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Accompanied by Roary the Roughyed, Stuart Draper, Engineering Director of Northern Rail, presented certificates to pupils of Alt and Littlemoor Schools for their work on rail safety, poems and artwork, at the Northern Rail Quarter Final against Dewsbury. The pupils had received visits from Northern Rail staff and Roughyeds community staff and been able to view the Northern Rail trophy.



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Roary the Roughyed was guest of honour at the Alliance Fun Day and Oldham Borough Games at Alexander Park in late June. This was a Festival of Physical Activity for the Primary Schools of Oldham and Roary was in charge of the children as they warmed up for the event.



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## Christopher Hamilton installed as President of the Rugby Football League.



by ROGER HALSTEAD

**LOYALTY, dedication, long service and a steely determination to keep professional rugby league alive in Oldham were rewarded on July 8 when Christopher Hamilton was installed as President of the Rugby Football League.**

Oldham Rugby League Club (1997) Ltd, of which Mr Hamilton was a founder member and to which he has given 12 years of sterling service, is delighted that the club's chief executive and former chairman has become the first official of the Oldham club ever to wear the RFL's presidential chain of office.

Indeed, only two Oldham officials going back to 1897 have ever held similar positions and they were both honoured as chairmen of the Rugby League Council - G F Hutchins from 1938 to 1940

and Frank Ridgeway in the 1958-59 season.

Mr Hamilton is following a path taken by many of the sport's leading and best-known officials, among them Maurice Lindsay of Wigan in 1991-92, Colin Hutton of Hull KR in 1992-93, Kath Hetherington of Sheffield Eagles in 1995-96 and Gary Hetherington of Leeds Rhinos in 2004.

"The appointment is a great honour for me, but also for the Oldham club," said 46-year-old Mr Hamilton. "Plenty of illustrious people have had the role before me and I hope I can follow their example while also offering my own persona as I represent the RFL at various functions throughout my year of office.

When I helped to establish the new Oldham club back in 1997 I never thought it would lead to anything like this. Motivation has only ever been a desire to keep professional rugby league alive in Oldham, and that is still the case.

Along the way, there have been lots of ups and downs and plenty of blood, sweat and tears, but we are still in there battling despite the many and mountainous obstacles to progress, and that is very gratifying.

There have been lots of changes in the game, and we now have a fabulous product. On and off the field, Rugby League has come on in leaps and bounds. Sadly, not enough people watch the sport and that is an issue clubs need to address, particularly those lower down than Super League. Finally, a big thank-you is due to the many people who have supported me over the years, and to whom I am indebted for their backing and assistance. My partner, Gillian, has been by my side for ten of the past 12 years - a rock - and there are many more, both family members and people at the club."

Mr Hamilton, who has three sons, Adam, Jordan

and Luke, was born and raised in Oldham. He was head boy at the Bluecoat School and left there at the age of 16 to become a trainee accountant. By the time he was 21 he had set up and established his own accountancy business, and he was a well-known accountant in the town when, in 1997, Oldham Bears went into liquidation.

With three other enthusiasts by his side, he spearheaded the Gang of Four which launched the new Oldham club in the autumn of that year. Of the four founder members, he is the only one to have had an unbroken 12-year official association with Oldham RLFC (1997) Ltd.

He was chairman and chief executive until April, 2007 when Manchester business man Bill Quinn joined the board as major shareholder and chairman. Mr Hamilton continued, and still continues, to run the club on a day-to-day basis, but now in his position as chief executive.

He was England manager in 2001; manager of the National League under-21 side in 2003; and manager of the full National League representative squad in 2004.

More recently, he was proud to be named the borough of Oldham's current Man of the Year, not only for his work with the Roughyeds, but also for his public-spirited achievements in raising thousands of pounds for breast-cancer and breast-care charities by a series of sponsored physical and mental challenges.

He has walked, run and cycled hundreds of miles for charities such as Breakthrough, The Genesis Appeal and a locally-based Link4Pink Appeal and it is no coincidence that for the past year one of the club's adopted charities has been the local hospice, Dr Kershaw's.

Mr Hamilton's first official duty as RFL President was at the Northern Rail Nines and the Northern Rail Cup final at Blackpool last weekend. Last Wednesday, with Gillian, he represented the RFL at a Buckingham Palace garden party -- his second visit to the Palace on RFL duties in eight years.

Later in the year he will be on official duty at the Carnegie Challenge Cup final at Wembley and also at the Four Nations tournament.

Oldham supporters will be pleased to join the club's staff and players in raising a glass to the club's chief executive.

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# View from the inside...



**At last we welcome you all back to Roughyeds Stadium after what has seemed like an eternity since our last home game in the middle of May.**

Plenty has happened since then and as a result we now sit third in the table behind our opponents today Keighley Cougars.

With the added importance of today's game it adds even more spice to what we already know will be a very tough fixture.

With seven games to go in the normal season it means that our effort, concentration and determination must all be totally focused in each and every game we play.

With their win earlier this season the Cougars have got a hat trick of home wins against us in the last three league seasons, so our lads should need no further motivation to go out there and put the record straight.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank all of you for your support over the past 2 months whilst we have had no income from home games. It is never an easy time of the year for the club but your vocal encouragement at away games has played a very important part in those matches.

Last weekend saw the first ever Northern Rail nines take place over at Fylde and with the eventual winners being Blackpool it was a concept that I have no doubt will grow over the coming years to become another of the key dates in the rugby league calendar. The Northern Rail Cup final between Barrow and Widnes took on added significance this year with the winner ticking one of the Super League license application boxes and that was reflected in both the attendance and the

intensity of the match - particularly in that fiery opening few minutes!  
The game at Championship level continues to grow each season and long may it continue.

Back to Oldham and we have had several injuries to contend with over the past couple of weeks but we are hoping that at least a couple of those may be fit enough to play today.

We have some tough games coming up in the run up to the end of the season and although the last few weeks have been somewhat stop start in terms of continuity of fixtures, today we get back to business. Our lack of consistency already this season means we cannot afford to lose focus in any of the forthcoming matches.

There is no better place to start than with a tough match against a team who have consistently made it very difficult for us over the recent few seasons, but we like challenges here at Oldham and hopefully we will rise to today's.

**Enjoy the game and please get behind the team.**

*Chris Hamilton*

Chief Executive

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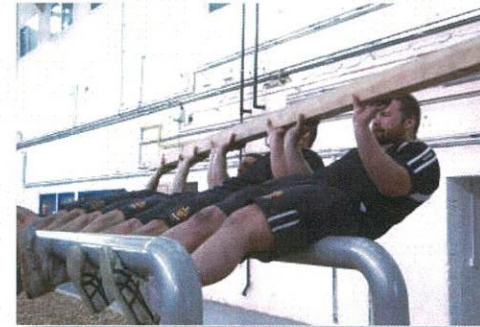
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# Roughyeds Team Bonding

**OUR players reached for the sky at an indoor training centre in Trafford Park during a spell of three weeks without a game.**



Accompanied by the club's intrepid photographer Dave Murgatroyd, and with Channel M cameras recording every tentative move, our battle-hardened rugby league players relied on mental toughness to get them through mind-over-matter challenges 35 feet above the ground.



Pictures in this programme courtesy of Dave Murgatroyd.

"It was scary, but brilliant," said coach Tony Benson. "It exceeded expectations. I wish we could go down there every week. It was as tough as anything we do on the field and it was great for improving team work and communication.

"The squad was split into four teams to take on various physical challenges, and the centre's specialist trainers said we were one of the best groups they had ever had."

Some of the players had to beat a fear of heights to complete the course at Challenge4Change, the only training centre of its kind in the North of England, offering a 13-station aerial runway, a high ropes training course and a low level obstacle run.

In charge of the session was one of the centre's trainers, former Salford rugby league player Chris Whiteley, assisted by ex-Wigan winger or centre Denis Ramsdale and Steven Hurst.

Equipped with helmets and safety harnesses, the restive Roughyeds had to perform disciplines on a two-foot wide platform 35 feet high and then take part in the "leap of faith" in which they jumped on to a trapeze from a small platform.

Camera man Dave, who did the leap himself, said: "The players were exhausted when it was all over. Some of them didn't like being so high up but to a man they conquered their fears and completed the course. It wasn't for the faint-hearted."

### Reaction from the players?

**Robert Roberts, who couldn't take part because of a knee injury:** "It was a very different type of training, both physically and mentally."

**Paul Highton:** "I've never been so anxious in my life... or used up so much nervous energy."

**Luke Menzies:** "If man was intended to go so high he would have wings. It was different all right."

**Paul O'Connor:** "Fantastic. Great fun. I really enjoyed it, and I would certainly want to do it again." looking forward to playing in such a great stadium."

# WHERE AND WHEN WE PLAY



Date	Comp	Opponents	V	Time	Res	Score	Att
Fri, Feb 13	NRC	Widnes Vikings	A	7.30pm	W	22-20	2,783
Wed, Feb 18	NRC	Rochdale Hornets	H	7.30pm	W	54-4	1,028
Sun, Feb 22	NRC	Sheffield Eagles	H	3.00pm	L	22-34	1,173
Sun, Mar 1	NRC	Hunslet Hawks	A	2.00pm	W	32-14	582
Sun, Mar 8	CCC3	Sharlston Rovers	H	3.00pm	W	26-8	800
Sun, Mar 15	CC1	Blackpool Panthers	H	3.00pm	W	36-18	880
Sun, Mar 22	CC1	Keighley Cougars	A	3.00pm	L	26-34	1,021
Sun, Mar 29	CC1	Workington Town	H	3.00pm	W	66-14	819
Sun, April 5	CCC4	Lézignan	H	3.00pm	W	60-30	863
Fri, April 10	CC1	Rochdale Hornets	A	3.00pm	W	26-18	1,249
Sun, April 19	CC1	Dewsbury Rams	H	3.00pm	L	12-36	1,147
Sun, April 26	CC1	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm	W	52-36	1,010
Sat, May 2	CC1	London Skolars	A	3.00pm	W	78-10	273
Sat, May 9	CCC5	Gateshead Thunder	A	3.00pm	L	16-34	929
Sun, May 17	CC1	Hunslet Hawks	H	3.00pm	W	22-16	1,136
Sun, May 24	CC1	Swinton Lions	A	3.00pm	W	44-26	705
Sun, June 7	NRCQF	Featherstone Rov.	H	3.00pm	L	18-32	853
Thurs, June 25	CC1	York City Knights	A	7.30pm	L	18-20	3,106
Sun, July 5	CC1	Workington Town	A	3.00pm	W	60-6	514
Sun, July 19	CC1	Keighley Cougars	H	3.00pm			
Sun, July 26	CC1	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm			
Sun, Aug 2	CC1	Rochdale Hornets	H	3.00pm			
Thurs, Aug 6	CC1	London Skolars	H	7.30pm			
Sun, Aug 16	CC1	Blackpool Panthers	A	3.00pm			
Sun, Aug 23	CC1	York City Knights	H	3.00pm			
Sun, Sep 6	CC1	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.00pm			

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# Like father, like brother... it runs in the family if your name is Coyle

## PLAYER PROFILE

### No 11 THOMAS COYLE

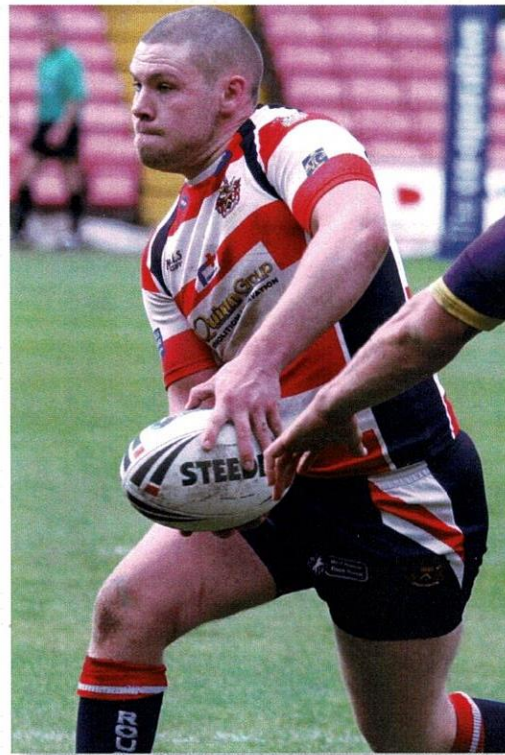
Roger Halstead talks to a player who was born to be a scrum-half

IF it's true what they say about scrum-halves - cheeky, chatty and cocky - then spare a thought for a lady from Wigan who has spent

most of her life looking after and caring for three of 'em.

Denise Coyle is the name and rugby league is HER game just as much as it is her husband Bernard's and the sporting love of her two sons, James and Thomas.

The Coyle dynasty is built on Wigan St Pat's, Wigan Warriors and shirts with a No 7 on them and if ever a young boy from Wigan was



born to be a scrum-half it was Thomas, the latest in the Coyle production line, who entered this world on May 10, 1988.

Elder brother James was a toddler of two years, four months and 13 days, and already playing with a miniature rugby ball in his toy box, when Mum presented him with a little brother on that May day 21 years ago. Dad, Bernard, had played for Wigan as a scrum-half - and his dad before him - so there was every chance that James and Thomas would also be brought up to follow in the footsteps of their dad and grandad.

By the time he was six, Thomas was playing in the under-7s at St Pat's and James was a couple of years ahead of him in the under-9s. There was no such thing as squad numbers in those days. Both Coyle boys had a No 7 stitched on the back of their jerseys. Sibling rivalry was about to begin.

"If you are doing a profile on me," said Thomas, "all you need to do is look back at what you wrote on James. If James did it, I did it. We both started at St Pat's, both went from there to Wigan, then out on loan to other clubs and now we're both at Oldham. "Rivalry? Yes, I guess there always was some of that as we were growing up, but James was two years older than me so he was always stronger and bigger. I'm not so sure about that now, but back then when we were kids he always got the better of me."

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right for today's return to Boundary Park and the visit of Keighley Cougars.

Thomas is confident Roughyeds will win promotion come the end of the campaign, but he feels the team needs to overcome lapses of concentration which he puts down to "a mental thing" rather than a shortage of skills or expertise.

He said: "We just need to keep winning, and make sure we put up a good show at Dewsbury on July 26. It isn't in our own hands any more, but we can keep the pressure on Dewsbury if we play to our full potential.

"Our attack is spot-on. Little thing in defence are letting us down. We are doing well overall, but we sometimes suffer from a lack of concentration. It's nothing to do with our skills. Our skills are okay. It's more of a mental thing.

