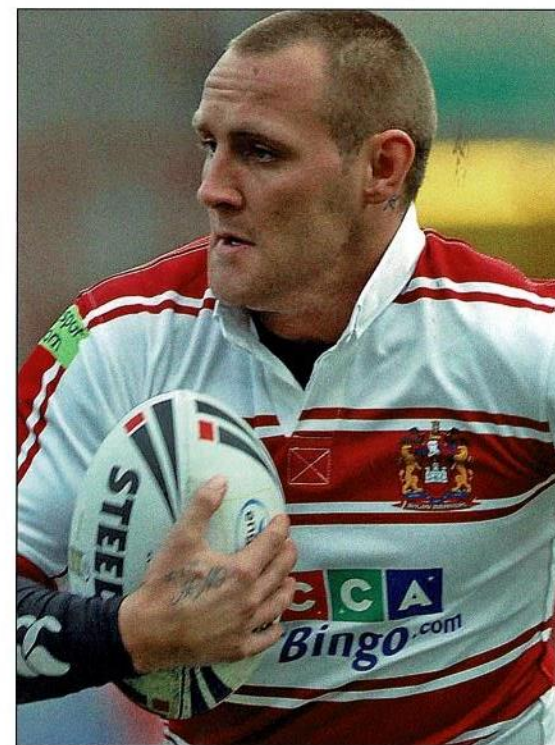
**G**REAT publicity for rugby league last week... Anyone who watched 'The Boss' Bruce Springsteen and Kasabian on the main stage at Glastonbury would have seen a big Bradford Bulls flag on a massive pole, right in front of the camera. It was the best coverage rugby league has had on the BBC for years.

Less positive (if that isn't an unfortunate term) was all the air time and column inches given to Gareth Hock's failed drugs test – although they do say there's no such thing as bad publicity, don't they?

The Hock issue is a tricky one. Part of you wants to completely rip into the guy for being a Grade A moron; throwing away such a brilliant career for something as stupid as cocaine.

When he was off-form, he could be horrendous and often he showed the kind of brains (or lack of) that made it little surprise to learn of his alleged off-field indiscretions. But when he was on-form he was an absolute world-beater – a player with real power and skill and the kind of player that really could prove a handful for Australia and New Zealand in an England shirt.

Frustratingly, given Hock's impending two-year ban, he looked like he'd begun to have more on-days than off-days of late – he seemed to be entering the prime of his



Gareth Hock – needs help to return to the game, wherever that may be

career, making his drug offence, if confirmed as expected, even more brainless.

It would be all too easy to crucify Hock for his stupid mistake – and many people might choose to do just that.

But, putting the offence into context, Hock is not a drugs 'cheat' in the athletic

Young men tend not to seek any advantage from taking 'recreational' drugs – instead looking for the kind of kick that young men with cash often do.

Having said that, I don't necessarily agree that recreational drugs should carry a lesser ban than performance-enhancing drugs. As part of the self-styled family game, players ought to know they are role models who have to set a good example for youngsters who look up to them.

But they don't need to be completely hung out to dry. Hock will have a sentence to serve and will do so – but after that there should be nothing stopping him from coming back into the game and making a living again like Ryan Hudson, Sean Penkywicz and Dave Allen have done.

He needs people around him to stick with him, help him deal with his mistake and keep him on track over the next two years so that, once his ban expires, he's in shape to play again – whether it be with Wigan or whoever.

Paul Bennett is deputy editor of League Weekly



sense (although I understand cocaine can be used as a masking agent for other, performance-enhancing drugs, though there's no suggestion that's the case here).

I'm not saying cocaine is ok – indeed far from it, it's illegal – but it's unlikely a player takes the white stuff to make him play better.

# GET YOUR FIX...

## NORTHERN RAIL CUP

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
Keighley Cougars 40, Gateshead Thunder 20

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
Sheffield Eagles 38, Hunslet Hawks 16

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
Widnes Vikings 20, Oldham 22

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
Doncaster RLFC 6, Featherstone Rovers 32  
Gateshead Thunder 44, Sheffield Eagles 18  
Leigh Centurions 74, London Skolars 6  
Whitehaven 52, Batley Bulldogs 30  
Blackpool Panthers 16, Keighley Cougars 14  
Dewsbury Rams 50 Swinton Lions 0  
Hunslet Hawks 10, Halifax RLFC 38  
Hornets RL 12, Barrow Raiders 54  
Workington Town 10 York City Knights 34

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Batley Bulldogs 18, Doncaster RLFC 22  
Featherstone Rovers 10, Leigh Centurions 6  
York City Knights 36, Whitehaven 6  
Oldham 54, Hornets RL 4

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
Widnes Vikings 40, Gateshead Thunder 18

