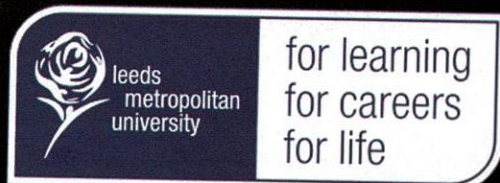


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'Semi-pros' on their guard

IT is the time of year many Co-operative Championship club chairmen dread - but a weekend most Rugby League supporters have come to love. There are few more special periods in the Rugby League calendar than the third round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup, a time when the sport is often spellbound by the magic of its oldest and most prestigious knockout competition.

In an age when the world of sport can sometimes seem corporately impersonal, the romance the Carnegie Challenge Cup brings is to be welcomed - especially by the clubs who are inspired to greatness by its charms.

Since it was first played in 1897 - the year Batley beat St Helens in the inaugural final - the Challenge Cup has fired the imaginations of Rugby League fans the world over with its tales of heroic giant-killing acts.

How the mighty have fallen down the years, from clubs with the majesty of Wigan through to proud Championship sides who have suffered the humbling experience of defeat by amateurs.

This weekend will see every Championship club bidding to avoid becoming the latest in a long line of scalps claimed by clubs from the community game, none of whom will want for motivation.

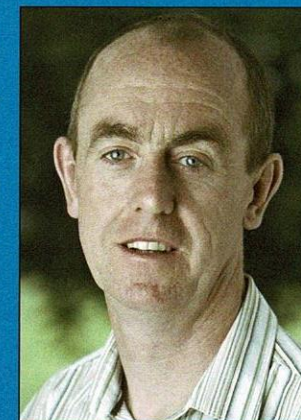
A place in Carnegie Challenge Cup legend awaits the likes of Leigh East, Welsh champions Blackwood Bulldogs, Thatcho Heath and the Royal Navy, while the competition sponsors' own team, Leeds Metropolitan University will be relishing their date with destiny at Batley.

Many Rugby League fans will have their own Challenge Cup highlight, their favourite memory of the day David beat Goliath over 80 wonderful minutes, be it at Wembley or some distance from the sunshine of the national stadium on a cold, wintry day in the North.

The RFL has launched a search for the greatest giant-killing act in Challenge Cup history and we'd love to hear the view of Game On readers.

Everyone who submits their entry into our special poll will be entered into a draw to win a pair of tickets for the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday August 28. To enter, send an email with the subject 'Challenge Cup giant-killing' and a 50-100 word summary of why you feel the match was so special to john.ledger@rfl.uk.com

Stories about giant-killing acts from this weekend will be especially welcome - if not from the Co-operative Championship club chairmen who will have little interest in Monday's fourth round draw!



JOHN LEDGER
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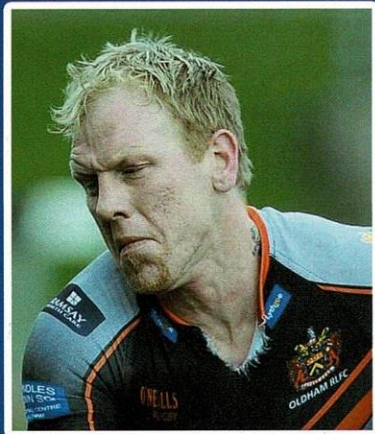
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The Cup: it's Pure Magic!



It's the magic of 'the Cup' and a special day in its own right, however long and unlikely the road to Wembley may be. But it's one that some of today's competitors have walked. **TOM COATES** spoke to two of them

For many clubs, this weekend represents the first possible step on the road to Wembley. Of course, a place in the final come August is a distant dream to all of today's contestants but several of the players in action at this early stage have a better idea than most about what it means to take part in one of British sport's showpiece events.

Paul Smith, now head coach at Swinton, trotted out at Twickenham for the 2006 Challenge Cup final.

His Giants side were beaten comfortably by St. Helens who produced an irresistible performance to ruin Huddersfield's day. However, despite having to settle for a runners-up medal, Smith can reflect on the occasion with pride.

"We got past Leeds in the semi-final who were going through a bad patch at the time and we knew that if we played well, we'd have a chance," said the Lions' new player-coach.

"We travelled down to the final the day before and seeing thousands of your own fans as you approach the ground is a bit surreal.

"We stayed in a really smart hotel and everyone had a spring in their step," he continued.

"I think the occasion may have got to us on the day but we still had a bit of a celebration in the town centre after the game.

"The whole experience did wonders for Huddersfield's profile and I think making finals is something they'll be doing regularly now."

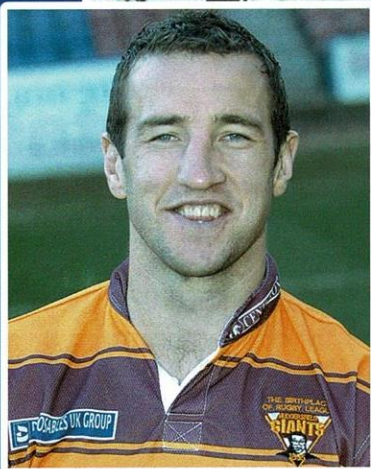
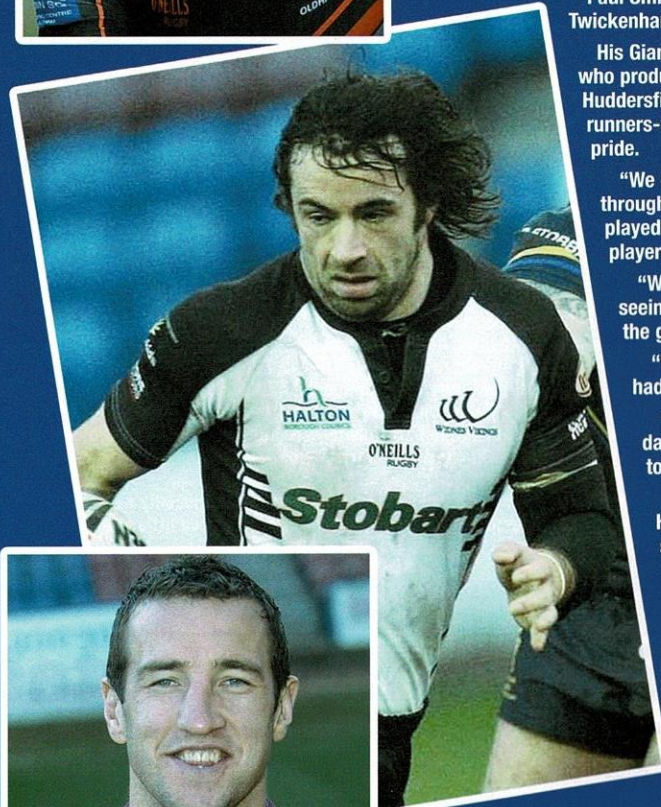
Back to more pressing issues, and Smith is well aware of the threat posed by Swinton's third round opponents, Warrington Wizards.

"They're technically only a division below us so we'll be treating them with respect," he said.

"They had a great win in the previous round against the Army but we're looking to do a good job and progress."

With Graham Holroyd dictating things in the middle of the park, the Lions have no shortage of experience of the big occasion. Holroyd featured in two finals for Leeds Rhinos but, like Smith, a winners medal eluded him.

Paul Reilly, now with Oldham, lined-up alongside Smith in at the '06 final along with Vikings prop Jim Gannon, while Reilly's



Paul Smith, Mark Smith and Paul Reilly have all appeared in the Cup final

Roughyeds teammate Marcus St. Hilaire featured for Leeds and scored a try in the last final to be held at the old Wembley in 1999.

Other likely combatants featuring in this weekend's ties include Featherstone's Tommy Saxton who was part of the Hull FC side that shocked Leeds in 2005, while Toulouse winger Vincent Duport lined up for Catalan Dragons in their defeat to St. Helens at the 2007 showpiece.

Tyrone McCarthy, now with Leigh on a dual-registration deal, was a surprise inclusion in Warrington's 17-man squad in last season's final and teammate Robbie Paul carved out at a reputation for himself back in 1996 with a hat-trick and a Lance Todd trophy winning performance in defeat to St. Helens

Another player to have laced up his boots on the big day is Mark Smith.

Smith, now with Widnes, was named on the bench for Wigan in the 2002 decider at Murrayfield. The Warriors would go on to win the match and being part of the victorious squad is a memory the Vikings hooker will cherish for the rest of his life.

"I remember, the night before the game, that I didn't go to bed until half past midnight, which is rare for me as I'm usually asleep by half past ten," said Smith.

"The mood amongst the players was really relaxed which was probably down to the fact that we had so much experience in the team.

"That helped massively in calming my nerves. The likes of Terry O' Connor, Mick Cassidy and Gary Connolly had played in plenty of finals and were established internationals in their own right."

Another inexperienced player to be named on the bench for Wigan that day was current Centurions prop Ricky Bibey and Smith believes that any player given the chance to feature in a cup final should count themselves very lucky.

"Some lads play their entire careers without ever appearing in one so I was extremely fortunate to get the chance," said Smith, whose memories of the occasion stretch far beyond the on-the-pitch action.

"We had the open-top bus ride back to Wigan and there were thousands of people lining the streets.

"I can remember talking to Kris Radlinski and him telling me to savour the moment because it might never happen again.

"He was right as Wigan haven't made the final since, but I've been lucky enough to have had some success with Widnes

"I've also been on the losing team in finals, so I know how it feels to be on both sides when the hooter sounds"

The Vikings' opponents in the third round, Wigan St. Jude's, are a team close to Smith's heart, having spent time with the club as an amateur.

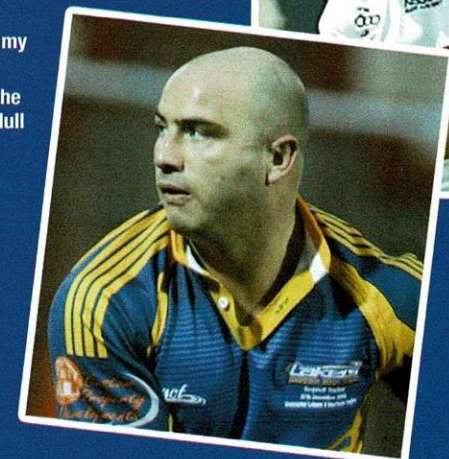
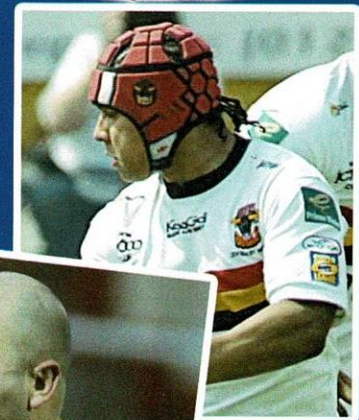
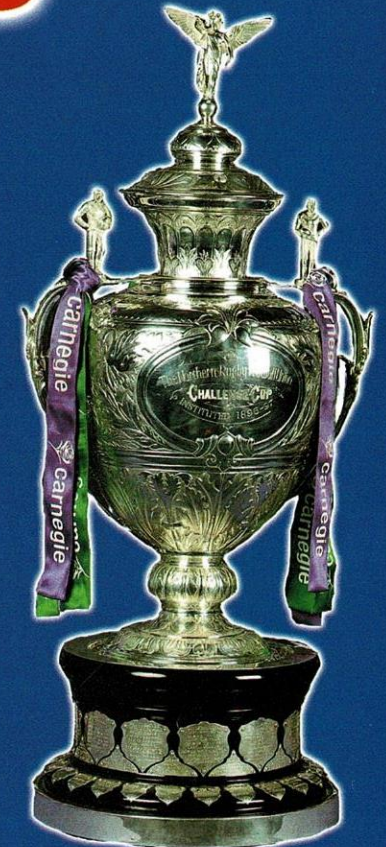
"A lot of the coaching staff at St. Jude's coached me during my time with Wigan Warriors so it'll be a special day for me.

"We're looking to get as far as we can in the cup and, with the squad we've got, there's no reason why we can't go as far as Hull KR did in 2006."

The Rovers, then in the old National League 1, famously saw off Warrington Wolves at Craven Park in a thrilling encounter, clinching a place in the semi-final against Super League leaders and eventual winners St. Helens.

"We might need a bit of luck and the rub of the green with the draw but, at the end of the day, it's the cup – you never know what can happen!"

It's a sentiment that will undoubtedly be echoed by coaches of the amateur clubs taking part in the famous competition this afternoon.



Marcus St Hilaire and Graham Holroyd played at the 'old' Wembley

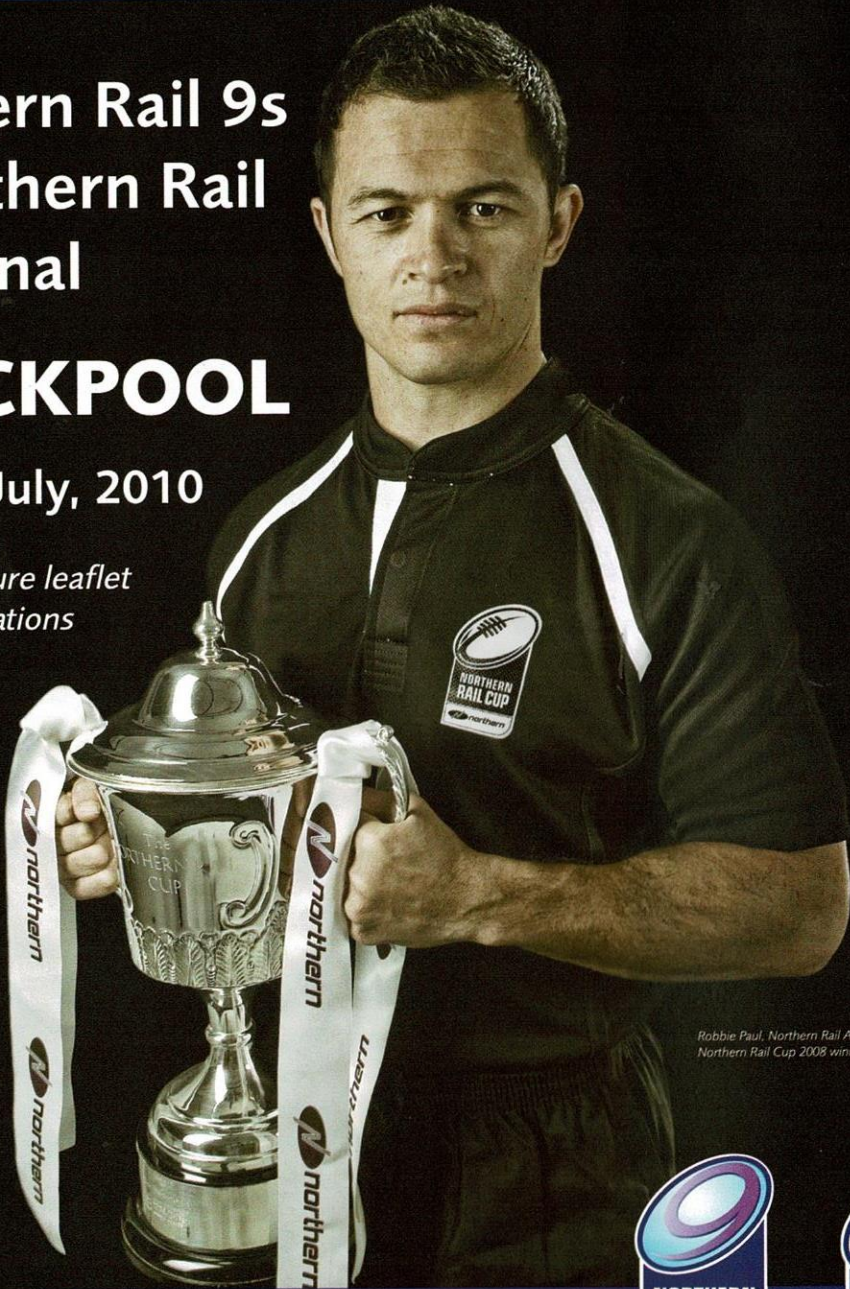
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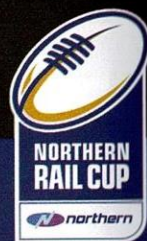
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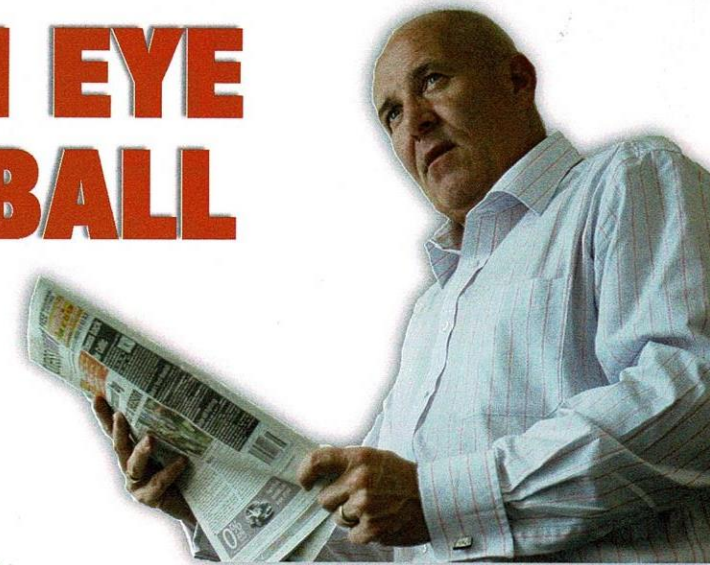


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KEEP AN EYE ON THE BALL



Danny Lockwood

HERE it is again, the magic of the 'Cup' and in ties where there's an amateur side involved, you don't need to guess which of the two sets of combatants will be most nervous.