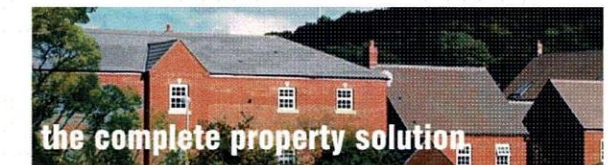
"We sometimes seem to think it's going to be easy when we take to the field. We have such a good team that perhaps a little bit of complacency sets in at times. We need to sort that out and we can then look forward to the run-in over the remainder of the season."

Up to the Featherstone game, Thomas had played in 14 of the Roughyeds 17 games this year and with nine tries to his credit he was joint second in the club try-scoring charts with brother James. As a budding rugby league star with a keen interest in becoming an electrician, Thomas can make the sparks fly on and off the field as Roughyeds press on in their push for promotion.



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England Schoolboys squads at under-15 and under-16 levels and the highlight of his time in those squads was his appearance - at scrum-half, of course - in the under-16s side which beat the renowned Australian Schoolboys at Bradford.

All too soon he was waving farewell to St Pat's and the schoolboy game and following big brother to the Warriors, where he was to spend the next three years developing his game in one of the best and most productive academies in world rugby league.

His first year was spent in the under-18s and his second and third years mainly in the under-21s - and all the time he was trailing James, a couple of years behind him.

James had played five Super League games for the Warriors in 2005 when he was 18; Thomas followed suit over three games in 2008 when he was 18/19, making his Super League debut on a massive stage - against Leeds Rhinos at Headingley on TV when he deputised at stand-off for Aussie superstar Trent Barrett. In total he played six times for the Warriors first team, highlighted by that night at Headingley when he was the new kid on the big stage.

"I won't forget that in a hurry," said Thomas. "It was great - really good. I played at stand-off rather than scrum-half, but in the modern game there isn't a lot of difference between the two roles. "Shortly after that I went out to Halifax on loan. That was good, too. I enjoyed my stay at The Shay because I was playing regularly in a level higher than Wigan under-21s."

Thomas played nine times for Halifax, all his appearances coming at hooker. And contrary to what was hinted at in some previous reports, he insisted he was and is more than happy to play in the middle of the front-row if that is where the coach wants him to operate.

He said: "I was quite happy at hooker. To be honest I'm not bothered where I play in any side so long as I get a shirt. I've played scrum-half since I was seven, like James did, but I had a couple of appearances at hooker while I was with Wigan under-21s and then I played all my rugby at Halifax at No 9 over about four to five months."

Come the end of the 2008 season, Thomas stood at the same crossroads as James a couple of years earlier.

Wigan wanted to keep him full time, but they also wanted to loan him out for experience and that, allied to Thomas's hunch that he didn't figure in coach Brian Noble's long-term plans, set him thinking about where his future lay.

When he left school he had considered an apprenticeship as an electrician and he had started an electrical course in further education.

He concluded that now was the time to turn his back on full-time rugby league; to pursue his ambitions as an electrician; and, as James had done, to look for a full-time career outside rugby, while playing the game he loved as a part-time pro.

As James was already established with the Roughyeds, and enjoying his time at the club, Oldham were always towards the top of the queue in Thomas's search for an opening in the part-time wing of the sport, so it was no real surprise when he teamed up with his brother on a one-year deal to cover the 2009 season.

At the same time he is working as an apprentice electrician with a Wigan firm and in September he starts a course in electrical installations at St Helens College.

Life is good for Thomas right now. He is enjoying his rugby with Roughyeds; his full-time career is mapped out in front of him; and on the domestic front he is settled in a long-term relationship with his girl friend of three years, Kate.

At the time of this interview he was battling to overcome an ankle ligament injury sustained in the win against Swinton Lions at Sedgley Park, a setback that prevented him playing in the Northern Rail Cup defeat by Featherstone at Leigh Sports Village in our last 'home' game on June 4. He was hoping to be fit for the following games away at York and Workington, but he should certainly be

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# COMMUNITY LINKS

Specsavers have once again teamed up with the Roughyeds, this time linking up with our Community team. Julie Cleave and Sean Mellor came up with the Specsavers Pass Target which has become very popular.



Specsavers staff Rachel Laming and Natalie Whitehead join Rory to show off the Specsavers Pass Target

At the moment it is in action at Touch Rugby in "The Activities in the Park" initiative introduced by the Friends of Werneth Park group who are promoting greater useage of the park.

Roary the pass target is also taken into schools and will have a presence at their summer camps. Each child or adult that gets a rugby ball clean through the target will receive a certificate.

Specsavers Logo 'd up rugby balls will also be given out.

This is just another original initiative that has been introduced to cement the club firmly in the local community.

# LINK 4 PINK

OLDHAM Rugby League Club is delighted to announce that it has adopted Link4Pink as one of its official charities for the next 12 months.



Officials of the Link4Pink Appeal pictured with Roughyeds chairman Bill Quinn. Left to right: Rita Bottomley (chairman), Maria Bramley (consultant breast surgeon), Bill Quinn, Liz Norbury (committee), Tracy Knuckey (secretary).

The Roughyeds' partnership with the Appeal, which is raising funds to upgrade and improve patient facilities at the Royal Oldham Hospital's Victoria Unit for breast-care patients, was launched at last Thursday's Northern Rail Cup quarter-final tie against Featherstone Rovers at Leigh Sports Village.

Representatives from the Unit attended the game and, in the company of Roughyeds chairman Bill Quinn, were introduced to the crowd at half-time.

Link4Pink has raised £70,000 towards its target figure of £250,000 so it still has a long way to go to complete its objective.

Said Roughyeds chief executive Chris Hamilton: "Having seen at first hand the dedication and loyalty shown by everyone associated with the Victoria Unit - staff, patients and fund-raisers alike - the club is proud to associate itself with Link4Pink's continuing efforts to provide first-class facilities.

"Throughout the coming months the club will organise and support a number of events for this deserving cause and will aim to raise as much money as possible towards the target amount."

Roughyeds first became associated with Link4Pink last year when some of the club's reserve-team players took part in a sponsored Pink Promenade walk or run around Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough.

And the sponsorship raised by Mr Hamilton recently in losing weight as part of Oldham Community Leisure's 'Get Moving To Health' project will also be donated to Link4Pink.

Maria Bramley, the Unit's consultant oncoplastic breast surgeon, said: "Patients from both Oldham and Rochdale who have a breast problem are cared for by a dedicated team at the Victoria Breast Unit on the Royal Oldham Hospital site.

"The Link4Pink Appeal aims to raise £250,000 to provide an extension to hospital waiting facilities for patients.

"We are absolutely delighted that Oldham RLFC have decided to adopt us for the year and we would like to thank the club's management and its fans for their continuing support."

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# BERNARD GANLEY R.I.P



Bernard Ganley, the former Great Britain, Lancashire and Oldham RLFC rugby league full-back died on Friday the 26th of June aged 82.

Ganley, a key member of the famous Oldham side of the 1950's, was the first rugby league goal-kicker to kick more than 200 goals in a season, when, during season 1957-58 he kicked 219, a world record that stood until Salford's David Watkins kicked 221 during season 1972-73.

The Leigh born marksman signed for Oldham from amateur club Leigh Spinners in 1950 making his first team debut against Liverpool Stanley in 1951. He went on to play 341 first team matches for the club kicking a total of 1,358 goals.

His 14 goals against Liverpool in 1959 still stands as a club record and his 10 goals for Great Britain against France in 1957 equalled Lewis Jones' international record.

He retired from playing in 1961 when he left Watersheddings to take up a position as a TV and radio presenter with the BBC followed by forming his own successful accountancy practice.

His funeral was held at St Vincent's RC church in Knutsford at 12 noon on Wednesday 8th July 2009.

And begin article with There will be a minutes silence before the start of today's game in memory of Bernard Ganley, Oldham's record breaking full back.

# Fred Hall receives his Life Membership

A party of six from the Oldham ex players association travelled to the nursing home in Glossop to present ex Oldham prop Forward Fred Hall with his life membership certificate.

Included in the party were Martin Murphy, Mike Elliott, Lyn Morgan, Lew Laverty, Dave Kenway and Dave Walker. Fred was over the moon and enjoyed the company of his ex team mates for a couple of hours.

"His memory is brilliant", said Dave "and we could have gone on reminiscing for many more hours. It seems incredible that it is 25 years since Fred's horrific accident."

The photo taken by Dave Walker the secretary of the ex players association shows Fred receiving his certificate from Martin Murphy, and Mike Elliot with Lyn Morgan and Dave Kenway in the background.



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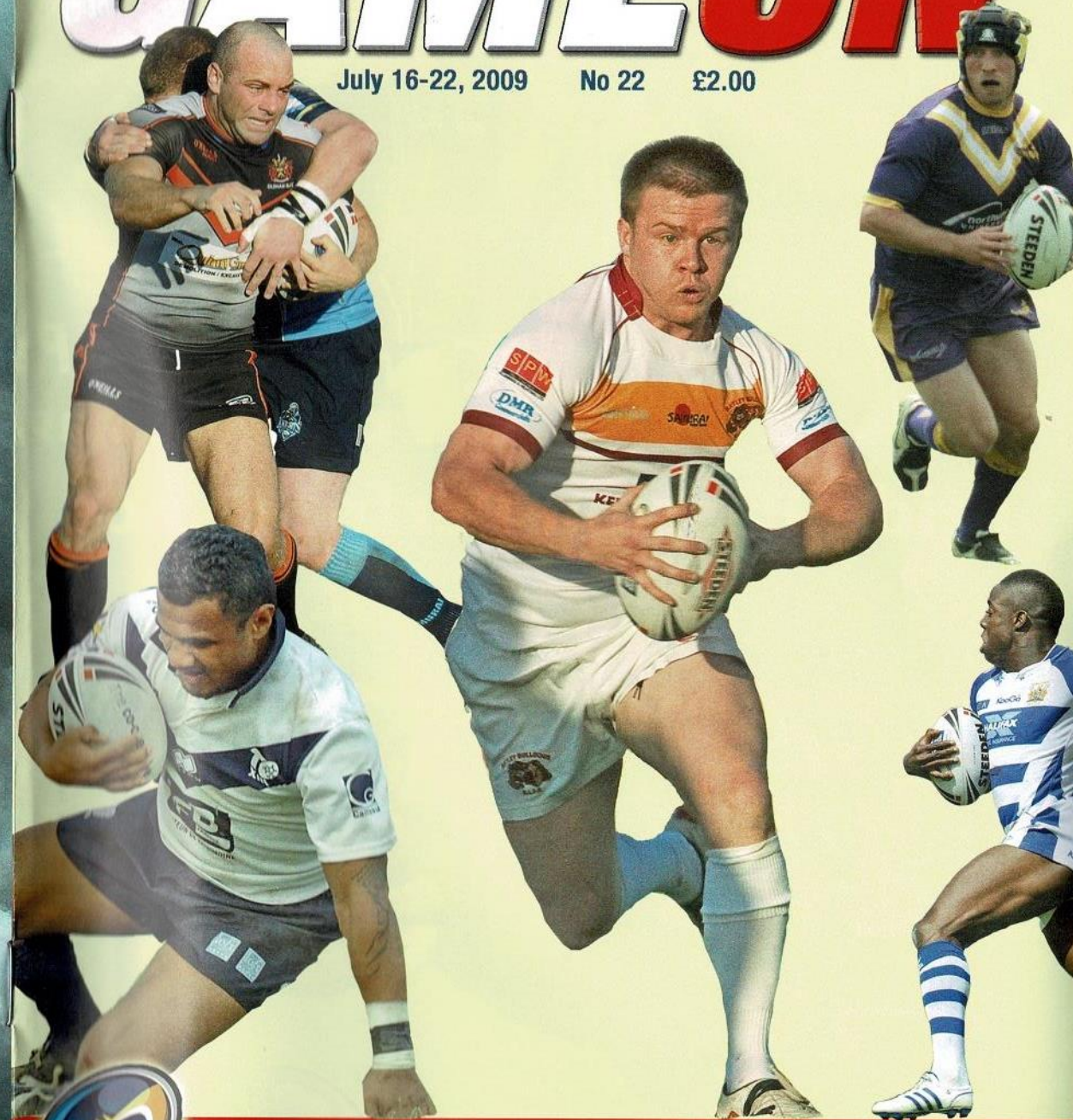
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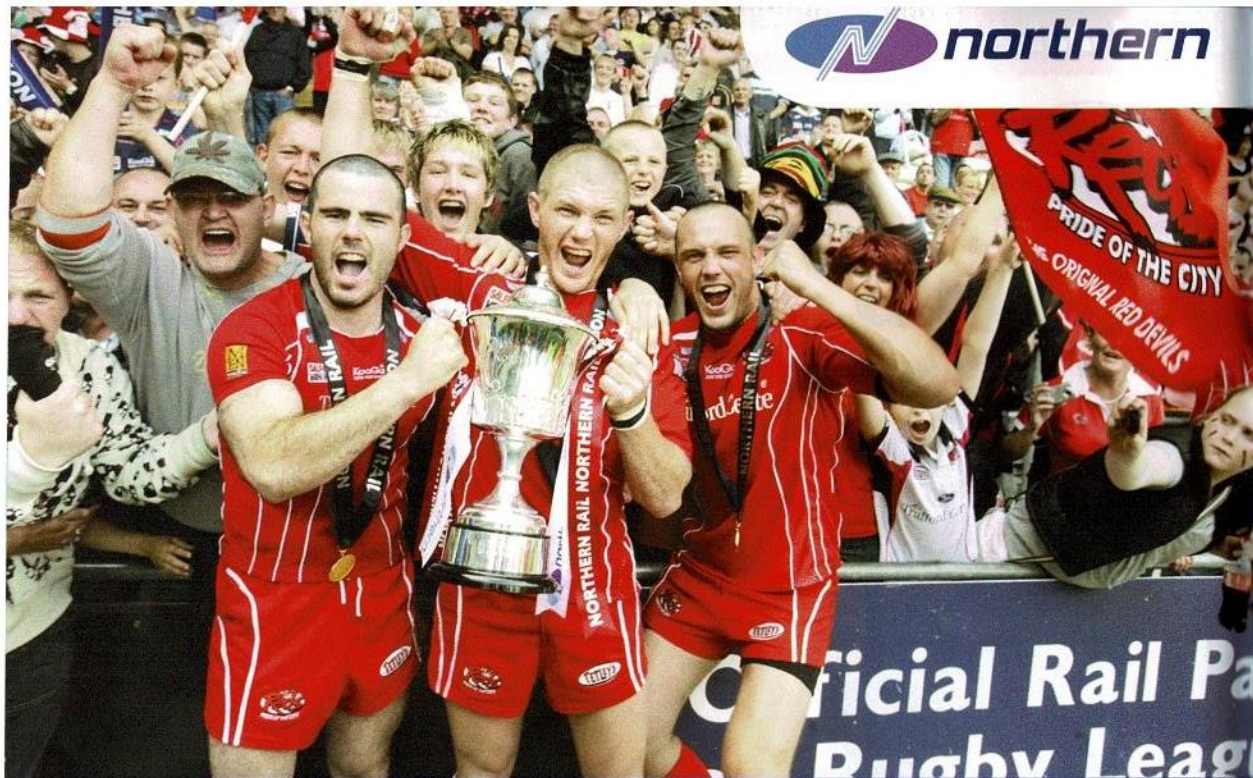
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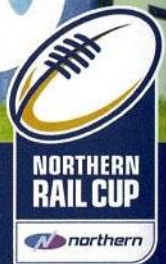


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# Silver stars shine at coast

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Cullen, his chairman Steve O'Connor and all at the Stobart Stadium Halton for lifting the first major silverware of the season with the Northern Rail Cup.