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
Batley Bulldogs 40, York City Knights 28  
Featherstone Rovers 26, Dewsbury Rams 28  
Halifax RLFC 40, Barrow Raiders 10  
Whitehaven 26, Workington Town 12  
Keighley Cougars 44, Hunslet Hawks 6  
London Skolars 12, Doncaster RLFC 40  
Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 34  
Hornets RL 28, Blackpool Panthers 26  
Swinton Lions 26, Leigh Centurions 34

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**  
Barrow Raiders 34, Keighley Cougars 7  
Gateshead Thunder 46, Hornets RL 22  
Leigh Centurions 24, Whitehaven 22  
Sheffield Eagles 18, Halifax RLFC 50  
Blackpool Panthers 16, Widnes Vikings 46  
Dewsbury Rams 34, Batley Bulldogs 14  
Workington Town 6, Featherstone Rovers 38  
Doncaster RLFC 36, Swinton Lions 28  
Hunslet Hawks 14, Oldham 32  
York City Knights 58 London Skolars 12

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**  
Barrow Raiders 12, Widnes Vikings 4  
Halifax RLFC 50, Blackpool Panthers 28

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND  
Keighley Cougars 30, Pia 24  
Queens 12, Doncaster RL 16  
Siddal 6, Swinton Lions 10  
Widnes Vikings 88, Saddleworth Rangers 0  
Workington 6, FC Lezignan-Corbieres 18

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND  
Barrow Raiders 44, Blackpool Panthers 12  
Dewsbury Rams 18, Carcassonne 6  
Featherstone Rovers 94, British Army 2  
Gateshead Thunder 42, Whitehaven 38  
Halifax 80, Loughborough Univ 16  
Leeds Met 24, Hornets RL 38  
Leigh Centurions 82, Lokomotiv Moscow 6  
Oldham Roughyeds 26, Sharlston Rovers 8  
Pilkingtons 24, Batley Bulldogs 34  
Sheffield Eagles 22, Toulouse 6  
Wath Brow Hornets 14, London Skolars 12  
York City Knights 50, Wigan St Patricks 10

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND  
Kells 12, Hunslet Hawks 22

**NORTHERN RAIL CUP**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**  
Swinton Lions 31, Workington Town 24

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
London Skolars 14, Dewsbury Rams 42

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings 70 Toulouse Olympique 0

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Barrow Raiders 34, Doncaster RLFC 14

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs 8, Featherstone Rovers 34  
Sheffield Eagles 22, Leigh Centurions 23  
Whitehaven 42, Gateshead Thunder 18

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Oldham 36, Blackpool Panthers 18

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Halifax RLFC 24, Widnes Vikings 14

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique 12, Sheffield Eagles 18

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Featherstone Rovers 26, Whitehaven 52  
Gateshead Thunder 14, Barrow Raiders 38  
Leigh Centurions 28, Batley Bulldogs 34

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Workington Town 21, Hornets RL 14  
Blackpool Panthers 34, Hunslet Hawks 26  
Dewsbury Rams 28, York City Knights 2  
Keighley Cougars 34 Oldham 26  
London Skolars 16, Swinton Lions 66

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Batley Bulldogs 20, Gateshead Thunder 20

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Whitehaven 40, Toulouse Olympique 26  
Barrow Raiders 24, Halifax RLFC 26  
Widnes Vikings 28, Sheffield Eagles 20

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Doncaster RLFC 18, Leigh Centurions 24

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL 31 Dewsbury Rams 33  
Swinton Lions 36, Keighley Cougars 28  
York City Knights 22, Blackpool Panthers 20  
Hunslet Hawks 71, London Skolars 0  
Oldham 66, Workington Town 14

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND  
Halifax 20, Widnes Vikings 16  
Sheffield Eagles 28, Dewsbury Rams 18  
Swinton Lions 22, Hornets RL 28  
Wakefield Trin Wildcats 54 Leigh Centurions 0  
Hull KR 32, Celtic Crusaders 6

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND  
Warrington Wolves 56 York City Knights 10  
Harlequins RL16, Huddersfield 42

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FOURTH ROUND  
Batley Bulldogs 28, Hunslet Hawks 24  
Oldham 60, Lezignan 30  
Featherstone 54, Wath Brow Hornets 16  
Catalans Dragons 40, Bradford Bulls 28  
Barrow Raiders 20, Wigan Warriors 32  
Keighley Cougars 20, Castleford Tigers 64  
Doncaster 18, Gateshead Thunder 32  
Hull FC 18, Salford City Reds 22  
Leeds Rhinos 18, St Helens 22

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Sheffield Eagles 22, Doncaster RLFC 23  
Halifax RLFC 72, Batley Bulldogs 0

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Gateshead Thunder 2, Featherstone Rovers 23  
Barrow Raiders 18, Whitehaven 12  
Widnes Vikings 8, Leigh Centurions 10

