

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT FOR BAINES THE BOOT

ROGER HALSTEAD reports
WHEN rookie goalkicker Chris Baines landed a perfect three-out-of-three at Hunslet last Sunday he put his success down to one thing . . . practice.

He volunteered his services when

Roughyeds found themselves without a recognised goalkicker following the departure of Andy Ballard in July. Paul O'Connor had a dabble as well, but he wasn't keen on doing the job and a few eyebrows of supporters were raised at Blackpool on August 16 when, pre-match, Baines was seen teeing up kicks



at goal under the watchful eye of Chris Hough. What supporters didn't know was that Bainsey had 'put his hand up' to tackle the job in a pow-wow with coach Tony Benson and O'Connor during the previous week. Explained Chris: "Poc (O'Connor) was

prepared to have a crack if nobody else wanted the job, but he wasn't keen so I said I would give it my best shot, although I wouldn't make any promises about how I would get on. "I used to do some goalkicking when I was a kid, but that was 12 years ago when I was just a lad.

"I was nervous when I had the job for the first time at Blackpool, but since then I've been doing a fair bit of practice and I really do feel comfortable with it now.

"It isn't having any adverse affect on my normal game, and I must say I'm starting to enjoy it . . . especially when the touchjudges put their flags up."

He landed three goals from six shots at Blackpool; followed by four out of five against York (when he was convinced that his one 'miss' off the touchline was actually on target); and three-from-three at Hunslet last week, including a gem off the left-hand touchline to convert O'Connor's first-half try in the corner. Added Chris: "Those off the touchline are the easy ones because you are not expected to get them, and if they go over it's a bonus. Ask any recognised goalkicker and he will tell you the same.

"The pressure kicks are those half way to the touchline on either side. You are expected to get them, but they are far from easy."

It's early days and he knows he still has a lot to prove if he wants to break into the goalkickers' union. But he also knows that practice is the only route to perfection, and Chris Baines is no stranger to hard work and commitment.

"I practice whenever I can," he added. "Finding some posts isn't always easy, but there are some on Noddy's Field in Chadderton, where we train sometimes, and I also go down the road from home to Chorley Panthers and get in some practice there.

"The Panthers play in Coppull, where I live, so it's handy just to pop in whenever I can although the wind and rain of the past few weeks hasn't helped."

ACHING TO FEEL BETTER?

WHY NOT TRY PHYSIOTHERAPY?



01617 873 464

Oaklands Hospital Physiotherapists can act quickly to manage your condition and prevent it from restricting your lifestyle.

We offer a comprehensive range of physiotherapy services to treat all your aches and pains

SPECIAL OFFER: Treatments for as little as £28 when booked as part of a course

Sports Injury Rehabilitation | Physiotherapy | Women's Health | Acupuncture

people caring for people

www.oaklands-hospital.co.uk
 SALFORD, GREATER MANCHESTER

OAKLANDS HOSPITAL

WWW.OFFICE SUPPLIES NOW.CO.UK

Looking to reduce your annual Office Supplies Spend?

Or refurbishing your Office?

Free Design & Planning service

Office Supplies Now suppliers of Office Stationery, Office Furniture, Printed Stationery, Business Machines, Printer Consumables.

'Large enough to compete small enough to care'

Unit 4 Holmes Street, Rochdale OL12 6AQ

Tel: 0845 833 3001 Fax: 0845 833 3002

Email: sales@officesuppliesnow.co.uk www.officesuppliesnow.co.uk

All the **Weekend Sport** every Monday

Get in the **Front Row** every Wednesday

Be on the **Touchline** every Thursday

Results, news, teams and much more every week . . . the Chronicle is essential for keeping up-to-date with your team

- **Monday** ~ the round-up and results from the weekend's games
- **Wednesday** ~ news and views from the Roughyeds
- **Thursday** ~ all the news from the amateur clubs



More Rugby in your **Chronicle**

Oldham RLFC

ROUGHYEDS

RLFC



The official programme of Oldham Rugby League Football Club (1997) Ltd



v Swinton Lions

Co-operative Championship 1 Elimination Play-Off
 Sunday 13th September 2009 Kick-Off 3.00pm

Price £2.50 Including 'Game On'

PLAY-OFF PRESSIE FOR BIRTHDAY-BOY BAINES

by ROGER HALSTEAD

CHRIS Baines, who will be 25 on September 25, got an early birthday present this week when he was named in the official RFL's All-Star Co-operative Championship 1 team of the year for 2009.

The announcement of the prestigious line-up was timed to coincide with the build-up to the start of the end-of-season play-offs with all the interest, excitement and drama that they invariably throw up.

Chris, the relatively long-serving Roughyeds forward, has enjoyed a great season in Oldham's second-row and he has fully deserved this major accolade for his tireless contribution to the club's cause during a difficult few months.

On behalf of the club and its supporters we offer Chris congratulations on his achievement and good luck for the play-offs in his new job as the Roughyeds' goalkicker (more of that on the back page).

He said: "I am absolutely over the moon to be named in this all-star side. It's been a difficult season for the Oldham club, but on a personal note it has definitely been my best year in the Roughyeds jersey.

"I was disappointed with my performances in the two previous years, but I've hit a bit of form this season, although you depend a great deal on your fellow players to help you through and my thanks go to them for that. Rugby league is very much a team game, and teamwork is what it's all about.

"Also, the season isn't over yet. We have the play-offs to look forward to, starting with the game against Swinton today, and hopefully we can go on and make an impact in these sudden-death clashes.

"Swinton will be saying the same, of

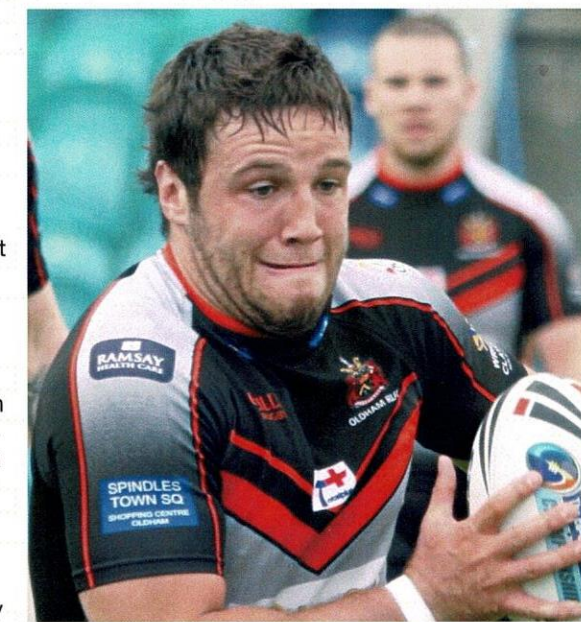
course, but if we play to our full potential I see no reason why we can't go all the way, although we know we will have to improve significantly on our second-half performance against York and our showing at Hunslet last Sunday.

"The necessary improvement is well within our grasp and we will certainly be striving hard to make it happen."

Blackpool Panthers entertain Hunslet Hawks in today's other elimination play-off, and the winners of that will take on Oldham or Swinton next Sunday in another sudden-death showdown.

Who plays at home will depend on which two teams win through, but in the event of an Oldham win today against the Lions, the Roughyeds will be at home again next weekend to face yet another Boundary Park hurdle on the tricky path to promotion.

The overall winners of the group consisting of Oldham, Blackpool, Hunslet and Swinton will then travel away from home to take on the losers of the Keighley Cougars v York City Knights battle for the right to meet the winners of that tie in the Grand Final on Sunday, October 4.



Pictures in this programme courtesy of Dave Murgatroyd.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

THE club's end-of-season presentation night for players and fans will take place at the St Herbert's function room, Broadway, Chadderton on Wednesday, September 30, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Cost per head is £20, which includes four-course meal, entertainment, all the usual presentations and a chance to mix and mingle with both first-team squad players and the players from the reserve team.

For tickets contact the club's commercial manager Julie Cleave on 0161 628 3677 or by email to juliecorlfc@btconnect.com

View from the inside...



Well here we go again.

The 2009 Play Off season is with us and who knows what this year will throw up in terms of twists and turns?

There is no doubt that the end of this season has seen our form take a dip and we have somewhat crawled over the finishing line to get to this point.

What cannot be disputed however is the commitment of the team and it is this fundamental part of team play which gives us every chance going into these knock out games.

Last week we again only had 17 available players and our options were limited although we would all agree that the overall performance was disappointing. On a personal note I find this time of the season both exciting and frightening with a club's hopes and expectations, together with those of the fans, potentially hanging on every bounce of a ball or referee's decision and having suffered losses in the last two Grand Finals we know at first hand all about heartbreak.

This year we will need to show an awful lot of courage and application to get to a third final as all the teams around us will fancy their chances and recent results have shown that it is a very even competition. Swinton will arrive today, like us, knowing that it is last chance saloon for another year and in that respect they have nothing to lose and we know from previous experience that they will raise their game against us. These matches are the ones where players have to rise to the occasion and make the importance of the match a reason to apply themselves and perform well as

opposed to a reason to be frightened and go into a shell.

These matches can make heroes of those players who perform well and I know for certain we have those players in our side.

We need to stay focussed this afternoon, stick to the game plan and soak up the atmosphere and we can hopefully move on to another dose next week!

On behalf of the club can I also take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped the club this season, whether it be the coaches, players, our club sponsors, the office staff who work tirelessly on behalf of the club, our volunteers who work not only on matchdays but also throughout the week and all our fans whose support is very much appreciated.

Without you this club has nothing and the club is very appreciative of all you do for us.

Please get behind the team today and help us to make sure the season doesn't end today.

Enjoy the game

Chris Hamilton

Chief Executive

mobilis

Genuine Expertise in Healthcare and Sport
Mobilis is the UK's leading supplier of specialist healthcare and sports medicine products

We provide solutions for:
Injury Treatment and Prevention
Fitness and Conditioning
First Aid and Healthcare
Sports Performance

Providing you with all your sporting needs

Official sponsor to Oldham RLFC

Mobilis Healthcare Group Ltd, 100 Shaw Road, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 4AY.
Telephone 0161 678 0233 Fax 0161 627 4401 Email info@mobilishealthcare.com
Web www.mobilishealthcare.com - Please quote ORLFC upon enquiry.

sorbothane

Totalplus

Totalplus Communications Ltd specialise in the design, installation and management of structured cabling systems for all types of environments, ranging from single outlets to full site cabling and roll out programmes. We place a strong emphasis on designing clients specific systems to meet both existing and future needs.

for further information or quotations contact

Totalplus

Northern House, Moss Street East, Ashton-u-Lyne
Manchester OL6 7BX
Tel: 0161 343 8181 Fax 0161 343 8182
alternatively call Bob Thompson on 07973 684 299 or Paul Gough on 07973 764 938

CHALLENGE CUP FINAL - 1912

Roughyeds' supporters got the choice of the 11-30am, the 12-05 pm or the 12-40pm special out of Clegg St. station to Headingley (picking up at Glodwick Rd and Lees en-route) at 3/- (15p) per adult return. On the other hand, Dewsbury supporters had a wider choice of half a dozen trains for the much shorter journey at just 1/- (5p).

This was cup final week in 1912. King George V was patron of a sport which was soaring, Oldham FC were white-hot favourites to lift the cup and its fans, for one day at least, could put the toil and strife of what for most was a grimy day-to-day existence, to one side.

Back then it was known as the Northern Union Challenge Cup but still the very same piece of silverware which has just been paraded around Wembley by the jubilant Warrington players.

There was no national stadium in 1912 and the Challenge Cup finals were played on neutral grounds around the north of England. Oldham had been the first Lancashire club to lift the cup when, in 1899, they'd beaten Hunslet in a game played at the Fallowfield Stadium, Manchester followed eight years later by a defeat at the hands of Warrington played on the ground of the now-defunct Broughton Rangers in Salford.

Headingley was to be selected to stage the 1912 final for a club as powerful as Oldham thirteen seasons was a long time between drinks. The Watersheddings' side had lifted the Championship in each of the two previous seasons, had beaten the all-talented Huddersfield side and the powerful Wigan outfit in earlier rounds of the 1912 Challenge Cup as well as seeing off the touring Australians. Now they expected to again get their hands on the most prestigious trophy of them all - the Challenge Cup - and when they could select from an all-star international line-up which included the likes of Syd Deane who had captained Australia, George Smith vice-captain of the Kivis and England captain James 'Jumbo' Lomas why shouldn't they?

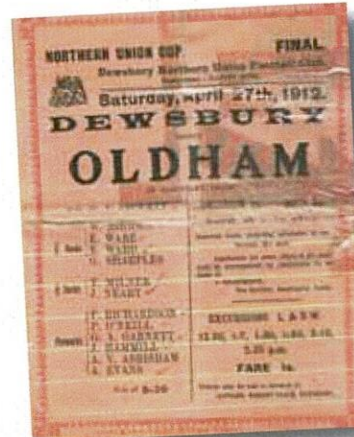
Dewsbury, on the other hand, were a workmanlike outfit which had over the last couple of seasons progressed from 20th in the league to eighth.

As so often happens in cup-ties the underdog fails to read the script and that's exactly what happened all those years ago in Leeds. Oldham led 5-2 at half time but had failed to dominate. Dewsbury scored two unconverted tries in the second half - the second in the dying minutes to take the match 8-5. And that - as they say - was that.

So what's the point of dragging up a match, albeit a Challenge Cup final, played so long ago?

The Heritage Trust has a fine collection of memorabilia, artefacts and mementos most relating to the history of the Roughyeds many of the items from the big games but apart from newspaper reports absolutely nothing has ever turned up surrounding the 1912 final - not a medal, shirt, programme, match ticket or even a train ticket - until now. SKY commentator and director of the Gillette RL Heritage Centre, Mike Stephenson - himself a former Dewsbury player - has recently been presented with the poster featured here - modest as it may seem - printed to rustle up support from the Dewsbury public.