It was a turbulent start to the 2009 campaign at the Vikings and early results in this very competition cost popular coach Steve McCormack his job. How times – and fortunes – change!

In the past coaches particularly have voiced their doubts over the validity of the competition and many treated it as little more than a pre-season runabout. All of that changed with the closing of the Super League trapdoor and the necessity for clubs to win a major trophy to qualify for the possible awarding of a license.

Suddenly, a big day out at Blackpool looked like a mightily tempting prospect and it has breathed real life into a competition that needed a lift.

A big thanks there to all the people at Northern Rail for showing their commitment to our sport and who have deserved the extra profile that this year's activity has garnered. A bumper crowd at Blackpool's Bloomfield Road last Sunday made the occasion by far the biggest and most successful in the competition's history.

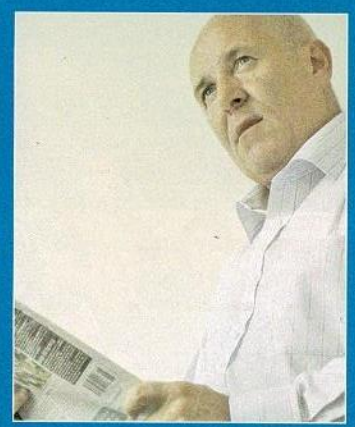
But of course the Northern Rail Cup wasn't the only piece of silverware being handed out at the weekend, with the brand new Northern Rail 9s producing winners from Halifax in the Plate competition, and so fittingly, hometown Blackpool as the victors in the premier Trophy tournament, winning a nailbiting final against the Sheffield Eagles.

For the resurgent Panthers this was a fantastic boost, in front of their own fans, but more importantly before a Blackpool audience that still needs to be won over in greater numbers to the 13-man sport.

Innovation continues to drive the sport of Rugby League forward and the inaugural Northern Rail 9s has taken a major step towards introducing yet more quality fare both for the watching public and potential glory for the athletes who play the game.

We look forward to bigger and better, and to yet more thrills and spills in the 2009 co-operative Championship season as the clubs now set their eyes on 'the big one' – winning Grand Final glory and promotion for Championship One sides.

Good luck to all.



Danny Lockwood  
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## *the world according to* **WILKO**

**In this instalment of 'The World According to Wilko' read about Jon's thoughts on the Northern Rail Cup Final and the upcoming round of Co-operative Championship matches.**

LIKE many rugby league supporters I was tuned into the Northern Rail Cup final on Sunday and what a brilliant game.

Both teams started extremely passionately and after an early visit to the sin bin for Brett McDermott and Jim Gannon, Barrow were the first team to get on the scoreboard with a penalty kick from Darren Holt.

Widnes came back well though to score three tries before half time which meant it was always going to be an uphill struggle for Barrow to come out fighting in the second half.

I think Widnes' response to falling behind was so crucial in the outcome of the game.

I need to make a special mention to John Duffy, who came on as a substitute just before half time and nipped in to score within seconds! John has now played in a record four Northern Rail Cup Finals with three different teams and it was his score that led to Widnes' 22-8 lead at the break.

I have to say that Barrow, supported by their amazing fans, had a great style of play but in the end but were outclassed by a better Widnes team on the day. We all know they're keen for an engage Super League franchise in 2011 and success on the pitch is obviously one criteria.

This weekend we see the return of the regular Co-operative Championship matches.

Barrow Raiders have another tough game following their Northern Rail Cup Final defeat; playing away to Whitehaven on Thursday night live on Sky TV.

Barrow need to regroup and focus on Whitehaven as they need to maintain their position for the end of the season.

In the Saturday afternoon game, Halifax travel to the south of France to take on Toulouse. In my opinion Toulouse have been a welcome addition to the Co-operative Championship.

They are sitting comfortably in mid table and playing some really good rugby which is very pleasing to see and the sport is really taking off in France with the Catalans performing well in Super League also.

With the recent engage Super League match in Spain, heralded as a major success, we are seeing a great pioneering attitude from The RFL and a proactive approach to expanding the game across Europe.

Maybe one day we will have a European Cup, similar to rugby union, or a football Champions League style competition.

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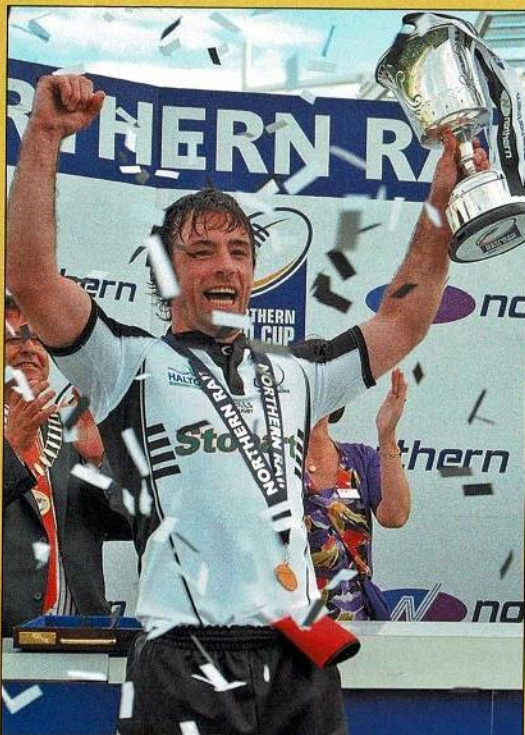
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# ACTIONREPLAY



## Hot Viking raiders leave Barrow out in the cold



Mark Smith is jubilant (above) while Widnes fans had plenty to cheer about (top)

WIDNES coach Paul Cullen paid tribute to the team he inherited at the Halton Stadium after a convincing 34-18 win in the final of the Northern Rail Cup on Sunday evening.

"The big picture is for the two O's, Terry and Steve. My job was to get this group in the right frame of mind," said Cullen afterwards. And he paid tribute to his backroom team particularly. "Mick Cassidy has been superb in helping in that, so has Stuart Wilkinson and everybody behind the scenes. It was a massive effort by all concerned."

"There is a box ticked (for Super League), it is very important to all concerned and once we have washed this down we will be trying to get ready for Gateshead."

The Vikings were indebted to four tries from former Warrington players as they lifted the trophy for the second time. Kevin Penny bagged a brace as the Vikings opened



up a 22-8 half-time lead which the gallant Cumbrians never really looked like hauling back.

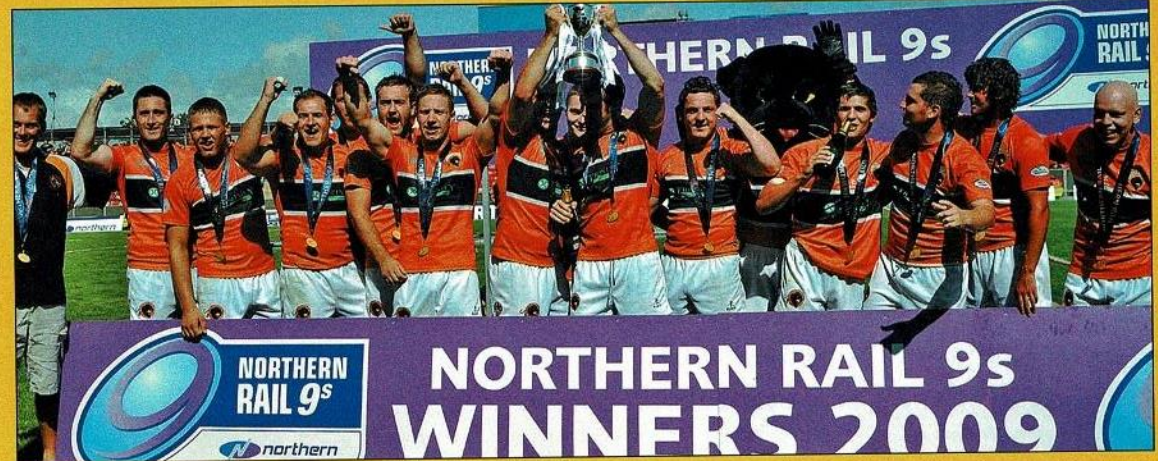
Both teams had a man apiece sin-binned by referee Gareth Hower as tempers occasionally frayed, but in the end the vocal Widnes following were the ones

cheering loudest as Widnes proved to have too much class on the day across the paddock, with man of the match James Webster pulling the strings.

A disappointed Barrow coach Dave Clark felt that his men gave themselves too much to do in a below-par first half.

"We gave away too many penalties and allowed Widnes to get out of their half quite easily and put pressure on our line and eventually they scored some tries," he said.

On a more positive note he added: "It is a pretty proud moment really being in the first final in 26 years. The Barrow supporters did us proud today."



Champions all ... Blackpool Panthers celebrate winning the Trophy (above) and Halifax got the consolation of the Plate



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## Panthers steal glory

THE 'home-town' Blackpool Panthers made the best of a benevolent draw to win the inaugural Northern Rail 9s Trophy at Bloomfield Road on Sunday afternoon.

Following the hectic events of a busy Saturday at their home ground down on the Fylde coast, Blackpool found themselves facing co-operative Championship opposition for the first time in the Sheffield Eagles.

But coach Martin Crompton was quite happy to ride his team's luck of the draw and they won a nail-biting final 14-10 with a Dean Thompson try in injury time.

"I'd be telling lies if I thought we came here thinking we would win it, but we certainly knew we were capable of making a big impression," said the

Panthers boss.

"We have got plenty of pace in the team - the 9s really suits us as a concept and I think we came out deserved winners."

"Anything can happen as it's a totally different ball-game to the 13-a-side version."

"When it got back to 10-10 it was obvious there were two tired teams and I just said 'make sure you hold it for a full set of six whenever you get the ball' and luckily we got a try right at the end."

A proud Crompton added: "It's a monumental effort from a small club like ours and when you think of where we were two years ago and consider that we have just won a decent trophy, it shows you how much progress we have made."

The Panthers lost to the



Dewsbury Rams in the group stages but qualified in second place after wins over both Swinton and Hornets and went on to exact revenge over the Rams in a thrilling semi-final.

Sheffield meanwhile had found themselves in the 'groups of death'.

Groups A, B and C were straight four-team round robins with two teams qualifying, with eight Championship One clubs and just four Championship sides - the bottom four in the division.

But in groups D and E, the three teams played all the sides in the other group

and with Sheffield, Featherstone, Halifax and Whitehaven bidding for just two spots from the six clubs - something had to give.

When the Eagles and Featherstone drew a 22-22 nail-biter it left Fax on the outside and contesting the Plate final against Gateshead, the two clubs having seen off brave efforts from Swinton and Hornets RL in the Plate semi-finals late on Saturday afternoon.

In the end Halifax were perhaps easier victors than the 24-20 scoreline suggests as the Thunder twice fought back to share parity briefly, but never got their noses in front.

James Haley was the match-winner for the West Yorkshiremen with a hat-trick of tries in the final.

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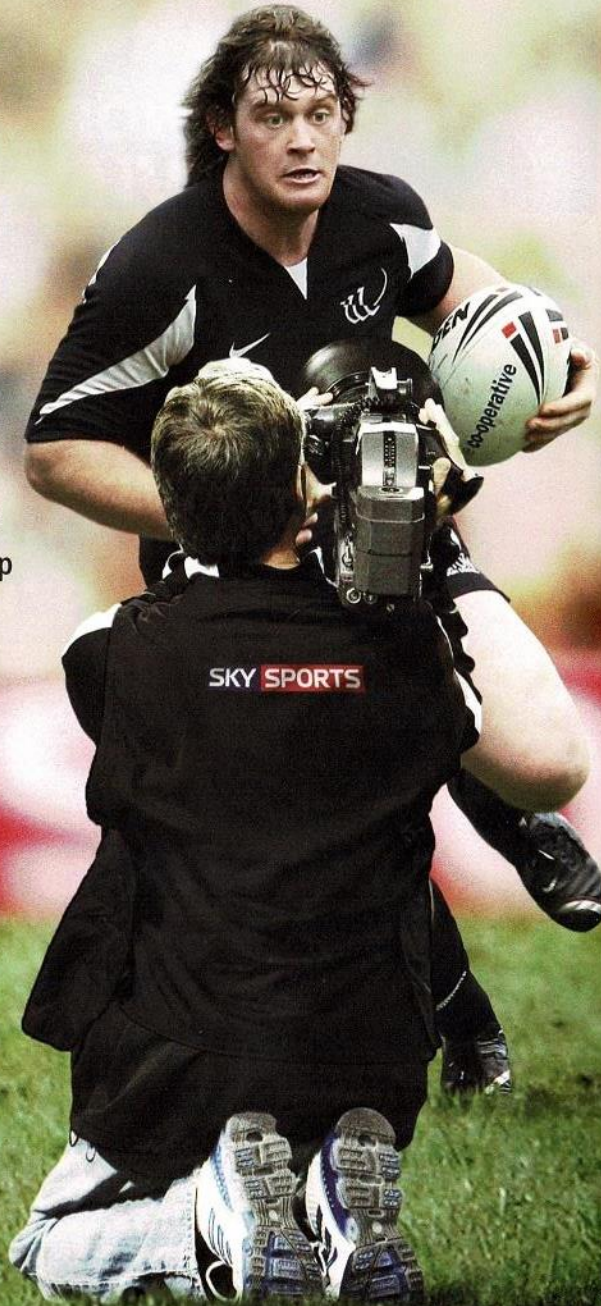


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## Future for 9s

The RFL will make a decision on the future of the Northern Rail 9s before the end of the year following the completion of a detailed review into the tournament won by Blackpool Panthers on Sunday.