Workington and Sheffield were both brought to their knees by the doughty lads from my first club the Gate Inn – better known these days as Thornhill Trojans – who find themselves in something of a rebuilding phase at the moment so not involved this weekend. Well, what can you expect when you've seen lads swept away into the pro game like Andy Bostock and Alex Bretherton (Dewsbury), Johnny Campbell (Batley), Danny Ratcliffe (York) and what seems like half the Hunslet team, to name but a few?

I recall the now-extinct amateurs from Cawoods in Hull bringing down Halifax back in the 70s – or was it 80s? And I say 'extinct' but such is the way of Hull sides that most seem to surface under a new name. I've lost track over the years – where are Beecroft and Wightman now? Mysons? Ace Amateurs? Perusing the list of today's qualifiers it seems strange indeed that there is no West Hull, East Hull or Skirlaugh in the draw.

Dewsbury find themselves hosting reasonably local opposition in proud Drighlington and will be keen not to endure the shames of recent Challenge Cup pratfalls against Sharlston and Wath Brow.

Since 1994 this has been Rugby League's equivalent of the FA Cup, where the minnows are given a tilt at glory along with our French and Russian cousins (history buffs might be reminded of the Entente Cordiale of the early 20th century and the Triple Alliance between we three League-loving northern nations). Before that only one or two teams ever made the 'first round proper' - depending on how many pro teams were in existence at the time.

I remember 1994 well because my side, Dewsbury Celtic, beat Heworth in the second round to earn a prestigious trip to our neighbours Batley. It was my last appearance in the famous old Cup and I still haven't forgiven referee Steve Presley (ex-Batley player mind!) for sin-binning me for obstruction on Bulldogs winger and latterly coach Gary Thornton. Obstruction on half way ref? Come on – we were shoulder to shoulder!

But that's the magic of the Cup – memories abound and this weekend enthusiasts young and old, player, fan and committeeman and woman alike will enjoy a day to remember. Some more than others of course!

From the community and foreign ranks have emerged 14 clubs to join the 22 clubs of the Championships.

And as kick off approaches I can guarantee you that nervous trepidation will be rippling down the backbone of the staunchest characters from the Co-operative Championships. Not the players themselves of course (who, let's face it, are warriors who do not know the meaning of fear!) but their chairmen and directors.

And no, it isn't just the embarrassment of being laid low by the underdogs – a few pints of miserable consolation in the clubhouse bar can soothe the worst of that humiliation. No, it's the missing out on the prospect of a fantastic trip to Headingley or Wigan or the KC Stadium and the mega-payday that entails, which will gnaw at a treasurer's gut long into the night like a bad keema vindaloo.

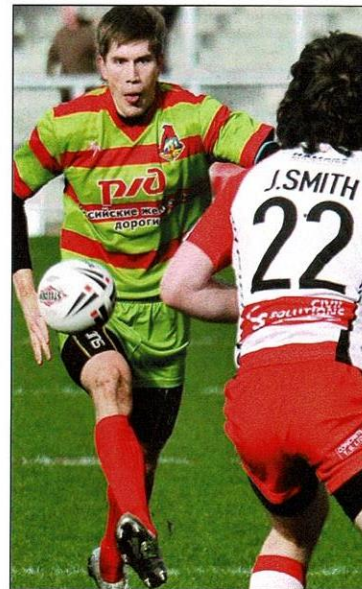
In these straitened times, which club doesn't hope and pray for the Rugby League equivalent of a lottery win? Wembley might be a distant and unrealistic dream, but legends can be made on many levels and somewhere across the land today, heroic reputations will be earned. Darn, how I envy those men.

And in some changing room, as half time finds the upstarts holding sway, or threatening a shock of seismic proportions, a sweaty-palmed chairman will stride desperately into the den that is his coach's domain, and plead: "Listen lads, this isn't looking good ... there's another hundred quid per man if we see this lot and get in the draw for the fourth round..."

So you amateurs, pick yourself a spy and station him outside t'other team's changing room. Because when you hear those words uttered, you know you've got 'em worried.

Good luck, to one and all.

Lokmotiv Moscow take on Leigh Centurions at the LSV during last year's third round.



Close encounter

Leigh Centurions and Barrow Raiders got things underway on Thursday night in front of the Sky cameras. The spoils were shared, with Mick Nany's last gasp penalty goal snatching a draw for the home side, bringing the curtain down on a match worthy of kicking off any competition. Jamie Rooney's early score had got Barrow off the mark but their lead lasted just 7 minutes; Stuart Donlan and Dave Alstead's quick-fire tries put Leigh in front and the score remained at 12-4 right up until half-time.

The Raiders were the quickest out of the traps after the break, racing over for three tries and building up what looked like being a decisive lead. The Centurions weren't done though, Donlan's second put Leigh right back in it and, when Barrow's Danny Halliwell picked up the ball in an off-side position, the stage was set for the evergreen Nany to slot over the goal leaving the two teams deadlocked.

In a replay of last week's thrilling Northern Rail Cup encounter, **Halifax** welcomed **Sheffield Eagles** with revenge on their minds. Two tries in five minutes for the visitors from Craig Cook and Ashley Thackeray put Sheffield into a 12-0 lead and though Mark Aston's men defended valiantly their guard was eventually broken on the half-hour mark. Rob Worrincy's fifth try of the season got 'Fax off the mark before Shad Royston's score minutes before half-time swallowed up the Eagles' advantage completely.

Menzie Yere's try almost straight from the restart restored Sheffield's lead before the Kumul centre's second and a Tangi Ropati penalty gave the visitors a 14 point cushion.

This seemed to spring the home side to life though, with Royston's second and third tries of the afternoon putting Matt Calland's men right back in it. With the game in the balance, tricky hooker Sean Penkywicz popped up to snatch



victory for the home side and send the Eagles home with just a point.

Dewsbury Rams could not have asked for a trickier start to life in the Championship trickier as strikes affected their opening round trip to face **Toulouse Olympique**. All flights to France were grounded meaning the Rams faced the prospect of a 14-hour coach trip to Stade de Minimes and the game put back to Sunday.

Things didn't improve for Dewsbury when, in the second minute, Rory Bromley crashed over to give the home side an early lead. The Rams responded well, Mike Emmett's try on 12 minutes drew the sides level before wing-man Vincent Duport restored the Frenchmen's advantage. Andy Bostock's effort six minutes later gave the Rams the lead for the second time, one that they held onto going into half-time.

Scott Turner's try within five minutes of the restart extended Dewsbury's advantage and the young centre added a second after Yossan Tisseyre had pulled one back for the hosts. That left the home side trailing by eight and, with time ticking away, it looked like the Rams would hold on.

Gilles Dumas' men were not beaten yet though. Bromley's second try with just over ten minutes left laid the platform for Sebastien Planas to scythe through and seal the win.

One of the division's form sides, **Batley Bulldogs**, travelled to Bigfellas Stadium to take on a **Featherstone Rovers** team that had produced some good performances over the last month but were lacking consistency. Few would have predicted the emphatic home win that followed.

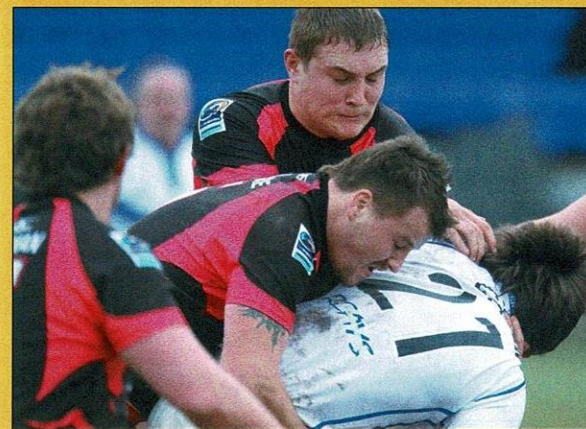
Ian Hardman got the ball rolling in the third minute before Matty Dale's tenth minute score gave the home side a cushion. Kris Welham and Jon Steel added tries just after the half-hour mark to make it 24-0 at the break and give Karl Harrison's men a mountain to climb.

The team talk appeared to have done the trick, Jason Walton's try two minutes in gave Batley hope but the home defence held firm and extinguished any chance of a Batley fight-back. Second scores from Jon Steel and Liam Welham put the game beyond the out-of-sorts Bulldogs, with Jonny Campbell's 7th try of the season in between providing little more than consolation.

Our Championship round-up finishes with **Widnes Vikings'** crushing victory over a **Keighley Cougars** side that travelled to the Halton Stadium full of confidence following three straight wins in the Northern Rail Cup.

It just wasn't the Cougars day though. Shane Grady led the way for the home side, grabbing a hat-trick and kicking 10 goals with opposite centre Dean Thompson also helping himself to a treble. Matt Gardner, Dave Allen, Liam Farrell, Thomas Coyle, Richard Varkulis, Anthony Thackeray and Scott Yates all got on the score-sheet for the rampant Vikings on a bad day at the office for Keighley boss Barry Eaton.

Tries from Gavin Duffy and Craig Moss were little consolation to a Cougars side that was well and truly outclassed by a stronger and faster set of players.



IN THE PINK ... joy for the new Welsh boys



The story of the weekend in Championship 1 was undoubtedly the embryonic **South Wales Scorpions'** narrow victory over **Workington Town**.

First half tries from Aled James, Steve Parry and Lee Williams had given the home side a comfortable half-time advantage and they extended their lead seven minutes into the second period when Williams crossed for his second. The Scorpions looked certain to coast to a debut victory over a Town side that just weren't at the races.

The final 30 minutes, however, belonged to the visitors. Aaron Low's try got the ball rolling before Neil Frazer's try five minutes later reignited the contest. Jamie Marshall crossed soon after before Andrew Beattie's try ten minutes from time levelled the scores.

Town will rue the missed conversion attempts, particularly when it was the boot of Lloyd White that proved to be the difference on the day.

His penalty in the closing stages ensuring a famous debut win.

Elsewhere in the division, **Oldham** recorded an impressive victory over **Swinton Lions**, with Kenyan winger Lucas Onyango posting a hat-trick, whilst prospective rivals for top spot **Hunslet Hawks** and **York City Knights** registered straightforward victories over **Gateshead Thunder** and **London Skolars** respectively.

For York, Lee Waterman continues to impress, scoring 20 of his side's 36 points against a much improved Skolars, while Hunslet's Wayne McHugh continues to rack up the points, crossing for his 6th try in four games and kicking six goals to take in personal points tally for the season past the half-century mark.

Finally, **Hornets RL** posted their first win of the season, toppling a struggling **Doncaster** side and crossing for 11 tries in the process. Danny Samuels, Dayne Donoghue (2), Wayne English, Craig Johnson and Bolu Fagborun gave the men from Spotland an unassailable advantage at the break, with Phil Wood, Paul Raftery, Dean Gorton (2) and Ste Roper piling on the misery for Tony Miller with tries after the restart. Braces from Jack Ely and Grant Edwards gave the travelling Dons fans something to cheer about but it was a day that most of them will be keen to forget.

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

Sheffield Eagles edged **Oldham** in a thrilling encounter at Sedgley Park in the first of two rearranged mid-week group ties. Tries from Sam Barlow (2), John Coleman and Peter Green kept the Eagles in the contest, with the boot of Coleman proving decisive.

Tries from Paul O' Connor, Mark Brocklehurst, Neil Roden and Lucas Onyango had threatened to cause an upset for the 'hosts' who led for most of the first half.

Braces from Jon Steel, Larsen Marabe and Jon Grayshon were enough to get **Featherstone Rovers** back to winning ways but probably won't be enough to ensure qualification for the next stage of the cup, despite out-playing an inexperienced **Hornets RL** side. Aaron Dobek, Ross Divorty, Ian Hardman, Kyle Briggs and Jesse Joe Nandy were also on the score-sheet for the home side with Dean Gorton and Wayne Corcoran striking back for Hornets.

Toulouse (10) 26
T: R Bromley 2, S Planas, V Duport, J Tisseyre. G: N Wynn 3
Dewsbury (12) 22
T: S Turner 2, M Emmett, A Bostock. G: P Walker 3. Att: 850

Widnes (34) 72
T: S Yates, R Varkulis, D Thompson 3, S Grady 3, M Gardner, A Thackeray, L Farrell, D Allen, T Coyle. G: S Grady 10,
Keighley (6) 10
T: C Moss, G Duffy 1, D Jones 1. Attendance: 2,777

Featherstone (24) 36
T: I Hardman 2, J Steel 2, L Welham, M Dale. G: K Briggs 6
Batley (0) 10
T: J Campbell, J Walton. G: G Moore 1. Att: 1,353

Halifax (12) 32
T: S Royston 3, R Worrincy, S Penkywicz. G: L Patterson 6
Sheffield (12) 26
T: A Thackeray, M Yere 2, C Cook. G: A Thackeray 1, T Ropati 1, M Stringer 3. Attendance: 2,139

Leigh (12) 20
T: S Donlan 2, D Alstead. G: M Nany 1, T Hartley 3
Barrow (6) 20
T: A Ballard, D Halliwell, J Rooney, C Young. G: Rooney 2. Att: 2,203

South Wales (16) 22
T: L Williams 2, A James, S Parry. G: L White 3
Workington (0) 20
T: A Beattie, A Low, N Frazer, J Marshall. G: S Kaighan 2. Att: 565

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Widnes	1	1	0	0	72	10	62	0	3
Featherstone	1	1	0	0	36	10	26	0	3
Halifax	1	1	0	0	32	26	6	0	3
Toulouse	1	1	0	0	26	22	4	0	3
Barrow	1	0	1	0	20	20	0	0	2
Leigh	1	0	1	0	20	20	0	0	2
Dewsbury	1	0	0	1	22	26	-4	1	1
Sheffield	1	0	0	1	26	32	-6	1	1
Whitehaven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batley	1	0	0	1	10	36	-26	0	0
Keighley*	1	0	0	1	10	72	-62	0	-9

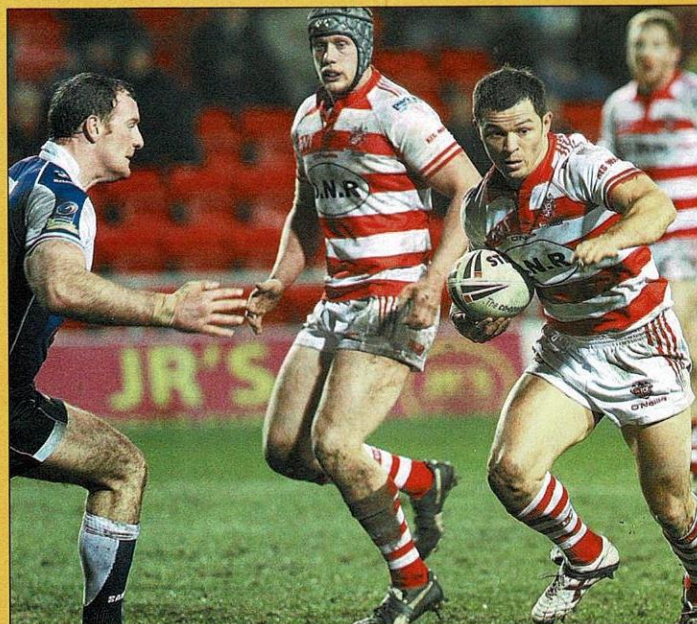
York (18) 36
T: D Ratcliffe, L Waterman 2, J Schofield, P Stamp, B Waller. G: Waterman 6
London Skolars (4) 8
T: J Cook 1, M Thomas 1. Attendance: 811

Rochdale (30) 56
T: W English, C Johnson, D Gorton 2, B Fagborun, S Roper, P Wood, P Raftery, D Samuels, D Donoghue 2. G: S Roper 6
Doncaster (6) 24
T: G Edwards 2, J Ely 2. G: Edwards 3, R Steen 1. Attendance: 412

Swinton (14) 20
T: D Hull, T Grundy, L Wingfield, P Joseph. G: G Dodd 2.
Oldham (16) 38
T: P O'Connor, L Onyango 3, M Roden, W Kerr, J Chandler. G: M Ashe 5. Attendance: 627

Hunslet (16) 40
T: S Kain 2, M Mark, W McHugh, P March, S Dooler, D March. G: W McHugh 6,
Gateshead (0) 12
T: J Brown, L Duffy. G: R Clarke 1, R Clarke 1. Att: 481

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	B	Pts
Hornets	1	1	0	0	56	24	32	0	3
Hunslet	1	1	0	0	40	12	28	0	3
York	1	1	0	0	36	8	28	0	3
Oldham	1	1	0	0	38	20	18	0	3
South Wales	1	1	0	0	22	20	2	0	3
Workington	1	0	0	1	20	22	-2	1	1
Blackpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swinton	1	0	0	1	20	38	-18	0	0
Gateshead	1	0	0	1	12	40	-28	0	0



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Darren Wilson	Nathan Mossop	19
Plastic Man	Danny Halliwell	20
Kev Hodgson	Chris Larkin	21
Plastic Man	Ruairi McGoff	22
	Jamie Butler	23
Tony Bayliff Carpets	Richard Fletcher	24

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No.	PLAYER
1	Gary McClelland
2	Chris Hartley
3	Mark Cunningham
4	Tony Swift
5	Scott Walker
6	Chris Peach
7	Arron Pratt
8	Paul Sebine
9	Jim Baker
10	Johnny Dawson
11	Omar Medhi
12	Amir Benatmane
13	Caldon Bravo
14	Karl Featherstone
15	Joe Howey
16	Ollie Graham
17	Jason Milner

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: STEVE McCORMACK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WW-WLWD

LAST SIX HOME: WWWLW-W

TRIES: Catic (4) Nixon (3)

GOALS: Rooney (12) Knowles (5)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Jamie Rooney

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Stokes

Touch: W Johnstone, K Povah

Reserve Referee: M Laing

THE INSIDE TRACK

"A long way for Warriors' big day, but no surprises - Raiders by 40"

COACH: DEAN SAMPSON

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND 1:

Heworth 0

Hunslet Warriors 56

ROUND 2:

Normanton Knights 8

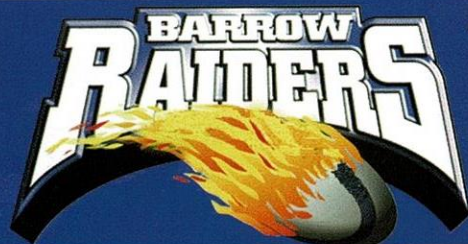
Hunslet Warriors 14

EXECUTIVE BOXES:

John Marshall

Tony Bayliff

Carefree Travel



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Barrow v Hunslet Warriors

Fantastic chance for our club to shine



Caldon Bravo in action for Hunslet Warriors in the 2009 Yorkshire Cup Final

There I was sat watching the draw on the RFL livestream nervously awaiting to see who we had drawn in the 3rd round, only to find that there was no sound. Typical.