Like they say about the buses - not one for ages and then three turn up at once. Could this apply to the 1912 cup final? If anyone visiting this site has anything relating to this game (or, for that matter, any of Oldham's early cup finals) please let the Heritage Trust know. It's not necessary that the item be donated to the Trust - just being able



to know of its whereabouts is of benefit. And, if it's written material we'd love a copy. The poster has now become one of thousands of items displayed at the excellent Rugby League Heritage Centre situated within the George Hotel, Huddersfield - the birthplace of rugby league. The George is slap-bang in the middle of Huddersfield right next to the railway station - an historic area in itself - which has just been renovated. Entry is free - visit the very room in which in 1895 Oldham and 20 other northern clubs met to decide their destiny. Open Saturday and Sunday 11am - 4pm until 7th of November to coincide with the Gillette Four Nations England vs.

New Zealand fixture at the Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield KO 6pm after which the centre will then close for the mid-winter period.

The Oldham RL Heritage Trust website is: www.orl-heritagetrust.org.uk

Contact us by phone on 01457 875084 or 0161 620 6005.

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	L	22-24	848
Sun, July 26	CC1	Dewsbury Rams	A	3.00pm	L	8-38	1,080
Sun, Aug 2	CC1	Rochdale Hornets	H	3.00pm	W	48-28	951
Thurs, Aug 6	CC1	London Skolars	H	7.30pm	W	28-22	1,419
Sun, Aug 16	CC1	Blackpool Panthers	A	3.00pm	D	30-30	600
Sun, Aug 23	CC1	York City Knights	H	3.00pm	L	24-37	954
Sun, Sep 6	CC1	Hunslet Hawks	A	3.00pm	L	18-36	632
Sun, Sept 13	CC1P0	Swinton Lions	H	3.00pm			
Sun, Sept 20		Play-Off 2nd round					
Sun, Sept 27		Play-Off Final					
Sat, Oct 3		Grand Final					

0%

**FINANCE FOR UP TO 5 WHOLE YEARS!
ON SELECTED USED CARS WHILE STOCKS LAST**

DEPOSITS **£99**

You are invited down to Lythgoe Oldham for the deal of a lifetime on nearly new and used cars - while stocks last!

Hurry down while stocks last!

View all our 0% over 5 years cars at www.lythgoe.co.uk
Or visit our showroom at: Lythgoe Oldham, 54 Middleton Rd, Oldham, OL9 6AD 0161 685 3000

You know where to Lythgoe www.lythgoe.co.uk

DELIGHT SPICE NIGHT OUT

Roughyeds players geared up for their final assault on promotion, via the play-offs, with a meet-the-fans night at the Delight Spice restaurant in Chadderton.

In a commercial link-up with the Peel Street restaurant, Roughyeds gave their fans the opportunity to enjoy a three-course curry meal with the players for £10 per head in an initiative organised by coach Tony Benson and commercial manager Julie Cleave.



Tony B headed the Roughyeds party which comprised the full senior squad and backroom staff with players seated alongside fans at each table to make the most of the "getting to know you" opportunity. One fan said: "We had a great night. The players are a great bunch of lads and Jamie l'Anson had us in stitches. It would be nice if there were to be more get-togethers like this in the future."

Another said: "There was a great camaraderie among the players and the spirit in the squad was top notch. That was great to see."

Wigan-based supporter Tony Bostock added: "It was well worth coming over. I sat with Paul O'Connor and Jason Boults and they were terrific company. It was a night of good company, good food and a top-rate PR exercise."

"We were also made to feel very welcome by the staff at Delight Spice, who did us proud on the night."

Coach Benson, who made a point of mingling with supporters, said: "It was a great night. The players enjoyed it and I think the fans did too."


"The word we were getting was that supporters weren't getting enough time to mix with the players. So it was good for both fans and the squad, pulling everyone closer before we go into the play-offs."

"It was an informal occasion with no guest speakers, but it provided an opportunity for everyone to get together in a relaxed atmosphere."

"There was a good mix of people and there were a lot of laughs. Some good stories came out and having Jamie l'Anson and Wayne Kerr on the same table was a real stroke of luck!"


"I thought it would be a good idea for everyone to get together like this and I'm glad it went ahead because it proved to be very positive."

Wm. Quinn Group Ltd




Under One Hat


Environmental Solutions




demolition




remediation



validation



asbestos



knotweed

professionals in demolition, remediation and environmental solutions

Wm. Quinn Group Ltd.,
 Bennett Street, Ardwick, Manchester, M12 5NL
 Tel 0161 276 8160 Fax 0161 276 8167
 email info@wmquinngroup.co.uk
 website www.wmquinngroup.co.uk

LOTTERY WINNERS IN THE MONEY

More Club Cash lottery winners have been announced by the club, headed by the winner of the September 4th weekly £300 first prize, B May of Royton (A7732).

J Clark of Chadderton (A0395) won the second prize of £100, and the five £10 winners were Vicky Hulbert of Watersheddings (C7708), M Anderson of Shaw (D4684), P Brierley of Moorside (A5070), Mr Gibson of Shaw (D4859) and B Banks of Moorside (C9795).

The most recent draw was made last Friday, September 11, but results were too late for inclusion in this programme.

In the draw held on August 28, Mrs Kiely of Shaw (D6858) won the £300; A Cunningham of Oldham (B7364) lifted the £100; and the £10 prizes went to Mrs Crocker of Chadderton (A2017), Miss Hoyle of Shaw (C7408), Colin Pyke of Hyde (B9766), D Whitehead of Oldham (A3946) and Craig Allum of Moorside (B9217).

Recent previous winners have included Oldham Evening Chronicle sports writer Kevin Richardson and former Oldham St Anne's, Lancashire and Great Britain amateur forward Glen Galbraith of Thornham, who each won £300, and ex-Watersheddings prop Lyn Morgan of Moorside, an active member of the Oldham RLFC Players' Association, who won a second prize of £100.

Lots of people right now seem to be wondering and asking what they can do to help the club. For starters, why not join the Club Cash lottery. It's only £1 a week and for that small amount you are making an invaluable contribution to the future well-being of the club while at the same time standing a chance to win cash prizes weekly and, once a month, a meal for two at Clayton Green.

You get a membership card which includes your numbers and a letter of introduction. The draw is every Friday and the results are published in the local press and on the club website (www.roughyeds.co.uk) over the weekend. Collectors also distribute weekly results sheets to members and these usually give details of the next home game as well.

Payment can be made by several methods --- cheque, standing order or fortnightly to a collector at your door, which is the most popular method. You can pay a few quid up front if you wish or, if you prefer, you can pay the collector a modest £2 to cover the next two weekly draws. The collector will then call on you once a fortnight.

It's as simple as that, but the value to the club of your £1 a week contribution (more if you wish) cannot be over-estimated. The club also is always looking to recruit more collectors and canvassers so if you have a few hours per week to spare why not give it some thought. To join Club Cash or its sister lottery, Five Alive, or to seek more information, ring the Roughyeds office on 0161 628 3677 and staff will give you all the assistance they can. Alternatively, jot down your name, address and contact

numbers with a short note explaining that you might be interested in joining the lottery and either drop it into the Roughyeds office or post it to Oldham RLFC, Lansdowne Road, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 9EF.

The club will then make contact and take it from there. Membership of the Five Alive lottery is by donation of £5 a week. The draw in this lottery is monthly with a first prize of £500, a second prize of two places in the hospitality suite with pre-match meal etc on match day, and a third prize of a £25 voucher for the club shop.

Other built-in benefits include a season's car park pass; a club tie for men; a Tymbuktu voucher for the ladies; quarterly lunches with a speaker; use of the Boundary Park vice-presidents' lounge and pay bar on match days; and a ten-per cent discount on all sponsorship packages.

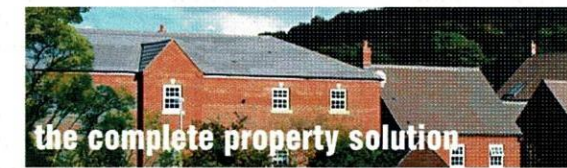
With the end of the season fast approaching, to be followed by a period of several months when there is no income for the club through the turnstiles, revenue from our two lotteries is of paramount importance.

If you are not subscribing already to Club Cash or Five Alive your support in this direction would be hugely appreciated.



**Putting Down Some Roots?
Give us a 'TRY'
Let us Find You a New Pad!
0845 388 9401**

www.greentreeoldham.com




Greentree (Oldham) Ltd, 5 Retiro St, Oldham, OL1 1SA




**Something Different
in Residential Lettings
for Oldham!**






WRIGLEY
CLAYDON

SOLICITORS since 1795



John Armstrong, Clerk Of The Peace, Oldham and Lancashire rugby player, early pioneer of both Oldham Rugby Club and solicitors Armstrong, Whitticker and Ogden forerunners to today's Oldham RLFC solicitors Wrigley Claydon.



29/33 UNION STREET OLDHAM OL1 1HH
 DX 23607 OLDHAM EMAIL@wrigleyclaydon.com WEBSITE www.wrigleyclaydon.com
 FAX 0161 624 3743 TEL 0161 624 6811

ROUGHYEDS' NEWSROUND

UNLUCKY PROP Richard Mervill's Roughyeds season is over. A scan has confirmed the club's worst fears that the bicep injury which has kept him out of the last four games is a serious one.

The muscle is torn and has become detached from the bone which means the player will have to undergo extensive surgery.

His arm will be in a brace for six weeks after that and then he will require intensive rehabilitation which is likely to last for another six weeks.

His fellow prop Jamie l'Anson is also expected to have an operation soon on his long-standing wrist injury, but that will wait until the season is over and in the meantime the young front-row man will battle on regardless and play through the pain barrier.

The Co-operative Championship 1 How they finished

Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	Pts
Dewsbury	18	18	0	0	760	223	537	54
Keighley	18	13	0	5	539	415	124	42
York	18	12	0	6	589	360	229	40
Oldham	18	10	1	7	618	449	169	35
Blackpool	18	9	1	8	532	456	76	33
Hunslet	18	10	0	8	472	411	61	33
Swinton	18	8	0	10	513	516	-3	27
Rochdale*	18	6	0	12	500	557	-57	15
Workington	18	2	0	16	281	700	-419	11
London Skolars	18	1	0	17	210	927	-717	5

* indicates points deduction

ROUGHYEDS HAD support in their recent game at Blackpool from many of the club's former players from the Oldham Players' Association, who followed up their visit to Boundary Park for the Rochdale game with a trip to the seaside.

They included Kevin Flanagan, Lyn Morgan, Adrian Alexander, Ian Taylor, Peter Taylor (all the way from New Zealand), Jack Doughty, Mike Elliott, Bernard Walker,

Bob Henthorn, Mick Wilde, Tommy Leyland, Bernard Halford, Dave Walker, John Blair, John Watkins, Kenny Payne, Kevin Taylor and John Etty.

While Peter Taylor, who now lives in Auckland, had travelled across the world to spend time with family and loved ones and to renew acquaintance with all his old rugby pals, John Etty had journeyed just down the road from Fleetwood, where he has lived for many years.

It was a particularly nostalgic occasion for Kenny Payne, who played for both Oldham and Blackpool and who could relate tales of the former Blackpool Borough club's early days when they played at the Greyhound Stadium in St Anne's.

The Players Association will hold its second annual dinner at the Oldham St Anne's club on Monday, October 12. Barrie McDermott will be guest speaker and the evening will be compered by Malcolm Lord. Tickets, priced £25, are available from Bob Henthorn on 0161 652 2918.

WINGER BEN Ben Seru represented the Army recently in the prestigious Carnegie Nines at Headingley.

The Fijian flier, currently making his way back in the game after a 14-month absence with a serious knee injury, had already successfully completed two games in the Roughyeds' reserve team, scoring a try in each. He hoped to show up well in the Nines to further press his claims for inclusion in the Roughyeds senior side at this back end of the season, but any hopes he might have had of replacing the injured Lee Greenwood at Hunslet last Sunday were dashed when he was required by the Army to go on a fortnight's training exercise to the south of England.

Also unavailable last Sunday were sickness victims Tommy Goulden and Craig Littler; the injured Paul Highton and Richard Mervill; and former Doncaster forward Craig Lawton, for personal reasons.

Roughyeds, meanwhile, have had talks with Seru about his future in the sport beyond this season, but that is in some doubt at this stage because he is a

serving soldier, stationed at Ripon in North Yorkshire, and his regiment is due to go on a six-month tour of duty to Afghanistan, starting in March.

Said chief executive Chris Hamilton: "The Army agreed for Ben to sign for us on the understanding that his Army duties must always come first and we fully understand and appreciate that. The Army are doing a fantastic job out there."

Mr Hamilton was on official duty at the Carnegie Nines in his capacity as RFL president and later at Wembley for the Carnegie Challenge Cup final between Huddersfield Giants and Warrington Wolves.

CONTINUING HIS comeback after a 14-month lay-off with a serious knee injury, Ben Seru scored his second try in two games in the Roughyeds' Reserves well-earned 31-30 win at York.

A match-winning drop goal near the end by Chris Hough enabled the Roughyeds to bring down the curtain on their reserve-team rugby for 2009 in winning style.

Said coach John Hough: "This was a really good team performance and it was great for all concerned to finish on a winning note."

"It was a good team effort by every man in an Oldham jersey so I am not going to mention individual players. This was a victory for the team."

Roughyeds were soon 10-0 down, but they rallied to lead 28-24 at one stage. When the scores were locked at 30-30 and Roughyeds had a scrum within kicking distance of the posts, Chris Hough went to stand-off and dropped the winning goal. How many times has he done that over the years?

Declan Foy was also among the try scorers on a night when John Hough was already looking forward to next year.

"I've really enjoyed the job this year," he said, "and I think I can say things have definitely improved and moved on from our first year."

"All things being equal I would like to think I might be in charge again next year to continue the club's work at this level."