The inaugural Northern Rail 9s proved a popular innovation and bumper crowds saw the qualifying matches at Fylde RUFC on Saturday and Sunday while 8,720 people filled Bloomfield Road to see Blackpool's finest hour ahead of Widnes Vikings beating Barrow Raiders 34-18 in the Northern Rail Cup final on Sunday evening.

"As part of the review process we go through with every major event we will be consulting with all our stakeholders to hear their experiences of the Northern Rail 9s," said RFL chief executive Nigel



Chief exec Nigel Wood

Wood. "The feedback we have had so far has been very positive and it looks to have been a very successful concept."

Northern Rail sponsorship manager Tony Hargraves said the sponsors were delighted with both the 9s and the Northern Rail Cup final, which he felt attained considerable stature last weekend.

"The Northern Rail Cup came of age at Blackpool on Sunday and we couldn't

be happier with the way things went," said Hargrave. "All the way through this year's tournament you could see how much it meant to the players and that was again the case in the final.

"It was a fantastic weekend all round, really rewarding to see how the Northern Rail 9s and the Northern Rail Cup gelled and gave more credibility to what I think has become a major event in the Rugby League calendar."

Widnes's victory in the Northern Rail Cup final gave them the right to apply for a Super League licence in two years' time while Blackpool's reward for winning the Northern Rail 9s is an entry into the Carnegie Floodlit 9s.

Blackpool will join teams from Cumbria and The Army in the group stages at Headingley on Wednesday August 26.

## Heartbreak for Barrow but a win for the game

So there we have it, Widnes won the Northern Rail Cup and Rugby League has found a brand new competition that should stand the test of time.

That was the impressive outcome of last weekend's Northern Rail-backed Championship Rugby League Festival in Blackpool.

And all the signs are that the sport has dropped on a real winner with this new Blackpool full weekend format.

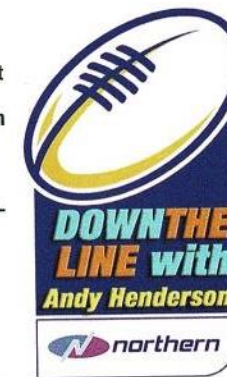
There was no doubting that the Northern Rail Cup Final between Widnes Vikings and Barrow Raiders was a full-blooded, passionate affair that thrilled the fans and the television audience.

The Vikings have been growing in strength for the last few weeks and they peaked at just the right time

although in Barrow's favour it must be said that they had been badly hit by suspensions, injuries and off-field problems just at the wrong moment.

As a former Barrow player I was particularly disappointed for the club and the town on the Furness peninsula. But, on the day, there was no doubting that Widnes were the better team.

Of course, there is now the extra spice of needing to win the Northern Rail Cup to be able to bid for an engage Super League franchise in



2012. Winning it is now a real test of a club's ambition.

Just ask the Widnes club and fans how much they rate winning the Cup! And ask Barrow how disappointed they were to lose! That's how important the Northern Rail Cup has become in five short years.

Wasn't it fantastic to see all those fans basking in the sunshine at Bloomfield Road? More than 8,000 of them were packed in to the stadium and it made a great sight for the Sky Sports television cameras.

The real added value for Rugby League and Northern Rail must be the addition of the two-day nine-a-side com-

## Hamilton new RFL President

OLDHAM RLFC chairman Chris Hamilton has been elected as the new President of the RFL with Bev Risman voted in as Vice President.

Both votes were taken at the Annual General Meeting of the RFL Council in Wakefield.

Chris Hamilton, 46, said: "The appointment is a great honour for me, but also for the Oldham club. Plenty of illustrious people have had the role before me and I hope I can follow their example while also offering my own persona as I represent the RFL at various functions throughout my year in office."

Hamilton succeeds Batley Bulldogs Chairman Kevin Nicholas who was RFL President during 2008. Richard Lewis, the RFL's Chairman, said: "We congratulate both Chris and Bev on their appointment and trust they will thoroughly enjoy their year in office."

"The election of Bev as Vice President is a landmark decision as it is the first time that a non RFL Council member has been elected to this role."

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On Saturday at Fylde RUFC it was a good, old fashioned Rugby League family day when the players from all the clubs and the fans mixed happily and enjoyed the short form of the game on a pleasant summer afternoon.

The fact that Blackpool Panthers emerged as winners of the competition by beating the much fancied Sheffield Eagles was a fairly tale ending for the home-town club.

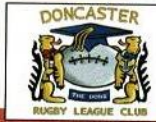
Earlier Plate winners Halifax and Gateshead had put on a 44-point treat to leave the fans cheering for more.

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## co-operative Championship teams of the month for June

PAUL HANDFORTH was named as the official co-operative Championship Player of the Month for June.

The Batley stand-off has made a huge impact on the Bulldogs since his mid-season switch from cash-strapped Doncaster.

And his form over the past month has seen him claim the top individual prize for the division - beating off competition from Featherstone's Ian Hardman and Gateshead's Luke Branighan for the award.

Although Batley began their month with a 32-24 defeat at Toulouse, Handforth showed some fine individual form and was given an 8/10 rating by the League Weekly match reporter.

The following week he earned a 9/10 and the man of the match as he ruthlessly set out tearing apart his former club Doncaster - the resurgent Bulldogs running out 70-6 at Featherstone's Chris Moyles Stadium.

And Handforth scored 9/10 again as the Bulldogs upset Barrow Raiders 46-16 to round off the month in style at the Mount.

The former Castleford and Wakefield Super League star was nominated for the award by former Great Britain skipper and co-operative Good For Everyone ambassador Paul Sculthorpe.

Featherstone full back Hardman was put forward after a fans poll, whilst Gateshead half back Branighan was selected by the League Weekly team.

As always, the decision went down to the people who know the game best - the co-operative Championship coaches - and they agreed with the selection of ex-Saints star Scully.

COACH of the month for the second time in succession was Batley's own Karl Harrison. In typical 'jinx' fashion however, the Bulldogs promptly went down to a heavy defeat at the hands of former team Sheffield Eagles!

## CHAMPIONSHIP 1 AWARDS

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| 2. Bryn Powell (Dewsbury) | 9. Richie Hawkyard (Swinton) |
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### SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

No.	PLAYER
1	Barbara Spence
2	Dean Gaskell
3	Richard Varkulis
4	Toa Kohe Love
5	Danny Mills
6	Anthony Thackeray
7	James Webster
8	Iain Morrison
9	Mark Smith
10	Jim Gannon
11	Lee Doran
12	Richard Fletcher
13	Lee Paterson
14	John Duffy
15	Tim Hartley
16	Gavin Dodd
17	Ben Kavanagh
18	Matt Strong
19	Michael Ostick
20	Sam Thompson
21	Scott Yates
22	Paddy Flynn
23	Shane Grady
24	Josh Simm
25	Anthony Mullally
26	Steve Bannister
27	Brett Robinson
	Kevin Penny (loan)
	Jon Grayshon (loan)
	Craig Hall (loan)

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

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LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWWW  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLWLWW  
 TRIES: Paddy Flynn 12, Gavin Dodd 10,  
 Toa Kohe Love 9, Anthony Thackeray 9,  
 Richard Varkulis 9.  
 GOALS: Scott Yates 33, Craig Hall 31, Tim  
 Hartley 24. DGs: Craig Hall 1  
 MAN TO WATCH: Craig Hall

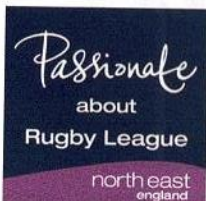
### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Hicks  
 Touch: J. Downham, S. Moss  
 Fourth official: M. Beadle

### BENNETT'S BET

"Vikings are riding on a wave of confidence -  
 Widnes by 10"

### Getting behind Gateshead...



## Gateshead v Widnes

# Happy memories of my time coaching Widnes



Steve McCormack had a long association with Widnes

TODAY'S visit of the Widnes Vikings provides us with a big challenge and it is one we are looking forward to.

Having been at Thunder for a few months now, I do believe the club, both on and off the field, is going in the right direction and today will be another test of our character.

Over the last few weeks we have put together a number of good performances and wins against good opposition, however we are fully aware improvements are needed during the second half of the season if we are to move up the table.

Our support since I have

been at the club has been outstanding and it is something the players and coaching staff have commented on during this period.

The one thing the Gateshead supporters do is get behind the team during good and bad periods and it is our intention to reward them with an improved second part of the year.

I spent nearly four years at Widnes and have some good memories of the club.

I believe I coached the team through a number of difficult years both on and off the field and I am very proud of what was achieved.

The club has a good chair-

man in Steve O'Connor and even though I parted company with the club this year I still wish him and Widnes well.

Finally I also want to point out the support Steve and Sarah Garside give to Gateshead Thunder.

They are both very passionate about the club and without their support the club wouldn't be where it is today.

The challenge now for the players and coaching staff is to raise the high jump bar and see how far we can go.

**Steve McCormack,**  
head coach



Widnes celebrate their win in Blackpool

## Vikings deserved Northern Rail glory

CONGRATULATIONS to today's visitors Widnes Vikings on their tremendous success in winning the Northern Rail Cup last Sunday.

It was a tremendous final and both Widnes and Barrow Raiders did themselves proud and showed a live TV audience what a fantastic competition the Northern Rail Cup is and what great rugby league is played at this level.

Widnes are of course the first club to obtain the qualifying criteria for a Super League Licence and will no doubt feel in a strong position when applying for a 2012 place.

Having worked with the current Widnes management I know how professionally

**ROD FINDLAY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

they are run and I would like to wish them luck with their application.

While the game does need to expand out of the heartlands - at all levels - Super League places should also be awarded to those teams performing the best across the four areas of facilities: Financial and business management, commercial, marketing and community and playing base.

Gateshead Thunder had our own success getting through to the Northern Rail 9s Plate Final with a mainly locally trained

squad before narrowly losing to Halifax.

Congratulations to the 15 players and six coaching/support staff for that success and my thanks to each of them for giving up their weekend and for portraying the club in such a positive light.

It was also great to reacquaint ourselves with Northern Rail who have been fantastic competition sponsors and we look forward to competing in the Northern Rail Cup next year.

As for the 9s, it was brilliantly organised by the RFL but many question its timing.

A full round of fixtures like Magic would have been preferable - or a post season 9s tournament?



# Leigh v Sheffield



Sunday July 19th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

## LEIGH CENTURIONS

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

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

COACH: PAUL ROWLEY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLL  
LAST SIX HOME: WLLLWL  
TRIES: Jamie Durbin 11, Ian Mort 10, Stuart Donlan 9, Steve Maden 6, Martyn Ridyard 5, Sam Reay 5, Ian Watson 5. GOALS: Ian Mort 55, Martyn Ridyard 10. DGs: Martyn Ridyard.  
MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Durbin

## SHEFFIELD EAGLES

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	<b>Full back</b>	
	<b>Right Wing</b>	
	<b>Right Centre</b>	
	<b>Left Centre</b>	
	<b>Left Wing</b>	
	<b>Stand off</b>	
	<b>Scrum half</b>	
	<b>Prop</b>	
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	<b>Loose forward</b>	
	<b>Interchange 1</b>	
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	<b>3</b>	
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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

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

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWWW  
LAST SIX AWAY: LLLWLW  
TRIES: Tangi Ropati 11, Menzie Yere 10, Damian Gibson 9, Craig Cook 9, Sam Barlow 8, Jonny Woodcock 7. GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 78. DG:-  
MAN TO WATCH: Tangi Ropati

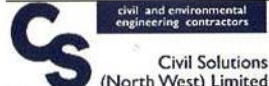
### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. Drizza  
Touch: T. Mahar, S. Johnson  
Fourth official: L. Todd

### BENNETT'S BET

"Eagles to leave Centurions in trouble - Sheffield by 2"

We're supporting Leigh!



## CLUBCALL

## Leigh v Sheffield



Ian Millward, who is coming back to Leigh in October

# Lack of regular home fixtures needs sorting out

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Co-operative Championship fixture against Sheffield Eagles. Today's game is the start of a very important run-in for us and nothing short of a win will do.

I sincerely hope the fixture planners are going to sit down early and sort out next season's fixtures better than they have done this year. Surely being home one week and away the next can't be that hard to organise?

Our last home game was June 14 and the previous one to that was May 14 so we have had two games at Leigh in two months which is ludicrous for cash flow. Also people are creatures of habit and we need to give some consideration to the spectators.

Since we last played at home a couple of things have happened.

First of all we appointed Ian Millward on a three-year deal and he is due back

### ALLAN ROWLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

in Leigh once his commitments with Canberra Raiders have finished some time in October. However he is in touch with us daily and already discussing recruitment and training for next year.

The other milestone is the formation of the Corporate Club.

Leigh Centurions are extremely grateful to Sean and Martyn McCaul, Simon Cooke and Trevor Lloyd - all of whom have met with me on a number of occasions to formulate this exciting new project.

One thing that is blatantly obvious from our meetings is they are not only successful businessmen in their own right but extremely passionate about the town of Leigh and the Centurions.

I would urge anyone who cares about

the club to use their businesses whenever possible to give them some kind of tangible return on their investment and as they attract other businesses to the Corporate Roll of Honour.

Let us see if we cannot repay them in some way and the way we do that is with the Principal Shirt Sponsor, Dave Rowland's of JR's Taxis.

We would not even consider using anyone else.

It would be very remiss of me at this stage not to mention the fantastic support that LISA have given and continue to give to the club.

The list of players they have helped us sign include Jamie Kennedy, Graeme Close, Ken Kerr, Adam Bristow, Neil Turley, Villa Matautia, Sonny Nickle, Tommy Martyn, Dave McConnell, Chris Giles, Dennis Moran, and Stuart Donlan. Not a bad line up that lot.

Enjoy the game.



# Toulouse v Halifax



Saturday July 18th, 2009. Kick off 8pm. STADE DE ARNAUNE

## TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE

## HALIFAX

### SPONSOR

SN Diffusion	1 Rory Bromley
Dynadoc	2 Sebastien Payan
Ermes Prestations	3 Sebastien Planas
Demathieu et Bard	4 Damien Couturier
France Boissons	5 Joris Canton
Prosegur	6 Constant Villegas
Copy Sud	7 Nathan Wynn
Immodulair	8 Brendan Worth
André Raynal-Déménagements	9 Martin Mitchell
Groupe Cailleau	10 Mathieu Griffi
Groupe Carrère	11 Timothy Wynn
SNC Latitudes - Golf de Seilh	12 Mathieu Almarcha
Aux Docks du bureau	13 Eric Anselme
Transports Sarrazain	14 Antoni Maria
Renault Etats-Unis	15 Jerome Gout
Citroën Etats-Unis	16 Olivier Pramill
Océanis	17 Yohan Barthau
Siemex	18 Adrien Viala
Inovans	19 Nicolas Delgal
Airbus Cimpa	20 Sylvain Houles
Leroy Merlin	21 Bruno Ormeno
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Bourdarios	Benjamin Guiral
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Compass Group	Andrei Olari

COACH: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWL

LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWL

TRIES: Rory Bromley 10, Damien Couturier 9, Constant Villegas 6, Nathan Wynn 4, Sebastien Planas 4, Mark Mitchell 4.