However when we were told we had been drawn away to Barrow I can honestly say wow, what a fantastic opportunity for the Warriors to show the rugby world what is happening at our club.

The place and around the Hunslet area is buzzing and interest is high in this massive test that we are about face.

Unfortunately due to work commitments we were unable to travel up on the

Keith A Walker Hunslet Warriors Chairman

Saturday so it will be an early rise for the playing squad and committee, preparations will be focused now on the week prior making sure that Diesel's team is well prepared and focused on the job to come.

Dean Sampson has been meticulous with his preparations to date and has done a lot of homework on the Barrow team. The players can't wait to get stuck in now.

The Warriors have had a rough ride of late with the amateur hierarchy, our dedicated committee and secretary Paul Heath have been trying desperately to get us back into the National Conference League for the last three years, a tireless task with volumes of work going on unnoticed by the majority.

Our club is based on a community club running numerous junior teams and two open age teams, the clubhouse is going through refurbishment at present and offers some of the best facilities available at amateur level.

Warriors coach Dean Sampson has been doing his homework on Barrow



This means so much to us as a club and I'm sure if you ask your coach Steve McCormack he will remember us from when he was in charge of Widnes and this team, tell him, is even better equipped for the job this time around.

Obviously our reward for getting this far in the competition has its financial rewards as well as the glory and this will be put to good use developing the club to ensure that the Warriors go from strength to strength in the future.

We have three junior teams in Yorkshire Cup finals this year, our first team is flying high at present in all competitions, in the National Cup particularly knocking out three N.C.L. teams in the process.

We are still topping the Ravensport tough tackle trophy for the first two phases with an average of 5.5 points scored against. We have built this year's success on defence as the main platform.

Our support home and away is massive and very vocal so watch out Barrow because the Warrior band wagon is coming to town.

Thanks,

Keith

Batley Bulldogs v Leeds Met



Sunday March 7, 2010. Kick off 2pm. MOUNT PLEASANT

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Hopkins Family.....	Ian Preece	1
Leyland Paints.....	Lee Greenwood	2
Batley Rock'n Roll.....	Mark Barlow	3
Stephen & Mandy Fletcher.....	Danny Maun	4
Gary Tingle & Lorraine Richardson.....	Johnny Campbell	5
Brian Hooley.....	Paul Handforth	6
Batley Nash.....	Gareth Moore	7
Study Centre.....	Byron Smith	8
Benson Family.....	Kris Lythe	9
Mick Lockton.....	Sean Hesketh	10
Eddie Toronczak & Family.....	Tommy Gallagher	11
George & Mary Gomersall.....	Mark Toohey	12
Amy Fletcher.....	Ash Lindsay	13
Hick Funeral.....	John Gallagher	14
	Anthony Henderson	15
Paul & Dianne Goodhall.....	John Simpson	16
Johnstone Paints.....	Craig Potter	17
Tracey Grundell & Katie Penn.....	Jack Watson	18
Tracey & Brian Winner.....	Eddie Kilroy	19
Cellar Bar.....	Dave Toothill	20
Mary Hughes.....	James Martin	21
	Josh Griffin	22
RSM Carriers.....	Chris Buttery	23
	Alex Brown	24
	Kyle Wood	25
		26
Paul Hinchcliffe.....	Jason Walton	27
Peter's Foods.....	Waterboy	

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SQUAD
 Ashley Huck
 Vinny Finegan
 Nick Walker
 John Paxton
 Jack Samson
 Ja-Mel Coleman
 Nigel Slott
 Mat Garbutt (Captain)
 Scott Ellam
 Adam Scott
 Jason Hart
 Kristian Duncan
 Steve Gibbons
 Mark Wool
 Scott Ellam
 Chris Clarke
 Danny Vento
 Ben Parker

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: KARL HARRISON

COACH: PAUL COOK

LAST SIX RESULTS: WW-DWWL
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLW-DW
 TRIES: Campbell (7) Preece, Greenwood (3)
 GOALS: Moore (18)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Paul Handforth

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: J Leahy
 Touch: C Hancock, D McNeice
 Reserve Referee: B Robinson

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Mature students still have lessons to learn. Batley by 40."

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND ONE:
 Leeds Metropolitan University 28
 Loughborough University 4
 ROUND TWO:
 British Police 18
 Leeds Metropolitan University 50

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CLUBCALL

Batley v Leeds Met

Paul will have students ready, we're on our guard

Karl Harrison
Head Coach

I would like to welcome everybody from the Leeds Met to the Mount today for this historic encounter between the two teams.

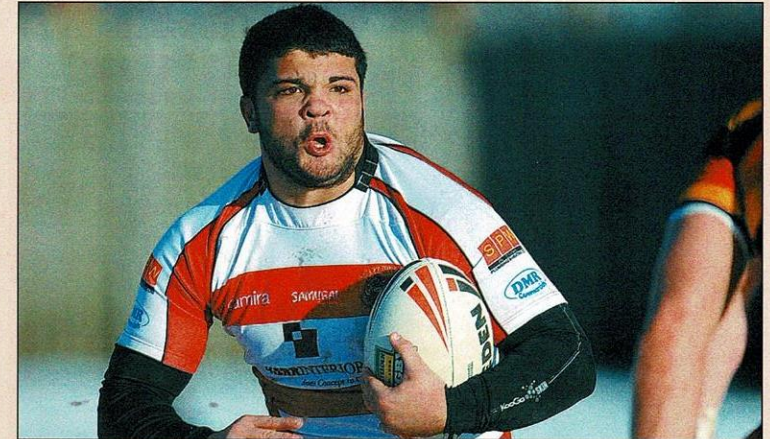
I must make a special mention to the Leeds Met manager, Paul Fletcher who is the tightest man involved in Rugby League; in fact he is probably the tightest man I know.

Paul was a great player in his heyday playing for the Leeds RLFC. He was a big robust strike centre who played the game as it should be played, tough, aggressive but extremely fair.

I first came across Paul when I started out in my professional rugby league career; he was the captain of Bramley when I signed in 1982 for the Villagers. He is a great man, somebody who I have always respected and will call a friend.

After last week's performance at Featherstone we have had a few heart to hearts and hopefully we have put Humpty Dumpty back together again, which will put us back on track for our league campaign. Last weekend was a poor performance for us and I would say it was very unlike us.

As a team we have made ourselves very hard to play against and always play tough defence but at Featherstone last



Jason Walton scored a try after coming on as a substitute against Featherstone Rovers

week we were well beaten in all departments of the game and the scoreline shows that. We will not panic; we will just work hard and turn the result around, but today is all about the Challenge Cup, a great cup competition that has been sadly overlooked in the last few years because of the concept of Super League and the Grand Final.

The Challenge Cup always brings out strange results and giant killing performances and we will have to be on our guard today against a very well coached, well disciplined team who have set the

standards for all the other student teams in their competition.

The Challenge Cup is also another opportunity the club can earn revenue from in what are extremely difficult times by playing against one of the big teams further down the line.

So all the best to Leeds Met today in what promises to be a great game and hopefully we can as a team get back on the horse and ride it to victory.

Enjoy the game

Rhino

University game on a learning curve

THIRTY years ago yours truly donned a Manchester University shirt to play rugby league on Wednesdays and some Saturdays against other universities including Leeds. To say that I was better at the Law than rugby league is an understatement but relatively we had a decent team although at the time Sheffield and Liverpool were probably the best teams.

Some Batley supporters may know my lifelong friend Mick Lyons who at the time played for Sheffield and England Universities.

It was when we played Sheffield that I suffered an injury to my nose which ruined

my good looks and is still visible for all to see.

I could say it was sustained in the process of scoring the winning try but that would be economical with the truth or I could say that the horrendous injury occurred anytime during the game but I would have to go to confession, so let's just leave it at 'what goes on tour stays on tour'.

We never had the opportunity to play in a Challenge Cup tie but had that opportunity come along I would have relished it – but I fear against a semi-professional club they would have had to declare at half time.

During the following 30

years the progress in the student game in terms of standards and in terms of increased participation is a credit to all concerned which is why we today welcome Leeds Met to Mount Pleasant.

At Rugby League Council, by the way, the student rugby league is represented by David Oxley who loves the game and is a magnificent ambassador for our sport in high places.

Also on Thursday the Oxford v Cambridge match was televised and in my Presidential year I was privileged to go to that game which was an eye opener for the guest list at the pre-match meal with very impressive sponsors, which

we at Batley would kill for.

Yes, student rugby league is healthy and Leeds Met comprise the elite of university sports people so let's hope we all enjoy today's experience and one of us takes one step nearer to Wembley, everybody is entitled to dream.

Finally a big thank you to our shareholders and Vice Presidents who have supported today's opening of the Bryan Cooney suite. Hopefully they will enjoy themselves and recommend the experience to others for future matches.

Kevin Nicholas
Chairman



Doncaster RLFC v Siddal



Saturday March 6, 2010. Kick off 2pm. THE KEEPMOAT STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Tommy Griffiths	1
	Aaron Henry	2
Sue Wilford.....	Lee Gomersall	3
Dons Supporters Club.....	Shaun Leaf	4
	Ben Collins	5
Fullefex Security.....	Simon Brown	6
	Craig Fawcett	7
	Scott Johnson	8
	Paul Brown	9
P. Bird, France.....	David Bates	10
	Liam Brown	11
AY Logistics Services Ltd.....	Ryan Steen	12
	Grant Edwards	13
	Jake Bassinder	14
	Danny Stanley	15
	Paul Shaw	16
	Jarryn Osborne	17
	Jonathan Winter	18
	Garry Ellery	19
	Jack Ely	20
	Scott Howlett	21
	Scott Wilson	22
	Craig Lawton	23
	Jamie Bovill	24

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S. Cale
S. Blackburn
A. Bowman
C. Marsh
G. Blackburn
S. Garrod
L. Gudor
B. Kendall
S. McCormack
A. Senior
J. Simeunovich
N. Smith
L. Simeunovich
S. Hoyle
S. Proctor
A. Leek
M. Boothroyd
L. Garnett
J. Wrigley
B. Attwood

SCORERS

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COACH: TONY MILLER

COACH: LEE GREENWOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: LL-LLLL

LAST SIX HOME: LLLLLL

TRIES: Wilson (2)

GOALS: Fawcett (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Scott Wilson

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Laughton
Touch: M Beadle, L Fellows
Reserve Referee: D Butler

THE INSIDE TRACK

"An upset could be on the cards but
Dons should squeeze through by 4"

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND ONE:
Saddleworth Rangers 8
Siddal 22
ROUND TWO:
Siddal 34
Oulton Raiders 30

CLUBCALL

Doncaster v Siddal

Injuries have hit our squad hard

Carl Hall Chief Executive Officer

I would like to welcome Siddal to the Keepmoat today for what is a massive game for the Siddal club. It has been a pleasure dealing with Paul McCormack already re. all the arrangements and by all accounts you will be bringing a good few supporters with you - hope you all enjoy your day.

On our side we must have killed a robin or something as we are not having too much luck on the injury front.

We have lost Grant Edwards for six weeks with knee injury, Craig Fawcett has had an op on his finger and new signing Nathan Anderson has done his hamstring.

All these were picked up last week at Rochdale which was not a good day at the office and certainly a result we didn't see coming as we were all confident going into this game, supporters included.

We let ourselves down badly and need to get back on the horse and play with some pride and passion for this club.

For our next home game against South Wales we have got some Five-Tastic tickets available in the office. The Rovers and Knights are nearing the end of their respective seasons and these are taster vouchers which, for just £5 admits 1 adult and 1 kid into this game. If you need any of these vouchers call the office on 01302 765 888.

"COME ON U DONS."

Carl



Jamie Bovill is back at the Dons and was in good form at Rochdale

WELCOME to Siddal for today's Canegie Challenge Cup encounter.

Siddal will be coming to the Keepmoat full of enthusiasm and trying to cause an upset.

We must match their desire and defend a lot better than we have of late. Our forwards were good against Barrow and Rochdale, it has been our outside backs who have been weak defensively.

We will be working hard to rectify this and there will be changes this week.

We have competition for places and if players continually under perform then they won't be playing, they have to work hard week in week out for both themselves and the team to improve.

It has been good to have Jamie Bovill back. He was our best player against Rochdale and Scott Johnson had a good 30 minutes and looked strong and will prove to be a big crowd favourite.

Today we should welcome Simon Brown back along with Craig Lawton. We have missed both these players and it will give the team a lift.

On the downside we have lost both Craig Fawcett and Grant Edwards to injury and both will be out for lengthy spells.

Thanks for your support as always.

Tony Miller
Head Coach



Drighlington v



Dewsbury Rams

Sunday March 7, 2010. Kick off 3.15pm. THE TETLEY'S STADIUM

SQUAD	
Dave Patterson	1
Tom Moorby	2
Alex Bedford	3
Andrew Jackson	4
Sean Coughlan	5
Michael Sanderson	6
Ryan Jackson	7
Andrew Jarrett	8
Sam Pickles	9
Andrew Brearley	10
Luke Pennington	11
Lee Mulhern	12
Ryan Burton	13
Kevin Doyle	14
Liam Coughlan	15
Andrew Kilbride	16
John Gallagher	17
Chris Dyson	18
Owen Buckley	19
Steven Macintyre	20

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No.	PLAYER
1	Lee Lingard.....John & Gwen Sawyer
2	James Haynes.....Sue Walford
3	Stewart Sanderson.....The West Riding
4	Rob Lunt.....Mr & Mrs Humphrey
5	Andrew Tillotson
6	Ryan Smith
7	Tom Wandless
8	Dominic Brambani.....John Calvert
9	Mike Emmett.....Lesley & Lily Whittaker
10	Scott Turner
11	Adam Robinson.....Matthew Dudding
12	Scott Watson
13	Pat Walker.....Mount Tabor Church
14	Luke Stenchion.....Tony & Mary Diskin
15	Bryn Powell.....Sam & Peggy Hill
16	Austin Buchanan.....Dewsbury Rams Study Centre
17	Alex Bretherton.....The Buzz Room
18	Chris Spurr.....Dewsbury Central Station Public House
19	Adam Hayes.....Elaine and Peter Holyoake
20	Rob Spicer.....Jack Addy & Pat Hayward
21	Andrew Bostock.....The Grayson Family
22	Kane Epati.....Viv Calvert
23	Keegan Hirst.....Peter Brooke & David Kirby
24	Anthony England.....Phil & Rhoda Andruchow
25	James Lockwood
26	Ayden Faal.....The Three G's
27	Allister McMaster
28	Liam Crawley
29	Danny Richardson
30	Luke Menzies.....BW Print
31	Josh Tonks
32	Martin Woodhead
33	James Walker
34	Matthew Tebb
35	Sam Dalby
36	Paul Hughes
37	Luke Blake

COACH: CHRIS BURTON

COACH: WARREN JOWITT

PREVIOUS RESULTS

PRELIMINARY ROUND:
Waterhead 10, Drighlington 32

ROUND ONE:
Drighlington 26, West Hull 10

ROUND TWO:
Drighlington 24, Lock Lane 18

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D.Merrick
Touch: M.Leach, S.Moss
Reserve Referee: N.Darbyshire

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Drig lads will be fired up with great support but Rams by 28"

LAST SIX RESULTS: WW-WLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: WWW-LWL

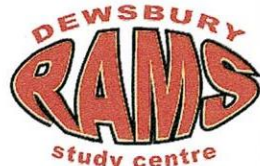
TRIES: Turner (5) Bostock (3)

GOALS: P Walker (10)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Adam Hayes

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CLUBCALL

Drighlington v Dewsbury

It's been a long hard journey but worth it

A big thanks to all involved at Drighlington and Dewsbury who have been working hard behind the scenes to make today a successful day. Drigh's Challenge Cup journey began when arch rivals Sharlston Rovers did us a rare favour beating Hunslet Old Boys in the Yorkshire Cup final at Featherstone (the only time I've seen Drigh lads cheering for Sharlston!) The win put us in the hat for the preliminary round draw.

The draw gave us an away trip to Waterhead in Oldham, a division two Conference side. After several postponements due to the snow we finally played on 23 January. The team were on fire that day and scored five tries in the first quarter running away worthy 32-10 winners.

Round 1 provided a visit from Conference Premier side West Hull. The game only went ahead after neighbours Birstall Victoria offered their pitch two hours before kick off as Drigh's pitch was unplayable. This generous gesture ensured the tie went ahead.

West Hull scored first but Drigh responded with a resolute and solid defence. Drigh played some of their best rugby so far this season and scored 24 points to seal a convincing 26-10 victory. Round 2 opponents were Castleford



Drighlington's Lee Mulhern dives for the try line

Lock Lane a division two Conference side. As expected this was a tough physical encounter, it was nip and tuck throughout the game. The lead changed hands several times before Drigh finally pulled away to cement a hard earned 24-18 win.