WE HAVE been asked to point out that Sarah Sanderson of XPRESS SOLUTIONS (The People Provider), one of our sponsors, will be competing in the Great North Run on September 20 and a triathlon on October 4 to raise money for Help the Aged. XPRESS SOLUTIONS sponsor Neil Roden. If you wish to sponsor Sarah you can ring her on 0161 484 3800.

THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP

Tailor made financial solutions

Service is what matters - from professionally identifying the risks a business faces, the management of that risk and skilful negotiation in the placing of the most appropriate cover - backed up by a timely claims management service when the client needs it most.

- ▶ INSURANCE BROKING
- ▶ TIP CLAIMS ADVANTAGE
- ▶ COMMERCIAL FINANCE
- ▶ FINANCIAL SERVICES
- ▶ RISK SERVICES
- ▶ HEALTH SOLUTIONS
- ▶ PRIVATE CLIENT MANAGEMENT

Partnership House, Priory Park East, Kingston upon Hull, HU4 7DY
Telephone: 01482 213215 Fax: 01482 213216
www.insurance-partnership.com

The Insurance Partnership Insurance Brokers & The Insurance Partnership Health Solutions is a trading name of The Insurance Partnership Services Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, No. 1122516.
The Insurance Partnership Financial Services Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, No. 012445.

TDL Interiors

Quality Furniture manufactured direct from our factory.

Kitchens
Bedrooms
Home Studies

Free Design and Quotation.
Comprehensive range.
Agents for Gorenje Appliances.
Manufacturers of Fine bespoke Furniture

Visit our factory showroom at:
Hargreaves Street, Off Arkwright Street,
Chadderton, Oldham OL9 9ND
Telephone No: 0161 626 5049

LEVER'S FISH & CHIP RESTAURANT

UNITS 2 & 3

MARKET HALL

OLDHAM

MON - SAT 10.30-5.30

0161 633 0074

OCL Lifestyle
Health & Physical Activity

Active Families, Tumble Fun, Bouncy Castle & Soft Play Fun Session

Monday-Friday 9.30am-11.30am **£2.40**

Oldham Community Leisure
Fun activities for all children aged 6 months to 5 years. Bouncy Castle, Soft Play, Storytime, Arts & Craft and Sing-along, Baby area for Pre walkers.

For more information please contact Kelly Tattersall, Young Person's Physical Activity Development Officer
0779 534 0151

For a community more active, more often

The co-operative

Leading the way

The journey begins for a place in The Co-operative Championships Finals Day



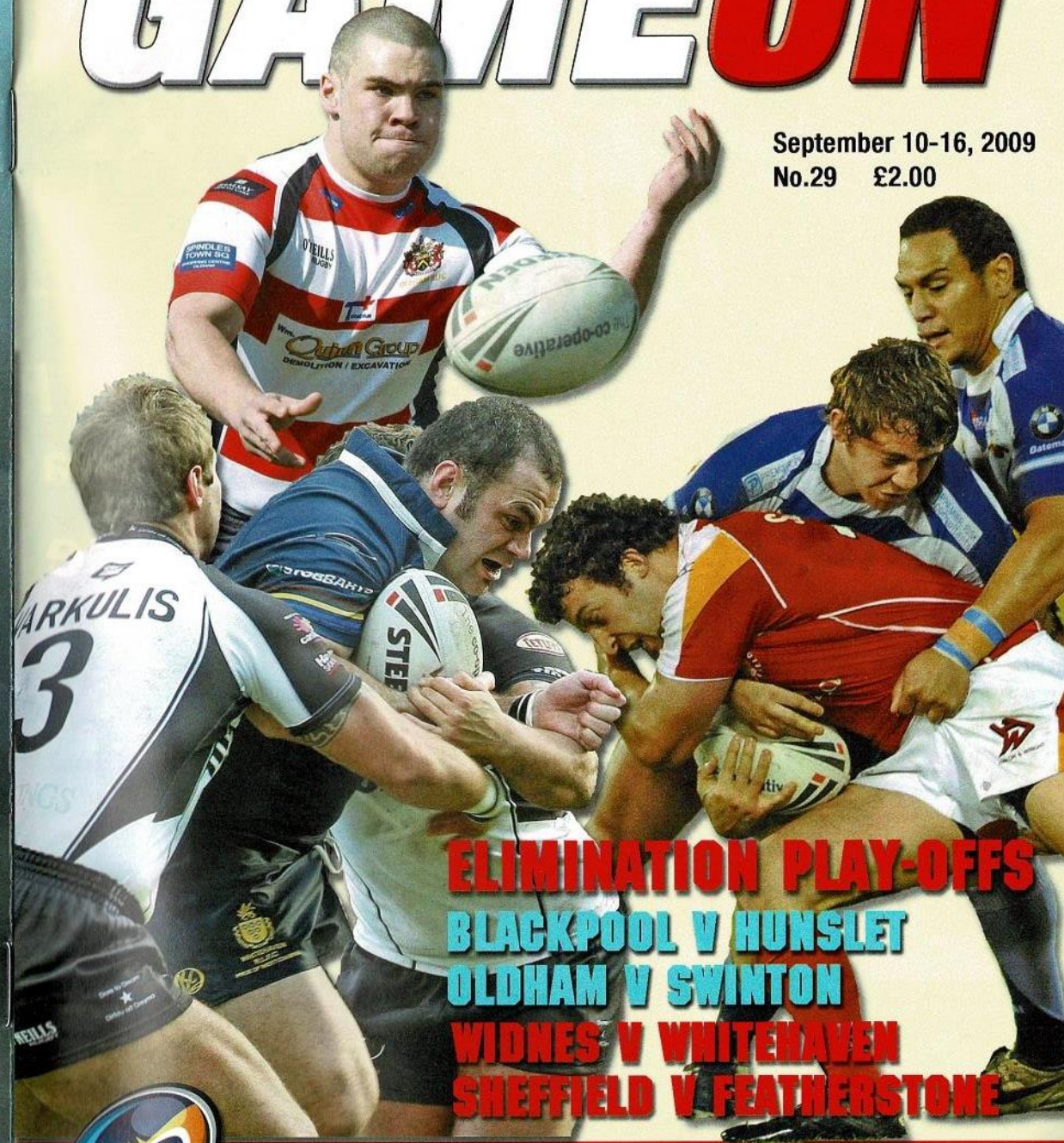
www.co-operative.coop

food | bank | travel | insurance | pharmacy | funeralcare | legal services | investments | electrical

Official matchday magazine of the Co-operative Championships

GAME ON

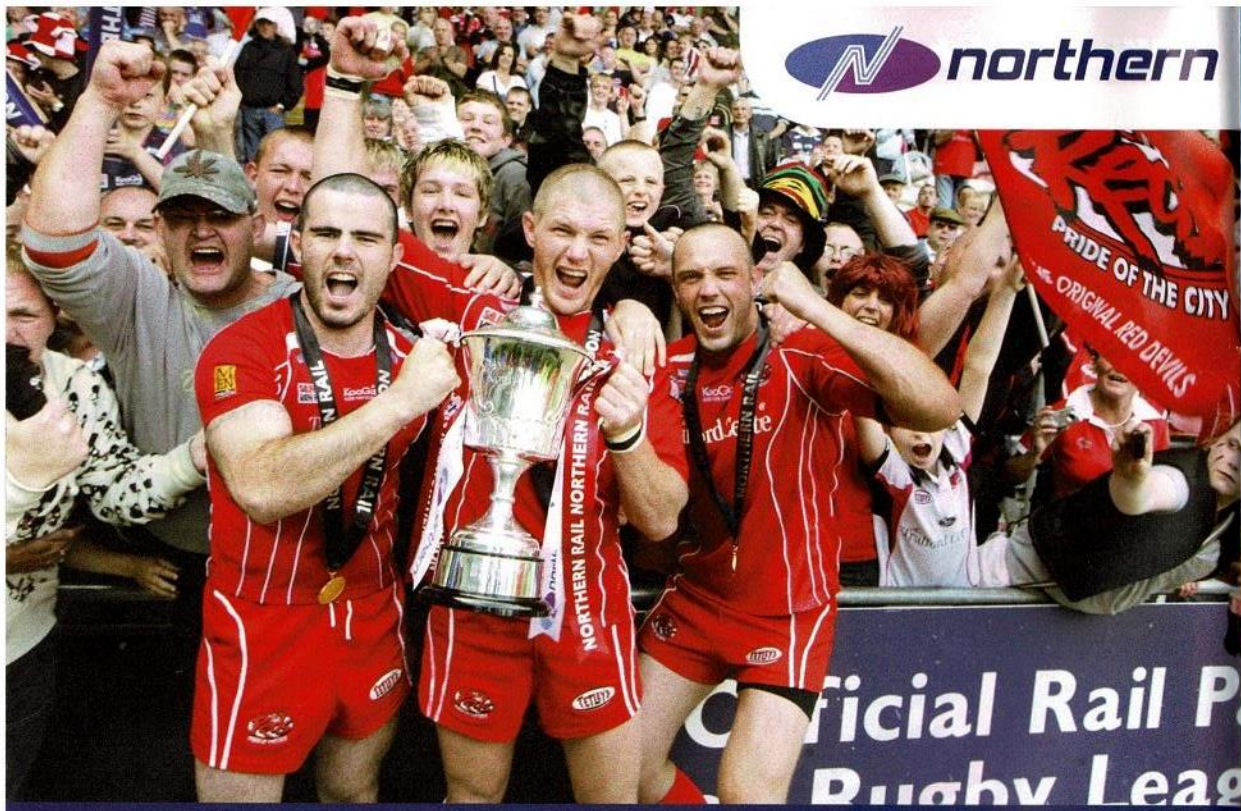
September 10-16, 2009
No.29 £2.00



ELIMINATION PLAY-OFFS
BLACKPOOL V HUNSLET
OLDHAM V SWINTON
WIDNES V WHITENAVEN
SHEFFIELD V FEATHERSTONE

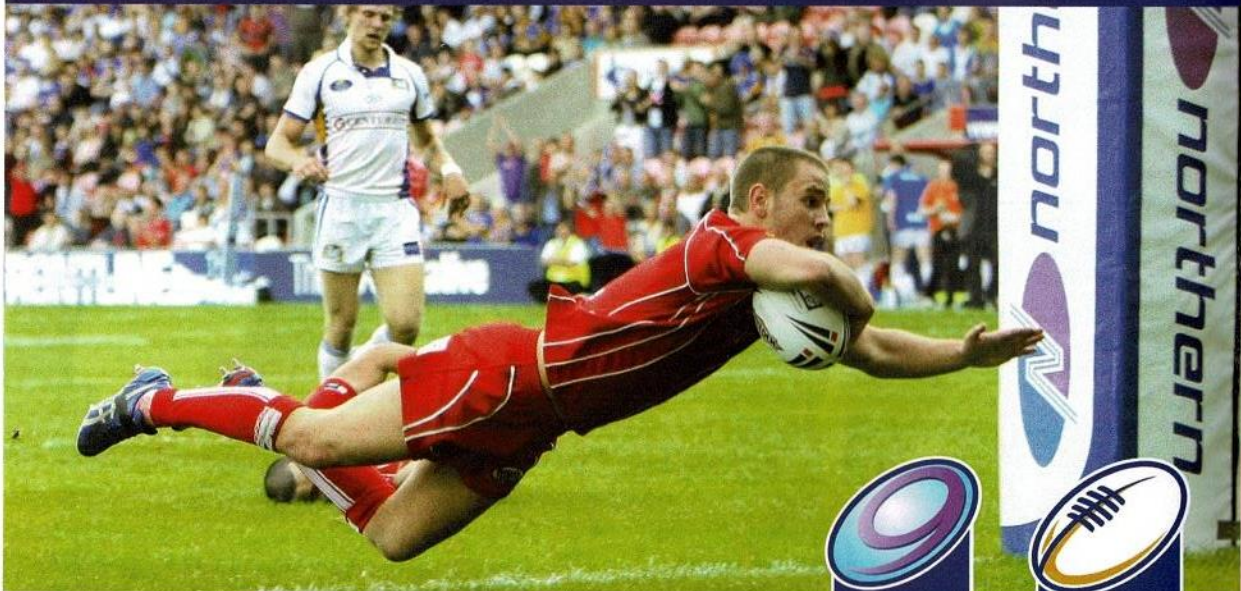


ALL YOUR MATCH-DAY & SEASON STATS
INSIDE: ALL-STAR TEAMS REVEALED
BUY GAME ON AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB



northern

Pride Passion Performance
We've got a Cup full



Proud sponsor of Rugby League
www.northernrail.org



GAMEON

Official matchday magazine of the co-operative Championship and Championship One clubs

Game On, Dewsbury Business Centre, 13 Wellington Road, Dewsbury, W Yorks WF13 1HF

Tel: 01924 666433

Email: gameon@newspost.co.uk

CONTENTS

Issue No.29
 September 10 – 16, 2009

Comment.....3
 News round-up.....5
 Action Replay.....6/7
 Team of the Month.....8
 Ahead of the Game.....9

MATCHDAY

Sheffield v Featherstone.....10/11
 Widnes v Whitehaven.....12/13
 Blackpool v Hunslet.....14/15
 Oldham v Swinton.....16/17

The Quiz.....19
 Fixtures.....20/21
 Stats and tables.....23



Thrills and spills-a-minute

WHAT AN ABSOLUTELY pulsating end to the season! And what a vindication for the concept of the bonus point as an intriguing and valuable strategic concept.

Congratulations first to the champions of the regular season.

For the Ramtastic Dewsbury boys and coach Warren Jowitt, their endeavours for 2009 are finished with automatic promotion to the Co-operative Championship. Blackpool could have been a tricky last hurdle but the sheer professionalism of the Rams was always going to ensure they didn't knock the last hurdle off when an historic clear round beckoned. The stuff of club legend.

Behind them, the others now battle it out for the second promotion place in the top flight.