GOALS: Nathan Wynn 58, Couturier 6

MAN TO WATCH: Damien Couturier

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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### SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P. Brooke

Touch: M. Maurel, P. Milan

Fourth official: R. Ponthou

### BENNETT'S BET

"All depends on the fitness of Nathan Wynn - Halifax by 6"

### No. PLAYER

1 Miles Greenwood
2 Lee Paterson
3 Jon Goddard
4 Shad Royston
5 James Haley
6 Dwayne Barker
7 Ben Black
8 Matt James
9 Sean Penkyciwicz
10 Dana Wilson
11 Dave Larder
12 Paul Smith
13 Bob Beswick
14 Mark Gleeson
15 Mark Roberts
16 Said Tamghart
17 Frank Watene
18 Andy Bowman
19 Mick Govin
20 -
21 Neil Cherryholme
22 David Wrench
23 Rob Worrincy
25 Anthony Bowman

COACH: MATT CALLAND

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLLW

LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWWL

TRIES: Shad Royston 20, Ben Black 16, Miles Greenwood 15, Sean Penkyciwicz 13, Rob Worrincy 11.

GOALS: Paterson 81, Govin 24, Black 12.

DGs: -

MAN TO WATCH: Shad Royston

### SPONSOR

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Windsor Yarns
Halifax Past Players Association
Complete Building Materials
David/Terry Kendall
Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd
Sue Illingworth
Complete Building Materials
Calderdale Service Area
Chadwick Lawrence
AA Moving Solutions, A Mogford
Elizabeth Posner
Calderdale Service Area

## CLUBCALL

## Toulouse v Halifax

# Série à enjeux pour le Toulouse

# Big challenge for Toulouse

BY PRESIDENT CARLOS ZALDUENDO

APRÈS la venue de Featherstone et le déplacement à Barrow et avant la réception de Widnes les hommes de Gilles Dumas reçoivent ce jour LE favori de cette édition 2009 du Championship, Halifax.

On les voyait bien partis pour un parcours sans faute, mais après avoir enquéillé les victoires, les Chaussettes Bleues (en anglais Blue Sox) ont connu deux petits passages à vide contre Gateshead qui a fait parler la foudre et Sheffield qui a sorti ses serres.

Pour sa part Toulouse n'a ramené qu'un petit point de ses deux dernières sorties. Des défaites qui pointent du doigt les fautes individuelles de défense ou d'indiscipline qui coutent cher à la sortie, mais aussi de réels motifs de satisfaction, car il a fallu rebâtir une charnière et on a pu mesurer à Barrow l'efficacité de l'association Villegas - Mitchell. Par ailleurs, Damien Couturier a repris la fonction de buteur et là aussi les progrès sont notables. L'infirmerie serait moins pleine, tout irait pour le mieux.

Ceci étant l'adversaire s'annonce redoutable. Une défense de fer (240 points encaissés en 12 matches), 2ème du championnat derrière les athlétiques joueurs de Barrow. Un attaque efficace à près de 40 points en moyenne par match et qui avec 469 points est la première du championnat. Toulouse a donc deux clés à trouver. Comment faire sauter le verrou défensif, sans s'exposer aux contres et comment bloquer les abords du tenu pour ne pas avoir à courir après le score ?

On peut être sûr que le staff technique de Toulouse aura fait chauffer son logiciel Tech 13 cette semaine pour travailler sur les erreurs défensives et aussi décortiquer les points forts et les points faibles du jeu de son adversaire du jour.

La semaine de vacances aura permis aux joueurs de faire un break dans cet enchaînement de matches très intenses. La fraîcheur mentale pourrait faire la différence dans un match à haut risque pour le TO.

Mais les joueurs ont répondu présent depuis le début de cette saison et auront à cœur d'aller chercher les trois points de la victoire pour consolider une place de qualification dans un championnat très serré. A toutes et à tous un très bon match !

AFTER the home game against Featherstone and the trip to Barrow, and before the reception of Widnes, Gilles Dumas' boys are facing the Championship favourites - Halifax.

They started the Co-operative Championship so well that at one stage we thought they were going to do a perfect season. But after putting in a great winning streak, the former 'Blue Sox' conceded two defeats against Gateshead Thunder and the Sheffield Eagles.

Meanwhile Toulouse only took one point from their last two games. Two defeats that underline the individual errors in defence and the lack of discipline but at the same time were also encouraging because a new pair of half backs has been tried - MITCHELL and VILLEGAS - and it worked quite well.

Furthermore, Damien COUTURIER had to kick again at goal and he did really well. Now, it would be better if there were less injured players.

Taking that into account, tonight's opponent are a really high-level team.

They have a great defence (240 points in 12 games) - the second best in the Championship just behind the strong Barrow team - and a very efficient attack with nearly 40 points scored per game. In total they have registered 469, which is the best of the competition.

Therefore Toulouse has two main problems to solve: How to get through this defence and how to block the 'Fax' attack?

You can be sure that Toulouse's coaching staff have worked with its stats software this week to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of today's opponent.

The week off will have enabled the players to have a break with the competition and the intense matches. This could be the key factor in a very important game for the Toulouse Olympique. However, the players have always given their best this season and they want the three points in order to stay alive in the play-off race.

We wish you all a very pleasant game.



Mathieu Griffi



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# Whitehaven v Barrow



Thursday July 16th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. RECREATION GROUND

## WHITEHAVEN

## BARROW RAIDERS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
LLWR	1 Craig Benson
Tim Knowles	2 Ade Adebisi
Richard Woodhall	3 Rob Jackson
Tuqiri-Kacey-Keelan	4 Derry Ellbeck
Internet Support Group	5 Craig Calvert
Alan Dixon	6 Carl Rudd
Internet Support Group	7 Leroy Joe
Haven Joinery	8 Marc Jackson
L&G Taxis	9 Greame Mattinson
Barry Richardson	10 Karl Edmondson
B&H Motors	11 Howard Hill
Cameron Wood	12 Spencer Miller
Dick Raaz	13 Scott McAvoy
GMB	14 Danny Barker
Internet Support Group	15 Ryan McDonald
Whitehaven RL Support Group	16 Andy Gorski
	17 -
Shakers	18 John Patrick
Finnigans Chip Shop	19 Kyle Amor
Internet Support Group	20 Marc Bainbridge
	21 -
Seascale Pharmacy	22 Matt Tunstall
Rob Collins	23 Marc Shackley
Clive Hornsby	24 Greg McNally
Whitehaven RL Support Group	25 Jamie Theoharous
	28 Chris Smith
	31 Dexter Miller
Stobbarts	32 Paul Ballard (loan)
	33 Soni Radovanovic
	34 Tane Manihera
	Rachid Ahlalou

COACH: GED STOKES

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWLWLW**  
**LAST SIX HOME: WLLWWW**  
**TRIES: Gregg McNally 25, Ade Adebisi 10, Craig Calvert 9, John Patrick 5, Andy Gorski 5, Scott McAvoy 5.**  
**GOALS: Gregg McNally 65, Carl Rudd 7, Marc Jackson 5. DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Gregg McNally**

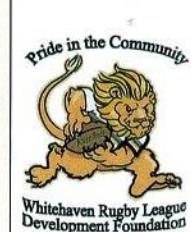
No.	TODAY'S TEAM
<b>Full back</b>	
<b>Right Wing</b>	
<b>Right Centre</b>	
<b>Left Centre</b>	
<b>Left Wing</b>	
<b>Stand off</b>	
<b>Scrum half</b>	
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<b>Loose forward</b>	
<b>Interchange 1</b>	
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<b>SCORERS</b>	
<b>Tries</b>	
<b>Conv</b>	
<b>Pens</b>	
<b>DGs</b>	

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

COACH: DAVE CLARK

**LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWLWL**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: WWLLLL**  
**TRIES: James Nixon 20, Andrew Ellis 15, Liam Harrison 8, Liam Finch 7, Liam Campbell 7, Larkin 6, Catic 6.**  
**GOALS: Paul Noone 41, Darren Holt 40.**  
**DGs: Darren Holt 2.**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Liam Harrison**

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: C. Halloran  
*Touch: G. Wallace, B. Armstrong*  
 Fourth Official: C. Braithwaite  
**BENNETT'S BET**  
*"Haven to pour pain on NRC final losers - Whitehaven by 6"*



We're supporting Whitehaven RLFC



## CLUBCALL

## Whitehaven v Barrow

### We're heading towards exciting home stretch

We are very pleased you have joined us here at the Recre to participate in what will have to be a major milestone in this season's trek to the play-offs. The side has matured in a big way since we were at Barrow last Easter. Every match from here on will affect standings in this very competitive league and the lads now have a chance to show how the end of the season is to be done.

We hope each of you can contribute in your way to bringing this stadium to a fever pitch of excellence. The entire team has come along masterfully under Coach Stokes' guidance and

we are very proud of them all. We are full of mixed emotions on the recent signing of Kyle Amor by the Leeds Rhinos. His progress as a major force on the pitch has been recognised by a Super League team and we know his success will increase as time advances.

We are very pleased he will remain with us for the next season but congratulate him on his progression towards Super League.

The club now enters the home stretch of the season and will need every supporter we can muster - and we need them in the stands, not around the coffee tables and bars, but here, in person, where their voices can be

heard by the players. Please bring your mates, your children, your neighbours and anyone you can find and get them down for the matches.

If you can travel with us to away games the players will appreciate that but don't miss a home match. We must win each and every one to maximise our chances in the play-offs.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our sponsors for their support. Tonight's sponsors are Assystem, Jordan Nuclear, Thompsons Solicitors, A-Plant, Tom Foy and Tony Ansell.

They bring a special brand of help and this would be a very different club without them.

**Dick Raaz, chairman**

## We'll be pretty in pink!

We welcome the Sky cameras tonight for the second time this year and also we hope many new fans, who are supporting the Henderson suite. I hope you enjoy the night and come back for the next match.

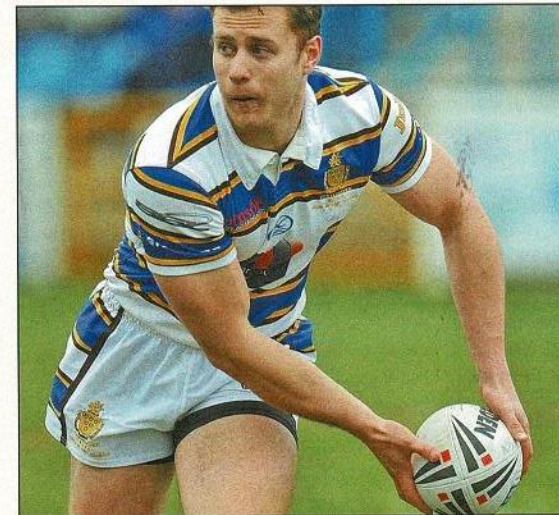
The players will be sporting a pink strip for tonight's clash to show their support.

These are one-off shirts which will be individually signed and auctioned after the game in the JJ McKeown bar. David Seeds has kindly volunteered to be auctioneer for the night.

The sale of replica shirts has raised close to £6,000 already - a tremendous effort by the local community. To mark the occasion we would like everyone who has a Pink replica shirt to go to the Railway end for a group picture at 7pm.

For tonight's pre match and half time entertainment we welcome the Starkey School of Dance Brass band (a combined effort from Whitehaven, Barrow and Millom); Stix Percussion Drum Skool and Dance Ranch.

We also feature half time games involving Kells v Wath Brow U-11s and Hensingham v



Playmaker Carl Rudd - remarkable recovery

Wath Brow U-11s.

ON FACILITIES we continue to make improvements thanks to Story Group, who have donated additional ladies toilets - situated behind the Kells end. There are also temporary toilets available tonight at either end of the popular side.

Also we have received a grant offer from Copeland Borough Council for which we thank

them, and are awaiting a decision from RFL on a matching grant. These will be used to carry out extensive work to the bar and toilets shortly.

TONIGHT'S MATCH - we are all looking forward to a cracker of a match tonight. Will Barrow have recovered from their brave efforts in the Northern Rail Cup final on

eral players missing - I expect tonight to be a very physical match like any derby game, but we will be ready!

Ade Adebisi, who picked up a knock in the Northern Rail 9s at the weekend, is a doubt however but Carl Rudd is looking good after his operation."

I'll expect Barrow to come out all guns blazing. They did very well in the cup final with sev-

Sunday? Can we expect another outstanding performance from our lads as we did last time the sky cameras were here against Widnes? All will be answered tonight.

PLAYMAKER CARL RUDD has hailed his FIFTH operation on the knee injury that has hampered him all season as a complete success.

Boss Ged Stokes recently branded Rudd's decision to soldier on this term despite being in desperate need of fresh surgery as one of the bravest moves he's seen.

And Rudd has just completed his first full fitness session of the season, thanks to his 'new' knee.

"It was the first time in six months I'd been able to do a full fitness session with the lads, so I'm delighted," he said, coming through the near two-hour session with no mishaps, just two weeks after surgery, even after he was tackled accidentally by teammate Jamie Theoharous.

"It gave me a bit of confidence when tackled. The operation's going to make a massive difference because I can now focus on playing.

"Whereas before, I had to focus on getting the knee right first. I can go in to each game thinking about what I'll do on the pitch, and what's best for the team."

Rudd missed only one match while undergoing his latest surgery.