That brings us to today's game and Round 3. Here we are preparing to take on Dewsbury Rams in what for us is our Cup Final, despite being seen as the underdogs we are determined to com-

pete and enjoy the occasion.

I am extremely proud of what the team have achieved so far in the competition. I know that when the players pull on the Drigh shirt and walk out today they will play with the pride, passion and commitment that has got them here.

Lets all enjoy the day.

Chris Burton
Head Coach

Standards on rise in amateur leagues

ONCE again a local amateur team finds itself up against the professionals in the magic of the Challenge Cup.

It seems to be happening more and more as little regional teams battle through against all the odds to pit themselves in the spotlight of the professional arena and sometimes there have been shocks as the standard of rugby has surprised all the usual pundit.

Drighlington have reached this round on two occasions now, the first pro club they played was Featherstone Rovers in the 3rd round in 2006 at Post Office Road and they acquitted themselves admirably, losing 12-10 at half time but eventually going down to a 50 point scoreline.

We aim to better that performance today and to give the supporters a great day out and something to talk about in the months and years to come.

The Drighlington squad are local lads

most of whom have come up through the junior and youth ranks and are at the top of the league but with little chance of progressing into the higher divisions of the National Conference Leagues due to the lack of pitch facilities near our club.

Rugby league can be a very snobbish game, especially when facilities overcome playing ability when applications are assessed for Conference rugby. Drigh have proved year upon year that they can compete with NCL sides as their BARLA National Cup and Challenge Cup exploits have shown and we shall continue to improve and the committee are trying extremely hard to find facilities which will match our abilities on the field of play.

The weather has not been kind to rugby league this season with much of December and the whole of January being horrendous and games have been

postponed and fitted in as best as possible. Drigh can only thank neighbours Birstall Victoria for allowing us to use their pitch on two occasions for Challenge Cup matches due to the fields at Drighlington being waterlogged and the rest of the season will now be hectic as we try to fit in all the postponed league games before the end of April

Today's game, however, will be a cracker and Drigh's travelling support will be behind the lads as they attempt to overcome the odds. No matter what happens we will be richer and wiser for the experience and will strive to compete at higher levels in the years to come for both the players and supporters sakes. Good luck to all and have a great day out.

Geoff Hillier
Chairman, Drighlington

Featherstone Rovers



v Workington Town

Sunday March 6, 2010. Kick off 3pm. BIGFELLAS STADIUM

PLAYER	No.
Ian Hardman	1
Tommy Saxton	2
Sam Smeaton	3
Liam Welham	4
Jon Steel	5
Kyle Briggs	6
Andy Kain	7
Iain Morrison	8
Liam Finn	9
Stuart Dickens	10
Matty Dale	11
Jon Grayshon	12
Jamie Field	13
Danny Allan	14
Jessie Joe Nandy	15
Dane Manning	16
Tony Tonks	17
Tim Spears	18
Ross Divorty	19
Tommy Lynch	20
Michael Coady	21
Jack Lee	22
Jodie Sheriffe	23
Larsen Marabe	24
Gareth Swift	25
Zak Hardaker	26
Aaron Dobek	27
Thomas Carr	28
Gareth Williamson	29

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No.	PLAYER
1	John Lebbon
2	Mike Backhouse
3	Andrew Beattie
4	James Finch
5	Brett Carter
6	Liam Finch
7	Scott Kaighan
8	Lee Dutton
9	Jack Pedley
10	Kris Coward
11	Mike Whitehead
12	Jarrad Stack
13	Darren King
14	Jamie Marshall
15	Aaron Low
16	Scott Burgess
17	Neil Frazer
18	Martin Wilson
19	Joe McKenna
20	James Robinson
21	Paddy Coupar
22	Ryan Campbell
23	Phil Hewitt
24	Dean Bragg
25	Stewart Rhodes

SPONSOR

COACH: DARYL POWELL

LAST SIX RESULTS: WL-DLWW

LAST SIX HOME: WLL-DWW

TRIES: Welham (3)

GOALS: Briggs (2)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Ian Hardman

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M Thomason
 Touch: R Dolan, M Mannifield
 Reserve Referee: D Griffiths

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Rovers are on song and should progress - Fev by 22"

COACH: GARY CHARLTON/
 MARTIN OGLANBY

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-LWLWL

LAST SIX AWAY: WLL-WLL

TRIES: Scott Kaighan (3)

GOALS: Kaighan (14)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Scott Kaighan



CLUBCALL

Featherstone v Workington

We're making excellent progress in our work

Life's generally not about what has just happened, it's about what you do next, in a sporting context it's about your next challenge.

Since our game against Leigh we have responded outstandingly well as a group and our two performances against Rochdale and Batley were of a high quality in challenging conditions to say the least.

Defensively we were tough and resilient in both games, we were also consistent in our application to both of those qualities and just allowed both teams into double figures which will always give you a great chance of winning games.

Ryan Sheridan has been excellent in his work with the players from a defensive point of view, he has a great eye for detail and his consistency in his delivery has helped to instil the same attributes in our players.

We have also looked fit and athletic in these two games showing what a fine job Dave Downs has done during the pre and early season preparation phases.

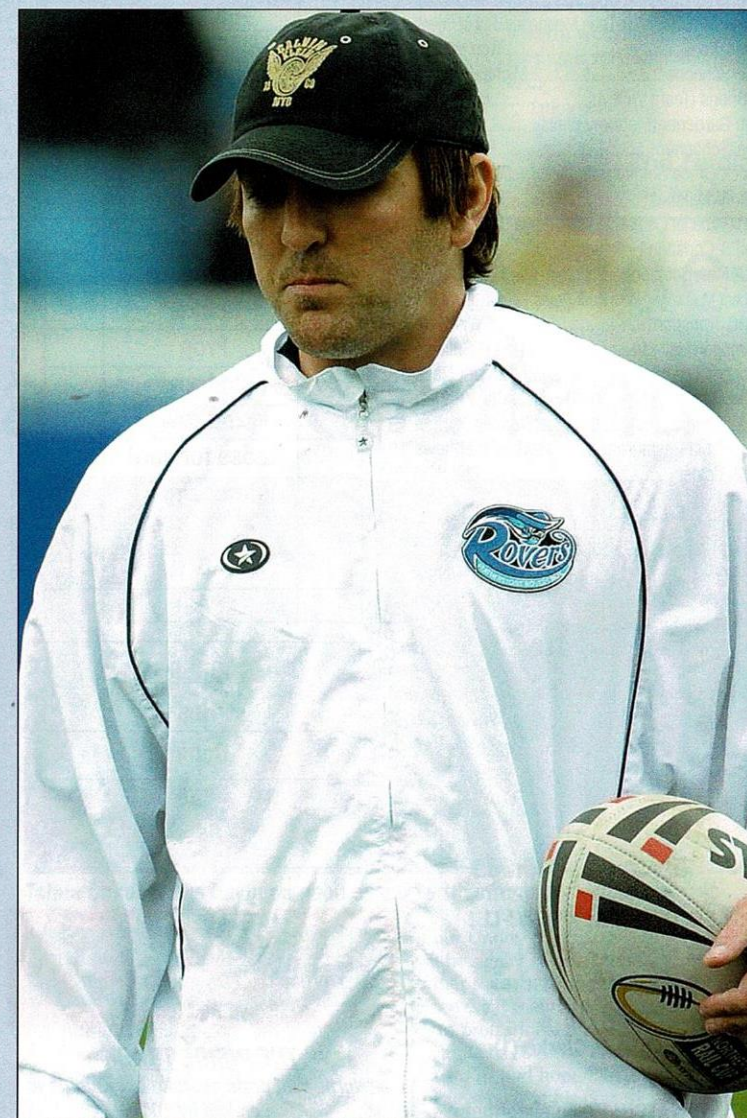
Our squad has been challenged massively during these last two weeks with four games in a short space of time, these notes are being written before our game against Hunslet where some of our younger players will have showed where they are at in their development.

Zak Hardaker, Tom Carr, and Gareth Williamson will hopefully have enhanced their reputations in what will have been a challenging game for us. Our Papua new Guinea recruits will also have started the game and Lason and Jessie are getting to grips with our competition and the winter conditions worse than we have seen in many a year, they are both growing as players and I am confident that they will add a huge amount to the team during the season.

Today with our Challenge Cup game we are starting in our third competition in the space of a week which is a bit bizarre but we are taking one game at a time and we face a tough game today against a Workington team who recently beat Whitehaven in the Northern Rail Cup.

They are a team with a long history in the game although they have had some tough times recently they will be confident of a strong performance today.

Cumbria is a strong area for our game and the amount of quality players who have come through the junior ranks is



Ryan Sheridan ... great work on defensive detail

massive. There is always a debate about how the game should be developed in our northern-most enclave of Rugby League and it makes sense to me that it should contain a single Super League club, although I understand the difficulty in pulling all the parties together.

I wish Workington all the best in their league campaign and welcome them to

the Bigfellas stadium today

We are looking forward to driving the standard of our game forward today, enjoy the game and make some noise.

Daryl Powell
 Head Coach



Gateshead Thunder v



MATCH SPONSOR: Hilton Newcastle Gateshead
MAN OF THE MATCH: North-East Rugby League
MATCHBALL: Gateshead College

York City Knights

Saturday March 6, 2010. Kick off 1.30pm. GATESHEAD INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Querido & Davidson Opticians.....	Kevin Neighbour	1
Lorne Campbell/MoreThan Mortgages.....	Robin Peers	2
Dean Taxis.....	Tom Wilson	3
The Schooner.....	Michael Brown	4
O'Briens (Team Valley).....	Joe Brown	5
Rob Gardener (Matthew Wells).....	Liam Duffy	6
The Schooner.....	Rod Attard	7
Brack Office Solutions.....	Jason Payne	8
The Wheatsheaf.....	Ryan Clarke	9
Rob Gardener (James Wells).....	Tabua Cakacaka Foe	10
Neil & Christine Hutchinson.....	Johnny Scott	11
CLA Risk Solutions.....	Rhys Clarke	12
Accent Magazine/North East Times.....	Matt Barron	13
GMC Transport.....	Will Bate	14
Sampson Hall Ltd.....	Dan O'Sullivan	15
Monitor Coatings.....	Mark Dack	16
John Bloomfield IFA.....	Chris Parker	17
Peters Pies.....	Stephen Welton	18
La Gabbia Restaurant.....	Crawford Matthews	19
ERW Joinery.....	Phil Wall	20
Gateshead Fit for a City.....	James Hall	21
Gateshead College.....	Rob Harvey	22
Hilton Newcastle Gateshead.....	Karl Brandt	23
IT Guide.....	Mark Walker	24
Back Group.....	Gareth Barron	25
St Wilfrid's School.....	David Cash	26
Go Beyond Training/Peterlee Pumas.....	Luke Watson	27
NHS.....	Jason Elliott	28
North-East Rugby League.....	Jimmy Atkinson	29
Jordan Engineering.....	Richie Humphries	30
Evening Chronicle Sunshine Fund.....	Matt Garside	31
Newcastle Gateshead Initiative.....	Ade Aderiye	32
Gateshead Football Club.....	Richard Lopag	33

COACH: CHRIS HOOD

LAST SIX RESULTS: WWWW-LL
LAST SIX HOME: LWWDW-L
TRIES: Peers, Wilson, Clarke, Cakacaka, Brown (1)
GOALS: Neighbour, Clarke (1)
DROP GOALS: -
MAN TO WATCH: Kevin Neighbour

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Halloran
Touch: C Dean, J Downham
Reserve Referee: TBC

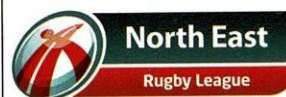
THE INSIDE TRACK

"North-east pride at stake but Knights to prevail by 10"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Danny Ratcliffe.....	The Raylor Centre
2	Wayne Reittie.....	Smith Wilson
3	Mike Mitchell.....	Marica Watson
4	Lee Waterman.....	Ken Walker & Co Accounting
5	Tom Lineham	
6	Chris Thorman.....	R U Sure Referee R U Sure
7	Jonathan Schofield.....	Brian Watson
8	Mark Applegarth.....	Millers Famous Fish & Chips
9	Joe McLocklan.....	The Insurance Partnership
10	Alex Benson.....	Cueball Snooker Club
11	Jordan Ross.....	ASL Specialist Garage Equipment
12	Chris Clough.....	Michaela Harper & Daniel Peace
13	Richard Blakeway.....	Chris Heardt
14	Ian Bell.....	Stabler International
15	Luke Hardbottle.....	North Yorkshire Motors
16	Carl Barrow	
17	Nathan Freer.....	Monk Bar Model Shop
18	Matthew Duckworth	
19	Kris Peacock	
20	Chris Williams.....	Clare & Steve Harbron
21	Aidie Hampshire	
22	Tom Stancliffe	
23	Luke Helliwell	
24	Dan Walton	
25	Brett Waller.....	Hull Resin Floors
	Casey Bromilow.....	Balls'n All
	Jon Fallon.....	Pam & Martin Calvert
	Joe Dey.....	John Barron Plastering
	Dañ Wilson.....	Novotel York Centre
	Eddie Smith.....	Simon Gill
	Paul Stamp.....	Stabler International
	Jy Mel Coleman.....	The Security Group
	Danny Hill, Danny Bell, Chris Clarke, Steve Lewis, Mark Falkingham	

ACTING COACH: CHRIS THORMAN

LAST SIX RESULTS: LL-WLWW
LAST SIX AWAY: LWLW-LW
TRIES: Waterman (4) Mitchell, Waller (2)
GOALS: Waterman (7)
DROP GOALS: Thorman (1)
MAN TO WATCH: Joe McLocklan



CLUBCALL

Gateshead v York

Can't beat magic of Cup 'derby'

IN reaching the Quarter Final of the 2009 Challenge Cup, Gateshead Thunder recorded their most successful campaign ever in a competition that has been played since 1897 - the final has been played at Wembley since 1929.

Coming up against St Helens in the Quarter Final, then the holders, was a blow to our ambitions to reach that August showpiece but it was a fantastic Saturday in May, at which we recorded our high-

est attendance since the Super League days. It was a really enjoyable journey and the excitement in the camp and amongst the fans showed the magic of this competition.

We hope to continue to add to the magic of the competition today and I'm sure both teams will be seeking to make the 4th round draw.

Our club captain in 2009 was Neil Thorman, who is now enjoying his rugby league in the south of France, playing for Avignon. But we are

delighted to welcome Neil's brother, Chris Thorman, to Gateshead International Stadium.

After spells in Australia and Super League, Chris is now playing for and coaching York City Knights and we look forward to locking horns with Chris and his colleagues three times in 2010.

York are our closest professional rugby league club. Whilst 100 miles might mean it is not really a local derby I am sure both teams will

approach it in the manner you would expect from that level of contest: determined to win but respectful of our opponents.

On behalf of the Thunder Family I would like to extend a warm welcome to the York fans, directors, staff and players.

Enjoy the game.

Rod Findlay
Chairman

Schoolmate's York side will be a real challenge

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Thunder's first game in the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup against York City Knights. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the City Knights players, officials and fans to Gateshead Stadium.

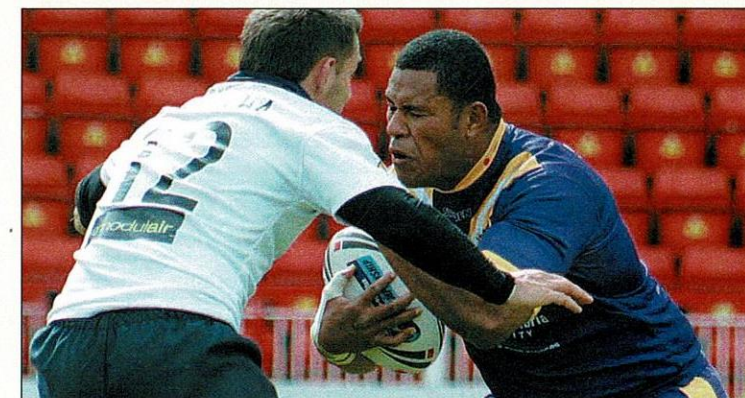
It also pleases me to welcome Chris Thorman 'back home'. Chris and I grew up together, and were in the same year group in school at Western Middle School in Wallsend. I didn't think we'd be where we are now fella!

York are a passionate club with a great fan base, and they have made some very astute signings this year, none more than Chris. They have had some tidy performances recently, namely against London Skolars and away at Leigh Centurions in the Northern Rail Cup, so I know we'll have to be at our best today.

This weekend gives us a very early break from the league. Our opening game was away at Hunslet where I personally feel we played the best football we have all season. We dominated the first and last 20 minutes, and we looked like the team that are 2/1 favourites to win the league.

However, Hunslet showed their class and got us with a couple of sucker punches at the end of each half. What was pleasing was although the score went against us, all the players knew we lost the game instead of Hunslet losing it.

This is another stage in our development as a team in this competition. We had nine born and bred North Easterners in that squad, and only 4 of the players



Tabua Cakacaka is having a good season with strong performances

Chris Hood Director of Rugby

live outside of the region. Ten of the 17 man squad are new to the club. For us all to be happy with that performance and know within ourselves that the score flattered our opponents - the league title favourites - at such an early stage for us bodes well for the future.

A special mention also needs to go to two players who are at either end of the Gateshead Thunder spectrum - Reece Young and Tabua Cakacaka. Reece signed at the end of February and has impressed already. He had a cracking 25 minutes spell on debut at Hunslet and is the first of many future stars coming out

of our Under 18 programme. Four more will be signing within the month, with a further seven trialing over the near future to see what their transition from Under-18 to professional is like.

Tabua has been with the club for five years now and hopefully for a lot longer. I believe he is at his best this season and it has showed in his performances. He is also giving so much of his valuable advice to our Under-18s on a daily basis.