On Thursday night at the Don Valley we were treated to the unusual attraction of seeing two sides 'win'. Sheffield, the kings of the losing bonus point, saw off the weary Barrow who were backing up from a surprise defeat by Gateshead just three days earlier, and the Eagles duly booked third place in the league ladder. But wily Barrow clung on just enough to take the bonus point they needed to seal the league leaders' title – a magnificent feat, given their status as divisional new boys after earning promotion this time last year.

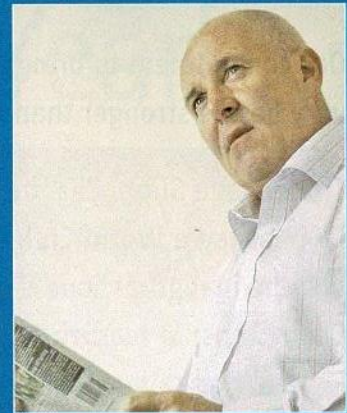
But for every winner, there is also a loser. And while Doncaster have been resigned to their fate for some time and will be looking forward simply to a fresh start, for either Gateshead, Batley or Leigh, virtual disaster would come with Monday's dawn.

And what an ultimately tragic end to a day of see-saw emotions transpired at the Leigh Sporting Village.

At a quarter-to-four on Sunday afternoon the Centurions' fans, players and directors alike must have been almost ready to pop the champagne corks, with their team handily in front of an illness-depleted Whitehaven, and the play-off bound Featherstone Rovers with a 14-6 lead at home to the desperate Bulldogs. But Batley, knowing exactly how to take advantage of a sloping field, and being 'downhill' at the Chris Moyles Stadium, staged a fightback resounding of all the character imbued in them by saviour-coach Karl Harrison.

With Toulouse, having looked like play-off contenders not needing their exemption from relegation, a surprise bottom two spot eventuated, as Leigh, Batley and Gateshead leapfrogged them. That left Leigh relegated on points difference.

What they wouldn't have given for just one more of those precious bonus points.



Danny Lockwood, Publisher

RFL – official notes

RESPECT

Rugby League is passionate and prides itself on being a family game. Please behave responsibly at all times.

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

ANTI-RACISM POLICY

The RFL's 'Tackle It' policy states it will not tolerate racism of any kind and will take specific action against spectators who engage in racist chanting, abuse or intimidation. Rugby League is a great

PLEASE KEEP OFF THE PITCH

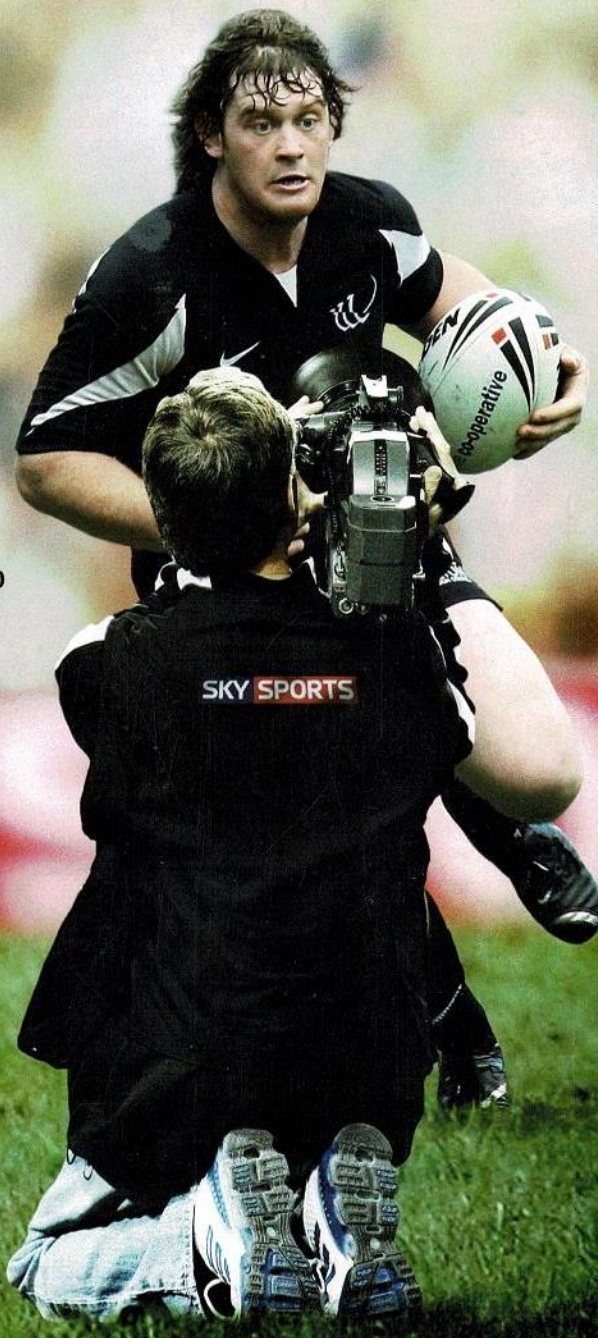
The RFL requests that spectators do not venture onto the pitch during or after the game. Such action is against ground safety regulations and the RFL reserves the right to take action against any person infringing these regulations.

All the action. Up close and very personal.

Live Rugby League on Sky Sports.

Our commitment to bringing you the very best is stronger than ever before.

The engage Super League,
The Carnegie World Club Challenge
and the inaugural Four Nations
Championship featuring England,
France, Australia and New Zealand,
all in stunning High Definition.
Coverage also includes The Co-operative
Championship and The Northern Rail Cup
all live this year.



CALL 08442 411 014 OR VISIT skysports.com

SKY SPORTS

NEWSROUND-UP



Co-op on the hunt for our 'Fan of the Year'

Rugby league fans are being encouraged to nominate their most dedicated counterparts after the launch of a hunt to find the 2009 Co-operative Championships 'Fan of the Year'.

All Co-operative Championship teams have witnessed some pulsating encounters this season with average fan attendances rising across the league.

The Co-operative are looking to find the fan that most demonstrates their exceptional loyalty to both their club and the sport.

The 'Fan of the Year' will be judged on successful candidate's contributions to the sport, especially the ways in which they typify the community spirit of the game.

Co-operative 'Good for Everyone' ambassador Paul Sculthorpe said: 'This year the crowds and level of rugby league on the pitch in the UK has risen again.'

"The fans are so passionate and follow their team through thick and thin in their communities – we feel it's time we found the UK's rugby league fan of the year!"

An expert panel of judges will assess a range of criteria ranging from match day attendance, club memorabilia, community support and promotion, to away match attendance.

The winning 'Fan of the Year' will be presented to the crowd on the pitch at the Co-operative Championships Grand Final on Sunday 4th October to receive their trophy.

Liz Matkin, the Co-operative Group's Sponsorship Manager, commented: "This is a new initiative which sees us rewarding fans for their commitment to the Co-operative Championships. We hope to find the most dedicated fan – not just to their club but someone who is devoted to the sport and the community spirit that underpins the game."

Co-operative ambassador, Paul Sculthorpe, added: "Throughout my career in rugby league I've been amazed by the support and passion of the fans. I'm looking forward to going through the entries from all clubs and selecting our deserving winner."

Fans can send in their nominations for the Co-operative 'Fan of the Year' with supporting information via email to fanoftheyear@generatesponsorship.com or via post to:

Co-operative Fan of the Year
Generate Sponsorship,
1st Floor, 1 Hardwick Street,
London EC1R 4RB



Rugby League fans have a great reputation ... and a super prize awaits one fan!

14 teams represented in All-Star line-ups

A TOTAL of 14 different clubs from across the two divisions were represented when the official 2009 Co-operative Championship All Star teams were unveiled at the Leigh Sporting Village on Tuesday. Championship League Leaders Shield winners Barrow and Championship 1 victors Dewsbury predictably had the lions' share of nominees. *Teams of the Month for August – see page 8*

CHAMPIONSHIP ALL STARS

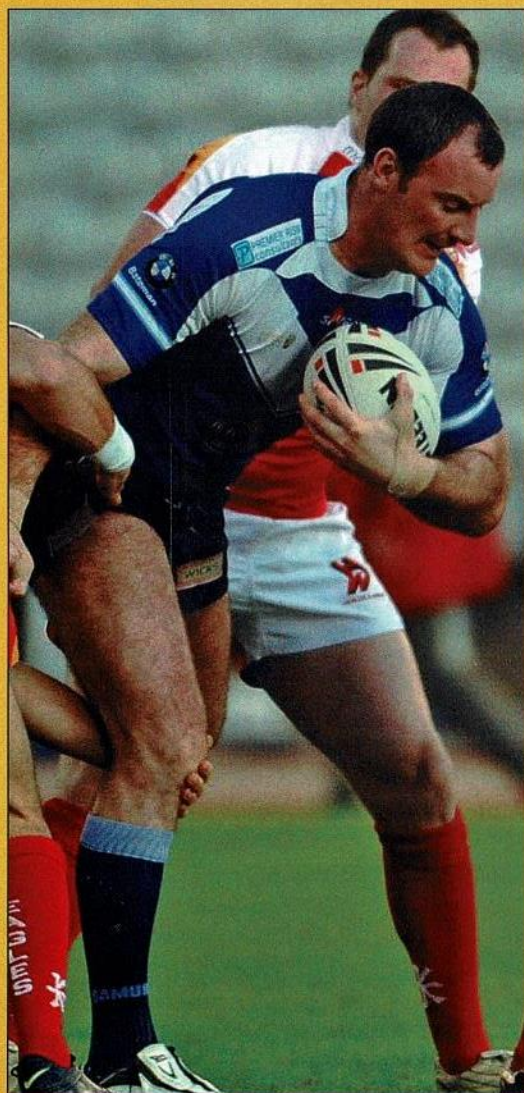
- 1 Miles Greenwood - HALIFAX
- 2 James Nixon - BARROW
- 3 Menze Yere - SHEFFIELD
- 4 Liam Harrison - BARROW
- 5 Jermaine McGilvray - BATLEY
- 6 Brendon Lindsay - SHEFFIELD
- 7 Andy Kain - FEATHERSTONE
- 8 Kyle Amor - WHITEHAVEN
- 9 Andy Ellis - BARROW
- 10 Karl Edmondson - WHITEHAVEN
- 11 Michael Knowles - GATESHEAD
- 12 Richard Fletcher - WIDNES
- 13 Zeb Luisi - BARROW

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 ALL-STARS

- 1 Jonny Leather - BLACKPOOL
- 2 Bryn Powell - DEWSBURY
- 3 Kane Epati - DEWSBURY
- 4 Casey Mayberry - ROCHDALE
- 5 Gavin Duffy - KEIGHLEY
- 6 Pat Walker - DEWSBURY
- 7 Liam Finn - DEWSBURY
- 8 Mark Applegarth - YORK
- 9 Richard Chapman - HUNSLET
- 10 Scott Law - KEIGHLEY
- 11 Andy Bostock - DEWSBURY
- 12 Chris Baines - OLDHAM
- 13 Adam Hayes - DEWSBURY

ACTIONREPLAY

It's win-win as Eagles and Barrow celebrate



Rob Roberts surges forward for Barrow, who finished the regular season in top spot.

SHEFFIELD go into the play-off series as the form team, having seen off the league leaders in the latest Thursday night thriller – but it was BARROW who had most to celebrate after sealing top spot in the regular season.

Barrow's coach Dave Clark admitted it had been a nervous time. "Fantastic performance," he said. "The pressure was on the team after the Gateshead game when I thought we could have got the title then but it was taken away from us.

"Coming to Sheffield was always going to be a hard task but the boys competed. The second half we had opportunities to win the game. The way we clawed it back was fantastic and showed that we have some quality players. It was great for me to be a part of it.

"Jamie (Rooney) is an experienced player and he knows what to do. I was nervous on the touchline but the players controlled the game out on the pitch."

Eagles boss Mark Aston said: "We have got through the league season and been consistent – we've got at least a point from every single game.

"We finished off with three wins at home and not many teams look forward to playing at Don Valley. We're going into the play-offs with a smile on our faces."

HALIFAX finally found a bit of form with end of regular season wins over Leigh and Toulouse, who surprisingly finished second bottom after their 34-18 defeat.

Coach Matt Calland finally had something to smile about. He said: "I thought we showed some nice touches and it was good to see some players who had lost confidence come back and play well.

"Ben Black showed some nice touches and I thought Shad Royston was excellent.

"We're going in the right direction for the play-offs and today was another small step for us. Barrow will be a massive game for us and we'll be going in with all guns blazing."

The pair play in the final eliminator next Thursday at Craven Park.

Whitehaven's form has slackened but they had four players down with Swine Flu at least as an excuse in losing 47-14 at Leigh, a result that couldn't save the Centurions from the drop as both Gateshead at lowly Doncaster and Batley, perhaps surprisingly at Featherstone, also pulled off wins which put Leigh down on points difference.

It means Haven were left facing a visit to the Stobart Stadium for their elimination play-off game against a Widnes team that hadn't played for almost three weeks! The big question facing Paul Cullen is whether that equates to well-rested or well-rusty!

FEATHERSTONE face the flying Eagles on the back of three straight defeats now and coach Daryl Powell said after the Batley defeat: "We were very poor in the second-half and we dropped away with our effort and our execution.

"From being 14-0 up, it is obviously a massive drop off to get beaten in the way we did. You have to give a lot of credit to Batley and the way they battled. They have a spirit there that has enabled them to stay in the division."

And if Karl Harrison has worked the oracle, so too has Thunder boss Steve McCormack, after a fabulous late run of form was wrapped up with a resounding 56-0 win at the Dons.



Damien Couturier looks for a way through the Halifax defence. Toulouse surprisingly finished second bottom

Ram-a-lam-a-ding-dong!

THE PLAUDITS continue to resound for the unbeatable, record-setting Dewsbury Rams, who sailed through the 18 rounds of the Co-operative Championship 1 campaign as Strictly Come Dancing champions.

BLACKPOOL could have provided them with a tricky finale on the Fylde coast, but Warren Jowitt's men were in no mood for last-minute mistakes.