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL 18, Oldham 26

Workington Town 16, Hunslet Hawks 24  
Blackpool Panthers 12, Swinton Lions 16  
Dewsbury Rams 70, London Skolars 0  
Keighley Cougars 13, York City Knights 12

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Featherstone Rovers 20, Sheffield Eagles 12  
Leigh Centurions 16, Barrow Raiders 25  
Batley Bulldogs 22, Toulouse Olympique 60  
Doncaster RLFC 18, Widnes Vikings 24  
Whitehaven 18, Halifax RLFC 24

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions 42, Workington Town 28  
York City Knights 44, Hornets RL 14  
Hunslet Hawks 21, Keighley Cougars 18  
London Skolars 10, Blackpool Panthers 48

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Gateshead Thunder 41, Sheffield Eagles 36

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings 40, Batley Bulldogs 18

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique 46, Leigh Centurions 10

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC 44, Doncaster RLFC 12  
Whitehaven 16, Featherstone Rovers 44

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Oldham 12, Dewsbury Rams 36

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Leigh Centurions 16, Featherstone Rovers 30

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Barrow Raiders 52, Batley Bulldogs 0

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC 72, Gateshead Thunder 28  
Doncaster RLFC 18, Toulouse Olympique 48  
Sheffield Eagles 20, Widnes Vikings 22

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL 46, London Skolars 8  
Workington Town 6, York City Knights 36  
Dewsbury Rams 30, Hunslet Hawks 10  
Keighley Cougars 42, Blackpool Panthers 22  
Oldham 52, Swinton Lions 36

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Featherstone Rovers 26, Halifax RLFC 39

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings 6, Barrow Raiders 27  
Gateshead Thunder 45, Doncaster RLFC 42

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
London Skolars 10, Oldham 78

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique 38, Whitehaven 12

**MONDAY, MAY 4**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs 16, Leigh Centurions 18

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions 22, Dewsbury Rams 35  
York City Knights 24, Keighley Cougars 22  
Blackpool Panthers 24, Hornets RL 12  
Hunslet Hawks 28, Workington Town 12

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Whitehaven 26, Widnes Vikings 22

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND  
Castleford 34, Halifax 34 – Cas by golden point  
Gateshead 34, Oldham 16

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND  
Huddersfield 38, Rochdale 12

Featherstone 8, Warrington 56  
Hull KR 34, Sheffield Eagles 24  
Batley Bulldogs 4, Salford City Reds 66

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Leigh Centurions 23, Widnes Vikings 16

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique 22, Barrow Raiders 14

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Featherstone Rovers 68, Doncaster RLFC 12  
Gateshead Thunder 34, Whitehaven 38  
Halifax RLFC 26, Sheffield Eagles 40

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL 36, York City Knights 30  
Dewsbury Rams 42, Blackpool Panthers 16  
Keighley Cougars 32 Swinton Lions 16  
Workington Town 18, London Skolars 24  
Oldham 22, Hunslet Hawks 16

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Doncaster RLFC 4, Halifax RLFC 36

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Sheffield Eagles 58, Toulouse Olympique 12  
Widnes Vikings 46, Gateshead Thunder 30

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Barrow Raiders 44, Featherstone Rovers 12  
Batley Bulldogs 48, Whitehaven 24

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions 26, Oldham 44  
Workington Town 14, Dewsbury Rams 76  
Blackpool Panthers 26, Keighley Cougars 30  
Hunslet Hawks 56, Hornets RL 30  
London Skolars 6, York City Knights 80

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Featherstone Rovers 30, Leigh Centurions 24

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**  
CHALLENGE CUP, FIFTH ROUND  
Gateshead 6, St Helens 66

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Barrow Raiders 26, Sheffield Eagles 18

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs 40, Widnes Vikings 34  
Whitehaven 50, Doncaster RLFC 12

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions 23, Hornets RL 22  
York City Knights 18, Dewsbury Rams 24  
Keighley Cougars 58, Workington Town 6  
London Skolars 18, Hunslet Hawks 34

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**  
**NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINAL**  
Oldham 18, Featherstone Rovers 32

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**  
**NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS**  
Barrow 20, Dewsbury Rams 18  
Widnes Vikings 44, York 18

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**  
**NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINAL**  
Halifax 54, Leigh Centurions 16

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Gateshead Thunder 16, Toulouse Olympique 52

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)**  
Dewsbury Rams 46 Keighley Cougars 6

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings 46 Featherstone Rovers 22  
Sheffield Eagles 28 Whitehaven 24  
Toulouse Olympique 32 Batley Bulldogs 24

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC 30 Barrow Raiders 24  
Leigh Centurions 12 Gateshead Thunder 40

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Workington Town 18 Swinton Lions 26  
Hunslet Hawks 6 York City Knights 34

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**  
**NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINAL**  
Barrow 16, Featherstone Rovers 10