I believe for the first time we have the right equation at Thunder - a first team philosophy emphasising preparation and a lack of individual ego + a positive and productive youth performance system = long-term, sustainable success for the whole club.

See you at the game.



Hornets RL v FC Lézignan-Corbières



Sunday March 7th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. SPOTLAND

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Azteq Safety.....	Craig Johnson	1
The Three B's.....	Andy Saywell	2
Lion Springs.....	Dean Gorton	3
Waldorf Business Services.....	Adam Bowman	4
SG Mortgage Solutions.....	Bolu Fagborun	5
Brian & Irene Edwards.....	Dale Bloomfield	6
Dave & Sue Butterworth.....	Steven Roper	7
Grant & Dougie McEndoo.....	Gareth Hayes	8
	Phil Wood	9
	Paul Raftery	10
	Mark Hobson	11
	Danny Smith	12
Heywood Magic Market.....	Craig Ashall	13
	Liam Bostock	14
	Dayne Donoghue	15
Stephen Holt.....	Danny Samuel	16
	Michael Ostick	17
	John Cookson	18
	Ryan McPaul	19
	Semisi Cocker	20
	Jay Duffy	21
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	Wayne Corcoran	23
	Paul Crook	24
	Andy Hore	25
	Andy Taylor	26
	Craig Tunstead	27
	Chris Hough	28
	Ryan Powell	29
	Dean Hatton	30
	Adam Wayne	31
	Wayne English	32

**Match
Sponsor:
CHALKERS**

COACH: JOHN STANKEVITCH

LAST SIX RESULTS: W-LLLLW

LAST SIX HOME: LLW-LLW

TRIES: Samuel (2)

GOALS: Roper (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Phil Wood

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SQUAD

Thibault Ancely
Damien Aussaguel
Chris Beattie
Aurelien Bourrel
Julien Bousquet
Cedric Bringuier
Charly Clottes
Aurelien Cologni
Tony Duggan
Adel Fellous
Luke Hession
Olivier Janzac
Cedric Lacans
Philippe Laurent
Jordi Lignieres
Nicolas Minessi
Vincent Michau
Jye Mullane
Nicolas Munoz
Pierre Negre
Nicolas Piquemal
Fabien Poggi
Damien Quinn
Florian Quintilla
David Romero
Franck Rovira
Mickael Tribillac
James Wynne

COACH: JAMES WYNNE

CHAMPIONNAT LEAGUE TABLE

FC Lézignan	13	12	0	1	37
SM Pia	11	8	0	3	27
AS Carcassonne	11	8	0	3	27
Limoux	12	7	0	5	26
Villeneuve	13	5	1	7	24
St Estève Catalan	12	4	0	8	20
RC Carpentras	11	4	0	7	19
SO Avignon	11	3	1	7	18
RC St Gaudens	12	1	0	11	14

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: R Hicks
Touch: S Kilpatrick, R Webb
Reserve Referee: G Jones

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Lezignan are a very tough prospect -
French raiders by 6"

We're with the Hornets!

CHALKERS

O'NEILLS



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THE WHEATSHEAF
SHOPPING CENTRE ROCHDALE



CLUBCALL

Hornets RL v Lezignan

Team spirit key to toppling favourites

**John Stankevitch
Head Coach**



Winger Bolu Fagborun who scored a try in the 56-24 win over Doncaster

Last week saw us produce some entertaining rugby on our way to victory over Doncaster, and as I've said before, I have a vision of how I'd like us to play this season, and last Sunday was a great starting point.

I am now looking for the players to build on the positives and improve the negatives and I've no doubt that we will continue to improve.

There will be good days and not so good days along the way and 2010 will certainly throw us some very tough tests. None more than today's opponents from Lezignan.

Being the current French champions will certainly make them the favourites for our fixture and as a group at the Hornets, we are comfortable with that.

We have a dogged and determined group, with a fantastic team spirit and work ethic and there is a steely hunger to turn some of the 'so called' stronger teams over.

Lezignan will bring over a very competitive squad, and we will be looking to make them feel very welcome by giving them as many opportunities as possible to stand behind their own posts and look at the facilities that Rochdale has to offer!

The players are very excited about the challenge that we will face and first and foremost we will look to enjoy the occasion.

It would be great to qualify for the next stage but we are conscious of the fact that we must do the basics correctly and play with enthusiasm in order to break down what I expect to be a typical French team with big aggressive forwards who will look to 'make things messy'.

The Challenge Cup has a fantastic tradition and as a player I was lucky enough to be involved in three finals whilst at St Helens and it would be great if the players could get the opportunity to play

against one of the Super League teams in further rounds and test themselves in a BBC televised game.

But, we have a job to do today and we won't be looking any further than the French.

We certainly won't be backing down from any challenge and will meet fire with fire.

Stanky

Lezignan are a team on form

A VERY warm Welcome to FC Lezignan for this Carnegie Challenge Cup third round fixture at Spotland.

We come into this game with a fantastic result against Doncaster which has given Stanky and the lads some much needed confidence following some indifferent results in the Northern Rail Cup.

FC Lezignan arrive at Spotland with some impressive statistics. They have been French Champions for the last two years, French Grand Finalists for the last three years, current Lord Derby Cup semi finalists and have only lost one game this season in the French Elite One division. That said, we should be in for a fantastic game of rugby league.

Off the pitch, things seem to be settling down and we are looking forward to welcoming all our new sponsors and mem-

bers to today's game. The WheatSheaf Centre as always is our main club sponsor but I would like to welcome Chalkers as our main match partner for today's game.

Chalkers is a new sponsor for the Hornets in 2010 and as well as being a kit sponsor, John Chalker, Chalkers MD has offered to be main match sponsor for each of the home Challenge Cup games, all the way to Wembley. Now that has to be a challenge for the boys.

Let's hope that John Chalker is still counting his money walking up Wembley Way, you can but dream!

**Mike Banks
Chief Executive**



Keighley Cougars v Toulouse Olympique XIII



Saturday March 6, 2010. Kick off 6pm. COUGAR PARK

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Frank Atkins	George Raynor	1
Mr & Mrs Bardgett	Craig Moss	2
Rob Weir Property Maintenance	Tom Burton	3
David Padans	Daley Williams	4
Mr & Mrs Fisher	Gavin Duffy	5
Joyce Barrett Mobile Hairdresser	Jonny Presley	6
Phoenix Trophies	Danny Jones	7
Frank Atkins	Andy Shickell	8
Mr & Mrs Procter	James Feather	9
Mr & Mrs Fisher	Scott Law	10
Mr & Mrs Rothera	Will Cartledge	11
Mr & Mrs Glover	Olly Pursglove	12
Mr & Mrs Rothera	Carl Hughes	13
The Clarksons	Jamaine Wray	14
M Croft & T Pycroft	Greg Nicholson	15
Cougar Pride Centre	Brendon Rawlins	16
Owens Barbers	Ryan Benjafield	17
	James Haythornthwaite	18
Go Colour	Sam Crowther	19
Phoenix Trophies	Dan Belcher	20
The Bayliss Family	Richard Jones	21
Skipton Body Repair Centre	Ben Sagar	22
Phil Lund Ltd	Chris Baines	23
	Tom Hall	24
Collett International Transport	Jamie Shepherd	25

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COACH: BARRY EATON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLWW-WW

LAST SIX HOME: WW-WWWL

TRIES: Presley, Belcher (3)

GOALS: Jones (12)

DROP GOALS: Jones (1)

MAN TO WATCH: Danny Jones

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Hewer

Touch: B Armstrong, G Wallace

Reserve Referee: M Craven

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Shell-shocked Cougars face a battle - Toulouse to nick it by 4"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Rory Bromley	Copy Sud
2	Sebastien Payan	Bugbusters
3	Sebastien Planas	André Raynal - Déménagements
4	Vincent Duport	Groupe Cailleau
5	Carlos Mendes Varela	Gallego
6	Constant Villegas	Prosegur
7	Nathan Wynn	ICA Patrimoine
8	Brendan Worth	Transports Sarrazain
9	Martin Mitchell	Renault Etats-Unis
10	Matthieu Griffi	Ermes Presetations
11	Timothy Wynn	Océanis
12	Simon Worrall	Siemix
13	Eric Anselme	Inovans
14	Antoni Maria	Compass Group
15	Jerome Gout	Leroy Merlin
16	Sylvain Houles	Aux Docks du Bureau
17	Cedric Gay	Force Distribution
18	Yvan Tisseyre	La Mutuelle du rempart
19	Romain Mencarini	IPS Publicité
20	Bruno Ormeno	La Dépêche du Midi
21	Nicolas Faure	bonplan.com
22	Clement Bienes	Bourdarios
	Yohann Gigord	Clear Channel
	Mourad Kriouache	IFB
	Kevin Larroyer	a
	Cyril Moliner	Sporting Finances
	Andrei Olari	Cimpa
	Antoine Reveillon	Paru vendu
	Jocelyn Vauvelle	Citroën Etats-Unis
	Geoffrey Zava	Equalliance
	Teli Pelo	Hôtel Latitudes Golf de Seilh

COACHES: GILLES DUMAS

LAST SIX RESULTS: WLLWL-W

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLWLL-

TRIES: Bromley (2)

GOALS: N.Wynn (3)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Vincent Duport



We're backing the Cougars...

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Manorlands Hospice

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CLUBCALL

Keighley v Toulouse

Third Round day so it has to be French opposition!

Well three years running we have drawn French opposition at this stage of the Challenge Cup and twice in the last three years we have been drawn against Toulouse.

About five years ago the club (before I joined) also travelled to Pia in the Cup so what odds we get drawn against French opposition again next year?

It would have been very nice to play against an amateur team in the Cup but we have probably been given the worst possible draw in as much as it's going to be tough to progress though we are certainly going all out to progress.

We won't get a following from France, even the amateur teams normally bring a healthy following for their big day in the Cup so we won't benefit as a club from a good gate which is why it's all the more important we give it our best shot



Winger Gavin Duffy scored a try in the defeat at Widnes

and hopefully give the club a financial boost in the next round.

Last week after our decent form in the Northern Rail Cup

was a massive shock to the system as we didn't perform as a team at all defensively and it is something we will have addressed and see a big

improvement tonight.

Prior to last week I was relatively pleased with our defence so hopefully it was just a blip and we can get back on track.

Tonight's Cup tie gives us a chance to come up against Toulouse before we travel to France in a couple of weeks so we may get to see what we are up against for the league fixture. Toulouse have not featured in the Northern Rail Cup so we have not had chance to monitor their form or see any of their games.

So we welcome everyone from Toulouse for the game and hope they enjoy their trip over to Keighley for this important cup tie.

Cheers Baz

Barry Eaton
Head Coach

Wash and shine from stand sponsor

WELCOME to Cougar Park for tonight's 3rd round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup. I would like to welcome all the Toulouse directors and players to Cougar Park and I hope you enjoy your evening with us and have a safe journey home.

You will all notice tonight the brand new stand sponsor, who have taken full sponsorship rights for what was formerly the Jewson Stand.

Skipton Hand Car Wash and Bruce's Hand Car Wash are brand new sponsors to the club and I would ask as always that you show them your support for supporting us. In partnership with Roger and his team we will be working towards raising money for Help the Heroes which is a charity they work closely with.

Our plan is to have a Help the Heroes game using the Sky match against Batley on March 25.

Last Friday saw the launch of the Pink Scrum which is the gay night we are now holding down at the stadium. We have partnered up with Yorkshire Mesmac and The Our Project to work with The LGBT Community in our area.

Keighley Cougars is a great place to

Helen Carter
General Manager

hold such an event as it is a safe environment. We had a fantastic drag DJ performing on the night, Miss Orry, who certainly livened the night up.

I HAVE asked The Cougar Pride Centre to write some notes for us this week on what has been happening in the Study Centre in recent months...

"On behalf of all the students from Beckfoot and Oakbank who have been attending the Cougar Pride Centre for the past six weeks, can we say a massive thank you to all the Cougar supporters, who supported their Enterprise initiative at the last home game. The students were challenged to design, promote, produce and sell a range of one-off Cougar merchandise, working within a strict budget, and hopefully produce a profit that would be donated to two charities of the young people's choice.

All three 'companies', 'Oakfoot', the

'Raging Roars' and the 'Smart Sparks' worked extremely hard to produce their items, giving up their own free time after school to gain new skills, increase confidence and use their literacy numeracy and ICT skills in a practical context.

On match day, the enthusiasm and energy of the groups was a sight to behold, with very few fans reaching the terraces without being relieved of their cash, with posters, keyrings and lucky dip raffle balls all selling well.

Thank you for supporting our money raising event on the 14 February at Cougar Park. With your help we managed to raise £28.63 from the key rings we sold which will be donated to the charities, Sue Ryder care and Sport Relief.

The group Oakbeck were busy selling posters at Cougar Park before the match against Workington last week.

Ash, Kyle, Amy and Ben worked very hard. All profits will go to two charities, Sue Ryder and Sport relief.

We had posters like Jamaine Wray and man of the match Jonny Presley. To top the day Cougar's won the game. Thank you for your support."

Leigh Centurions v Wath Brow Hornets



Saturday March 6, 2010. Kick off 3.00pm. LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

PLAYER	No.
L.I.S.A.....Stuart Donlan	1
Corlett Electrical Engineers.....Steve Maden	2
Prof & Mrs Dale.....Dave Alstead	3
C&S Tyres UK Ltd.....Mick Nanyin	4
Hamilton Fabrications.....Nicky Stanton	5
Ken Bates Associates.....Tim Hartley	6
Corporate Club.....Robbie Paul	7
Civil Solutions Ltd.....Chris Hill	8
Hattons Solicitors.....John Duffy	9
Corporate Club.....Ricky Bibey	10
Brick Design.....James Taylor	11
TWS Removals.....Macgraff Leuluai	12
Ask Platt Office Supplies.....Dave Armitstead	13
Dr Doublet-Stewart.....Tommy Goulden	14
Mr John Lawton.....Dave McConnell	15
O' Neills Sportswear.....Mike Morrison	16
Padken.....Stephen Nash	17
Message Board.....Adam Higson	18
Ask Platt Office Supplies.....Danny Meekin	19
Prof & Mrs Dale.....Ian Mort	20
Ask Platt Office Supplies.....Jamie Durbin	21
Integrated Control Solutions.....Martin Ridyard	22
Wilmar Engineering Ltd.....Dale Cunniffe	23
SuperLeigh Lottery.....Andy Ainscough	24

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 Dave Pettit
 Scott Teare
 Ryan Amor
 Andrew Hocking
 Andrew Stables
 Craig Johnstone
 Kevin Thompson
 Martin Thompson
 Ryan Robb
 David Currie
 Glen Riley
 Karl Olstrum
 Mathew Huby
 Gary Elliott
 David Byers
 Philip Coyles
 Michael Maxwell
 James Toman
 Francis King
 Liam Martin
 Kyle Lofthouse
 Graham Lupton
 Mark Troughton
 Micky McAllister
 Jason Connery
 James McLellan

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COACH: IAN MILLWARD

COACH: IAN ROONEY

LAST SIX RESULTS: LW-WLWD

LAST SIX HOME: WLW-WWD

TRIES: Alstead, McConnell, Maden

(2)

GOALS: Nanyin (4)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Robbie Paul

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T Crashley

Touch: T Mahar, G Evans

Reserve Referee: L Todd

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Hornets beat Skolars last term but could be taught a lesson here. Leigh by 32"

PREVIOUS RESULTS

PRELIMINARY:

Orchard Park 0, Wath Brow 72

ROUND ONE:

Wath Brow Hornets 14, Kells 6

ROUND TWO:

Wath Brow Hornets 16, East Hull 14

Supporting the Centurions...



CLUBCALL

Leigh v Wath Brow



Hooker John Duffy makes a break in the 20-20 draw with Barrow Raiders

Let's end Magic weekend on high

Good afternoon and welcome to this Carnegie Challenge Cup match against Cumbrian side Wath Brow Hornets.

At the time of going to print we still have to travel to Dewsbury which is a tough must-win midweek fixture if we want to progress to the knock out stages of the Northern Rail Cup.

However, back to today and what a great spectacle of Rugby League we are having with our very own Magic weekend at Leigh Sports Village with Leigh Miners entertaining Whitehaven on Friday, Leigh East entertaining Hunslet yesterday and us and Wath Brow today.

Again as we go to print I don't know the result of the first two fixtures but I am sure Leigh Miners and Leigh East will put up a hell of a battle against their more illustrious opposition.

Wath Brow themselves will be raring to

ALLAN ROWLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

go for this one today and we must not underestimate them by any stretch of the imagination if we are to avoid a David and Goliath scenario.

I cannot emphasise enough how we must approach this game as Wath Brow have a fine record in the Carnegie Challenge Cup having beaten professional opposition no less than three times, Workington in 2003, Dewsbury in 2005 and London Scholars last year.

During my playing career I played alongside Ian Rudd the Wath Brow coach who was a fine player and by all accounts he is doing a great job at Wath Brow.

I will never forget my debut at Workington Town which was a televised

game against Warrington. The cameras were allowed in the dressing room before the game and as was the tradition in those days they did the pre-match team talk and then the Town battle cry. I honestly couldn't understand a word they said - they could have been talking Russian for all I knew!

It took a few weeks to get used to the dialect but after that I had a great time up in Cumbria. I found the Cumbrian hospitality from the players and spectators fantastic and it was well worth the effort to travel up there.

Finally I would like to thank Leigh Sports Village on behalf of all the teams that have taken part this weekend and particularly Keith Porter and his ground staff who have made it all possible.