GED STOKES, COACH

NIGEL BEATY, Chief Executive



# Hunslet v Rams



Sunday July 19th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SOUTH LEEDS STADIUM

## HUNSLET HAWKS

## DEWSBURY RAMS

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	14 Chris Redfeam
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	16 Mark Moxon
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Geoff Gray	19 Ben Walkin
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GMB Union	31 Tony Williams
Barry and Norma	Wayne Reitte
Dennis/Hannah Butterfield	
	Leonard Van Voorthuysen
	Craig Fawcett

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

PLAYER/COACH: PAUL MARCH

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWWLL  
LAST SIX HOME: LWWWWL  
TRIES: Ayden Faal 10, Michael Mark 8, Michael Brown 6, Darren Robinson 5  
GOALS: Darren Robinson 31, Tom Sheldrake 14. DGs: Richard Chapman, Darren Robinson.  
MAN TO WATCH: Paul March

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: W. Turley  
Touch: G. Evans, J. Asquith  
Fourth official: S. Williams

### BENNETT'S BET

"Unstoppable Dewsbury to spoil Paul March's debut - Rams by 16"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWWLW  
LAST SIX AWAY: WWWWLW  
TRIES: Andy Bostock 18, Kane Epati 16, Liam Finn 13, Austin Buchanan 11, Bryn Powell 11, Chris Spurr 10.  
GOALS: Pat Walker 106, Liam Finn 15  
DGs: Liam Finn 2.  
MAN TO WATCH: Andy Bostock

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## CLUBCALL

## Hunslet v Dewsbury

# It's a tough start but Paul's got boys buzzing

## Alan Stephenson Chief Executive

Our new coach Paul March has now taken over the reins from Graeme Hallas, and he made an immediate impact as both coach and player in last weekend's NR 9s tournament.

His experience on the field should prove invaluable, and a fresh approach will hopefully get us back to winning ways in the league.

Today's game is a tough beginning for Paul but I'm sure he'll have the lads fired up and raring to go.

Please enjoy today's game everyone and the entertainment provided by Cockburn High School pupils.

The students are delighted to have been given this opportunity to showcase their talents in partnership with Hunslet Hawks.

As a Specialist School in the Performing Arts they are always striving to bring our performances to a wider audience.

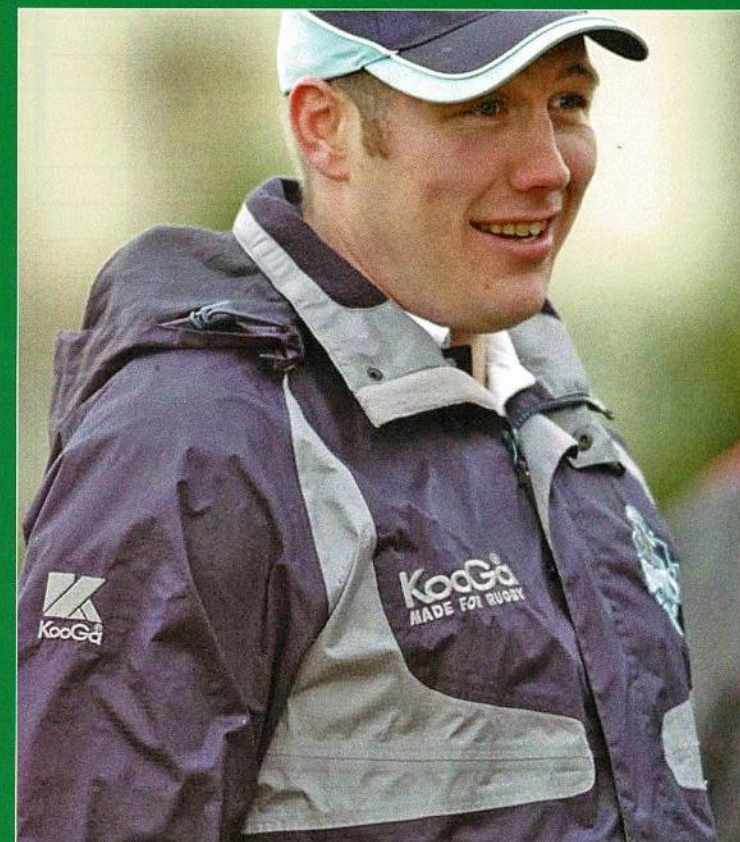
They strongly believe the arts can play a valuable role in strengthening links between the school and the wider community.

The school said: "We would like to thank everyone at Hunslet Hawks for inviting us today and hope this is the start of a long-lasting partnership. We hope you enjoy the performance!"

Cockburn High School pupils involved in the show today:

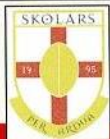
- YEAR 8: Ben Bradley, Adam Fields, Jack Haigh, Jake Hayton, Nathan Pearson, Matthew Sharp, Callum Wilson.
- YEAR 9: Katie Dunwell, Katie Lockwood, Kirsty O'Sullivan, Emma Raworth, Liam Robbins, Andrew Sorey, Louise Wright.
- YEAR 10: Shannon Caldwell, Lucy Dixon, Saffron Dunn, Katie Eatwell, Megan Geddes, Nicole Haigh, Andrew Hardt, Natalie Hindle, Nathan Iredale, Matthew Liprot, Rayhan Miah, Charlie Nicholson, Charlotte Oxley, Chanel Sam, Charlotte Tate, Tom Wright.

- RUNNING ORDER:
- 'Boom Boom Pow' - Advanced Dance Group
  - 'Rule The World' - Singing Group
  - 'Break Even' - Tom Wright
  - 'Dance Beat' - Boys Dance Group



Members of Cockburn High School put on a performance

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# Skolars v Hornets



Sunday July 19th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

## LONDON SKOLARS

## HORNETS RLFC

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	8 Dave Ellison
	9 Gareth Honor
	10 Glenn Osborn
	11 Matt Thomas
	12 Dene Miller
Craig Ackroyd	13 Jaymes Chapman
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	16 Tony Williams
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	19 Leigh Nissen
	20 Paul Hyder
	21 Ben Joyce
	22 Danny Burke
The Gladys Aylward School	23 Andre Vine
	24 Smokie Junor
OnePersonalTraining	25 Jaroslaw Obuchowski
	26 Olu Iwenofu
	Keir Bell
	Bernard Rule
	Jy-Mel Coleman
	John Paxton
Sportstraders	Assistant coach: Kevin Reith

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
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SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Aztek Safety	1 Chris Giles
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	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
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	24 Chris Hough
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32 Liam McGovern
33 Matt Strong
34 Brett Robinson
35 Dave Houghton

COACH: DARREN SHAW

TEMPORARY COACHES: JERMAINE COLEMAN AND ROSS ANTONIOLLI

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWLLL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL  
 TRIES: Matt Thomas 9, John Paxton 4, Austen Aggrey 3, Olu Iwenofu 3, Oilly Fountain 3.  
 GOALS: Paul Thorman 24  
 DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Matt Thomas

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
 Referee: C. Leatherbarrow  
 Touch: J. Callaghan, G. Jones  
 Fourth Official: S. Matthews

**BENNETT'S BET**  
 "Second win looks long way away for Skolars - Hornets by 30"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLWLLL  
 TRIES: Martin Ainscough 13, Mick Fogerty 6, Casey Mayberry 6, John Gillam 5, Chris Giles 5.  
 GOALS: Liam McGovern 25, Chris Giles 20. DGs: McGovern  
 MAN TO WATCH: Martin Ainscough

## Our Community Sponsors



## CLUBCALL

## Skolars v Hornets RL

### London nines competition returns next month

After a break last year, the internationally renowned MX9s tournament returns next month. The date is August 2 and it will run in conjunction with the Co-Operative Championship fixture between Skolars and Workington Town. Play kicks off at 11am, culminating in

By Andrew Jackson  
Media manager

the final at 4.30pm. The Co-Operative Championship fixture kicks off at 2pm. The day includes:  
 • The rebirth of the internationally

renowned Rugby League 9s tournament  
 • The Co-operative Championship 1 game against Workington Town  
 • Pre-and post match entertainment & DJ Jerk Chicken Stall Family fun!  
 For more information or to enter the MX9s call the office on 020 8888 8488 or e-mail info@skolarsrl.com.

# Crucial run of fixtures

WELCOME to everyone today, especially to our visitors from Rochdale.

A look at the league tables at the back of this programme shows the importance of this game to both sides.

Jermaine's first two games in charge were against the top two sides in the league and the Keighley game showed how you need to concentrate for the full 80 minutes.

More than in touch for the first hour, but the final score-line showed we've still got much to do. We'd normally be delighted with five tries on an away trip to Cougar Park but we need to stop leaking points in defence.

Our next two games after this weekend are against Workington and Blackpool, who currently lie seventh and eighth in Co-operative Championship One.

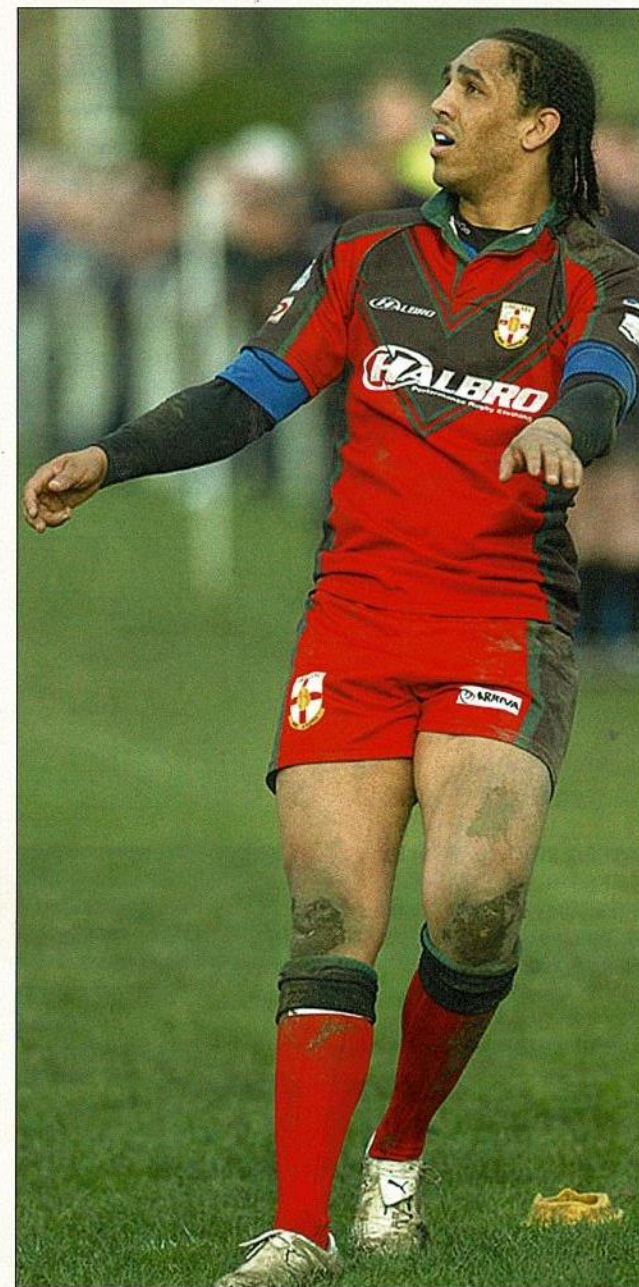
That gives us a real opportunity to demonstrate improvement since the June break.

Last weekend saw us take part alongside the other Championship clubs in the inaugural Northern Rail 9s in Blackpool.

While we may have lost in the first round of the plate, it will have done the guys a lot of good to have pushed a few sides close and to have got a few points on the board.

Our own Mx9s are coming up in a fortnight and along with the tag tournament in Finsbury Park - that has been progressing well - we have the forthcoming Corporate tag at the HAC and another summer of urban rugby. We are working hard on the community front.

Today sees a busy day of action. We also welcome Brentwood Elvers who take on our U-14s and Elbridge Eagles, who take on our reserves in the RLC Conference Premier Division, together with many of the schools in North London that have played the game over the last few months.



Chairman Terry Browne It has been a tough baptism for coach Jermaine Coleman





# Oldham v Keighley



Sunday July 19th 2009. Kick off 3pm. BOUNDARY PARK

## OLDHAM RLFC

## KEIGHLEY COUGARS

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	25 Luke Menzies
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**COACH: TONY BENSON**

**LAST SIX RESULTS: LWWLLW**  
**LAST SIX HOME: WWLWWL**  
**TRIES: Andy Ballard 17, James Coyle 10, Thomas Coyle 9, Marcus St Hilaire 9, four player on 8.**  
**GOALS: Andy Ballard 90.**  
**DGs: -**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Marcus St Hilaire**

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	<b>Full back</b>	
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### SCORERS

- TRIES**
- Conv**
- Pens**
- DGs**

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J. Leahy  
 Touch: T. Blanchys, S. Barrie  
 Fourth Official: A. Gill

### BENNETT'S BET

"Roughyeds to prove just too powerful - Oldham by 8"

No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
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16 Brendon Rawlins	Cougar Pride Centre
17 Scott Law	J&M Fisher
18 Greg Nicholson	M Croft & T Pycroft
19 -	
20 Daley Williams	Rex Procter & Partners
21 Ryan Smith	Cutting Jungle Hairdressers
22 Lee Mapals	Emily & Flynn Walker
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Ryan Benjafield	
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Dan Belcher	
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Karl Gunney	The Cox family

**COACH: BARRY EATON**

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**LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWW**  
**LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLWL**  
**TRIES: Jon Presley 21, Lee Mapals 11, Gavin Duffy 7, Carl Hughes 7, Dan Potter 7.**  
**GOALS: Danny Jones 78.**  
**DGs: Danny Jones, Jon Presley.**  
**MAN TO WATCH: Jon Presley**

## CLUBCALL

## Oldham v Keighley

# Good to be back home

First of all may I offer a warm welcome to our visitors - the directors, supporters and players of the Keighley Cougars.

It's been a long time since our loss away at Keighley back in March but let me assure you the pain is still there and we are hell bent on rectifying that today.

And of course the biggest welcome back to all the loyal Oldham supporters after what has been a very long two months away from our home at Boundary Park.

Although we haven't played that many Championship games in that time we've had two good wins and a controversial narrow loss, and a further loss to

Featherstone in the quarter-final of the Northern Rail Cup.

Although we had another break from the Championship with the 9s weekend at Blackpool, it's an intense focus on the second half of the Co-operative Championship One competition from here on in.

Keighley will arrive confident off the back of a good win over the London Skolars and we enter the clash after a decisive win with a strong 80-minute effort over Workington which sets us up for a great game of rugby this afternoon.

The Championship One competition itself is proving to be very tough, and very even, with a massive improvement

in quality of personnel and performance of all teams from last season which sets up an exciting end to the competition.

Apart from the disruptions caused by usual run of injuries our preparations have been going well.

We've been working hard to strengthen in certain areas that have been exposed in the earlier rounds. I feel we've made some good progress and as with every week we'll be put under the pump today and the proof will be in the performance.

**Tony Benson, head coach**

## It's a classic six-pointer

GOOD afternoon and welcome back to Boundary Park.

After what seems to have been an awful long time away it will feel good to get back on home soil.

I would like to welcome the players, directors and fans from Keighley who have made the journey across the Pennines for what promises to be a thrilling encounter.