The Rams turned it on for a large travelling contingent and coach Jowitt said: "We brought three coach loads, which is very good for Dewsbury fans and we're really happy that they came in force and got behind us.

"It's been a perfect season. They say it's tough at the bottom but it's just as tough at the top and to stay up there all season is some mean feat.

"It was a ruthless, clinical, professional performance in the first half.

"We took our foot off the gas in the second but it's the end of the season so I'm not



going to moan about that. Now it's party time!"

The Rams were due for a civic reception this week, but look resigned to losing star half back Liam Finn and also possibly Alex Bretherton to Championship rivals Featherstone.

Meanwhile the action goes on to see who will join them in the senior division.

KEIGHLEY had the benefit of a week off thanks to their season-ending win at Skolars on Challenge Cup Final weekend, and YORK made sure of a week off too, thanks to a 46-28 win at home to SWINTON LIONS.

The result means Swinton face a tricky play-off opener across at OLDHAM, who were themselves on the wrong end of a 36-18 scoreline at in-form HUNSLET HAWKS.

Hawks coach Paul March witnessed an impressive hat-trick performance from Wayne

McHugh, who he lured to the South Leeds Stadium from his old club York.

March commented: "We were a bit hit and miss at times but it was a great result to take into the play-offs.

"We defended sets a number of times on our own line. We stood tall and worked for each other, which was a pleasing aspect. Today we stuck to our game plan.

"We scored a lot of points and I've told the lads that the team is playing well enough now. The only team that can beat us is ourselves in the play-offs.

"We've beaten Oldham, Swinton, Blackpool, York and Keighley. We've beaten everyone and should not fear anyone."

Of his star man he remarked: "Wayne (McHugh) didn't train Friday and wasn't going to play but we made a late switch so a lot of credit to him.

"He deserved his hat-trick. His first try got us on a roll and we continued it."

The Hawks earned a trip to Blackpool for the first match in

the elimination series and their coach Martin Crompton saw enough to be encouraged by the defeat to the Rams.

"For the last 40 minutes we beat the best team in the competition," said Crompton.

"Two or three players had their worst 40 minutes of the season in the first half. There were too many mistakes and poor discipline, and we got punished.

"But we addressed that and the lads responded great. There was a lot of character in that second half and we need to take that into the play-offs.

"It's monumental for a small squad like ours to get into the play-offs for the first time in the club's history and it's exciting for everybody."

ROCHDALE wrapped up their troubled season with a win over equally benighted WORKINGTON who will be glad to consign 2009 to history.

The Wooden Spoon however goes to the gallant LONDON SKOLARS, back at the bottom with just one win to show for their efforts, after appearing to make decent progress in recent seasons.

TEAM OF THE MONTH

Every week the performances of players in the co-operative Championships are rated by the match reporters of LEAGUE WEEKLY. Fans cast their votes, Co-op Ambassador Paul Sculthorpe nominates a star and coaches are involved in the final choices – at the end of which the Team of the Month is announced EXCLUSIVELY in League Weekly. And here are the winners for August!



ROLLING THUNDER...

GATESHEAD full back NICK YOUNGQUEST is the official co-operative Championship Player of the Month.

The 26-year-old moved to Thunder in May from French club Pia and was a key part of the club's bid for survival.

Youngquest beat off competition for the award from Jamie Rooney and James Haley.

Barrow stand off Rooney was nominated by former Great Britain captain and co-operative Good For Everyone ambassador Paul Sculthorpe, whilst Halifax threequarter Haley was put forward by a fans vote.

However, the duo both missed out to League Weekly's nomination Nick Youngquest. As always, the decision went down to the people who know the game the best – the coaches – and they plumped for Thunder's Aussie full back.

Youngquest started the month with a man of the match display in the 34-34 draw with relegation rivals Batley. He

then impressed in a 48-20 win over Toulouse in the South of France before claiming a hat trick and his second man of the match award in the key showdown with Leigh on Sunday, August 23.

STEVE MCCORMACK made it a double for Gateshead by being named the Championship Coach of the Month.

The Thunder boss beat off competition from Sheffield Eagles chief Mark Aston by leading his club to an unbeaten record for the month of August.

Thunder were in deep relegation trouble when McCormack arrived in mid-season, but he has steered them up the ladder with some fantastic results.

HAYES & EATON TOPS

DEWSBURY loose forward ADAM HAYES is the official co-operative Championship One Player of the Month. The Rams back rower claimed the prize after being named man of the match in both his side's victories in August as the Rams thrashed

Workington Town 50-14 and then disposed of Hornets RL 40-28.

Meanwhile, the Championship One Coach of the Month award has gone to KEIGHLEY COUGARS boss BARRY EATON. Eaton guided his side to four wins from four, securing them second spot in the table.

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 TEAM FOR AUGUST:

1. Danny Ratcliffe (York City Knights)
2. Lucas Onyango (Oldham)
3. Wayne McHugh (Hunslet Hawks)
4. Daley Williams (Keighley Cougars)
5. Nick Royle (Blackpool Panthers)
6. Pat Walker (Dewsbury Rams)
7. Carl Forber (Blackpool Panthers)
8. Sean Hesketh (York City Knights)
9. Jermaine Wray (Keighley Cougars)
10. Adam Sullivan (York City Knights)
11. Tommy Goulden (Oldham)
12. Rob Spicer (Dewsbury Rams)
13. Adam Hayes (Dewsbury Rams)



AHEAD OF THE GAME

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

Wolves all set to bite into 2010 campaign

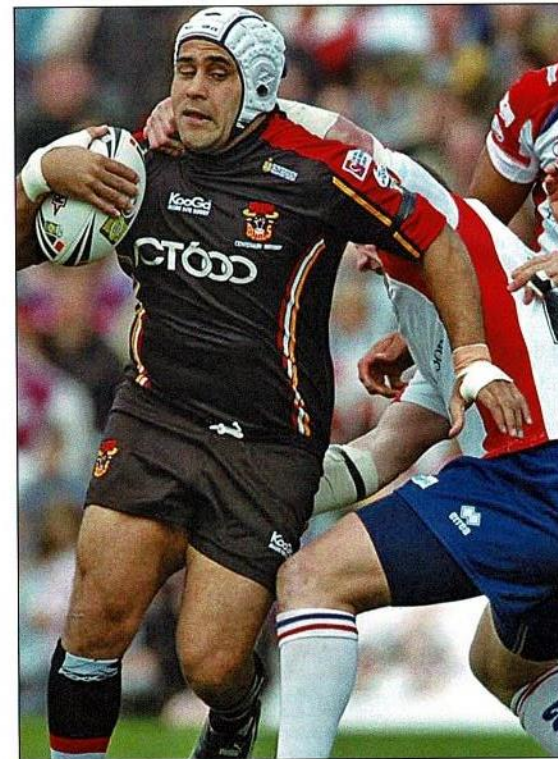
WATCH out for Warrington next season! Now they've finally confirmed three of the worst kept secrets in rugby league, we can talk in certain terms about the sheer quality and depth of Tony Smith's squad for 2010.

The signings of David Solomona and, in particular, Richie Myler and Ryan Atkins are, as Wolves chairman Lord Doug Hoyle agreed, a massive "statement of intent" from a club that has for so long been on the periphery of the traditional 'big four'.

That 'big four' concept has been smashed a while now, but could Warrington make it a 'big three' next year? Looking at the depth they will have at their disposal, there's a great chance they could break up Leeds and Saints' stranglehold on the top two spots – something that stretches back to 2005.

The thing that hits you about Warrington's squad is the sheer amount of options they have at their disposal. Leeds and Saints arguably still have the stronger starting 13s – even 17s – but the Wolves have incredible choice, due largely to the versatility of many of their players.

In the pivotal positions – half back and hooker – they look particularly strong. They have three top class half backs and three top class hookers (albeit that's only five players



David Solomona – X Factor for Warrington

as I'm counting Michael Monaghan as both). Oh, and I wasn't counting Chris Bridge in that either.

In the backs, Richie Mathers, Chris Riley and Chris Hicks are all equally at home at full back whilst Riley and Hicks have competition for wing spots from forgotten man

Kevin Penny, versatile centre Matt King and – if they can afford to keep him! – Brian Carney.

King has plenty of company in the centres with Bridge, Simon Grix and new boy Ryan Atkins.

And that pack isn't bad either – thanks in part to the

Wolves' growing emphasis on junior development which has seen the likes of Ben Harrison, Matty Blythe, Mike Cooper, Liam Mitchell and Tyrone McCarthy come through. Solomona, with his penchant for off-the-cuff wizardry, now gives the forward line an X Factor.

All in all, it really ain't a bad squad. And it's a squad that now has experience of playing in a big game and winning a trophy – experience that could prove invaluable going forward.

With coach Smith having a full pre-season with his squad, I'd expect the Wolves to have a much better start to next season. And with all those options, you'd fancy they could cope with the odd injury here and there.

So, whilst the Wolves might not make the play-offs this year, I'd be getting my money on them to emulate Hull KR and Huddersfield by finishing top four in 2010 – and maybe even better.

Paul Bennett is deputy editor of League Weekly





Eagles v Featherstone



Friday September 11th, 2009. Kick off 8pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

SPONSOR	No.	PLAYER
AMCO	1	Jonny Woodcock
Tolent	2	Bolu Fagborun
OSI	3	Menzie Yere
Jim Hawksworth, Suzanne Atkin	4	Mike Roby
Anne Collins	5	Ashley Thackeray
Pennine Business Forms	6	Brendan Lindsay
Sheaf Telecom	7	Gavin Brown
Hanlon & Wright	8	Jack Howieson
Barnsley Industrial Training College	9	Grant Edwards
Jayne Whaling	10	Mitchell Stringer
Jack Smith	11	Alex Szostak
Hanlon & Wright	12	Ged Corcoran
Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain	13	Dane McDonald
G4S Events	14	Andrew Boothroyd
Redbrook Business Coaching	15	Sam Barlow
Albion Detection Systems Ltd	16	Trevor Exton
Buckingham Insurance	17	Tom Buckenham
Zeenat Restaurant	18	Saqib Murtza
OSI	19	Kyle Wood
Walkabout Sheffield	20	Matty Brooks
AMCO	21	Aaron Groom
Village Shop, Oughtibridge	22	Ryan Hepworth
HAS Consultants Ltd	23	Tangi Ropati
Corus Infrastructure Services	25	Damian Morrow
Hancock & Todd	26	Nick Turnbull
Modis	27	Tommy Trayler
Richard & Andrea Brook	28	Damian Gibson
Vice Presidents	29	Peter Green
	30	Michael Haley
	31	Joe Hirst
Edge Telecom	32	Danny Mills
Jack & Laura London	34	Craig Cook
	35	Luke Hardbottle
Jill Swire	36	Eddie Batty
Insign Signage & Digital Imaging	37	Mark Renshaw-Smith
Mr & Mrs Lee	38	Dan Hawksworth

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWWWWW
 TRIES: Menzie Yere 14, Damian Gibson 13, Brendon Lindsay 12, Tangi Ropati 12, Craig Cook 11.
 GOALS: Jonny Woodcock 104.
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Craig Cook

No.	TODAY'S TEAM	No.
Full back		
Right Wing		
Right Centre		
Left Centre		
Left Wing		
Stand off		
Scrum half		
Prop		
Hooker		
Prop		
2nd row		
2nd row		
Loose forward		
Interchange 1		
2		
3		
4		
SCORERS		
Tries		
Conv		
Pens		
DGs		

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

COACH: DARYL POWELL

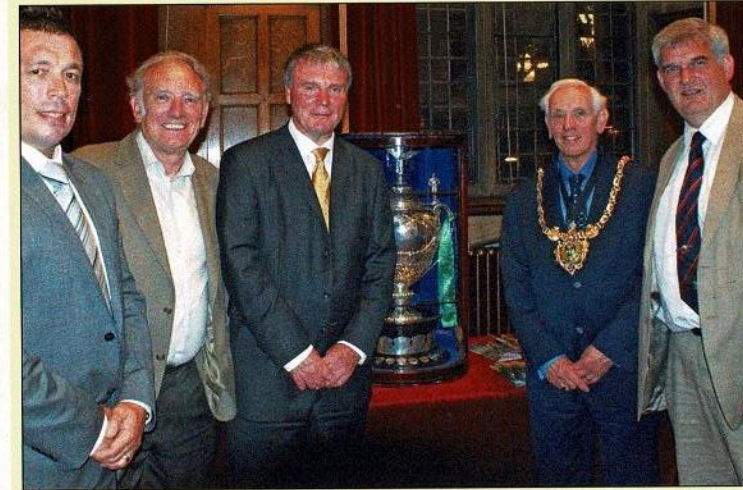
LAST SIX RESULTS: LLWWLL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWLL
 TRIES: Andy Kain 18, Jon Steel 15, Tommy Haughey 14, Ian Hardman 14, Tommy Saxton 10, Matt Dale 9.
 GOALS: Stuart Dickens 84, Iestyn Harris 19. DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Kyle Briggs

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: J. Leahy
 Touch: B. Robinson, P. Ward
 Fourth official: D. Merrick
BENNETT'S BET
 "Eagles are flying right now - Sheffield by 8"

PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHEFFIELD EAGLES!

CLUBCALL

Sheffield v Featherstone



COUNCIL HONOURS CLUB

The Eagles attended a Civic Reception at Sheffield Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 held by the City Council to celebrate the 25th Anniversary (to the day) of their founding.

Eagles' first ever game was on 2nd September 1984 against Rochdale Hornets at Owlerton Stadium in Sheffield with the home team winning 29-10.

Amongst the guests were the Club's founders Gary and Kath Hetherington, Paul Broadbent, Mark Aston and current Chairman Ian Swire, plus many more past, present and future players and staff of Sheffield Eagles.

Pictured (left to right) are: Mark Aston, Councillor Peter Price, Gary Hetherington, Lord Mayor of Sheffield Councillor Graham Oxley and Ian Swire.

It's death or glory from here on in

THIS is where it gets really interesting - there's no second chance. It's the play-offs for a place in the Grand Final. From now on it is 'sudden-death rugby'. No room for mistakes and there's only one winner - the loser goes home empty handed.

It's cruel at the end of a hard season - but it's exciting. This is what everyone at Sheffield Eagles has been playing for.

First the target was a top six place, and then it was the top four and a home draw going into the play-offs. Well we made third and we even nearly made second - not bad after the start we had to the season.

If you had asked at the start of the season would I be happy with that I'd have said: 'Yes'. But we haven't got to sit back; the league season is over - now it's the play-offs.

This is a new competition. Each game is the 'big' one you have to win.

We go into the play-offs strong and confident. We've got every right to feel confident. Look at the results.

In the last 13 games in the Co-operative Championship the team has won 10. We have beaten every side in the top six. In every league game we have earned at least a point.

Nice stats - but tries and goals, not stats, win matches.

This is a team that never knows when it's beaten, that's why when things weren't quite going our way at the start of the season the lads dug in and made sure of at least a bonus point.

That's the kind of character and determination we will take into the play-offs.

We showed that character against

Barrow Raiders in the last game.

Barrow came needing a point to take the league leader's shield and did well to come back to 22-22 with ten minutes to go.

We weren't great in the second half and made a few mistakes but the lads finished strongly with Craig Cook's drop goal and try giving us the three points.

We played to the hooter and that's what we are going to do in the play-offs.

First up are Featherstone Rovers. It's good to be going up against Daryl Powell again. Featherstone will be sore about the way we beat them a couple of weeks ago - they will be tough.

We'll be ready, so get behind the team and let's enjoy the play-offs.

Mark Aston spoke to Jim Collins and is sponsored by Nick Firth Tiles

Season could have been even better

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Directors, Officials, Players and Supporters from today's visitors Featherstone Rovers for this first elimination round of the 2009 Championship play-offs.

It is only a few weeks since we last played Featherstone and that resulted in a 28-12 victory to the Eagles, however Featherstone were 22-0 down at half time and came back with a better display in the second half, therefore this

Director's Column by John Whaling

game will not be easy for us.

We are very pleased with our third place finish in the league especially since we won just three games in the first half of the season.

However we are also slightly disappointed that we did not win the league due to single point losses to Doncaster and Leigh and two-point losses to Widnes and Whitehaven

- without these scorelines things could have been so much better.

We now have to get to the final the hard way. We will need to beat Featherstone tonight and then beat the winner of the Widnes v Whitehaven game at home next week, before having an away game against the losers of Barrow v Halifax the following week.

If we can steer clear of injuries we firmly believe this is possible and the players are

all up for the challenge.

We have quite a number of the current squad already signed up for next season and with the return of players who have had long term injuries like Ged Corcoran, Aaron Groom, Dane McDonald and Mike Roby, we are looking good for next season also.

We need everyone to get behind the players for the play offs and hopefully we can go all the way to final on October 4th.

Enjoy the game.

AWARDS EVENING - FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER AT BRAMALL LANE - BOOKINGS NOW BEEN TAKEN - £30.00 EACH.
 Next Supporters Club Meeting is on Wednesday 11th November 2009 starting at 7.30pm, at the Cocked Hat.



Widnes v Whitehaven



Thursday September 10th, 2009. Kick off 7.30pm. STOBART STADIUM HALTON

WIDNES VIKINGS

WHITEHAVEN RLFC

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

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

(sponsored by CMS Intelligent Banking)

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WLWWWW
 TRIES: Paddy Flynn 20, Anthony Thackeray 13, Richard Varkulis 13, Dodd, Kohe-Love, Penny all 11.
 GOALS: Tim Hartley 49, Scott Yates 33,
 DGs: Craig Hall, Mark Smith
 MAN TO WATCH: Paddy Flynn

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

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R. Laughton. Video: R. Hicks
 Touch: G. Stokes, R. Jones
 Fourth official: M. Thomason

BENNETT'S BET

"Vikings will rise to the big occasion
 - Widnes by 8"

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

COACH: GED STOKES

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWLWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: LLWWLL
 TRIES: Gregg McNally 25, Craig Calvert 17, Ade Adebisi 10, Andy Gorski 7. GOALS: Gregg McNally 74, Carl Rudd 18, Marc Jackson 6.
 DGs: Carl Rudd 1
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Rudd



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VIKINGS



Hattons SOLICITORS



CLUBCALL

Widnes v Whitehaven

'Respect' is now key to progressing

Paul Cullen, Head Coach

Well, after a three week break we're back in action tonight and ironically we face our last opponents, Whitehaven, in the opening round of the Co-operative Championship play-offs.

Last Sunday Stuart Wilkinson and I took the opportunity to have a close look at the Cumbrians as they took on Leigh at the LSV but at half-time it looked as if our scouting mission might have been misguided, as with Batley losing at Featherstone and Leigh ahead we were set to entertain Rovers in the opening fixture.

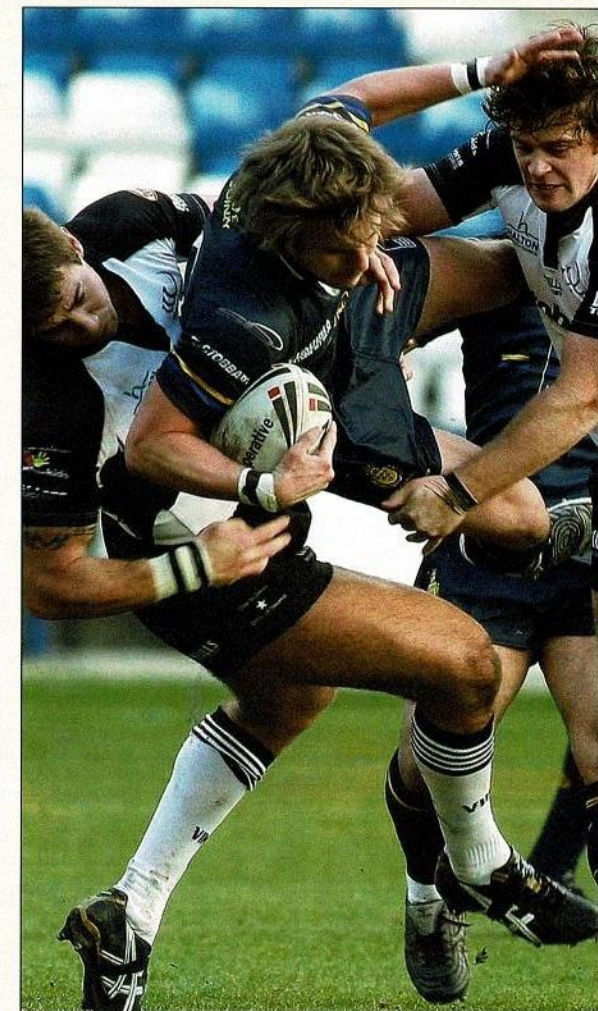
However, things turned round at the Chris Moyles Stadium and despite a late fight back from Daryl Powell's side Batley held on to send the Centurions down.

Despite Whitehaven's defeat against us and at Leigh, Ged Stokes will be confident that his side can regroup and cause us plenty of problems this evening.

They have a tough, uncompromising pack and some classy backs who given the platform can certainly fire on all cylinders.

I have already been quoted as saying that the play-offs are a new competition and everyone starts again with previous form out of the window. It's knock-out football and failure to give opposition the respect they deserve could prove to be a side's undoing.

And given the nature of this year's games I'm sure there will be one or two surprises prior to Grand Finals Day at the Halliwell Jones Stadium on October 4th.



Whitehaven will always provide tough opposition

We want to take plenty fans

Welcome to the Co-operative Championship play-offs and the return to the Stobart Stadium Halton of Whitehaven, our last opponents in the regular season.

It's been hectic this week in the build-up to the game, especially with such a short turn round.

Going into the last round of fixtures there were various permutations possible for the play-offs and even midway through the games on Sunday it was still possible for us to have a home game against Whitehaven or Featherstone or even a trip to the Recreation Ground.

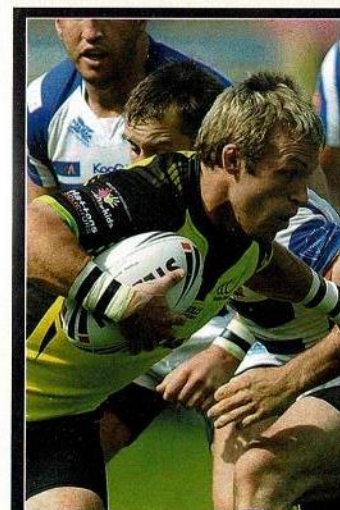
Plans for next weekend are also on hold as victory tonight could send us to Sheffield or, if Featherstone win they would visit us.

Alex Bonney Chief Executive Officer

What we are sure of is that if we reach the semis we will be away, either at Barrow or Halifax.

All fans tonight should have received a voucher at the turnstiles which, once completed, can be used for free transport should we have an away game later on in the play-offs.

Our away following at Halifax in the Northern Rail Cup semi certainly contributed to our victory and should we progress this evening and face a trip away then we would hope that our fans would once again manage to travel and support us in numbers.



Another trip to Halifax could await



Blackpool v Hunslet



Sunday September 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. FYLDE RUFC

BLACKPOOL PANTHERS

HUNSLET HAWKS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Blackpool Supporters	1 Johnny Leather
Derek Way Roofing	2 Damien Munroe
Clover Tech of Wigan	3 Tom Woodcock
Chorley Supporters	4 Mark McCully
Morris and Oxley	5 Chris Mugan
S. Beilby and Family	6 Simon Svabic
Blackpool Supporters	7 Chris Forster
ACM Scaffolding Services	8 Peter Fairhurst
Seabridge Freight Services	9 John Clough
Robert Yates Design	10 John Hill
Interbake Ltd	11 Paul Alcock
Paul Wilson	12 Kris Ratcliffe
Clark Draper Family/ Sheperds Inn, Lowton	13 Rob Draper
G&M Building Contractors	14 Martin Keaveney
Rema Tip Top	16 Ian Hodson
Morris Bakers	17 David Llewellyn
S. Beilby and Family	18 John Boland
	20 Tom Wild
Morris and Oxley	21 Andy Marsh
	22 Keiron Tucker
John Chadwick Insurances	28 Gareth Langley
John Chadwick Insurances	29 Scott Winstanley
S. Beilby and Family	30 Carl Forber
Meyer Group Ltd	31 Simon Bissell
	32 Sam Reay
Morris and Oxley	33 Dean Thompson
John Chadwick Insurances	34 Nick Royle
John Chadwick Insurances	37 Jay Duffy

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

SCORERS

- Tries
- Conv
- Pens
- DGs

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

COACH: PAUL MARCH

COACH: MARTIN CROMPTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWDWL
 LAST SIX HOME: LWWWDL
 TRIES: Johnny Leather 15, Damien Munroe 11, six players on 6
 GOALS: Johnny Leather 45, Carl Forber 40.
 DGs: McCully 1, Leather 1
 MAN TO WATCH: Damien Munroe

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C. Halloran
 Touch: G. Wallace, B. Armstrong
 Fourth Official: W. Turley

BENNETT'S BET

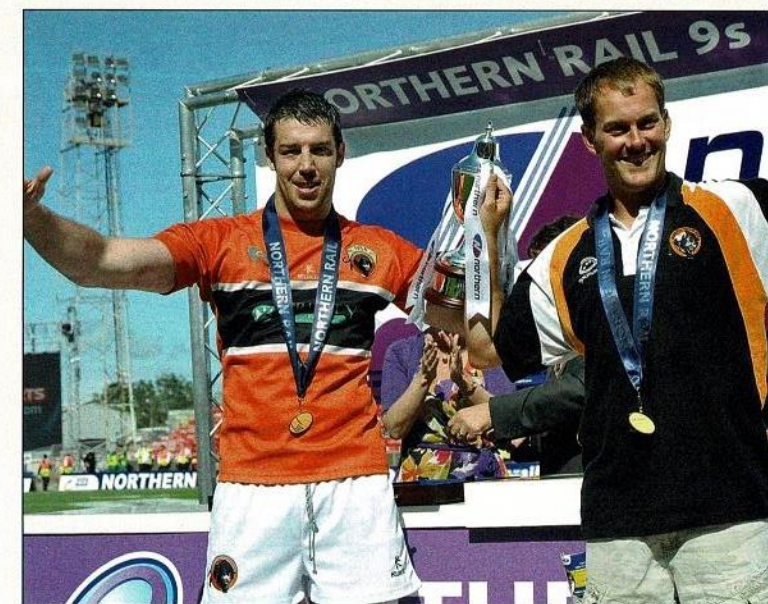
"Hawks are confident under Paul March
 - Hunslet by 6"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LWLWLW
 LAST SIX AWAY: LWLLWL
 TRIES: Paul March 15, Wayne McHugh 12, Ayden Faal 10, Scott Watson 9, Michael Mark 9. GOALS: Darren Robinson 42, Josh Weeden 15. DGs: Richard Chapman, Darren Robinson.
 MAN TO WATCH: Charlie Wabo

CLUBCALL

Blackpool v Hunslet

Thanks to John - and to all of you!