Enjoy the game,

Allan



London Skolars v XIII Limouxin



Sunday March 7th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. NEW RIVER STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
	Joshua Welsh	1
	Dave Arnot	2
	Matt Thomas	3
Code XIII Sports Media.....	Jason Cook	4
Alan Greenwood.....	Austen Aggrey	5
	Jermaine Coleman	6
	Paul Thorman	7
Lanes Coaches.....	Liam Roach	8
	Gareth Honor	9
	Tony Williams	10
	Oliver Purslow	11
	Matthew Carter	12
	Stephen Ball	13
Code XIII Sports Media.....	Luke May	14
	Oliver Fountain	15
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One Personal Training.....	Chad Isles	17
	James Simon	18
	Liam Prescott	19
Woodlands PH.....	David Williams	20
	Jamie O'Callaghan	21
Canavan Builders.....	Curtis Cunningham	22
	Olu Iwenofu	23
Stag Sports.....	Lamont Bryan	24
Optimal Life Fitness.....	Smokie Junor	25
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Woodlands PH.....	Ben Jones	28

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SQUAD
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Almarcha Mathieu
Thibaud Braconnier
Joris Casal
Gregory De La Rosa
Maxime Herold
Adam Innes
Samuel Key
Jerome Laffont
Herve Marrot
Matthieu Mayans
Mickael Murcia
Nicolas Piccolo
Phillip Ramage
Stephane Selles
David Shead
Sylvain Teixido
Aaron Wood

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: JAMES MASSARA

LAST SIX RESULTS:

LAST SIX HOME:

TRIES: Thomas, Quinn, Thorman, Cook, Junor (1)

GOALS: Thorman (2)

DROP GOALS: -

MAN TO WATCH: Smokie Junor

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P.Brooke

Touch: J.Cadogan, B.Leze

Reserve Referee: S.Orton

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Lots of experience in the Limoux outfit spells bad news for Skolars. French by 12"

COACH: JEAN LUC DELAROSE

The Limoux club was founded in 1951. They won the French Championship in 1968 and have appeared in numerous Lord Derby Cup finals, winning it twice. First in 1996 and then in 2008 (where they defeated RC Albi).



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Skolars v Limouxin

Cup has special meaning

A WARM welcome to everyone today, especially to our visitors from Limoux.

The entry of French clubs is a recent innovation to the competition and they have made a big impact in recent years, with Toulouse reaching the semi-final in 2005 and Catalans making the final at Wembley in 2007.

Our visitors today also enjoy a recent cup pedigree, winning the French equivalent of the Challenge Cup (the Lord Derby Cup) back in

2008. The Carnegie Challenge Cup is a competition we have a strong affection for, having competed in it in our early amateur days.

The third round is always an important stage of the competition. It's a big day for the amateur sides and we know from last season that they relish the chance to put one over the pros.

We're also one round away from the entry of the Super League clubs and drawing one of those sides is

important for any club both for finances and exposure.

Good luck today to three of our players from last season - Jy-Mel Coleman, John Paxton and Kris Hodson, whose Leeds Met University side take on Batley this weekend.

The weather paid havoc with the last scheduled weekend of Northern Rail Cup. Various permutations were discussed for potential ways of re-arranging our games against York, but it

now looks like it means a midweek game for us.

We entered the league knowing how much travel we would have, but we will have the dual problem of both a day of work to travel; and a return to Wood Green in the twilight hours with work for many a few hours later.

Having said that, our guests today have made a far longer journey.

Enjoy the game,

Terry Browne
Chairman

Progress being made but we need to 'concentrate'

We made some real progress in the last fortnight. It was frustrating not to have been able to see what progress we'd made in the week after the Halifax game, but when we finally played York, we demonstrated a big improvement.

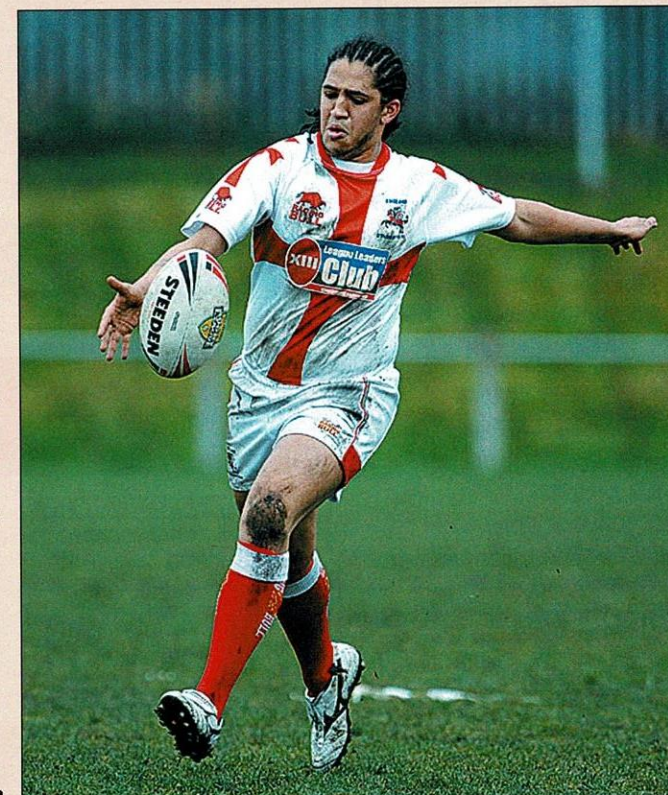
After leading for almost half an hour, we failed to keep our concentration levels up for the last ten minutes of the half and conceded three tries. That was a big punishment after some very strong defence for the majority of that half. We scored first in the second half, but again conceded three tries. We need to keep working at cutting out the errors.

It was great to have Jermaine Coleman and Gareth Honor back in the side after injury, with Jermaine making a storming start after a season and a half out.

Also good to have Ade Adebisi back in the capital. He showed some glimpses of the pace that earned him 40 plus tries for Whitehaven over the last few seasons and will be a really good signing for us this season.

The Carnegie Challenge Cup is always an exciting competition to be part and seeing the lights on the arch at Wembley as we came back to London last weekend reminded all of us of what everyone aspires to in this competition.

Limoux Grizzlies will be a tough game for us today. They lie fourth in the French Elite league and defeated SM Pia 32-24 last weekend to make the semi-finals of the Lord Derby Cup. But the challenge is something that we will really be up for today.



James Massara
Head Coach

Jermaine Coleman - the half-back return is boost to the Skolars

Oldham RLFC v Blackwood Bulldogs



Sunday March 7th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. Oldham Boro FC

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Mack Video Services.....	Paul O'Connor	1
Rob the Gardener.....	Lucas Onyango	2
	Craig Little	3
Jack Fogerty & Family.....	Mick Fogerty	4
Nigel Marland.....	John Gillam	5
Xpress recruitment.....	Neil Roden	6
Peter & Maureen Woodhead.....	Matty Ashe	7
Clayton Green Brewers Fayre.....	Jason Boults	8
Cagney & Lacey.....	Martin Roden	9
	Dave Ellison	10
Paul Whalley & Kyle Cook.....	Saqib Murtza	11
John & Lynda McAndrew.....	Kashley Watkins	12
Mick Harrop.....	Joe Chandler	13
	Gary Sykes	14
	Craig Robinson	15
Mark Bates & Sons.....	Wayne Kerr	16
	Danny Whitmore	17
	Chris Clarke	18
Wilscaff.....	Ben Heaton	19
John Barrett.....	Mark Brocklehurst	20
Whittles Pub.....	Valu Bentley	21
Pizza Hut, Oldham.....	Paul Reilly	22
Sharpflex.....	Ben Mellor	23
Levers Fish & Chip Restaurant.....	Marcus St Hilaire	24
	Scott Mansfield	25

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No.	PLAYER
1	William (Luke) Knight
2	Stuart Vokes
3	Gareth Dare
4	Adam Coupe
5	Kristian Perry
6	David James
7	Arron Humphries
8	Christopher Williams
9	Trevor James
10	Paul Young
11	Gareth Hutchinson
12	Gareth Price
13	Andrew Coupe
14	Jeremy Lloyd
15	Byron Williams
16	Gareth Davies
17	Clark Morgan

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: TONY BENSON

LAST SIX RESULTS: WL-LWLW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWLWW-W
 TRIES: Onyango (4) Fogerty (3)
 Chandler (2)
 GOALS: Ashe (15)
 DROP GOALS: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Lucas Onyango

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T Roby
 Touch: I Curzon, B Logan
 Reserve Referee: D Sharpe

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Welsh adventure stops here – the Roughyeds by 36"

COACH: ALESSIO BORGHESE

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND ONE:
 Blackwood Bulldogs 42
 Edge Hill University 16
 ROUND TWO:
 Edinburgh Eagles 16
 Blackwood Bulldogs 28

Supporting the Roughyeds!



CLUBCALL

Oldham v Blackwood Bulldogs



Fullback Paul O'Connor who scored the first try in the win at Swinton

Frantic few months but we're shaping up well

Just five games in and it's already been one hell of a season. Well behind us now is a winding up order in October.

Then Chris Hamilton manages to save the club after taking it over at the 11th hour. That leaves us a bit tight financially, and no signed players in early November when most clubs had already started training.

Two and a half months later with a full squad signed. Narrow losses to Leigh, Hunslet, the epic against Sheffield, and a hard fought win against Rochdale.

Then midway through February we are told we are very close to calling Whitebank home, our first home since we hit the road from Watersheddings in 1997.

The amount of work done to get a team on the field at breakneck speed after the late start alone is amazing without having to find the

Tony Benson Head Coach

fantastic sponsors we now have on board, a new kit, and a new home.

I don't think there has ever been a club taken so many huge positive steps forward in such a short time in the history of our great game.

I'm sure there will be teething problems due to the rapid pace things have had to be done. But together we are creating history, a legacy, and the positive vibes generated in the last few months are just fantastic and if we now pull together as a club and community we have one of the brightest futures ahead of us.

The team itself is developing well, we've started to form combinations and our defence is getting tighter by the week.

What I'm particularly happy about is our coming together as a team we are enjoying each others company and already playing for each other, which is an entity some teams never develop. A few more trainings and games under our belt and we'll be hard to beat.

Obviously we have a big Challenge on our hands today with the talented Blackwood Bulldogs all the way from Wales.

It's an honour to welcome them, their directors and supporters here as our guests to battle for progression in such a prestigious competition.

We'll approach it positively and who knows what we can achieve. I can guarantee whatever the outcome today that we will gain a lot from the experience and take some valuable development into our next game in Championship 1 next week.



Ovenden v

Halifax RLFC



Sunday March 7, 2010. Kick off 3.00pm. THE SHAY

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
Halifax Scaffolding.....	Micky Holden	1
Rob Midgley.....	Luke Brown	2
R & D Electrics.....	Tom McAdam	3
Chris Collins.....	Brett Steele	4
Balmoral Garage.....	Kurt Sutcliffe	5
Julie Collins.....	Gareth Jones	6
Ovenden Under 15s.....	Liam Walsh	7
Ovenden Under 15s.....	Gareth English	8
Rob Midgley.....	Luke Sutcliffe	9
Denise Collins.....	Matty Collins	10
Mr. Turner.....	Matthew Turner	11
Kevin Calcott.....	Danny Snowden	12
Stuart Higgins.....	Chris Geoghegan	13
Joe Collins.....	Matty Short	14
Chris Collins.....	Chris Sykes	15
Julie Collins.....	Sean Dyson	16
Ovenden Under 15s.....	Dean Robertshaw	17
Colin Proctor.....	Vaughn Walsh	18
Stuart Higgins.....	Chris Barton	19

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SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: CHRIS PARKER

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND ONE:
East Leeds 0
Ovenden 8

ROUND TWO:
Ovenden 32
Myton Warriors 16

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C.Sharrad
Touch: D.Butler, A.Steele
Reserve Referee: S.Bennison

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Local pride will keep Ovenden going but Fax class will tell. Calland's men by 28"

No.	PLAYER	SPONSOR
1	Miles Greenwood.....	Fax Supporters Trust
2	Lee Paterson.....	Windsor Yarns
3	Jon Goddard.....	Vision Express
4	Shad Royston.....	Chadwick Lawrence
5	James Haley.....	Chadwick Lawrence
6	Luke Branighan.....	Chadwick Lawrence
7	Ben Black.....	Harvey's Department Store
8	Makali Aizue.....	Also Wines
9	Sean Penkywicz.....	Riley & Co Accountants
10	Neil Cherryholme.....	AA Moving Solutions
11	Dave Larder.....	Windsor Yarns
12	Stanley Gene.....	Howard Posner
13	Bob Beswick.....	Complete Building Material
14	Mark Gleeson.....	David/Terry Kendall
15	Mark Roberts.....	Steve Shurety - EMB Ltd
16	Said Tamghart.....	Liz Smith (Matthew Walker)
17	Frank Watene.....	Complete Building Materials
18	Dylan Nash.....	The Kietly Family
19	Dom Maloney.....	Glenda Shaw
20	Paul White.....	Glenda Shaw
21	Anthony Bowman.....	Calderdale Service Area
22	Dave Wrench.....	Glenda Shaw
23	Rob Worrincy.....	Griffin Sport & Work Wear
24	Stephen Bannister.....	Glenda Shaw

COACH: MATT CALLAND

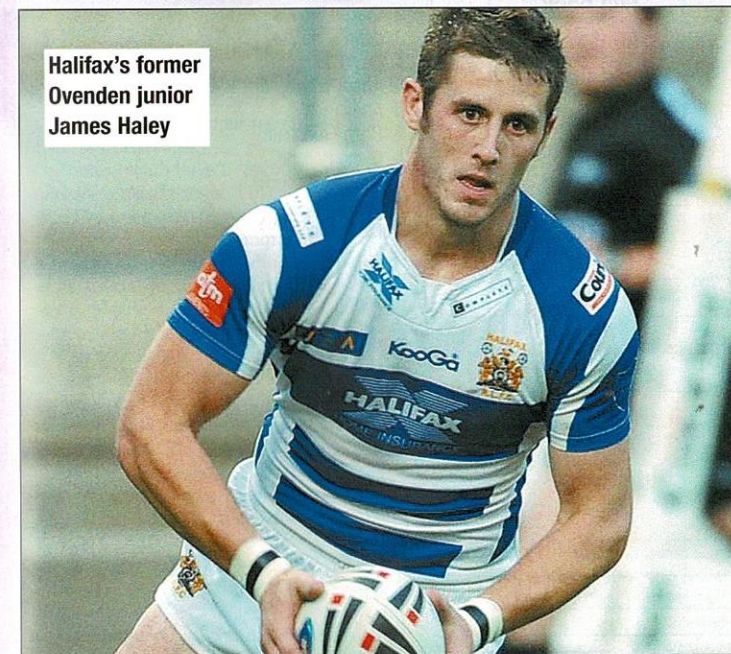
LAST SIX RESULTS: WL-WWWLW

LAST SIX AWAY: LWLL-WL
TRIES: Worrincy (5) Royston (4)
Penkywicz (3)
GOALS: Paterson (15)
DGs: -
MAN TO WATCH: Rob Worrincy

CLUBCALL

Ovenden v Halifax RLFC

Shout for the local lads on 'dream' day



Halifax's former Ovenden junior James Haley

For us the draw against our own professional club is what dreams are made of.

A real David and Goliath encounter, professional versus amateur which only the magic of the Carnegie Challenge Cup can provide.

Ovenden ARLFC is very grateful to the directors and staff of Halifax RLFC for their enormous help in staging today's game at the Shay.

It will be a memorable game for us and one in which we are proud

to represent the town's rugby community game. I am sure some in today's crowd will be wondering who to support but I ask you to give a shout for the local amateur lads who have earned their place to play against their home town professionals and their longest serving Halifax player and former Ovenden junior, James Haley.

Have a great day - it is a day to remember for Ovenden ARLFC.

Rob Midgley
Chairman

It's massive task but we're ready

WHAT a wonderful draw for us to be paired with our hometown professional rugby club.

In the context of what has been a disappointing season so far the lads have to be congratulated for reaching the third round which promises to be a wonderful experience for the squad.

We are obviously aware of the enormity of the task against, in my opinion, one of the best teams on their way to a Super League bid.

The squad has worked hard to prepare for today's game and, along with coach Steve Taylor, we know they will give their all and give a good account of themselves and the amateur game in Halifax.

We have a rich mix - some with pro club experience; some promising young players; and others with a wealth of experience of the amateur game. I hope the boys make the most of what is an excellent opportunity and enjoy the day.

I am confident that we will give a great account of ourselves today.

Finally, thanks to the great support from everyone at the club and let's all get behind the boys today

Chris Parker
Head Coach

Ultimate in amateur v pro clashes

IT is a great pleasure to 'host' our friends from Ovenden ARLFC in this 3rd round Carnegie Challenge Cup tie.

The magic of the Cup often throws up amateur v professional matches in this round, but the added spice of a local derby is unusual, and this is the first time we have met

since the John Player Cup in, I think, 1976!

I hope that the players, directors and supporters of Ovenden enjoy their day 'in the sun' even more because they get the chance to play at The Shay.

This ground can generate a fabulous match day atmos-

phere, and I hope the sporting public of Halifax (and Ovenden!) turn out in good numbers to generate that atmosphere.

Enjoy the game.

At the time of writing we were hopeful that the East Stand may open on this special occasion.

If it has, thank you to all those who will have made it possible. If not, that wait continues, but not for much longer.

Michael Steele
Halifax Chairman





Sheffield Eagles v Thatto Heath Crusaders



Sunday March 7th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. DON VALLEY STADIUM

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
AMCO.....	Johny Woodcock	1
Edge Telecom.....	Danny Mills	2
OSI Ltd.....	Menzie Yere	3
Jim Hawksworth & Susan Atkin.....	John Coleman	4
Anne Collins.....	Ashley Thackeray	5
Pennine Business Forms.....	Brendon Lindsay	6
AMCO.....	Aaron Groom	7
Hanlon & Wright.....	Jack Howieson	8
In Memory of Jack London.....	Craig Cook	9
OSI.....	Mitch Stringer	10
Jack Smith.....	Alex Szostak	11
Hanlon & Wright.....	Ged Corcoran	12
Everlast Waterproofing.....	Peter Green	13
	Kyle Kesik	14
Redbrook Business Coaching.....	Sam Barlow	15
Airborne Eagles.....	Trevor Exton	16
	Alex Rowe	17
	Michael Haley	18
	Joe Walsh	19
Jayne Whaling.....	Matty Brooks	20
Bethany, Ian & Jackie Swain Dane McDonald		21
Elaine, Simon & Stephen McGuire	Ryan Hepworth	22
Albion Detection Systems.....	Tangi Ropati	23
Modis International.....	Misi Tualapapa	24
	Jason Mossop	25
Jill Swire.....	Eddie Battye	36
Insign Signage & Digital Imaging	Mark Renshaw-Smith	37
Mr & Mrs Lee.....	Dan Hawksworth	38

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No.	PLAYER
1	Shaun Quinn
2	Darren Woods
3	Johnny Hughes
4	David Johnson
5	Adam Walsh
6	Andy Stott
7	Chris Frodsham
8	Glenn Holland
9	Kieron Maddocks
10	Martin Shea
11	Mark Beech
12	Ste Woods
13	Andy Bailer
14	Scott Clarke
15	Carl Lamb
16	David Bates
17	Mick Ledger

SCORERS

Tries

Conv

Pens

DGs

COACH: MARK ASTON

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-DWWWL
LAST SIX HOME: WWWL-WW
TRIES: Stringer, Cook (4) Barlow, Ropati, Yere (2)
GOALS: Woodcock (15)
DGs: Cook 1
MAN TO WATCH: Menzie Yere

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: G Dolan
Touch: S Daniel, P Ward
Reserve Referee: C Swanson

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Expect Thatto Heath to dig deep but Eagles pace to tell - Sheffield by 34"

COACH: PAUL HATTON

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND ONE:
York Acorn 32
Thatto Heath Crusaders 36
ROUND TWO:
Castleford Panthers 0
Thatto Heath Crusaders 32



We're with the Eagles....



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Sheffield v Thatto Heath

Ten years on we're taking no chances

I've got to admit that until the third round draw the Thatto Heath result wasn't the first one I looked for on a Monday morning. But recently I've been taking an interest in their results and their performances.

Thatto Heath have been doing well and are a quality team. I have to add that I've been able to get a bit of inside information from our Community Manager Adam Hughes who was a player at the club before he came to university in Sheffield. But I'm not sure with which side his loyalties lie today!

Our visitors are a strong club and have an affiliation with St Helens and some players who go through the system and don't quite make the professional grade go back and play at Thatto Heath.

Sheffield Eagles work with the amateur clubs in our area. We have a great respect for the work that is done by coaches, club officials and players in amateur game. They give up a lot of time and are a key part of the family of rugby league.

For Sheffield Eagles this is another game we have to win - we will be on our guard against complacency or disrespect. We're playing at home and our fans have the right to expect a result. We want a repeat of last year when we had a good run in the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

We had a tough game against Toulouse at Don Valley last season at this stage, then went to Dewsbury and got through to the fifth round and tested

Sam Barlow in action against Toulouse in the 3rd round last season



ourselves against Hull Kingston Rovers. We were outstanding in a 34-24 defeat at Rovers and that was for me the turning point of our season and we really pushed on in the league.

To the players of Thatto Heath I can say we respect you for getting this far in the competition.

We know about amateur teams. Ten years ago amateurs Thornhill Trojans came here and won 16-14. Thornhill are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their win and I sent them a message of congratulation. We're a different kettle of

fish ten years on. We've got a good group of very professional players - back then it was about 'throwing' a team out there. Now it's about being one of the top teams in the Championship.

We've set objectives for the season and we want to progress in every competition.

Enjoy the game

Mark Aston
Head Coach

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

Young players set tone for success

IT gives me great pleasure on behalf of everyone with the Sheffield Eagles to extend a warm welcome to the directors, players, officials and supporters of the Thatto Heath Crusaders to the Don Valley Stadium for the third round of the Carnegie Challenge Cup.

I hope you all had a good trip from St Helens to Sheffield and that everyone has an enjoyable afternoon of rugby league whatever the result is.

For the first time Sheffield Eagles have qualified for the quarter finals of the Northern Rail Cup undefeated and I must state that some of the younger players that our coach Mark Aston has used in the first games have really shown what they

are worth and what can be expected from them. Some of our senior players need to be looking over their shoulders with these young players coming through.

The atmosphere at Sheffield Eagles is tremendous and all the players are looking for silverware this year having come so close with the league and the Northern Rail 9s last year.

Everyone at Sheffield Eagles RLFC is looking forward to playing games at Bramall Lane the home of Sheffield United FC and the first game at Bramall Lane will be held on Sunday 11 April against Featherstone Rovers, another close tie.

In fact in the Co-operative Championship I believe there is not a

great deal between any of the teams and at any of the games you will be a brave man to predict the winner.

The same applies to the Championship 1, we should have some really exciting games.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers at the Sheffield Eagles who give their time so freely and without whom the club could not exist. We are all so grateful for their support and the support of all our spectators.

Regards,

Chris Noble MBE
Director

Widnes Vikings v



Wigan St. Judes



Sunday March 7th, 2010. Kick off 3pm. STOBART STADIUM, HALTON

SPONSOR	PLAYER	No.
RJ Lewis	James Ford	1
Katie Kingsley	Dean Gaskell	2
The Spence Family	Richard Varkulis	3
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Toa Kohe Love	4
Reg and Lesley Warner	Paddy Flynn	5
Applied Acumen	Anthony Thackeray	6
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	James Webster	7
Alan Bruce	Steve Pickersgill	8
Leam Fox	Mark Smith	9
Widnes Vikings Supporters Club	Jim Gannon	10
Colin Phesey Swavesy Newsagents	Lee Doran	11
MB Hydrographic Ltd	Dave Allen	12
VIQI	Chris Gerrard	13
MWEL Electrical Ltd	Thomas Coyle	14
ACS Building Maintenance (07725884913)	Shane Grady	15
Ace Film Catering	Gareth Haggerty	16
Ron Rowbottom	Ben Kavanagh	17
Julie Coe - Merry Christmas from Neil xx	Scott Yates	18
	Matt Gardner	19
	Chris Dean	20
	Matt Strong	21
	Dean Thompson	22
The Jones Family	Dave Houghton	23
	Danny Hulme	24
Mullaly's Butchers	Anthony Mullally	25
	Liam Farrell	
	Ben Davies	

COACH: PAUL CULLEN

Sponsored by: Kathy Filkins

LAST SIX RESULTS: L-WDWWW
 LAST SIX HOME: WWL-WWW
 TRIES: Grady (5) Ainscough (4)
 Thackeray, Gardner, Thompson (3)
 GOALS: Grady (15)
 DGs: -
 MAN TO WATCH: Shane Grady

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SCORERS

Tries

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: C Leatherbarrow
 Touch: J Ashton, N Aspey
 Reserve Referee: P Marklove

THE INSIDE TRACK

"Great day for St Judes but huge 'ask' - Vikings could win by 50+"

SQUAD

Nathan Jones
 Ryan Ainscough
 Gavin Corfield
 Daryl King
 Liam Foster
 Paul Pendlebury
 Dean Hunt
 Martin Riley
 Shaun Spowart
 Wes Gale
 Ian Thompson
 Phil Roby
 John Whalley
 Peter Cain
 Dave Picton
 Darren Banks
 Tye Ford
 Dave Myrescough
 John McMullen
 Ant Ridyard
 Lee Maiden

COACH: RONNIE DOOTSON

PREVIOUS RESULTS

PRELIMINARY
 Oldham St Annes 12, St Judes 13
 ROUND ONE:
 Stanningley 0, Wigan St Judes 22
 ROUND TWO:
 Wigan St Judes 38, Milford 18



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Widnes v Wigan St Judes

We'll give respect to any of our opponents

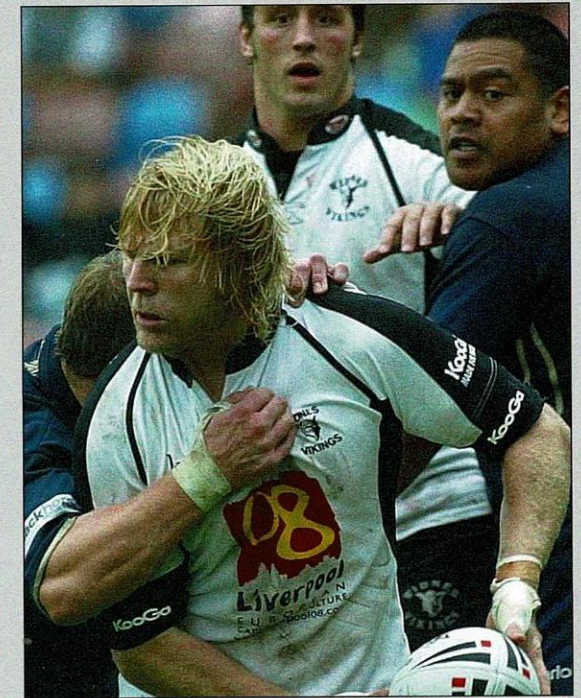
Paul Cullen, Head Coach

Looking at today's Carnegie Challenge Cup tie against Wigan St. Judes to be fair, we haven't used any video footage this week for the simple reason that it's pretty impossible to come across.

Fortunately though, given the fact that we have so many Wigan-based players in our ranks, there are plenty of friends and ex-playing colleagues of theirs actually in the St Judes outfit, so it's more of a mental challenge for us this week and we actually saw some signs of this style of approach last week, when we had to be both professional and patient at times too against the Keighley Cougars, but we came through the exercise with flying colours, which will be something we'll be obviously looking to do again this afternoon.

When it comes to my team selection for the game, there might be one or two who get rested, but it certainly won't be wholesale, and in no way will we ever treat our opposition at any level in this game with any kind of disrespect.

I can assure you that the one or possibly two of our senior players who will stand-down this week will do so, because they are carrying minor bumps and bruises that will benefit from a week off, allowing them to be ready for our tough campaign ahead, with both Sheffield and Halifax to face in the forthcoming weeks, so the young players who were given their opportunity



Mick Cassidy is one of three St Judes 'old boys' at Widnes

last week and took it so well, will be rewarded with another chance this week to once again prove their value to the squad.

In regard of the Carnegie Challenge Cup competition overall, well, it certainly comes behind both the Northern Rail Cup and the Co-operative Championship Grand Final, and in all honesty, I'm not too sure when the last club from outside the top flight actually got to a Challenge Cup Final, if ever.

But having said that our intention is to go as far as we can in the competition and without a doubt, we'd love to have the big day experience - but at the moment it's one game at a time and we'll enjoy each one as they come along, always conscious of the challenges that this competition can throw at you with each new round.

Big welcome to St Judes

A big welcome to the Stobart Stadium Halton to the directors, sponsors, staff, supporters and players of Wigan St Judes.

This afternoon's opposition have provided professional clubs with a wealth of talented players over recent years.

Today's Vikings have three St Judes old boys presently on their books - Mick Cassidy, Mark Smith, and Chris Gerrard may have mixed emotions in lining up against their former club, but as good professionals they will do their best to push us through to the next round.

This week, the RFL started a competition to find the greatest ever giant-killing act in Challenge Cup history.

Sadly, the differences in central funding and salary cap levels between the Championship and Super League will mean fewer and fewer cup upsets.

This will not stop the underdog from hoping for that plum draw, earning a payday and defying the odds.

Last year, we lost away to Halifax and missed out on the

Alex Bonney,
 Chief Executive Officer

chance to play against a Super League team. The previous year we drew Hull FC at home, and welcomed the largest travelling support for that two year period.

Like all Championship clubs, we will be hoping for a draw against one of the better supported Super League teams this year - but first of all, we must get past today's opponents.

Paul Cullen will not be under-estimating St Judes.

They have promised us a large, vocal following for this 'local' fixture, and will doubtless be looking to cause an upset of their own.

Enjoy the match.

maninthemiddle

Craig Halloran

They are in the game every minute – fans rarely agree with their decisions but they have the final word – it's the Man in the Middle. Each week Game On will be putting the referee in the spotlight and seeking answers

BACKGROUND

DATE OF BIRTH: April 16th, 1977
BORN: Batley
OCCUPATION: Electrician
MARITAL STATUS: Married

FAVOURITES

HOBBIES: General outdoors stuff like rock climbing, running or fell walking.
TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID: None.
SOCCER TEAM: Not into football really.
OTHER SPORT: All of them, I'm not fussy.

REFEREEING CAREER

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Dewsbury Moor and Dewsbury Celtic up to under 18s level and Shaw Cross 'A' team.

TOOK UP REFEREEING: 1991.

FIRST EVER MATCH: It was Dewsbury Moor under 9s but I can't remember who they were playing.

FIRST EVER MATCH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Barrow Raiders vs. Sheffield Eagles in 2003.

HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING A REF: Getting the balance between work and refereeing right.

RULE YOU'D MOST LIKE TO CHANGE: The hardest rule to spot is the ball steal, but it'd be difficult to make it any easier so I guess it's something we're lumbered with.

HEROES AND VILLAINS

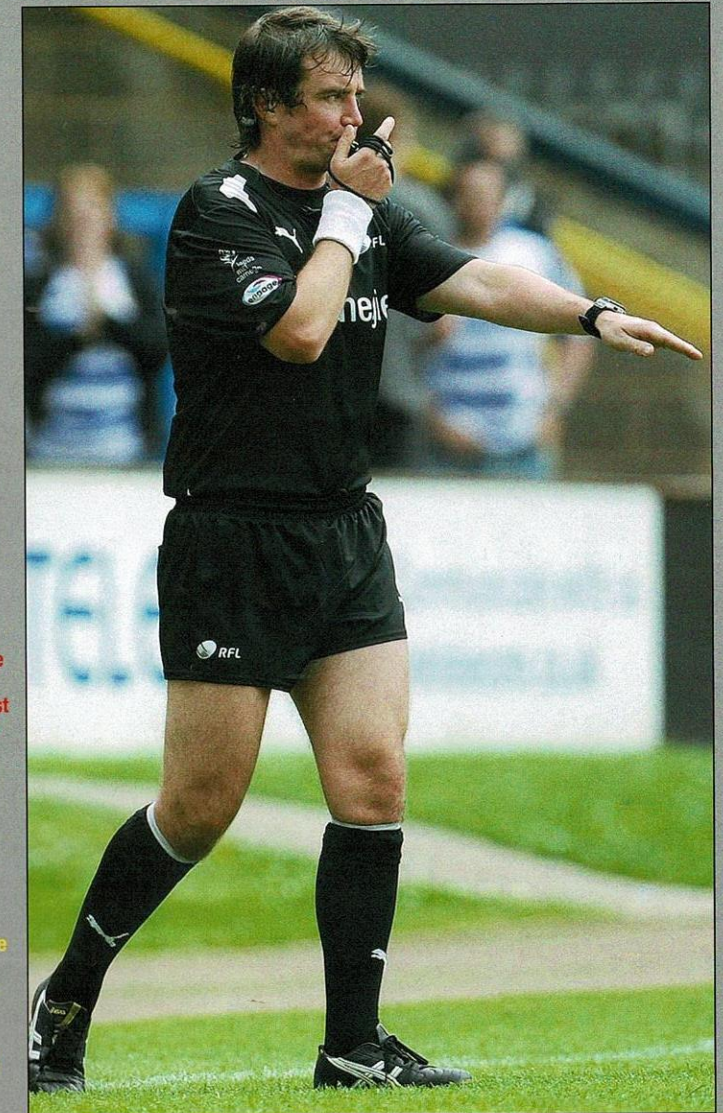
PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: I have my own routine but I wouldn't call it a superstition.

FAVOURITE GROUND TO REF AT: The majority are on a par these days really.

LEAST FAVOURITE GROUND TO REF AT: There's no least favourite!

DREAM MATCH: ANZAC test in New Zealand.

REFEREEING HERO: Colin Morris for his style of refereeing and his man-management on and off the field.