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

**NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINAL**  
Halifax 22, Widnes Vikings 27

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Doncaster RLFC 6, Batley Bulldogs 70

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)**  
York City Knights 20, Oldham 18

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique 16, Featherstone Rovers 32

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs 46, Barrow Raiders 16  
Doncaster RLFC 8, Sheffield Eagles 78  
Gateshead Thunder 34, Halifax RLFC 28  
Whitehaven 36, Leigh Centurions 22

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions 42, Hunslet Hawks 16  
Blackpool Panthers 46, Workington Town 18  
Keighley Cougars 44, Hornets RL 16  
London Skolars 0, Dewsbury Rams 64

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Barrow Raiders v Toulouse Olympique 19:30

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Sheffield Eagles v Batley Bulldogs 20:00  
Halifax RLFC v Leigh Centurions 20:00

**SATURDAY, JULY 4**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings v Doncaster RLFC 18:00

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Featherstone Rovers v Gateshead Thunder 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL v Hunslet Hawks 15:00  
Workington Town v Oldham 15:00  
Blackpool Panthers v York City Knights 15:00  
Dewsbury Rams v Swinton Lions 15:00  
Keighley Cougars v London Skolars 15:00

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
**NORTHERN RAIL CUP FINAL (at Blackpool)**

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Whitehaven v Barrow Raiders 19:30

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique v Halifax RLFC 20:00

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs v Doncaster RLFC 15:00  
Gateshead Thunder v Widnes Vikings 15:00  
Leigh Centurions v Sheffield Eagles 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions v Blackpool Panthers 15:00  
York City Knights v Workington Town 15:00  
Hunslet Hawks v Dewsbury Rams 15:00  
Oldham v Keighley Cougars 15:00

**THURSDAY, JULY 23**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP (TV)**  
Sheffield Eagles v Gateshead Thunder 19:30

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 20:00

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Barrow Raiders v Leigh Centurions 18:30  
Toulouse Olympique v Widnes Vikings 20:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Blackpool Panthers v London Skolars 15:00

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Doncaster RLFC v Whitehaven 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL v Swinton Lions 15:00  
York City Knights v Hunslet Hawks 15:00  
Dewsbury Rams v Oldham 15:00

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)**  
Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams 19:30

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

Widnes Vikings v Halifax RLFC 19:30

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Featherstone Rovers v Toulouse Olympique 18:00  
Gateshead Thunder v Batley Bulldogs 19:00

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Leigh Centurions v Doncaster RLFC 15:00  
Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions v York City Knights 15:00  
Hunslet Hawks v Blackpool Panthers 15:00  
London Skolars v Workington Town 15:00  
Oldham v Hornets RL 15:00

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE (TV)**  
Oldham v London Skolars 19:30

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Toulouse Olympique v Gateshead Thunder 20:00

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC v Whitehaven 15:00  
Batley Bulldogs v Sheffield Eagles 15:00  
Doncaster RLFC v Barrow Raiders 15:00  
Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Workington Town v Keighley Cougars 15:00  
Hornets RL v Blackpool Panthers 15:00

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Sheffield Eagles v Halifax RLFC 20:00

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Leigh Centurions v Toulouse Olympique 18:00  
Barrow Raiders v Widnes Vikings 18:30

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Doncaster RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 15:00  
Whitehaven v Batley Bulldogs 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL v Keighley Cougars 15:00  
Blackpool Panthers v Oldham 15:00  
Dewsbury Rams v Workington Town 15:00  
Hunslet Hawks v Swinton Lions 15:00  
York City Knights v London Skolars 14:00

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Widnes Vikings v Whitehaven 18:00  
Toulouse Olympique v Doncaster RLFC 20:00

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Batley Bulldogs v Halifax RLFC 15:00  
Featherstone Rovers v Barrow Raiders 15:00  
Gateshead Thunder v Leigh Centurions 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Swinton Lions v London Skolars 15:00  
Workington Town v Blackpool Panthers 15:00  
Dewsbury Rams v Hornets RL 15:00  
Keighley Cougars v Hunslet Hawks 15:00  
Oldham v York City Knights 15:00

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
London Skolars v Keighley Cougars 18:30

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Halifax RLFC v Toulouse Olympique 18:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
York City Knights v Swinton Lions 18:00

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Doncaster RLFC v Gateshead Thunder 15:00  
Featherstone Rovers v Batley Bulldogs 15:00  
Leigh Centurions v Whitehaven 15:00  
Sheffield Eagles v Barrow Raiders 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP ONE**  
Hornets RL v Workington Town 15:00  
Blackpool Panthers v Dewsbury Rams 15:00  
Hunslet Hawks v Oldham 15:00

**CHAMPIONSHIP - TO BE RE-ARRANGED**  
Sheffield Eagles v Featherstone Rovers  
Barrow Raiders v Gateshead Thunder  
Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC