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Hunslet staff, players and supporters. Today is an historical day for the club as its the first time in our history that we have made it into the play-offs. A big rap must go to all the players for making this happen. Hunslet come here on the back of a very good win against Oldham last week, so we know we must be on top of our game if we are going to progress

in the play-offs. Last week's performance against Dewsbury was a game of two halves, poor ball control and poor discipline in the first half cost us dearly. But I was delighted with the effort in the second half, which we 'won' 10-4. What is needed today is that second half performance over the full 80 minutes. This is our last home game of the season come what may, so I would like

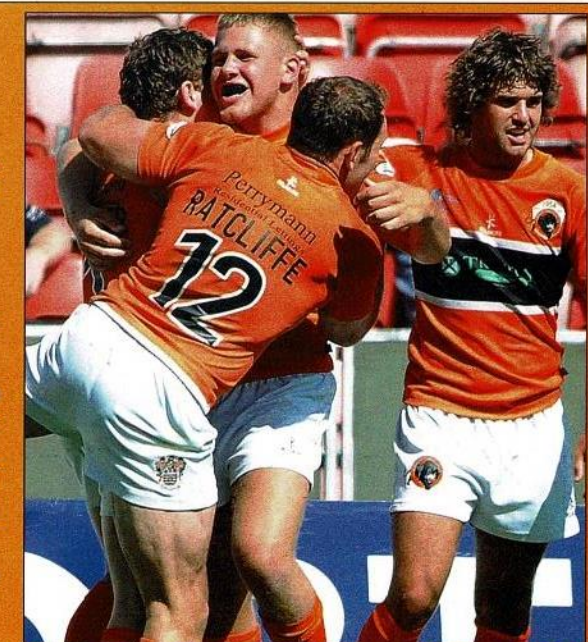
to take this opportunity to thank my outgoing chairman, John Chadwick. I've had a fantastic working relationship with John over the last two years with total support and honesty. Once again, thanks for all your support over the season. Enjoy the game.

MARTIN CROMPTON
 HEAD COACH

A memorable year in so many ways

Well here we are at last, not only have we qualified for the play-offs for the first time in Panthers history, we have also gained home advantage. And didn't we do well for 40 minutes against newly crowned League Champions Dewsbury Rams, winning the second half and almost gaining a bonus point! We now go into the play-offs in great spirits and full of confidence especially on the back of our highest gate of the season, 975 spectators. We are now looking for sponsors for next season, with several companies already making enquires and anyone who is interested should contact David Gee on 738971 as soon as possible. Also Steve Walmsley, the new lottery manager, is pressing ahead with the Club 2010 and again, anyone wishing to join can call him on 738971. Remember, turnstile income alone is not enough to keep the club moving forward, so please continue to support us in any way you can. Finally, I would like to wish my successor as chairman, Mr Bobby Hope, all the very best and I'm sure the club will go from strength to strength.

John Chadwick, vice-chairman



It's been a season of firsts all-round - with the 9s the highlight!

Supporting the Panthers

Leyland Paints

www.nmcreative.co.uk
northern monkey
 creative media

Proudly Supporting Panthers in the Community

TRINITY
 Palliative Care Services



Oldham v Swinton



Sunday September 13th, 2009. Kick off 3pm. BOUNDARY PARK

OLDHAM RLFC

SWINTON LIONS

SPONSOR	No. PLAYER
Sporting Image 07894 122315	1 Paul O'Connor
Totalplus Comms 0161 3438181	4 Paul Reilly
Tech Doors 0161 6265049	5 Lee Greenwood
Nigel Marland	7 Thomas Coyle
John Barrett	8 Paul Highton
Totalplus Comms 0161 3438181	9 Gary Sykes
Rudy Wilkes and Bev Mayall	10 Jamie l'Anson
Mack Video Services	12 Tommy Goulden
John & Lynda McAndrew	14 Richard Merrill
Clayton Green Brewers Fayre	15 Jason Boults
Karen & Paul Gough	16 Wayne Kerr
Premier Signs UK Ltd	17 Craig Robinson
Xpress Solutions UK Ltd 0161 4843800	18 Neil Roden
Office Supplies Now	19 Craig Littler
Cagney and Lacey	20 Simeon Hoyle
Rob The Gardener	21 Lucas Onyango
Maureen & Peter Woodhead	22 Phil Joseph
Lush Nightclub 07716 188 993	23 Chris Baines
Totalplus Communications	24 Marcus St Hilaire
Link4Pink	25 Luke Menzies
Link4Pink	26 Luke Sutton
Greentree Oldham Ltd	Andy Boothroyd
Totalplus Communications	Matty Ash
Link4Pink	Jamie Russo
Link4Pink	Craig Lawton
H. Mullaney & Son 01457 832870	Goalkicker

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

SCORERS
Tries
Conv
Pens
DGs

COACH: TONY BENSON

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

COACH: PAUL KIDD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWLL
 LAST SIX HOME: WLWLL
 TRIES: Thomas Coyle 13, Lee Greenwood 12, Lucas Onyango 10, Tommy Goulden 10.
 GOALS: Chris Baines 7.
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Tom Coyle

MATCH OFFICIALS
 Referee: M. Thomason
 Touch: S. Barrie, P. Meadows
 Fourth Official: C. Leatherbarrow

BENNETT'S BET
"Roughyeds can scrape through despite player losses - Oldham by 2"

LAST SIX RESULTS: LLLLWL
 LAST SIX AWAY: WLLLLL
 TRIES: Dave Hull 14, Carl Sneyd 10, Darren Bamford 8, Andy Saywell 7, Tommy Grundy 7.
 GOALS: Carl Sneyd 83.
 DGs: Craig Ashall, Graham Holroyd
 MAN TO WATCH: Carl Sneyd

CLUBCALL

Oldham v Swinton

Boys have done us proud

WELL there's no math needed to work out the value of winning this game.

It's win or season over, which is a scenario we are not even thinking about.

We've done it tough over the last couple of weeks and have let a few must-win games go.

We have a better game in us and we have been working hard to put that game on the field. Sooner or later we'll earn the rub of the green and as there is no later, then today is the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our boys, I know most people grade you purely on results, but I'm proud and privileged to be part of this group.

We've finished 4th and earned a home play-off spot. It's been a roller-coaster of

a season. From our squad, within a matter of a week, we lost six of our regular starting 13, our assistant coach and in effect a trainer, and this is at a time when our opposition were strengthening their squads.

The players could have walked; other clubs would have scrambled for them, or they could have put their hands up and said it's all getting a bit hard - but not these boys, instead they've pulled together, believed in themselves, rolled up their sleeves and got on with the job, working even harder than before.

We have to work harder as a team, it's only a small group now, 17 or if we're lucky 18 players available most weeks, which means the team is usually finalised at best the day before a game.

More often than not they are playing with injuries and quite possibly in a position they haven't played in before.

These boys deserve every success, and your support, and they'll be going hell for leather to get it today and progress on next week too. So when you're getting as frustrated as we are, how about a bit of support? It might just be the difference!

May I offer a warm welcome to the Swinton Directors, Players, staff and loyal supporters. I am sure you are in for a cracking game.

Regards,
Tony Benson

Time to stay positive and for the lads to pull together

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone associated with Swinton Lions for what is now the start of the road to the Grand Final and a place in the Co-operative Championship for next season.

Following what was a disappointing result at Hunslet last week when we almost seemed to give the game away, we now have to become totally focused on the job in hand.

The lads appreciate how frustrating it is for them personally, the club and for the supporters who have been fantastic all year.

Spare a thought also for Tony who is suffering as much as anyone with the team's seeming inability to stick to the game plan. And with players unavailable due to sickness and injury the team is on occasions picking itself.

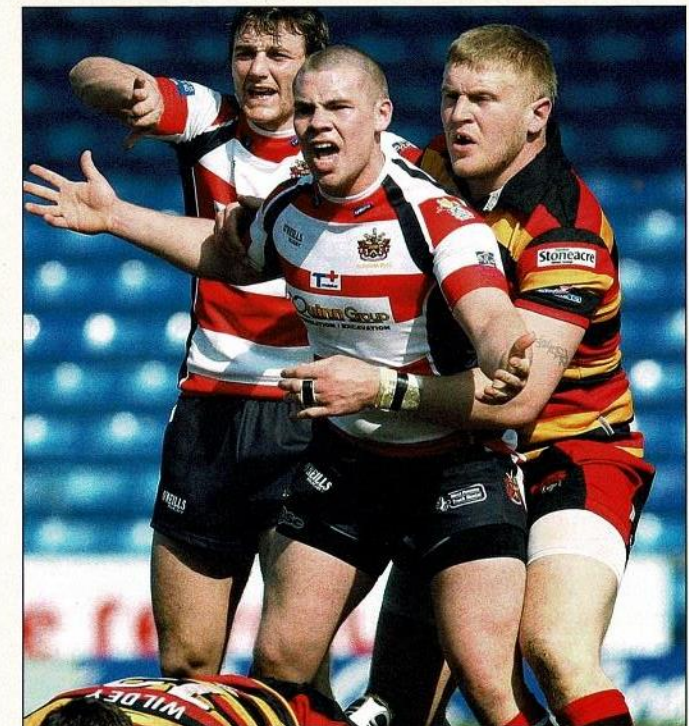
Today's opponents will be no push over and we will have to move up a gear from last week if we want to stand any chance of progressing to what is still the ultimate goal of reaching the Grand Final and a move up to the next division.

What is needed now is for everyone to stay positive and united and to banish any signs of negativity.

If we all pull together in the same direction I am sure that we can still achieve our goal.

Enjoy the game,
Reills

PAUL REILLY



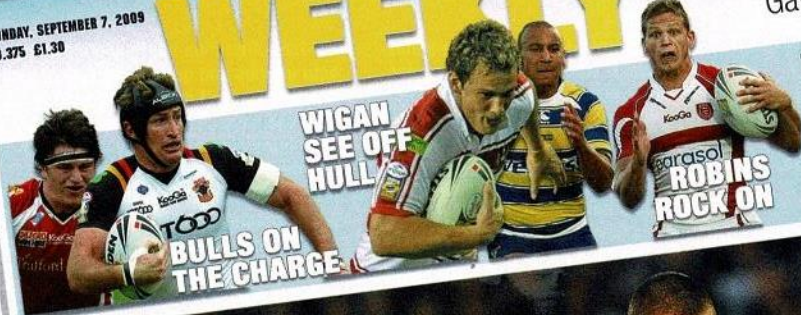
Top try-scorer Tom Coyle will be putting his hand up again, as he has done all year for Oldham

LEAGUE WEEKLY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2009
NO. 375 £1.30

EXCLUSIVE: CO-UP TEAMS OF MONTH

'Ashes' on - but top coaches opposed
Celtic want RU star
Gavin Henson



WIGAN SEE OFF HULL

BULLS ON THE CHARGE

ROBINS ROCK ON

TONY SMITH OPENS UP ON RL'S 'BLOOD BIN' HISTORY

Leigh relegated as Bulldogs stun Fev
100% Ramtastic!

RHINOS PROVE A POINT

Leeds will finish top dogs - for now

COLLISION COURSE FOR CATS & TIGERS



EVERY WEEK, THE VERY BEST IN NEWS, VIEWS, COMMENT AND ANALYSIS OF THE GREATEST GAME.

KARL 'RHINO' HARRISON GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO THE WEEK'S BIG MATCH.

RAY FRENCH CASTS HIS EYE OVER THE ISSUES THAT COUNT AND WE JOIN THE **MAURICE BAMFORD** BEAT

HULL KR & ENGLAND STAR SHAUN BRISCOE GIVES HIS VIEW FROM THE INSIDE.

DAVE 'NOSEY' PARKER BRINGS YOU ALL THE GOSSIP AND THE BIG STORIES WEEKS AND MONTHS BEFORE THE REST.

MARK CHESTNEY HAS THE AMATEUR GAME COVERED AND PUBLISHER **DANNY LOCKWOOD** GENERALLY TAKES THE MICKEY.

WE GO 'IN THE SHEDS' TO GET THE LOWDOWN FROM A CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP CLUB AND FIND OUT WHO'S THE BEST

(AND WORST) AT EVERYTHING FROM TRAINING TO DANCING!

WE HAVE **PRIZES** AND **TICKETS** TO ALL THE TOP EVENTS TO WIN ALMOST EVERY WEEK, AND OF COURSE ALL THE

LATEST NEWS FROM THE ENTIRE WORLD OF RUGBY LEAGUE

AT JUST £1.30 CAN YOU AFFORD TO NOT BE PART OF THE LEAGUE WEEKLY FAMILY? EVERY MONDAY.

KNOW YOUR STUFF?

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ

1 Which player have Leigh signed from Wakefield Wildcats for 2010?

2 Which club's unbeaten record did Dewsbury equal by winning all of their 18 Championship 1 fixtures?

3 Which Gateshead player has previously played for Cronulla, St George-Illawarra, Penrith and Canterbury Bulldogs in the NRL?

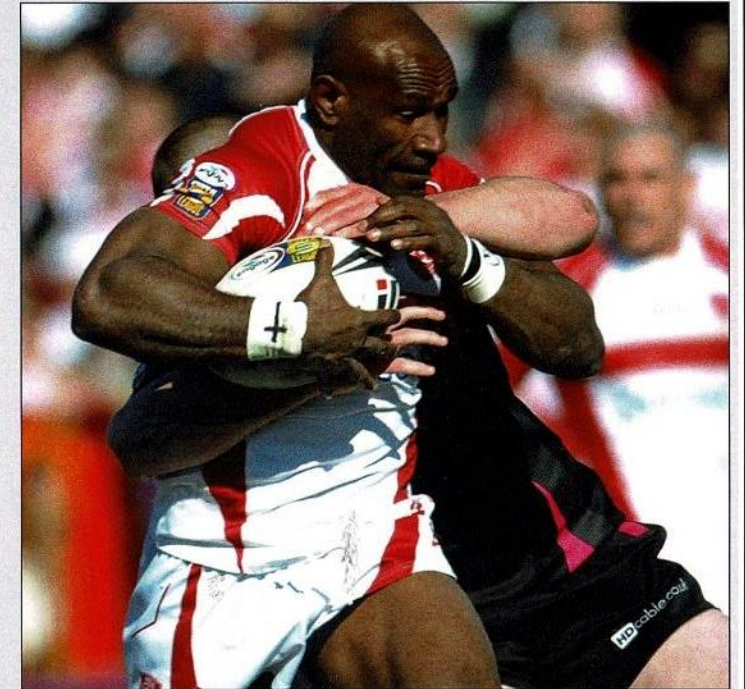
4 Hull KR's Makali Aizue has signed for which Championship club for 2010?