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Mike Emmett
Dewsbury Rams
Squad number: 9

PERSONAL

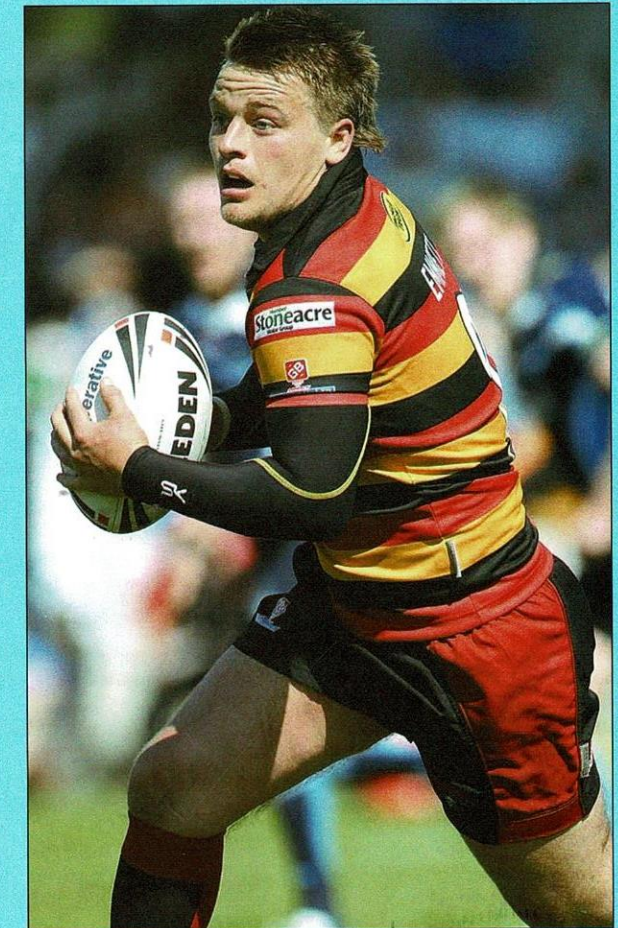
NAME: Mike Emmett
DATE OF BIRTH: 13.05.87
POSITION: Hooker
HEIGHT: 5' 6"
WEIGHT: 15 stone
MARITAL STATUS: In a relationship
HOME TOWN: Selby
OCCUPATION: Electrician
AMATEUR CLUBS: Featherstone Lions and Kippax Welfare
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wakefield Academy
SIGNED PRO: When I was 17 in 2004
TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID: Castleford Tigers

FAVOURITES

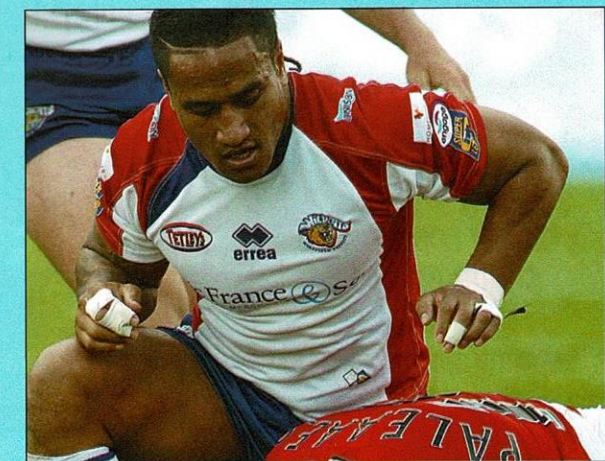
SOCCER TEAM: Leeds United.
OTHER SPORT: I like Golf and Football.
HOBBIES: Spending time with my mates.
FOOD: Chicken pie, mashed potatoes and beans.
DRINK: A cold pint of Carling.
MUSIC: I listen to anything really!
FILM: I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry.
PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS: No.

PLAYING

BEST TEAMMATE: Tevita Leo-Latu at Wakefield.
BEST OPPONENT(S): Paul Hughes who I'm currently sharing the acting-half role with at Dewsbury!
BEST COACH: I haven't had many! Best go with Warren (Jowitt).
COACH I'D MOST LIKE TO PLAY FOR: Anybody who can help me improve as a player.
PLAYING STRENGTHS: Defence and talking.
WEAKNESSES: Probably my decision making.
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Definitely going unbeaten last year
LOWLIGHTS: No, been quite lucky with injuries so far ... touch wood!
ULTIMATE WISH: I'd definitely like to play Super League in the future.
PLANS AFTER PLAYING: To carry on working as an electrician and to play a lot of golf.



*Rams hooker Mike Emmett and below,
Wakefield's Tevita Leo-Latu*



Free ticket upgrade for Cup final!

The RFL is offering a unique reward to fans who move quickly to secure their seat at Wembley in 2010 – a free upgrade for Carnegie Challenge Cup Final tickets.

Until Friday March 26, complimentary upgrades are available on all ticket bands, with the exception of £76 tickets. For example, anyone purchasing a £31 ticket will automatically be upgraded to a £41 ticket.

Phil Williams, the RFL's Marketing Manager, said: "This offer rewards the people who purchase their tickets early for one of the world's greatest sporting occasions.

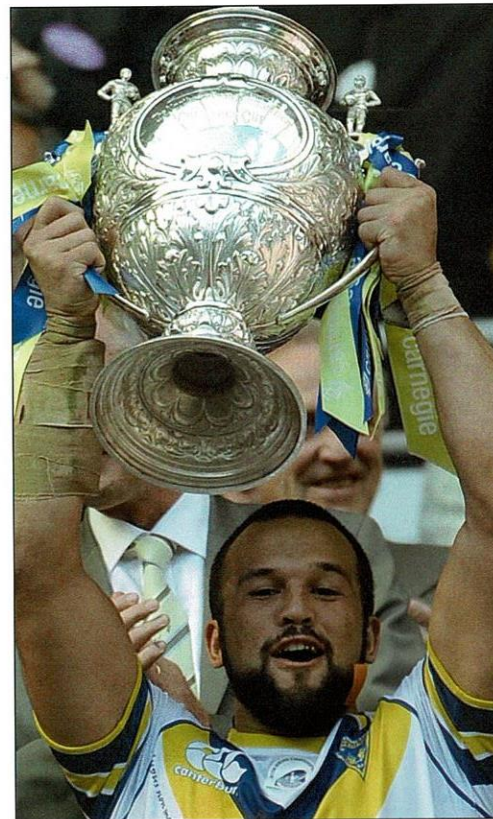
"For many fans the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final is an unmissable event and the not-to-be-repeated free upgrade is our way of saying thanks for your loyalty and support.

"Over 76,000 people attended last year's Final and demand for tickets is again expected to be huge so our advice to supporters is to move quickly to take advantage of the free upgrade to make sure you secure your seat for the historic showpiece."

Current holders Warrington Wolves will be looking to retain a trophy which evaded them for 35 years prior their 25-16 victory over Huddersfield Giants in the 2009 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final.

Tickets for the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday August 28 start from £21 and can be purchased from the RFL ticket office on 0844 856 11 13 or by visiting www.carnegiechallengecup.co.uk

The draw for the fourth round of the 2010 Carnegie Challenge Cup will take place on Monday, March 8 at Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington (7.35). The draw will feature the 18 surviving clubs from this weekend's third round ties plus the 14 Engage Super League clubs and will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 5 Live.



Louis Anderson raises the famous Cup in 2009

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No special case for Toulouse, says RFL

The RFL has confirmed that Toulouse Olympique do need to appear in the 2010 Co-operative Championship Grand Final to earn the right to apply for a Super League licence from the 2012 season onwards.

Contrary to some reports this week, the mechanism by which Toulouse can apply for a Super League licence remains unchanged from the position in 2008, when the last round of licensing was completed.

Should they reach the Grand Final, Toulouse Olympique will also have to address factors that are not relevant to UK-based Championship clubs, including how a second French club can add to Super League.

XIII QUESTIONS



Do you know your stuff?

1. Which current Championship player is the son of a former well-known referee?
2. Dominic Brambani and Adam Hayes have played alongside each other at which three clubs?
3. In which year did Toulouse Olympique reach the Challenge Cup semi-finals?
4. Who was their coach?
5. Dave Armitstead won the 2008 National League Two player of the year award with which club?
6. Which current Harlequins player was nominated for National League Two young player of the year that season?
7. Which former York and Dewsbury player went on to kick the winning goal in the 2005 Challenge Cup final?
8. With which club did Wembley hero Leroy Rivett finish his playing career?
9. Blackpool half-back Tom Hemingway is a product of which Super League academy?
10. Oldham winger Lucas Onyango has represented which country at rugby union?
11. South Wales Scorpions' stand-off Loz Wildbore finished last season with which club?
12. Danny Mills, in his second spell with Sheffield, signed for which club in 2009?
13. Tony Tonks signed for Featherstone from which club?



q10

(1) Jonny Presley (son of Steve), (2) Halifax, Sheffield Eagles and Dewsbury Rams, (3) 2005, (4) Justin Morgan, (5) Barrow Raiders, (6) Luke Gale, (7) Danny Brough, (8) Hornets RL, (9) Huddersfield Giants, (10) Kenya, (11) York City Knights, (12) Widnes Vikings, (13) Oldham.

DIARY 2010

KEY TO DIARY:

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

CHAMPIONSHIP

CHALLENGE CUP

NORTHERN RAIL CUP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 - ROUND 1

Dewsbury Rams 50, London Skolars 4
Leigh Centurions 24, Oldham 12
Blackpool Panthers 22, Keighley Cougars 24

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ROUND 1

Widnes Vikings 50, Gateshead Thunder 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - ROUND 2

Barrow Raiders 34, Blackpool Panthers 8
Batley Bulldogs 30, Widnes Vikings 30
Featherstone Rovers 18, Sheffield Eagles 18
Halifax RLFC 24, Dewsbury Rams 0
Keighley Cougars 17, Whitehaven 16
Gateshead Thunder 12, Workington Town 26
London Skolars 12, Hunslet Hawks 60
Swinton Lions 30, Doncaster RLFC 20
York City Knights 13, Leigh Centurions 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - ROUND 2

Oldham 22, Hornets RL 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - ROUND 1

Whitehaven 26, Batley Bulldogs 34

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - ROUND 3

Batley Bulldogs 46, Swinton Lions 10
Keighley Cougars 38, Workington Town 10
Leigh Centurions 36, Featherstone Rovers 6
Sheffield Eagles 40, York City Knights 10
Whitehaven 54, Doncaster RLFC 10
Widnes Vikings 22, Barrow Raiders 20
Blackpool Panthers 74, Gateshead Thunder 6
Hunslet Hawks 28, Oldham 14
London Skolars 0, Halifax RLFC 68
Rochdale Hornets 12, Dewsbury Rams 48

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - ROUND 1

Sheffield Eagles 13, Halifax RLFC 6
Doncaster RLFC 0, Barrow Raiders 60
Hornets RL 12, York City Knights 36
Workington 18, Swinton 19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - ROUND 4

Swinton Lions 12, Widnes Vikings 36
Workington Town 16, Whitehaven 14

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - ROUND 4

Oldham 22, Sheffield Eagles 24

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - ROUND 4

Featherstone Rovers 58, Hornets RL 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 - ROUND 4

Dewsbury Rams v Leigh Centurions 7.30

THURSDAY MARCH 4 - ROUND 1

Hunslet Hawks v Featherstone Rovers 6.00

CO-OPERATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Leigh Centurions 20, Barrow Raiders 20

SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

Toulouse Olympique 26, Dewsbury Rams 22
Featherstone Rovers 36, Batley Bulldogs 10
Halifax RLFC 32, Sheffield Eagles 26
Widnes Vikings 72, Keighley Cougars 10
Hunslet Hawks 40, Gateshead Thunder 12
Hornets RL 56, Doncaster RLFC 24
Swinton Lions 20, Oldham 38
South Wales Scorpions 22, Workington Town 20
York City Knights 36, London Skolars 8

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Batley Bulldogs v Halifax RLFC 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 13 MARCH

Whitehaven v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 14 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams v Featherstone Rovers 3.00
Keighley Cougars v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Sheffield Eagles v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Blackpool Panthers v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v South Wales Scorpions 3.00
London Skolars v Swinton Lions 3.00
Oldham v Hunslet Hawks 3.00
Workington Town v York City Knights 3.00

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Widnes Vikings v Halifax RLFC 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Toulouse Olympique v Keighley Cougars 7.00

Barrow Raiders v Featherstone Rovers 6.30

SUNDAY, 21 MARCH

Leigh Centurions v Whitehaven 3.00
Gateshead Thunder v London Skolars 2.00
Oldham v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
Rochdale Hornets v Workington Town 3.00
Swinton Lions v Doncaster RLFC 3.00
York City Knights v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Keighley Cougars v Batley Bulldogs 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

Barrow Raiders v Toulouse Olympique 6.30

SUNDAY, 28 MARCH

Dewsbury Rams v Widnes Vikings 3.00
Featherstone Rovers v Whitehaven 3.00
Halifax RLFC v Leigh Centurions 3.00
Blackpool Panthers v Swinton Lions 3.00
Doncaster RLFC v York City Knights 3.00
Hunslet Hawks v Rochdale Hornets 3.00
South Wales Scorpions v London Skolars 2.00
Workington Town v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

Whitehaven v Barrow Raiders SKY

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL

Featherstone Rovers v Halifax RLFC 7.30
Keighley Cougars v Sheffield Eagles 7.30
Toulouse Olympique v Leigh Centurions 8.00
Barrow Raiders v Dewsbury Rams 6.30
Hunslet Hawks v Doncaster RLFC 3.00
London Skolars v Blackpool Panthers 3.00
Rochdale Hornets v Oldham 3.00
Swinton Lions v Workington Town 3.00
York City Knights v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

MONDAY, 5 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams v Keighley Cougars 3.00 SKY

Halifax RLFC v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

Leigh Centurions v Batley Bulldogs 7.00

Sheffield Eagles v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Whitehaven 3.00

Blackpool Panthers v York City Knights 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v London Skolars 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Swinton Lions TBC

South Wales Scorpions v Hunslet Hawks 2.00

Oldham v Workington Town 3.00

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL

Halifax RLFC v Keighley Cougars 7.30

SATURDAY, 10 APRIL

Widnes Vikings v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

Barrow Raiders v Batley Bulldogs 6.30

SUNDAY, 11 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams v Whitehaven 3.00

Sheffield Eagles v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v Swinton Lions 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Oldham 2.00

Rochdale Hornets v London Skolars 3.00

Workington Town v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 17-18 APRIL

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 4th ROUND

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL

Featherstone v Toulouse Olympique 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 24 APRIL

Barrow Raiders v Dewsbury Rams 6.30

SUNDAY, 25 APRIL

Leigh Centurions v Sheffield Eagles 3.00

Whitehaven v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Widnes Vikings 3.00

Blackpool Panthers v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

London Skolars v Hunslet Hawks 2.00

Oldham v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

Swinton Lions v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

York City Knights v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL

Dewsbury Rams v Leigh Centurions 7.30 SKY

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL

Widnes Vikings v Featherstone Rovers 8.00

SATURDAY, 1 MAY

Toulouse Olympique v Batley Bulldogs 7.00

SUNDAY, 2 MAY

South Wales Scorpions v Blackpool Panthers 2.00

MONDAY, 3 MAY

Keighley Cougars v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Sheffield Eagles v Whitehaven 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Oldham 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

May Workington Town v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

York City Knights v Swinton Lions 3.00

THURSDAY-SUNDAY 8-9 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP 5th ROUND

THURSDAY, 6 MAY (SUBJECT TO CC CUP)

Barrow Raiders v Widnes Vikings 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 8 MAY

Gateshead Thunder v South Wales Scorpions 7.00

SUNDAY, 9 MAY

Halifax RLFC v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Whitehaven v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Sheffield Eagles v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

London Skolars v Workington Town 2.00

Oldham v York City Knights 3.00

Swinton Lions v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

THURSDAY, 13 MAY

Leigh Centurions v Widnes Vikings 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Sheffield Eagles v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

Blackpool Panthers v Gateshead Thunder 3.00

SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Halifax RLFC v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Whitehaven 3.00

Oldham v London Skolars 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Rochdale Hornets 2.00

Workington Town v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

York City Knights v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

THURSDAY, 20 MAY

Dewsbury Rams v Sheffield Eagles 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

Toulouse Olympique v Featherstone Rovers 7.00

SUNDAY, 23 MAY

Keighley Cougars v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Whitehaven v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Batley Bulldogs 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Swinton Lions 3.00

Gateshead Thunder v Workington Town 3.00

Hunslet Hawks v Oldham 3.00

London Skolars v South Wales Scorpions 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v York City Knights 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 29-30 MAY

CARNEGIE CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER FINALS

THURSDAY, 27 MAY (SUBJECT TO CC CUP)

Sheffield Eagles v Keighley Cougars 7.30 SKY

SATURDAY, 29 MAY

Barrow Raiders v Whitehaven 6.30

Batley Bulldogs v Toulouse Olympique 6.00

SUNDAY, 30 MAY

Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

NORTHERN RAIL CUP TABLES

POOL A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Widnes	4	3	1	0	138	68	70	11
Keighley	3	3	0	0	79	48	31	9
Batley	3	2	1	0	110	66	44	8
Barrow	3	2	0	1	114	30	84	7
Workington	4	2	0	2	76	83	-7	7
Whitehaven	4	1	0	3	110	83	27	6
Swinton	4	2	0	2	71	120	-49	6
Blackpool	3	1	0	2	104	64	40	4
Doncaster	3	0	0	3	30	144	-114	1
Gateshead	3	0	0	3	24	150	-126	0

POOL B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
Sheffield	4	3	1	0	95	56	39	11
Halifax	3	2	0	1	98	13	85	7
Leigh	3	2	0	1	72	31	41	7
Hunslet	2	2	0	0	88	26	62	6
Dewsbury	3	2	0	1	98	40	58	6
York	3	2	0	1	59	64	-5	6
Oldham	4	1	0	3	70	90	-20	5
Featherstone	3	1	1	1	80	64	16	5
Rochdale	4	0	0	4	48	162	-114	1
London Skolars	3	0	0	3	16	178	-162	0

Gateshead Thunder v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

Swinton Lions v London Skolars 3.00

Workington Town v Oldham 3.00

York City Knights v Blackpool Panthers 3.00

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, 6-9 JUNE

NORTHERN RAIL CUP QUARTER-FINALS

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

London Skolars v York City Knights 2.30 (Stoop)

SUNDAY, 13 JUNE

Halifax RLFC v Featherstone Rovers 3.00

Keighley Cougars v Dewsbury Rams 3.00

Whitehaven v Sheffield Eagles 3.00

Widnes Vikings v Barrow Raiders 3.00

Batley Bulldogs v Leigh Centurions 3.00

Oldham v Doncaster RLFC 3.00

Rochdale Hornets v Hunslet Hawks 3.00

South Wales Scorpions v Swinton Lions 2.00

Blackpool Panthers v Workington Town 3.00

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 20-21

NORTHERN RAIL CUP SEMI-FINALS

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE

Toulouse Olympique v Whitehaven 7.00

Barrow Raiders v Sheffield Eagles 6.30

Gateshead Thunder v York City Knights 7.00

SUNDAY, 27 JUNE

Dewsbury Rams v Halifax RLFC 3.00

Featherstone Rovers v Widnes Vikings 3.00

Leigh Centurions v Keighley Cougars 3.00

Doncaster RLFC v Rochdale Hornets 3.00

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