Both teams are neck and neck and the result today will decide for this week at least who will occupy second place in the league table. The three points on offer are crucial.

The players feel that performances to date have been a little bit hit and miss for the high standards that we set ourselves at the beginning of the season.

With Dewsbury racing ahead it looks like we are yet again going to have to do things the hard way and go through the play-off route.

We feel that with the quality of the squad we have got this is still achievable.

But in order to do that we will have to draw on the positives and learn from our previous mistakes.

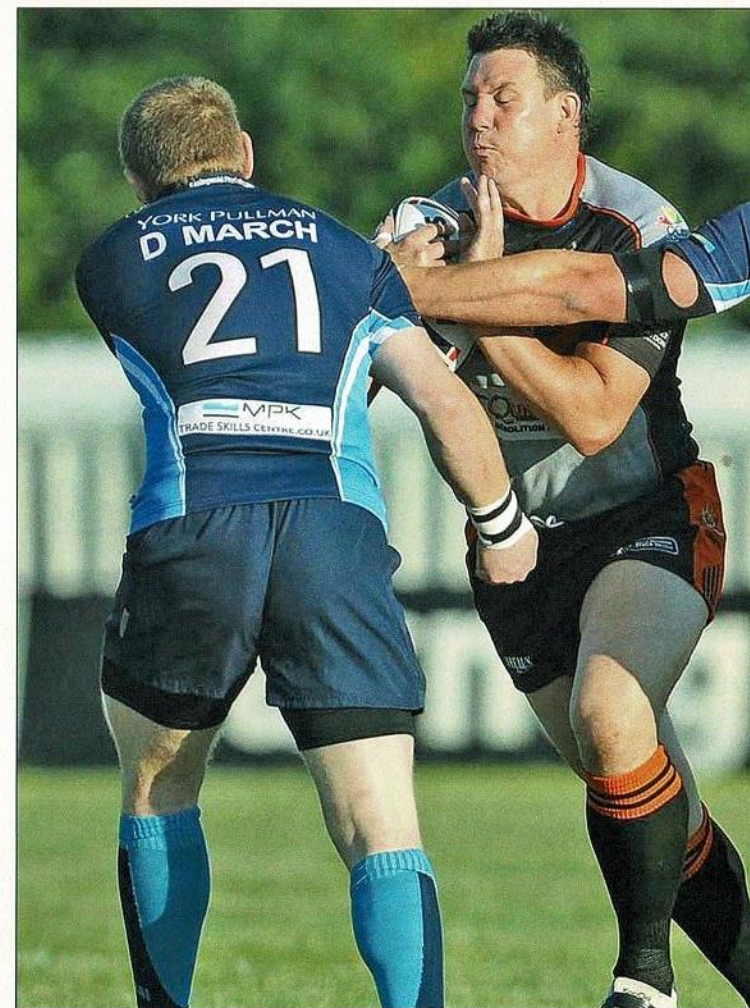
We feel that today we move into the final push following the Northern Rail Cup Final.

The players know what they need to do and all we ask is that you get behind the lads and be vocal in your support today.

Fans can act as 18th man in this crucial game.

Enjoy the day.

**Paul Highton**



Paul Highton on the charge against York in the nail-biting defeat

People caring for people



# Swinton v Blackpool



Sunday July 19th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. SEDGLEY PARK

## SWINTON LIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Elizabeth Taylor (Grandma English)	1 Wayne English
Daniel Croston	2 Barry Hamilton
Premier Building	3 Dave Hull
Dave Roberts	4 Dean Gorton
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Sue Buckley & Joyce Shannon	
In memory of Frank Stanton	28 Dave Newton
Redsentinel	29 Carl Sneyd
Northline Business Consultants	30 Andy Saywell

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: LWLLWW  
 TRIES: Dave Hull 13, Carl Sneyd 7,  
 four players on 5.  
 GOALS: Carl Sneyd 51, Graham  
 Holroyd 10. DGs: Craig Ashall,  
 Graham Holroyd  
 MAN TO WATCH: Dave Hull

## BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
	<b>Full back</b>	
	<b>Right Wing</b>	
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No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
1 Johnny Leather	Blackpool Supporters
2 Damien Munroe	Derek Way Roofing
3 Tom Woodcock	Clover Tech of Wigan
4 Mark McCully	Chorley Supporters
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6 Simon Svabic	S. Beilby and Family
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12 Kris Ratcliffe	Paul Wilson
13 Rob Draper	Clark Draper Family/ Sheperds Inn, Lowton
14 Martin Keaveney	G&M Building Contractors
15 Mel Alker	S. Beilby and Family
16 Ian Hodson	Rema Tip Top
17 David Llewellyn	Morris Bakers
18 John Boland	
19 Liam McGovern	S. Beilby and Family
20 Tom Wild	
21 Andy Marsh	Morris and Oxley
22 Keiron Tucker	
23 Daryll Kaye	Morris and Oxley
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25 Wes Lawton	Morris and Oxley
26 Craig Tunstead	John Chadwick Insurances
28 Gareth Langley	John Chadwick Insurances
30 Dean Hatton	John Chadwick Insurances
Nick Royle	
Carl Forber	
Simon Bissell (loan)	
Josh Simm (loan)	
Dean Thompson (loan)	

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLWL  
 TRIES: Johnny Leather 12, Damien  
 Munroe 8, Mark McCully 6, David  
 Llewellyn 5, Gareth Langley 5, Dean  
 Hatton 5. GOALS: Johnny Leather 32,  
 Carl Forber 25. DGs: Leather 1  
 MAN TO WATCH: Nick Royle

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. Kidd  
 Touch: C. Vergnes, R. Jones  
 Fourth Official: B. Logan

### BENNETT'S BET

"Home advantage to swing it for the Lions  
 - Swinton by 6"

## CLUBCALL

## Swinton v Blackpool

# Derby with major play-off implications

### SWINTON LIONS RLFC

Good afternoon and welcome to Sedgley Park for what promises to be a competitive clash with fellow Lancashire side Blackpool!

A win today would guarantee a definite play-off place for either side.

Although it has been two weeks since our last league encounter, away at Dewsbury, none of the Co-operative League sides got a weekend off.

Instead they played in the inaugural Northern Rail 9s competition, played at the home of today's opponents at Fylde Rugby Club. The final matches were played as a curtain raiser to the Northern Rail Cup final!

Although Swinton lost their opening matches against Dewsbury and today's opponents Blackpool, a much improved performance against Hornets saw us deserved winners 38-8! There was an impressive debutant performance from Barry Rothwell, who showed some exciting footwork.

Swinton then faced Whitehaven in a thrilling quarter-final that saw the two sides deadlocked 16-16 at full time, taking the match into golden point extras time.

Despite early pressure from the opposition, Swinton took the ball forward in determined fashion which set up the chance for match hero Paul Crook to slot over the winning drop goal!

Injuries had taken their toll through the tournament which left Swinton taking on Halifax in the semi-final with just 9 fit players.

And although we fell at the final hurdle, it was no disgrace to lose to the Championship One leaders and eventual winners Halifax with the large partisan Swinton crowd supporting the players efforts through to the end!

Meanwhile today's opponents Blackpool enjoyed tremendous success beating the well fancied Sheffield Eagles 14-10 in a thrilling Trophy final.

We also have some very special guests today as we extend a warm welcome to all of the past players who are



Paul Crook, who kicked a crucial drop goal in the 9s at Fylde

attending our annual past players reunion dinner today.

There will be playing legends from the 60s 70s and 80s in attendance. It is a great opportunity for all to meet some of Swinton's legends.

With 150 people dining it promises to be a great day on and off the field!

Our next home fixture sees us taking on the York City Knights, when we will also be holding a ladies day.

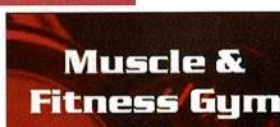
For more information on that event you can contact Ryan Thaddeus by phoning the club on 0871 231 2111.

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# York v Workington



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## YORK CITY KNIGHTS

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Brian Watson	26 Luke Watling
Mrs Watson	27 Danny Grimshaw
Laura Dixon	28 Mike Mitchell
Monk Bar Model Shop	29 Mark Applegarth
	30 Carl Barrow
	34 Wayne McHugh

COACH: JAMES RATCLIFFE

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLLWL  
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW  
 TRIES: Paul Hughes 14, Danny Ratcliffe 11, John Oakes 10, Tom Haberecht 10.  
 GOALS: Adam Mitchell 53, Wayne McHugh 13. DGs: -  
 MAN TO WATCH: Mark Applegarth

## WORKINGTON TOWN

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.	No. PLAYER	SPONSOR
	<b>Full back</b>		1 -	
	<b>Right Wing</b>		2 Neil Frazer	
	<b>Right Centre</b>		3 Andrew Beattie	
	<b>Left Centre</b>		4 Jason Mossop	
	<b>Left Wing</b>		5 Jamie Marshall	
	<b>Stand off</b>		6 -	
	<b>Scrum half</b>		7 Steve Roper	
	<b>Prop</b>		8 -	
	<b>Hooker</b>		9 Jack Pedley	
	<b>Prop</b>		10 Dean Burgess	
	<b>2nd row</b>		11 Mike Whitehead	
	<b>2nd row</b>		12 Craig Hodgson	
	<b>Loose forward</b>		13 -	
	<b>Interchange 1</b>		14 -	
	<b>2</b>		15 James Robinson	
	<b>3</b>		16 -	
	<b>4</b>		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	

Brett Carter (loan)  
 Marc Shackley (loan)  
 Marc Bainbridge (loan)  
 Joe McKenna (loan)

TRIALISTS: Keith Campbell, Alex Daprille and Adam Ramsden

COACH: DAVE ROTHERAM

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLLL  
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLLLLL  
 TRIES: Stephen Dawes 9, Tommy Brindle 3, Andrew Beattie 3.  
 GOALS: Marc Bainbridge 5, Steve Roper 2. DGs: Steve Roper 1  
 MAN TO WATCH: Jarrad Stack

### MATCH OFFICIALS

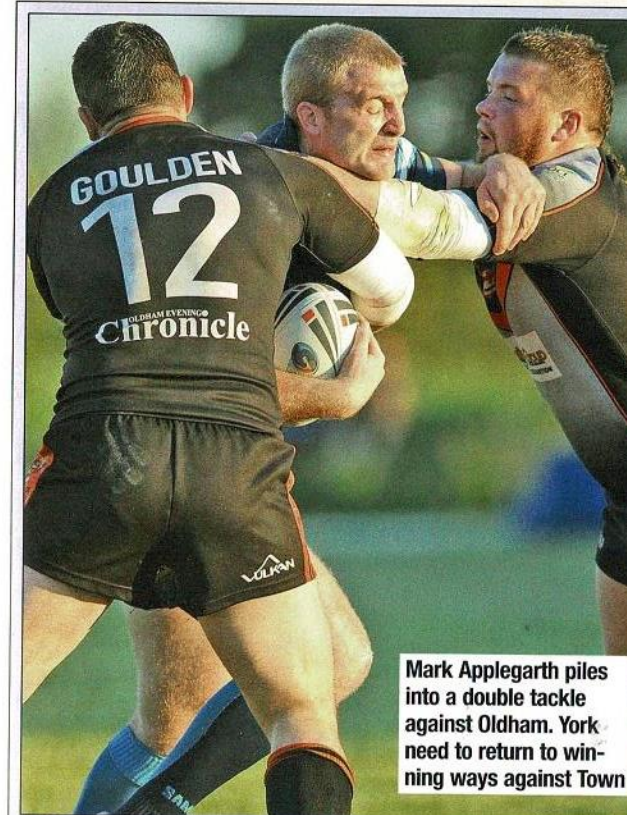
Referee: G. Dolan  
 Touch: N. Darbyshire, C. Hancock  
 Fourth Official: D. McNeice

### BENNETT'S BET

"Town lack the confidence to cause an upset - York by 16"

## CLUBCALL

## York v Workington



Mark Applegarth piles into a double tackle against Oldham. York need to return to winning ways against Town

## Great to welcome a long-term supporter

A VERY warm welcome to all supporters and sponsors. It seems an eternity since the Sky cameras were down at Huntington Stadium to witness the fantastic victory over Oldham.

Joining us today we have long standing sponsor and friend to the club Tony Neary of Tony Neary Butchers situated on Clifton Green. It's his task to pick the man of the match and let's hope he has a difficult job on his hands with all Knights players turning in eye-catching displays. Thank you for your continued support Tony and I hope yourself and your guests have a really enjoyable day. Also with us today is Mike Miller of Miller Accounting Services Limited.

Mike has very generously organised a party to attend today's game and taken on the roll of match ball sponsor. Again I hope you have a great day.

Many of you will have visited the refurbished Bar13 and I think you'll agree the surroundings are a tremendous improvement. The bar and function room are available to hire for parties and functions so please bear this in mind the next time your planning a celebration or get together. Hope you all have a great day with us today and the players put in another thrilling performance.

**Simon Moat, Commercial Manager**

## Bar 13 acquisition will help with income

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Co-operative Championship One match against Workington Town.

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

We are now entering what is known as the business end of the season with only six games remaining before the play-offs.

With four home games left we still have a good chance of a top three finish and I know that is the goal for James Ratcliffe and the players.

Having said that none of these games will be easy and it is important that we take each week as it comes and not get complacent.

The news regarding the Knights acquiring the stadium bar prior to the Oldham game was also extremely positive news for the club moving forward.

The newly named 'Bar 13' will give the club another source of income and we urge supporters to recommend the facility to friends, family and colleagues for functions, conferences and events.

I'm sure you will agree the facility looks the part and the club is hopeful that it will be used to its maximum to help generate revenue.

Enjoy the match.  
**Ian Wilson, General Manager**

## We've stuck together

WELL! What a couple of weeks for the club!

First we saw Paul depart from the club and everyone was waiting for the fallout to follow.

Well I'm glad to say that never materialised. All the players understand these things happen in professional sport and with that in mind they have just got on with it.

The weekend in Blackpool proved a well timed diversion from the grind of the league and allowed the core of the squad to spend a lot of quality time together.

It's plain to see the spirit has not diminished and hopefully that will be on show today.

Everyone at the club are doing their utmost to succeed in the goal of promotion, and with six games

### James Ratcliffe Head Coach

left there is still a lot of rugby to be played and points to be won.

Playing Workington is never an easy task. They have had their own troubles, both on and off the field, so will be looking to restore some sense of success into their season, a point we have made clear to the squad this week in training.

We need to be firing on all cylinders and play for the full 80 minutes. Hopefully we should also have some new faces on show today. This will freshen the squad up in our quest and I am sure you will all give them the tremendous welcome you give the team each week.