5 Who became coach of Whitehaven in September 2000?

6 Which nation has Leigh's Mick Nanyn represented?

7 Which club did Steve Deakin briefly coach between August and October 2000?

8 Bobby Hope is the new chairman of which Championship One club?



Makali Aizue is Championship bound ... but where?

9 To which ground did Swinton move in 1929?

10 What is the Championship salary cap in 2010?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1 How many Australians have now won the Lance Todd Trophy as man of the match in the Challenge Cup final?

Challenge Cup at Twickenham?

Man of Steel winner was born in Maghull?

does Hull KR's ex-Australia international Mick Vella qualify?

2 Who did St Helens beat 13-6 to win the 2001

4 Which 21st century

5 Which current Wigan player left Swinton for Salford in 2001?

7 With which club did Castleford's Stuart Jones start his professional career?

6 For which other nation

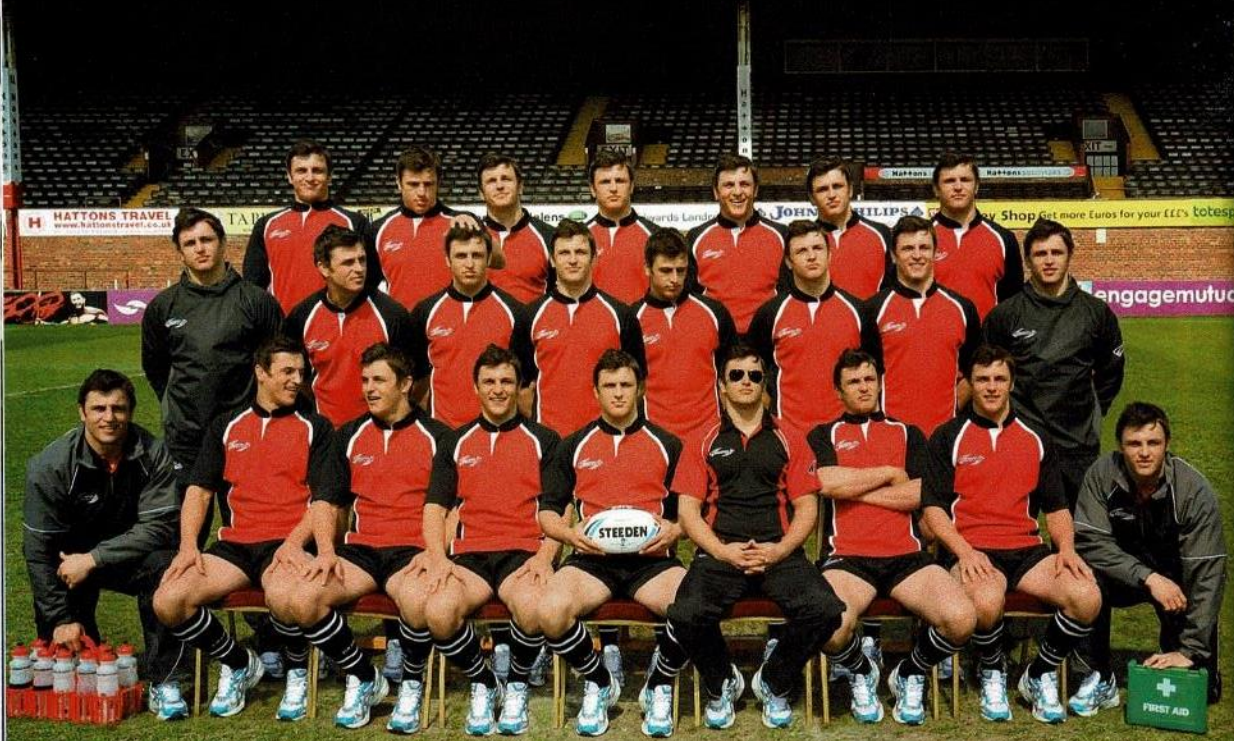
ANAGRAMS

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

KARL SHRIEK (Gateshead) HIT A SLUMP (Halifax) ODD VAN DIG (Widnes)

ANSWERS - CHAMPIONSHIP QUIZ: 1. Ricky Bibey, 2. Hull FC, 3. Nick Youngquest, 4. Halifax, 5. Paul Cullen, 6. Scotland, 7. Rochdale Hornets, 8. Blackpool Panthers, 9. Station Road, 10. £300,000.
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: 1. Three, 2. Bradford Bulls, 3. Danny McGuire, 4. James Graham, 5. Andy Coley, 6. Malta, 7. Wigan Warriors, ANAGRAMS: 1. Kris Kahler, 2. Paul Smith, 3. Gavin Dodd.

**If you put just one name
on your team sheet...**



...make it

STEEDEN
www.steeden.co.uk

BALLS / CLOTHING / PROTECTION / TRAINING

**Steeden offer a range of clothing for match play and training.
To order your kit contact Jason Barrie on 08450 664020**

Sales & Accounts (UK & France) Grays International, Station Road, Robertsbridge, East Sussex. TN32 5DH Email sales@grays-int.co.uk

STATS SERVICE



LEADING POINTS SCORERS

PLAYER/CLUB	T	G	DG	Ps
Pat Walker (Dewsbury)	6	146	314	
Andy Ballard (Old/Barrow)	19	103	282	
Lee Patterson (Halifax)	10	117	274	
Gregg McNally (White)	25	74	248	
Jonny Woodcock (Sheff)	8	108	248	
Michael Knowles (G'head)	8	102	236	
Danny Jones (Keighley)	4	98	1213	
Carl Sneyd (Swinton)	10	83	208	
Ian Mort (Leigh)	11	75	194	
Stuart Dickens (Feath)	3	86	184	
Nathan Wynn (Toulouse)	5	74	168	
Johnny Leather (Black)	15	45	151	
Paul Mennell (Batley)	10	52	144	
Adam Mitchell (York)	3	65	142	
James Nixon (Barrow)	29		116	
Tim Hartley (Widnes)	3	49	110	
Liam McGovern (Hornets)	5	44	109	
Darren Robinson (Hunslet)	5	42	105	
Shad Royston (Halifax)	25		100	
Paul Noone (Barrow)	2	45	98	
Carl Forber (Black/Work)	4	41	98	
Liam Finn (Dewsbury)	16	15	96	
Jon Presley (Keighley)	23	1	93	
Ben Black (Halifax)	17	12	92	
Luke Branighan (G'head)	19	8	92	
Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)	22		88	
Stuart Sanderson (G'head)	22		88	
Jermaine McGilvary (Bat)	21	1	86	
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)	1	40	2	86
Gavin Dodd (Widnes)	11	19	82	
Scott Yates (Widnes)	4	33	82	
James Coyle (Barrow/Old)	17	5	82	
Paul Thorman (Skolars)	2	37	82	
Paddy Flynn (Widnes)	20		80	
Kyle Briggs (Feath/Don)	9	22	80	
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)	19	1	79	
Andy Kain (Featherstone)	18	2	76	
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)	17	4	74	
Damien Couturier (Toul)	12	12	72	
George Flanagan (Batley)	7	22	72	

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	PTS
Barrow	20	13	0	7	5	632	361	271	44
Halifax	20	13	0	7	4	714	476	238	43
Sheffield	20	11	0	9	9	635	447	188	42
Widnes	20	11	0	9	6	649	438	211	39
Whitehaven	20	12	0	8	3	565	567	-2	39
Featherstone	20	12	0	8	1	619	524	95	37
Gateshead	20	9	2	9	1	610	657	-47	32
Batley	20	8	2	10	4	536	620	-84	32
R Leigh	20	9	0	11	5	426	572	-146	32
Toulouse**	20	9	0	11	3	556	582	-26	30
Doncaster *	20	1	0	19	5	257	955	-698	-1

*Deducted 9 points; going into administration **Toulouse exempt from relegation

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP ONE

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	PD	PTS
Dewsbury (C)	18	18	0	0	0	760	223	537	54
Keighley	18	13	0	5	3	539	415	124	42
York	18	12	0	6	4	589	360	229	40
Oldham	18	10	1	7	3	618	449	168	35
Blackpool	18	9	1	8	4	532	456	-24	33
Hunslet	18	10	0	8	3	472	411	61	33
Swinton	18	8	0	10	3	513	516	-3	27
Rochdale*	18	6	0	12	6	500	557	-57	15
Workington	18	2	0	16	5	281	700	-419	11
London Skol's	18	1	0	19	2	210	927	-717	5

*Deducted 9 points for going into administration

CO-operative Championship	Barrow Raiders	22
SUNDAY SEPT 6th	Tries: Nixon, Young, Ostler. Goals: Rooney 4. Drop Goals: Rooney 2. Half Time: 18-10 Att: 1,283	
Doncaster	0	
Gateshead Thunder	56	
Tries: Watts, Sanderson 2, Kahler 2, McAlpine, Cording, Franze 3. Goals: Knowles 8. Half Time: 0-22 Att: 551		
Featherstone Rovers	26	
Tries: Barker, Divority, Briggs, Steel, Dale. Goals: Dickens 2, Briggs. Batley Bulldogs	30	
Tries: Crouthers, Lythe, Buttery, Mennell 2. Goals: Mennell 5. Half Time: 14-6 Att: 2,076		
Leigh Centurions	47	
Tries: Wingfield, Ridyard, Nany 2, McConnell 2, Alstead 2. Goals: Nany 7. Drop Goals: Watson. Whitehaven	14	
Tries: Ballard 2, R Jackson. Goals: Rudd. Half Time: 22-4 Att: 2,721		
SATURDAY SEPT 5th		
Halifax	34	
Tries: Haley, Larder, Penkywicz, Worrincy, Royston 2. Goals: Paterson 5. Toulouse Olympique	18	
Tries: Anselme, Tisseyre, Ormeno. Goals: N Wynn 3. Half Time: 12-6 Att: 2,128		
THURSDAY SEPT 3rd		
Sheffield Eagles	29	
Tries: Stringer, Barlow, Cook, Mills, Yere. Goals: Woodcock 4. Drop Goals: Cook.		

Blackpool Panthers	14	
Tries: Clough, Woodcock, Llewelyn. Goals: Forber.		
Dewsbury Rams	34	
Tries: Spurr 2, Powell, Buchanan, J Tonks, P Walker. Goals: P Walker 5. Half Time: 4-28 Att: 975		
Hunslet Hawks	36	
Tries: Weeden, Lowe, McHugh 3, Wabo. Goals: Young 2, McHugh 4. Oldham	18	
Tries: O'Connor, Joseph, Onyango. Goals: Baines 3. Half Time: 12-6 Att: 632		
Hornets RL	42	
Tries: Miller 2, Isherwood, Thomas, Ainscough, Gillam, Fogerty 2. Goals: Hatton 5.		
Workington Town	20	
Tries: Marshall, Robinson, Dawes, Pedley. Goals: S Burgess 2. Half Time: 26-4 Att: 893		
SATURDAY SEPT 5th		
York City Knights	46	
Tries: Ratcliffe 2, Ross 2, Applegarth, Oakes, Wildbore 2. Goals: Waterman 7.		
Swinton Lions	28	
Tries: Ashall, Saywell 2, Bamford, Sneyd. Goals: Sneyd 4. Half Time: 24-6 Att: 844		

RESERVE TEAM FIRST DIVISION

Leigh Centurions ended the season on top of the League ladder, edging out Featherstone on points difference.



	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	Pts
Leigh Centurions	16	13	0	3	699	305	394	26
Featherstone Rovers	16	13	0	3	653	281	372	26
Widnes Vikings	16	11	0	5	596	350	246	22
Hunslet Hawks	16	10	0	6	586	346	240	20
Barrow Raiders	16	10	0	6	511	358	153	20
Whitehaven RLFC	16	10	0	6	401	426	-25	20
Keighley Cougars	16	8	0	8	347	568	-221	16
York City Knights	15	6	0	9	410	525	-115	12
Oldham RLFC	16	5	0	11	409	512	-103	10
Dewsbury Rams	16	5	0	11	358	524	-166	10
Sheffield Eagles	15	4	0	11	333	620	-287	8
Doncaster	16	0	0	16	176	664	-488	0

LEADING TRY SCORERS

- James Nixon (Barrow)
- Gregg McNally (Whitehaven)
Shad Royston (Halifax)
- Jon Presley (Keighley)
- Andy Bostock (Dewsbury)
Stuart Sanderson (Gateshead)
- Jermaine McGilvary (Batley)
Kane Epati (Dewsbury)
- Paddy Flynn (Widnes)
- Andy Ballard (Barrow/Old)
Luke Branighan (Gateshead)
Martin Ainscough (Hornets)
- Andy Kain (Featherstone)
Andy Ellis (Barrow)
- Ben Black (Halifax)
Craig Calvert (Whitehaven)
James Coyle (Barrow/Old)
Ben McAlpine (Gateshead)
Rob Worrincy (Halifax)
Danny Ratcliffe (York)
- Miles Greenwood (Halifax)
Jon Steel (Featherstone)
Ian Hardman (Featherstone)
Sean Penkywicz (Halifax)
- Liam Finn (Dewsbury)
Johnny Leather (Blackpool)
Paul Hughes (York)
Bryn Powell (Dewsbury)
Paul March (York/Hunslet)
Nick Youngquest (Gateshead)
- Tommy Haughey (Feath)
Dave Hull (Swinton)
Alex Bretherton (Dewsbury)
James Haley (Halifax)
Menzie Yere (Sheffield) 14s
- Jamie Durbin (Leigh)
Damian Gibson (Sheffield)
Tom Coyle (Oldham)
Anthony Thackeray (Widnes)
Dylan Nash (Gateshead)
- Lee Greenwood (Oldham)
Tangi Ropati (Sheffield)
Damian Couturier (Toulouse)
Tom Haberecht (York)
Brendon Lindsay (Sheffield)
Rory Bromley (Toulouse)