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## Vikings class looks to be shining through

'Bouncebackability' is the keyword again this week, says punting expert MIKE OXLEY



After Widnes have ticked the most important box so far by defeating Barrow to lift the Northern Rail Cup, it is interesting how the bookmakers have reacted by shortening Widnes for the league and Grand Final but have pushed out Barrow for both competitions respectively.

My first train of thought after seeing Widnes lift the cup is 'well what else do they have to play for in the rest of the season?' having done what they need to do to qualify for Super League.

But after reflecting how well they played in the game and were by far the superior team over the 80 minutes, I now believe that Paul Cullen has assembled a team that can go from strength to strength over the next few months and 11/4 to win the Grand Final come September could be cracking value.

On the other side of the coin Barrow look as though they have peaked too early and could be on a downward curve.

I have mentioned the term 'bouncebackability' before, and with a short turn around of only four days, Barrow have to back up with a daunting trip to Whitehaven.

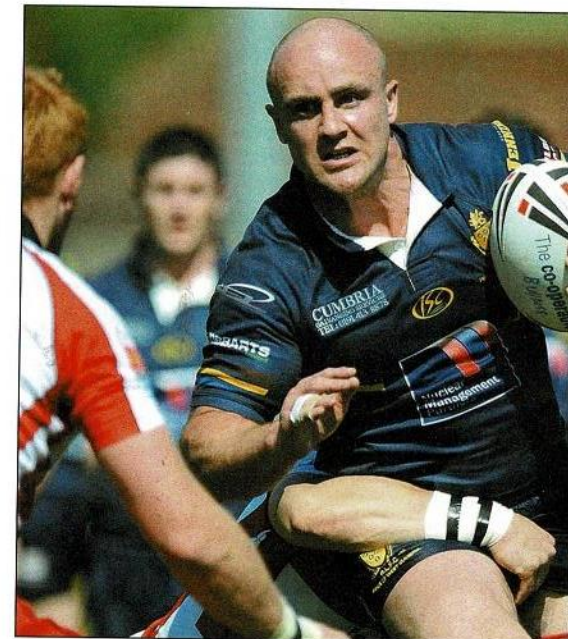
Let's just put it into perspective what sort of task Barrow have in preparation before they even arrive at Whitehaven on Thursday.

The majority of the Barrow players are part-time, so after arriving home late on Sunday after the final, some of the players will be back to work on Monday morning unless they have had the sense to book a day's holiday.

They would probably have only two sessions of training on Tuesday and Wednesday night and that might not be at full tilt due to the bruising encounter that they had against Widnes on Sunday.

The handicap on current form should be giving Barrow about a 6 start, but with everything that I have detailed and also the fact that Whitehaven's players will be fresh having not played for a couple of weeks, I suggest the handicap should be around the 14 mark.

So if any bookmaker goes less than 14 I think a dip into the Isa account is required and the money should be placed on Whitehaven.



Howard Hill on the charge ... Mike fancies Whitehaven to give Barrow a stern test

Looking at the other games this weekend, Gateshead v Widnes looks a mouthwatering clash with Steve McCormack going up against his old club Widnes.

The handicap will be around a 12 start to Gateshead, but it depends how much the Widnes team have partied since the cup success! I can see Widnes winning the game but I'm not convinced they will cover the handicap.

Hunslet have changed their personnel in recent weeks, and all does not seem well at the club after a great start to the season the wheels seem to be coming off.

Dewsbury are a class above any team in Championship 1 and I can see them running in a cricket score at the South Leeds Stadium.

The bookmaker's handicap will be around a 16 start to Hunslet but as I have said I can see Dewsbury covering the handicap quite easily.

So good luck this week – and remember to keep an eye out for those teams who may or may not have 'Bouncebackability'!

**Contact Mike at [michaeloxley@msn.com](mailto:michaeloxley@msn.com)**

# KNOW YOUR STUFF?

## CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF? HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEAMS PLAYING TODAY. ANSWERS BELOW...

1 Who scored two tries to help Widnes to Northern Rail Cup glory against Barrow?

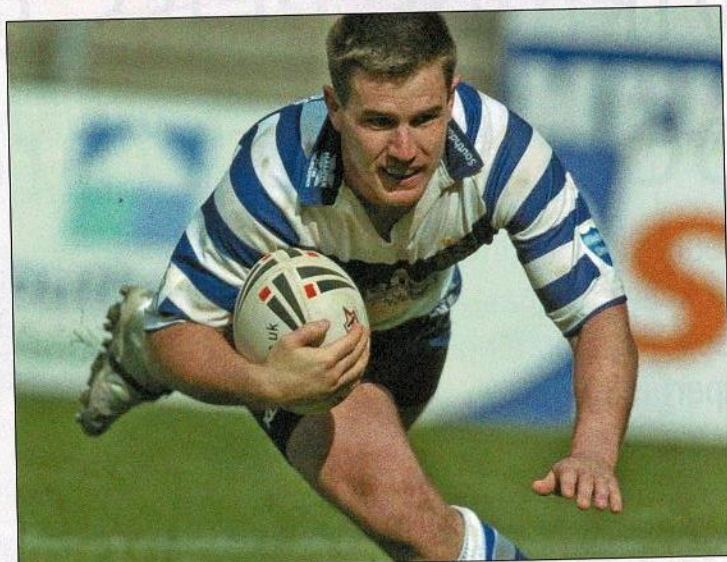
2 Which team did Toulouse beat to win their first ever Championship game?

3 Which current Championship team, in 1997, became the first English team to win a World Club Championship game against an Australian club on English soil?

4 From which club did Gateshead Thunder sign stand off Neil Thorman?

5 Lawkholme Lane was the previous name of which ground?

6 'Myrtle and Flame' are the official club colours of which Championship One club?



Shad Royston's been in great try-scoring form for Halifax, but where was he before?

7 Who did Andy Kelly replace as coach of Dewsbury Rams in 2004?

9 Shad Royston joined Halifax from which club?

8 Which Championship One chief exec is the new President of the RFL?

10 How many Hull FC games did James Webster play before joining Widnes?

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 At which stadium will England take on France this October?

three Challenge Cup Final Lance Todd Trophies?

2 For which club did Deon Bird play Super League in 1997?

5 From which club did the Huddersfield Giants sign David Faiumu?

3 Which French club's record defeat is a 74-4 loss to Wigan Warriors in the 2008 Challenge Cup?

6 In which Cumbrian town was Wigan's Lee Mossop born?

4 In what year did Sean Long win the first of his

7 What nationality is London Skolars' Jaroslaw Obuchowski?

## ANAGRAMS

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

1: OH JENNY ALERT

2: I'M NO CBS VISA

3: MOURN MAIDEN

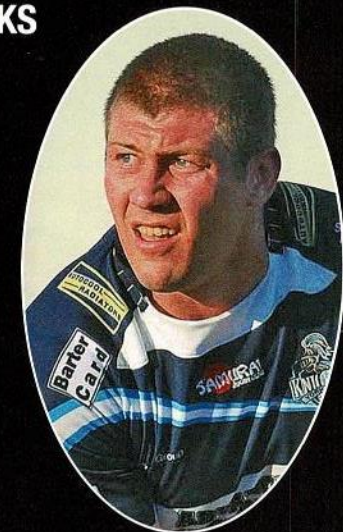
ANSWERS - CHAMPIONSHIP: 1. Kevin Penny, 2. Batley (Oldham), 9. Doncaster, 10. One. Park, 6. Hunslet Hawks, 7. Andy Fisher, 8. Chris Hamilton Bulldogs, 3. Sheffield Eagles, 4. York City Knights, 5. Cougar Gernain, 3. Pia, 4. 2001, 5. North Queensland Cowboys, 6. Whitehaven, 3. Polish. ANAGRAMS: 1. Jonny Leather, 2. Simon Svabic, 3. Damien Munro.

# IN PROFILE

**PAUL MARCH - HUNSLET HAWKS**  
Squad Number: None yet!

### BACKGROUND

NAME: Paul Christopher March  
AGE: 29 (25/07/79)  
POSITION: Scrum half  
HEIGHT: 5' 10. WEIGHT: 14st 7lbs.  
MARITAL STATUS: Married with two kids  
BORN: Dewsbury, West Yorkshire  
AMATEUR CLUB: Thornhill Trojans  
SIGNED PRO: 1996 (Wakefield Trinity Wildcats)  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wakefield Trinity Wildcats, Huddersfield Giants, York City Knights.



### FAVOURITES

CLUB SUPPORTED AS A KID: Dewsbury - I used to go every week.  
SOCCER TEAM: Leeds United, I'm a season ticket holder.  
OTHER SPORT: Everything. I'll give absolutely any sport a go.  
HOBBIES: Spending time with the family and playing poker on the internet.  
FOOD: Chili  
DRINK: Magners  
HOLIDAY: Australia. My daughter lives out there.  
MUSIC: Whatever's on the radio.  
FILM: To be honest, I don't really watch films so I don't really have a favourite. I basically just watch TV soaps!  
TV: EastEnders  
SUPERSTITIONS: None

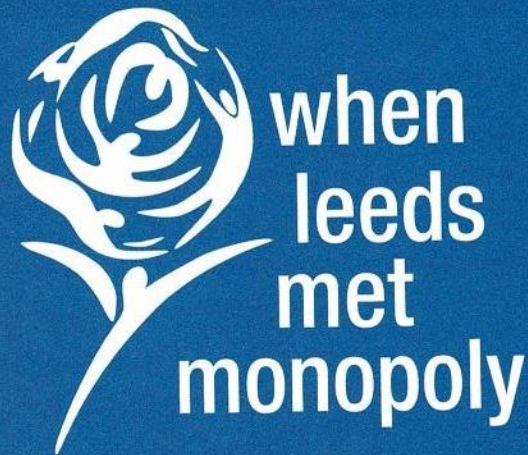
### CAREER

BEST TEAMMATE: There have been so many, but I'd probably go for Brad Drew.  
BEST OPPONENT: Jason Robinson  
BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD: To be honest, I don't watch the Australian game much anymore. Over here, I'd say Rangi Chase is right up there at the minute.  
BEST COACH I'VE PLAYED FOR: Tony Smith.  
COACH I'D LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Well I've played under Tony Smith and Jon Sharp and I don't think it gets too much better than that. I suppose it would have been nice to have played under someone who's coached in the NRL - but I'm the coach now!  
MY STRENGTHS: My gob - I'm a good talker, a good organiser and I have a good kicking game.  
MY WEAKNESSES: My gob again - I sometimes don't know when to stop!  
HIGHLIGHT: Playing in two first division Grand Finals with Huddersfield and Wakefield. Getting to the Challenge Cup final with Huddersfield, although I didn't play because I was injured.  
LOWLIGHT: Doing my cruciate ligament against Catalans in June 2006. I was out for six months.  
ULTIMATE WISH: Just to be successful in everything I do. I give 100 per cent in everything and I just want to succeed.  
AFTER FINISHED PLAYING: Continuing coaching and passing on knowledge to young, up-and-coming players.



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# AHEAD OF THE GAME

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

## One foot in the 'big time' for Widnes

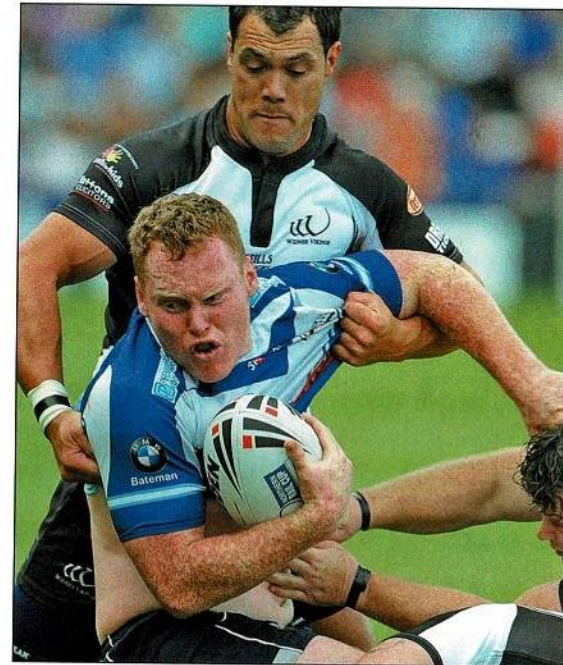
I T'LL be another two years before the next round of Super League licences are handed out, but it's already looking as if Widnes Vikings' application will prove undeniable this time.

With a stadium to put half of Super League to shame and a fan base better than two or three teams in the top flight – plus an illustrious history (they were World Club Champions 20 years ago, let's not forget) – all that seemed to stand between Widnes and their dream was one big tick against one particular box.

The RFL, when laying down future licence criteria, were keen to ensure performance on the field still counted, even if automatic promotion and relegation is now a thing of the past. That's why it dictated that anyone wishing to apply for a place in Super League from 2012 onwards must have made at least one Grand Final appearance, or else won the Northern Rail Cup, in the previous three years.

In theory, you can have all the best facilities in the world but if you hadn't done the business on the pitch then you could forget all about being invited to the Super League party. Leigh Centurions look like they might find that out to their cost.

Not so long ago, major doubts were being cast over Widnes and their new coach Paul Cullen's ability to tick that



Toa Kohe-Love is on top of Chris Young's efforts

box. But now, at the very first opportunity, they have achieved their goal.

Victory over Barrow at Blackpool last weekend has effectively seen Widnes put one foot in the big time. The RFL would certainly never admit it, but they're now absolutely odds-on favourites for the one guaranteed promotion place.

The great thing for the Vikings is that they can relax

when it comes to on-field success (not that they'd particularly want to – think about it, winning the cup next year and getting to the Grand Final twice would, after all, mean that they would face competition from a maximum two other Championship clubs).

Now Widnes can concentrate on getting everything else right. Instead of spending all his cash on big name signings, owner Steve O'Connor can

make sure the club's youth production systems are up to scratch. He can perhaps even pour more efforts into bringing in more investment and/or expanding the club's sponsorship portfolio.

Whilst Halifax, Barrow, Leigh, Toulouse, Featherstone and anyone else who may care to bid for a 2012 licence will be fretting about getting to the Grand Final, O'Connor and his team can go about their business knowing that there WILL be a licence application from the Vikings and drumming up more and more support.

In my opinion, only Toulouse can now stop Widnes getting what they believe is rightfully theirs.

If it's between Widnes or any other British club, Red Hall's 'independent panel' are certain to plump for the Vikings – if out of nothing other than guilt for rejecting such a strong case last time.

That is, of course, if Steve O'Connor sticks around and backs up his talk with action. Over to you, Mr O...

Paul Bennett is deputy editor of League Weekly





